

Our SUNDAY Worship and Service:

9.00 am	Citadel Band—Outreach
9.00 am	Easy English Worship Service
9.15 am	God Squad (Grade 3 - 6)
9.15 am	Corps Cadets (Grade 7 - 12)
9.15 am	Youth Bible Study
10.00 am	Prayer Meeting
10.30 am	Morning Worship Service
10.45 am	Mini God Squad (2-1/2yrs - Grade 2)
10.45 am	Junior Soldiers
12.15 pm	Evangelism in Parramatta Mall (on calendar)
5.00 pm	Worship Ensemble rehearsal
6.00 pm	Evening Worship Service
8.00 pm	Youth Supper (as advised)

Our WEEKLY Activities:

Monday

10.00 am Community Services Centre

Tuesday

9.00 am Community Services Centre
 10.00 am Playgroup (Pre-schoolers)
 10.00 am Golden Years (2nd Tuesday each month)
 Seniors' Bus Trip (4th Tuesday each month)

Wednesday

10.00 am Home League
 10.00 am Community Services Centre
 6.15 pm YP Singing Company
 7.00 pm Songster Rehearsal, Learners' Brass,
 YP Band & Timbrel Practice
 8.30 pm Senior Band Practice

Thursday

9.00 am Community Services Centre
 10.00 am English Conversation Group
 12.15 pm Easy English Bible Study
 6.30 pm Salvos Legal (2nd and 4th Thursday of month)

Friday

9.00 am Community Services Centre
 10.00 am Kids' Music Club

Saturday

Events/Youth Group activities— as announced
 6.40 am Golf
 1.30/3.15 pm Soccer (Autumn and Winter)

*Home Bible Study Groups at various times through week
 Counselling Service available Wednesday, Thursday and Friday*



Parramatta



The PLACE for YOU



in PARRAMATTA



Sunday 25 December 2011

On behalf of our Corps Officers, Majors Edwin and Daphne Cox, we welcome you to our Worship Service at Parramatta Corps today.



A very happy Christmas to everyone!

Today brings to a close our series on the Names of Jesus with this morning's focus being:



JESUS - PRINCE OF PEACE

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder. And his name shall be called
Wonderful, Counselor,
The Mighty God,
The Everlasting Father,
The Prince of Peace.

Sunday@6

There will be no evening Worship Service here tonight—and during January 2012.

Our God Reigns

COmmunication from the C.O.s



This is the last "Parramatters" until the end of January. Thank you to all those who have contributed to our Corps Newsletter throughout the year.

Thank you to everyone who assisted in the planning and presentation of our **Corps Christmas concert** last Sunday night. It was a great night! The true message of Christmas was evident amongst the fun and happiness.

Thank you to **Margaret Poore, Elwyn Humbley** and their fantastic **team of helpers** for all the hard work they put into making sure the needy in our community have not gone without this Christmas.

Friends, we are sad to have only had two years with you, but we will never forget the love, respect, encouragement and support you have shown us, and for this we sincerely thank you.

We will miss you and will never forget the privilege and blessing of being your Corps Officers.



May your hearts be filled with joy as you celebrate the birth of our Saviour, and with hope as you commit the future to Him.

With every blessing, and our Christian love and prayers,

Edwin and Daphne Cox

At Our Place in January 2012

Sundays 1st and 8th January 10.30 am **Worship Service led by Major Ian Henry**

Sundays 15th, 22nd and 29th January 10.30 am **Worship Service led by Commissioners Les and Coral Strong**

We are grateful to these Officers for their willingness to lead us in Worship, and we are looking forward to hearing God's Word through them.

Please contact CSM John Acocks or A/CSM Dorothy Griffin for any matters or concerns requiring attention during January.

DIARY DATES



December

Friday 30 2.00 pm Wedding of Lieutenant Kylie Maxwell and Lieutenant Nathan Hodges at Earlwood S.A.

2012

January

Sunday 1 10.30 am Worship Service led by Major Ian Henry

Sunday 8 10.30 am Worship Service led by Major Ian Henry

Saturday 7—Friday 13 Red Shield Summer Camp, Collaory

Sunday 15 10.30 am Worship Service led by Commissioners Les and Coral Strong

Sunday 22 10.30 am Worship Service led by Commissioners Les and Coral Strong

Saturday 28 YP Welcome Back party

Sunday 29 10.30 am Worship Service led by Commissioners Les and Coral Strong

February

Saturday 4 Songsters' Repertoire Day, Parramatta

Sunday 5 10.30 am Installation of and welcome to Majors Alwyn and Deborah Robinson and their family—led by Majors Gary and Judith Baker

6.00 pm Sunday@6—Worship Service



Coffee & Chat

VISITORS' INFORMATION

Please join us for complimentary **tea/coffee and a chat** after our Morning Service. We'd like to get to know you so please stay for a little while. It is served from the Community Services Centre Reception Room, located across the breezeway near the front door of our Citadel.

Parents' Rooms are located in our Citadel, opposite the entry door.

Toilets are located at the rear of our Citadel.

Should you need any further information, please do not hesitate to ask one of our Welcome Team at the entrance door.

We look forward to sharing worship with you again.



Welcome to our new Corps Officers, Majors Alwyn and Deborah Robinson



On **Sunday 5 February**, our Divisional Commanders, **Majors Gary and Judith Baker**, will lead our **Worship Service at 10.30 am**, during which they will conduct the installation of **Majors Alwyn and Deborah Robinson** as Corps Officers of Parramatta Corps.

From left: Keiran, Major Alwyn, Bethany, Major Deborah, Hannah



FRIDAY 2nd MARCH 2012
World Day of Prayer
 at Centenary Church, North Parramatta
 from 10.30 am



Everyone is welcome!

Prayer Points

- You will be please to know that **Miriam Bowie** was discharged from hospital on Wednesday and is now resting at home. Praise God!
- It was great that **Kevin Corkett** was able to join us last Sunday night. We give God thanks for continuing answers to prayer.

Please pray for the following centres in our Territory:



- Woonona Corps, NSW - *Captains Phil and June Cardew*
- Wynnum Corps, Qld - *Majors Kevin and Glenda Hentzschel*
- Wynnum/Capabala Community Welfare Centre, Qld
- Yeppoon Mission, Qld - *Lieutenant Matthew and Captain Emma Moore*
- Young Cluster, NSW - Cootamundra Corps, Grenfell Corps, Young Corps - *Major Sandra Lesar*
- Youth Outreach Service, Qld - *Sherene Hicks and Team*
- Youthlink, NSW - *John Drew and Team*



CORPS CALENDAR 2012

This has been emailed to people on our Corps Newsletter email list and printed copies are available near the entrance door. We hope that this will be helpful for you.

This is as it stands at 14/12/11, but some changes will need to be made shortly.

An attempt will be made to provide an updated Corps calendar each month during 2012.



COMMUNITY MATTERS



It's been a great week—and we'll tell you all about it when we catch our breath!

But we couldn't have done it without you!

Thank you to everyone who gave their time and energy to express God's love to people in our community.



Margaret Poore
Extended Ministries Co-ordinator



We would love to hear from a uniformed Salvationist who would be willing to take up the challenge of Street Ministry in **Carlingford Court in 2012**.

Please chat to Margaret Robinson if this is could be a **ministry opportunity** for you!



Corps Christmas Greeting Booklet

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this.

If you have not been able to pay the \$5 yet, this can be handed to Jan Roberts.

You will appreciate that circumstances required this to be compiled this year within a short time frame. If there were any concerns about your entry, please chat with Alayne or Jan as we are keen to ensure that your greetings are conveyed as you wish in the future.

It was good to share Christmas Greetings within our Corps family. Copies of the Christmas Greeting booklet are available on the bench in the alcove near the entrance.



Long Walk, Much Love

An African boy listened carefully as the teacher explained why it is that Christians give presents to each other on Christmas Day.

“The gift is an expression of our joy over the birth of Jesus and our friendship for each other,” she said.

When Christmas Day came, the boy brought his teacher a sea shell of lustrous beauty.

“Where did you ever find such a beautiful shell?” the teacher asked.

The boy told her that there was only one spot where such extraordinary shells could be found—a certain bay several kilometres away.

“Well, it's certainly beautiful!” exclaimed the teacher. “But you shouldn't have gone all that way to get a gift for me.”

His eyes brightening, the boy replied, **“Long walk part of gift”**.



May we each remember this Christmas to give out of love, as the gift of Jesus was given to us.

JESUS IS BETTER THAN SANTA

Santa lives at the North Pole
JESUS is everywhere.

Santa rides in a sleigh
JESUS rides on the wind and walks on the water.

Santa comes just once a year
JESUS is an ever-present help.

Santa fills your Christmas stockings with goodies
JESUS supplies all your needs.

Santa comes down your chimney uninvited
JESUS stands at your door and knocks....then enters your heart.

You have to stand in line to see Santa
JESUS is as close as the mention of His name.

Santa lets you sit on his lap
JESUS lets you rest in His arms.

Santa doesn't know your name. He says:
"Hi, little boy! Hi, little girl! What's your name?"
JESUS knew your name before you did.
Not only does He know your name, but He knows your history
And future, and He even knows how many hairs are on your head.

Santa has a belly like a bowl full of jelly
JESUS has a heart full of love.

All Santa offers is a "Ho, Ho, Ho"
JESUS offers help and hope.

Santa says "You'd better not cry"
JESUS says "Cast all your cares on me for I care for you".

Santa's little helpers make toys
JESUS makes new life, mends wounded hearts, repairs broken homes,
and builds mansions for eternity.

Santa may make you chuckle but
JESUS give you joy that is your strength.

Santa puts gifts under your tree
JESUS became our gift and died on the tree.

There's still time for these gifts.....



Christmas gift suggestions:
*To your enemy, forgiveness.
To an opponent, tolerance.
To a friend, your heart.
To a customer, service.
To all, charity.
To every child, a good example
To yourself, respect.*

An independent gift opportunity was offered to us through the office of **Dr James Taggart at Norwest.**

Dr Jim has been associated with The Salvation Army's Red Shield Appeal for many years, and this year he set up a Christmas tree for gift-giving and encouraged staff at local offices to donate goods to be distributed by our Corps. He was supported in this venture by the local MP.

Our Jazz Carollers, Mike and Margaret Poore with guest Elwyn Humbley provided the music when the donations were received.

Dr Taggart was so impressed with the incredible response - as you can see from the photograph - that he plans to make this a tradition!

We are humbled by the trust that our community has in The Salvation Army, and very appreciative of people's generous giving.





I'll be waiting for you!

6.40 am - Every Saturday of the year!
1220 Richmond Road, Marsden Park

A great New Year's Resolution if you
have not been before!

Contact Ian Roberts for more information, or just turn up.

Christmas Day Offering

The money given today in our special Christmas Day Offering will be used towards the replacement of The Salvation Army Officers' Quarters at Tamba, in Papua New Guinea.

Some of the timber taken from the existing building (shown in the photograph below) will be used to repair and improve The Salvation Army worship hall.

Please feel free to take an envelope if you would like to contribute to this appeal at a later date.



Women's Bible Convention

17-19
February 2012
at Collaroy

Registrations
close 17th
January 2012



Consider
registering as a
Day Delegate if
you can't stay
overnight.

The Salvation Army Women's Ministries THQ
presents

Captivated

by the Word



She chose to arise

BRISBANE 10-12 February 2012
SYDNEY 17-19 February 2012