



BLACKTOWN CITY CORPS NEWSLETTER

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Corps Officers—Captain William & Susanne Geracia

TODAY:



A special welcome is extended to the National Service Members and their families as they share in worship on this special day. Please join with us for morning tea & fellowship following the meeting.

Junior Soldiers and Preparation Classes will be held today during the meeting.

DAYLIGHT SAVING STARTS 2nd October. Put clocks forward 1hr. Also we go into Summer Uniform

- 2nd October Prayer meeting
EQUIP till 8th
- 9th October Delve (Bible Study) bring your Bible & meat for the BBQ.
- October 15th LADIES BREAKFAST—Information is on the noticeboard. Our Guest is Katherine Dale who has just returned from 13 years in Ghana.
- October 16th Junior Soldier Renewal Sunday
- October 30th Koinonia Lunch & Praise Meeting at 2pm.

UNDER THE BIG TOP—Seniors Conference 2016.
Monday 17th—Thurs 20th October. Special Guests Major Geoff Friend, Chris Brindley & Major Howard Davies @ NRMA Darlington Beach Resort & Holiday Park. 104-134 Eggins Rd Arrawarra NSW.

DO YOU KNOW who are the members of the Corps Council for Blacktown Corps? If you need something or need to know something, please let one of these people know. Captains Bill & Susanne are also available to assist in any way they can.

Members of the Corps Council are:

Doug Hardy, Tracey Kuiper, Christine Bellamy, Bob Rogan, Mavis Humphreys, Carmen Douglas.



HOME LEAGUE SYLABUS.

- September 27th Guest Speaker—Anne Gumua.
- October 4th Guest Speaker Anna from Blooms Chemist.
- October 11th Caryl McCready
- October 18th Betty—In His Time, in His Time
- October 25th Captain Susanne.

SERMON SERIES: 'EVERY' to study of the book of JAMES.

James has become a favourite book of ours. It is so inspiring, challenging, and uplifting as we live out every day for Jesus. The book of James is practical in our every moment, hour and day. **Its only 5 chapters, we challenge you in these next 4 weeks, read a chapter everyday, you'll be done by Friday each week.**

FOR SALE: The latest Sydney Staff Songster CD titled HE IS... Some of the songs are—How Great is Your Love, Time to Believe, God So Loved the World, Blessed Assurance and What a Friend we have in Jesus. The price is \$20 and if any one would like one please see Don Jenkins (cornet player in band).



- 25th Sept Michael McDonald
- 30th Sept Isaac Baker
- 1st Oct Noelene Kelly

WEEKLY GIVING

- Open Plate \$ 179.40
- Generous Life \$ 1,920.00



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for our Officers, Captain Bill & Susanne & their family as they minister to us.

Pray for Rena.

Keep Praying for Kath Paddison.

Pray for our Junior Soldiers and all our young people and their leaders. Pray for each of our sections & leader.

Pray for all those who once attended this Corps (or other place of worship) and who no longer worship anywhere. "Pray the prodigals home" they may not agree with us or like us but they are helpless against our prayers.



Pray for Michael, Katrina Jacob, Emmalyn & Isaac Hindle as they work towards their Commissioning.

Pray for Bob Rogan and his work & ministry at the Corps.

Pray for those who will be sitting their HSC (starting the first week in October). Pray especially for Erin & Dilara, and for all those who are doing their HSC at this time.

This week pray especially for:

Max & Natalia Roorda, Peter Rumble, Tina, Emily, Jessica & James Rumble, David & Gail Salmon, Kom Shol, Emily Spindler, Edwin Spindler, Manuel, John & Rebecca Sushmitha, Sandra Tillson.

GIVE THANKS TO GOD for the answers to prayers and for the many blessings he gives us daily. Thank Him for JESUS and for the change it has made to our lives.

If you would like a prayer request or a News Item added to the Newsletter or you have a Praise Point or Answer to Prayer, please let Gail know so it can be recorded.



SALVOS Store:

Can I ask the Corps to please pray for Kathy a close friend of Tommy, one of our staff here who asked me to ask the Corps to pray for her—she is a child who has leukaemia.

Please note: The Family Store is now under the direction of Salvos Stores. Mark Andrews is still the manager. Continue to pray for the Family Store and all the volunteers that they will continue to show Jesus to all who enter our store.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS have been made for

Elaine Nash is far from well. She has been sick since our Missionary morning and is not doing too well. Please pray for health and healing for Elaine.

Johnny Vesley

Silvia Davidson

Bruce Parker—is in Blacktown Hospital. He is not doing too well and will be transferred to Mt Druitt next week whilst waiting to go into a Nursing Home. He has deteriorated rapidly over the last few weeks and can no longer live alone. Sylvia has been a great help to him.

Asher Holland

Luka Angel

KIDS—Please find a worksheet just for you out the back!!! Fill it in: colour & decorate it!!

COMMUNITY SERVICE BASKET for donations:

Thanks to all who have donated to the food pantry so far! We are in need specifically of: cereal, long life milk, tea, coffee, sugar, noodles/pasta, tinned vegies, rice, baby food. Thank you again—this box will be available to you until the end of September to donate.

*The most treasured gift we can give to
God is one that He will never force us to
give—our love.*

Tribute to Major Geoffrey Freind (1957—2016)

On Wednesday the 21st September 2016, Major Geoff Freind was promoted to Glory in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Earlier this year, Geoff had been released from appointment responsibilities in Western Australia to pursue a strong calling on his life to preach the good news about Jesus in the developing world. Geoff had visited many countries in South East Asia as well as a number of countries in Africa. He was in Malawi as part of his current preaching tour. Whilst he was there he was attacked walking down the street suffering serious injuries of which he did not recover.

Geoff has left his indelible mark on not only his family, friends and Salvationist colleagues but also the broader community through his personal engagement. Geoff had a real heart and passion to support The Salvation Army's work and those in need both in developing countries and here. He was a strong advocate for the disadvantaged of our community. Geoff supported The Salvation Army Howard Hospital in Zimbabwe and Chikankata Hospital in Zambia, financially and with material aid and much of his fundraising efforts were achieved through the writing of his books : *Enjoy the Journey, Thank you for the Journey* and *A Great Journey* (and I love every bit of it!- Quotation).

Whether it was through his books sharing the challenges of life's journey, through his personal relationships developed through his 'Hotel Ministry' or keen interest in coaching and supporting local sporting teams, Geoff simply loved engaging with people. For 34 years, together with Lyn, Geoff has served the community as a Salvation Army Officer and always gave his best.

We as a movement express our heartfelt and sincere condolences to his wife Lyn, sons Ashley, Steven Nathan and Samuel and their families as well as Geoff's parents Allan & Mabel for their loss. Certainly Geoff's passing will be felt right throughout The Salvation Army both in Australia and abroad.

In a statement from the immediate family released today, Geoff lived out his calling in the following way:

"Geoff loved Jesus and wanted the world to know Him."

The Salvation Army celebrates the life of Major Geoff Freind as a much loved and respected husband, father, son, grandfather, friend and as a committed Salvation Army Officer. Geoff personified the character of The Salvation Army, being about 'Others'."