

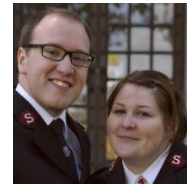
Dear God, I pray that you will bless me and my church. Send people into our fellowship, and protect us all. In Jesus' name. Amen

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**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018**

**'Acts: Home and Away'**



*This morning, Berri is helping our friends at Ashford Salvation Army by providing cover for the leadership of their meeting.*

Good Morning and Welcome to Worship!

Over the past seven weeks we have been reading through the book of Acts together on a Sunday morning. Each week we've read of some incredible exploit or the other in the life of the early Church. We've seen that, with the coming of the Holy Spirit, all kinds of things happened in the life of the Apostles and the first believers. They went from being a timid and scared group to boldly proclaiming the 'good news' of Jesus, they saw many 'signs and wonders' and many people decided to follow Jesus too. All of this happened in the face of persecution and oppression.

If you're anything like me, you'd have been reading these stories with a bit of amazement, but also asking the questions, 'But what about us?' Over these past weeks, we've affirmed again and again the extraordinary things God achieved through very ordinary people. Today, as we conclude our series in Acts, we ask the question, 'But what about us?' Are the events of Acts confined to the annals of history? Was the movement of God's Spirit and his people a one-time in history event? Or, could we find that the same could happen amongst us too? How could this happen? And, if it did, what would our community look like?

The 'modern' version of 'Send the Fire' includes the line 'we need another Pentecost'. However, this isn't quite what William Booth wrote in the original version. Booth wrote, 'We want another Pentecost.' The first Pentecost was, in my opinion, quite enough. However, perhaps today it is possible that we make a similar prayer for another- a fresh- movement of God's spirit in our lives.

Callum



The gift of flowers greatly enhances our worship environment – nobody on the list this week ☺

### **Prayers**

**Heather** has completed her trial treatment well, but she has to drink 3 Liters of water a day, and there is a water shortage!!!! **Ena Huntington** is home following a knee replacement op but is lacking in sleep. A number of our church family are recovering from surgery etc, please remember them in your prayers.

### **This Week...**

Monday- Toddlers 9:30am  
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Songster Rehearsal- 7:00pm  
(If you are unable to attend, please let Alyson or Callum know as soon as possible)  
Wednesday- CAMEO Club at 2:30pm  
Refugee Resettlement Information Evening, URC, 7:30pm (See below!)  
Friday- Youth Group is ON at 6:00pm

### **Notice to Keyholders**

Kindly note that there is a new hall-hire on a Thursday afternoon from 1:30-9:30pm and the hall is unavailable for access during this time.

### **Refugee Resettlement Information Evening- Weds 4<sup>th</sup> July, at 7:30pm, Hythe URC, East Street**

It's been announced over the last few weeks, but this is a final push to encourage you to attend this on Wednesday evening! It's an incredible opportunity to bring our community together and to make a real, transformative difference in the life of a family who will have experienced so much trauma. Come along on Wednesday to hear about how you can make a difference by getting involved in the project, or even just come to find out more information and what you can be praying for!

**Next Sunday-** Our meeting will be lead by young people from Bromley Salvation Army. This will be a very inspiring and uplifting morning of worship for sure! Many of the young people come from different countries and are the children of Salvation Army Officers from overseas, who are serving at International Headquarters in London (some are from Kenya!). The young people are spending the day in Hythe for a trip to the beach (which some of them have never seen before!) and games. They have extended a warm invitation to any of the young people or youth from our corps who wish to stay for the day (which includes a Sausage and Chips lunch!). If anyone wishes to stay, (or help with lunch!) please see Callum.

### **Garden Party- Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July @ 3:00pm**

**Everyone** is welcome to join this event which will be held at Berri and Callum's House (88 Shepherds Walk, Hythe, CT21 6PZ) and share together in a relaxed afternoon of fellowship with plenty of tea, cake and scones! It's a great opportunity to get to know other people in the Church a little bit better. Please give your name to Alyson if you're planning on coming, and let her know if you need transport too.

### **Your diary...**

29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> September- Harvest Weekend lead by Territorial Envoy Michala Lancefield who is the Church Leader of Cirencester Salvation Army (and Marilyn Simpson's Daughter!)

Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Celebration – Tower Theatre

Wednesday December 19<sup>th</sup> \_ Carols at Lympne Castle