

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

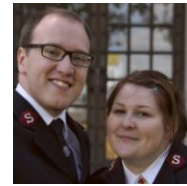
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Sunday 5 November 2017

“Jesus: Saviour AND Lord?”

Mark 10:17-31



**Good morning & welcome to worship...**



I think that the picture above describes well how I sometimes feel. I passionately want to grow as a disciple of Jesus, I want to see the Church become more effective at reaching those at the margins (and indeed the centre!) of our society and there are a whole load of skills - such as mastering the Spanish language, knitting and marathon running- that I want to learn. None of these things are completely implausible or impossible but the reality is for any of them to happen there needs to be a change from me. I need to readjust my schedule, I need to change my patterns and habits, I need to put some effort in, but sometimes just the thought of having to change the status quo of my existence is enough for me to put the Spanish dictionary back on the bookshelf and carry on, business as usual.

Today's Bible reading, from Mark 10 (but also found in Matthew and Luke) is about someone who isn't prepared to make a change in his life, regardless of the outcome it might bring about. Mark's account tells us that one moment he is excited to meet Jesus and to learn from him, but that once faced with the challenge to change his ways he walks away from Jesus disappointed and sad. Here's the thing: a relationship with Jesus, a life lived with Jesus as its Lord, is supposed to involve change. The question is, are we up for it- or today will we, like the man in the story, walk away feeling disappointed?

God bless  
Callum



**The gift of flowers greatly enhances our worship environment.** This week we thank Eric.

### Prayers

Please remember all those of our corps who have health and/or other issues to contend with. **Jean and Paul** ask for prayer for **Ollie Gardner**- a young boy who is seriously unwell. More information can be found in a leaflet at the back of the hall. **Shauna** has had her knee operation and is making good progress.

## **This week**

Monday and Tuesday- Toddlers

Tuesday- Songsters (TBC) at 8pm.

Wednesday- CAMEO at 2:30 and Alpha Course at 7:00pm

Friday- **No** youth group due to youth band rehearsal.

## **Coming events**

**Next Sunday:** Remembrance Sunday. The band will be accompanying the act of remembrance at Saltwood and several from the corps will attend the Hythe act of remembrance at the War Memorial. There will still be a meeting, which will include an act of remembrance, at our hall lead by Carol Dowsett.

**Sunday December 10** – Christmas Celebration, Tower Theatre, Folkestone 6pm – Ashford Sinfonia, Hythe Salvation Army Band & Songsters, Shepway Community Choir, & Steve Hawkins but MAINLY YOURSELVES! ALYSON ONLY HAS a few tickets, the Theatre has none. Alyson can be contacted direct or via Richard, 01303 268354.

## **'Waitrose in the Community'**

We have been selected as one of Waitrose's chosen charities for the month of November, specifically to raise money for the Christmas Day meal and event. Each month they give £1000 to be split between three charities on a proportional basis, as voted for by the public...so please get a green token each time you visit Waitrose (for shopping or your free coffee!) and put it in the correct box!

## **Exploring Officership and Territorial Envoyship.**

On 23rd November at 7:30pm in DHQ (West Malling) there will be an information evening for anybody who is considering, or interested in, officership or territorial envoyship which are both forms of full-time spiritual leadership within The Salvation Army. If you are interested in this, please speak to Callum or Berri first to talk about it further and so that a space can be booked for you.

## **Messy Nativity**

Last Christmas, we held our first ever 'Messy Church' in place of what was formerly the toddler carol service and it was a roaring success so we plan to do the same again this year on Sunday 17th December at 3:00pm in the afternoon. As last year, we need volunteers to make this work- perhaps staffing one of the craft tables, helping in the kitchen or helping to set up and pack away. If you're interested, please speak to Berri for more information.

Also: the Messy Church team are after the insides of Kitchen Roll holders...so please get collecting them!

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### CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME (to date)

- Friday December 1<sup>st</sup> – Late night shopping – High Street 6.30-8pm
- Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sainsbury's 10.30am – noon
- Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Family Carols 10am
- Tuesday December 5 – Saltwood village green 7pm
- Thursday December 7 – Hompeke (private function).
- Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup> High Street 10.30 – noon
- Sunday December 10<sup>TH</sup> - CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
- Wednesday December 13 – Captains Court (private function)
- Saturday December 16 – High Street – 10.30-noon
- Sunday December 17 Christmas meeting 10am; 3pm Messy Church
- Monday December 18<sup>th</sup> Appledore – coach to leave at 6.30
- Tuesday December 19 – Lympne Castle – 7pm
- Saturday December 23 High Street 10.30 – noon
- Monday December 25 – Christmas Service 11.15