

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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Theme: The True Vine

Text: John 15 1-8



Callum is a member of the **Moral And Social Issues Council** who are meeting this weekend – the council provides positional statements which are guidelines for membership of The Salvation Army. They are based on the Bible and from this we have expectations of how our Officers (ministers of religion) and church members lead their lives. For more information - <https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/positional-statements>

Good morning & welcome to worship.

Planted in 1768, the Hampton Court Palace is home to the largest grape vine in the world. It measures 12 feet around the base. Its longest rod is 120 feet and the fruit produced each year averages 500 to 700 clusters of grapes that weighs over 500 pounds every year. Whilst this maybe pretty impressive, John 15 speaks of an even greater vine.

This week we are going to explore this passage where Jesus explains that he is the greatest vine, the true vine and how we as followers of him need to stay connected as branches in order to bear the right sort of fruit. My prayer is that as we delve deeper into scripture we may be open to God doing a bit of gardening in our lives, pruning away some of the dead wood and allowing the Holy Spirit to transform us into the best versions of ourselves.

Blessings
Berri

Prayer Requests Please...

Please remember those of our corps family who are unwell or recovering from surgery. Joanna Simms had a hip replacement operation this week AND was awake while they did it!!! (Too much information Ed).



The gift of flowers greatly enhances our worship environment. Today we thank June.

This week

Mon & Tues- Parent & Toddlers

Tuesday – Band practice 7.30pm

Wednesday- CAMEO 2.30pm

Friday – Youth Group

Coming events

"Welcome Wednesday" It's been great to have so many people link up with our Church fellowship over the past twelve months. This **Wednesday 22nd February at 7:30pm**, anybody who has started to link up the past twelve months (or indeed anyone who still feels a bit "new"!) is invited to Berri and Callum's house for an informal get-together with nibbles and an opportunity to meet others and get some more information about the life of the Church.

SATUDAY MARCH 11th 7pm - concert by the South East Fellowship Band (Richard is their bandmaster) and soloist Wesley Carroll - piano. Admission is free with a retiring collection in aid of our young people's visit to Kenya. Please do come and support if you can.

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Exploring Leadership Day - Sunday 12 March

This is a free event offered to those aged 13+ who are interested in discovering more about spiritual leadership, particularly within the context of The Salvation Army. The event is held at the William Booth College, Denmark Hill London. Commissioners Brian and Rosalie Peddle will be the special guests for this day.

You can find more details about the event and how to register by following the link below (or by speaking to Berri or Callum!)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/exploring-leadership-day-tickets-27706076621>

Sunday 19th March - 'Youth Councils'- This is a great opportunity for all in secondary school to gather with other young people from The Salvation Army across the South East for a day of worship and fellowship. The venue is Highstead Grammar School, Sittingbourne. Anyone interested should sign up with Callum or Berri ASAP.

Lent Connect Groups - After a bit of break, we're looking at restarting connect groups to coincide with Lent! The plan is to have two, maybe three groups, meeting at different times and days in different places, but working through the same material. It's a great opportunity to connect with God, and other people in the Church and to think together about some of the big themes of Lent.

Rather than plan groups and hope that the days and time suits people, we're asking anybody who is interested to speak to Callum ASAP to say when and where would work for them. So far, we have a group of six interested on meeting in Hythe on a Monday morning- so that's one group set up!

Saturday 6th May- "Women of Design" Divisional Ladies Retreat Day at Tudor Marriot Hotel, Maidstone. The day begins with Breakfast and will also include Lunch, Afternoon Tea and an Evening meal as well as use of all the facilities and will also include Worship, Teaching, Workshops and Discussions. Organised by the South East Division. More info from Callum or Berri

Save The Date- Divisional Creative Arts Day.

Saturday 20th May at Maidstone Salvation Army 10am – 6pm; cost £20. A day for exploring how the creative arts (traditional and not-so-traditional!) can be used to engage a local community – Drama – Creative Writing – Art – Dance – Photography – Music – Cookery.

To register and for more information – ira.thomas@salvationarmy.org.uk or telephone 01622 236053

MAY 27/28 – VISIT OF THE AUS TERRITORIAL YOUTH BAND & Silvie Paladino tickets £9 adult or £3 children - 01303 223925 before 2pm.

The band is made up of excellent musicians, young people, from all over Australia, with an average age of 24. They will be accompanied by Silvie Paladino an award winning West End star. Silvie is a Salvationist with a tremendous testimony. For those of you on the internet if you type her name in YouTube there are a number of videos to watch and listen to – she is sensational.