JUNE IS BURSTING OUT ALL OVER
Would you know why I love Jesus?
Firstly what is love? Love is an emotion and there are two types of love Eros and Agape. Eros is romantic love and Agape is the unconditional love that you might associate with the love for a child.

My love for Jesus is the Agape love, unconditional, overwhelming and the all consuming kind of love. And as to the question would you know why I love Jesus, I would ask myself if not is that because I’m not communicating it?

My husband often says ‘don’t try to argue someone logically out of a position they hold emotionally’. In this case I would turn that on its head and say ‘How do you tell someone about the emotions you feel for Jesus in a logical and understandable way’.

On reflection I’m not sure you easily can with words and certainly not in a format that resonates with all ages and demographics. However I do think you can bridge that gap by demonstrating your love for Jesus through your action. After all ‘actions speak louder than words’.

So bearing that in mind, in what ways do I hope to use actions in discipleship? For me it is by taking part in church activities such as

Collecting days – This affords me the opportunity to talk to the general public. I have found that often you are the only contact individuals have had all day and the importance of making them feel valued and listened to is vastly under estimated.

Tea and Coffee – Doing the refreshments after songsters, or contributing a cake to other events. Discipleship should include the corps members itself as if we are not healthy internally as a church how can we project a loving image of Jesus out in the community. Mission meeting – I recently spent time reflecting on how I was serving God and my church and made the decision that I needed to be more actively involved. It was at this point that Janice Sumner suggested that I come along to the Mission meeting. That gesture in itself was an act of discipleship in action.

At our last meeting we identified some of our core values and two that particularly resonated with me were Compassion and Inclusion.

These are two aspects of Jesus love which mean the most to me. Jesus ministered to all sectors of Society, he didn’t pick and choose, and this example for me should be behind all our discipleship both in and outside the corps. We need to celebrate and embrace our differences and use individual talents and characters in the congregation and outside to advance the church not to divide, exclude or marginalise. If we can consistently find ways to show these two aspects of God’s love in all that we do, I believe effective discipleship will follow naturally.

I just want us to ask ourselves are WE making a difference in someone’s life by showing that we love Jesus and allowing them to experience true beauty.

Faith
POEM BY SUE BIRD

EXISTENCE – WHAT KIND?

When Jesus walked upon the earth
Carpenter lowly; of supreme birth
Compassion within his heart was aroused
Whilst he walked and watched amongst the crowds.

The crowds they gather and throng still
Protesting for good; others work ill
Tolerance lacking, often patience short
Many treat prayer as a last resort

His simple truths; his guide to life
Have become lost within today’s strife
Be it wars or worse, cruel domestic
He would wish us to be objective

Are you prepared to take the lead?
His compassion show; mankind feed
Not only in a material sense
But promote and acknowledge his existence

Sue Bird

BAND LEADS MUSIC WORKSHOP IN IOW

Eight of us left for the island at 8am for a full day of a brass workshop with the Isle of Wight corps with the goal of having a festival in the evening.

The day began with a rehearsal led by David Mallett with the Portsmouth contingent interspersed among the islanders. The main pieces of the day, chosen by the Isle of Wight corps, were H2O, To regions fair and the cornet solo Become aware of him played by Faye Williams the leader of the Isle of Wight learners band.

Before lunch Doug led the day’s devotions focusing on Isaiah 62 v10. Pass through, pass through the gates! Prepare the way for the people. Build up, build up the highway! Remove the stones. Raise a banner for the nations.

He reminded us that we have a great gift of music in the Salvation Army and that as musicians we have the ability to play the wide range of music that glorifies God to help prepare the way to him for others to follow.

After dinner Faye led a rehearsal of the learners with help from David as well as a few other Portsmouth members. After not long it was encouraging to hear the progression of the group. Especially with the Dean Jones piece Days of Elijah.

The evening’s festival was the culmination of the day’s events with items led by the individual sections as well as coming together for the massed piece H2O. The Isle of Wight Songsters also brought us a two items. The event went very well and was well received by all that attended.

There was a great feeling of fellowship that rang throughout the day with the two corps gelling and conversing as if they had known each other for years. It was felt that a strong relationship between the corps could bloom built on the foundations laid on the day.

Report by
Glen Bartlett

SONGSTERS OPEN REHEARSAL

On Thursday 6th July the Songsters will be holding their monthly open Rehearsal,
Reflection
Refreshments evening.

All are welcome to come and sing or just listen and then enjoy the fellowship over refreshments.
THROUGH THE EYES OF PAUL FRENCH

Being a member of the Employment Plus team has been a great experience so far. Even in these very early days of the set up I have had encounters that have been both challenging and rewarding.

It appears to be that society can be very judgemental towards the unemployed and media can lead you to believe that all those seeking work are lazy, incompetent and really don’t want to work. These labels are unfair and do not apply to many of those seeking work.

We are able to offer something other establishments are unable or unwilling to offer. We offer time. Time to listen, time to help write a CV or fill in an application form. We are able to offer care. Caring enough to be an appointment free drop in service with no pressure to answer personal questions as to why they are still unemployed, and to offer a hot drink and a warm friendly environment. We are able to understand.

Understanding that transport sometimes hinders their job search criteria, understanding that sometimes their education and upbringing has an effect on getting through each stage of recruitment. We can help people overcome obstacles that are merely seen by society as excuses.

Every client that we have seen has had different needs, different skills and different goals. I pray that as the team learn more as the months progress, we will keep the core skills of love, care and understanding at the heart of all we do.

THANK YOU PAUL.
REMEMBERING ALBERT TRACEY

The sinking of H.M.S. Hood on Empire Day, 24th May 1941, resulted in the single largest loss of life for the Royal Navy during World War II: 1,415 were lost. There were absolutely no traces of any crewmen, living or dead, save the three survivors.

Every week hundreds of people see the plaque in the Centre commemorating the sinking of HMS Hood and remembering a former member of our church Albert Tracey, who was one of those lost. Adrian Griffiths and John Ellwood's mothers Connie and Pat were cousins of Albert. Pat was only a child when Albert died but Adrian's mother Connie was about 20. Adrian takes up the story ‘Mum grew up having a crush on her older cousin who she maintained was the kindest and warmest of persons. she always said " You would have liked him " as if to imply that he was one of those people one was instantly drawn to and who instantly made you feel better for the acquaintance. She could rarely speak of him without being reduced to tears at the memory of his loss. In recent years Albert's grandchildren Natasha and Danielle were members of the Singing Company'.

Friday 16th June and Friday 28th July 6.45 for 7.00 pm
31 Dalewood Road, Fareham, PO15 5LB
Price £7.00 for each event
Mobile in case of need 07760333431
WHERE ARE YOU NOW?
IAN and HEATHER FRENCH and FAMILY

Well we have just enjoyed 3-4 weeks of dry weather up here in Armadale, Scotland which has been great especially over those bank holiday Monday's. So now we must get ourselves ready for winter!

It’s been almost 4 years since we left Portsmouth for pastures new. Elijah is now 6 and about to end his second year at school, which he seems to enjoy, and Emma, now 4, will be starting her first year in late August.

We linked up with Edinburgh Gorgie Corps straight away and enjoy being part of the Corps. The kids enjoy going to the Army and there are quite a few children around the same age which helps.

Not long after we arrived here Heather returned to teaching history at a school in Edinburgh and I was working for The National Galleries of Scotland in the finance department. I worked there for 1 year and then started working for The Salvation Army’s Falkirk Corps as the Community Mission Facilitator (which is a newer title for what I think is a community manager/director!).

Falkirk Corps has a large community outreach programme with a Furniture Project, Employability & Training Project, After School and Holiday Club and a 5 days a week Drop In service along with 2 toddler sessions, a new craft cafe and the usual Corps fellowship groups. So it was a bit like home! It takes a lot of hard work but we thank God that there are some good things happening.

Life is busy and there is barely enough time to think, but we soldier on anyway. Don’t forget to let us know if you are coming up this way sometime and we could meet up for coffee. We’ll be coming down in July so might be able to catch up with some of you then!

SUNDAY MORNING FOCUS GROUPS
Major Julian is going to be using various people to lead our prayer and youth focus

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MISSION DEVELOPMENT

On Sunday 21st we met for our third meeting to look at the way forward for the Corps/Church.

It was encouraging to be part of a discussion that acknowledged the outreach and mission already in place but with a willingness to look closely at ways we might improve and add to existing programmes.

The meeting gave us the opportunity to look at new wording for our Mission Statement resulting in some interesting discussions around wording. It's surprising how words that conveyed desires and sentiments a few years ago don't have the same impact today. Sometimes their meanings have been changed. Think of what the word cool used to mean and the word wick-ed. They now have a shared meaning. Some purists would say the words had been compromised. After discussion there was an agreement around the wording we might consider at future meetings.

How many of you were Corp Cadets? An interesting exchange of views agreed that nothing had replaced this valuable training tool and the introduction of something that might work today, would have value. What do you think?

Most of us carry long held views on Mission and Development which could be advantageous to the Mission Development process. The next meeting will take place at 5pm on Sunday 4th June. It would be good to see you there.

Editorial team
**HOMESTART UPDATE**

**Samantha Tomlinson** has joined us this month (photo attached) as our new ‘Family Hubs Volunteer Co-ordinator’ so you may see her happy face in the building.

We are currently busy running our preparation course, for people to become new Home-Start home visiting volunteers, every Wednesday morning, until the beginning of July, in the Mary Rose room.

We have also just started training volunteers on a new programme called ‘Big Hopes Big Future’ (funded in Portsmouth by Children in Need – we’ve even got some Pudsey Bear ears to wear!) which aims to support some of the most disadvantaged children prepare for the transition to school.

Home visiting volunteers will support children in becoming ‘school ready’ by helping them to develop self-help skills (eg eating, toileting, dressing), confidence, self-esteem and early literacy skills as well as supporting the parents to recognise the importance and value of early learning and how they can help encourage and enable this.

If anyone would like to find out more about Home-Start and the work we do in the city please feel free to give us a ring **02392 734400**, drop us an email **office@hsportsmouth.co.uk** or have a look at our website **www.hsportsmouth.org.uk**.

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**YOUNG PEOPLES ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**

Our YP anniversary this year will be on

**Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th June**

We will have Captain Teresa Everett leading our weekend. On **Saturday 10th** we have invited the Singing Companies and YP Bands from Southsea and Worthing to join us for a celebration concert. This will commence at 5pm and will be similar to the event we held last year.

Sunday morning worship will be at the normal time of 10am led by Captain Teresa.

Sunday afternoon will be in the form of café church commencing at 4pm when the YP Band and Singing Company will take part along with additional solo items from our young people. During the afternoon they will also receive their annual prizes.
I have been attending Salvation Army music schools since the age of 12 both in this country and abroad. I have lost count of how many, but in one way or another every one of them has shaped me on my Christian journey and played a huge part in building fantastic friendships and developing me as a musician and a leader. I can never underestimate the huge value that these summer schools/camps play in the lives of young people and as such I will always have a keen interest in all that goes on. In the past 35 years or so my role at such places has been one of leadership and working with young people and so taking a step to attend the ‘Easter Music Course’ as a delegate rather than a leader was actually one I took with some trepidation. My mum, Eileen, has been attending these for many years and always had the most amazing time. I rather took it that it was her ‘domain’ with people of her ‘generation’ and probably not for me. However with circumstances this year enabling me to go I decided to take the plunge! Granted this course is for ‘older’ people than myself – although it is open to anyone. Any fears I may have about it feeling like a retirement home or being unwelcoming to a younger newcomer were seriously unfounded. From the minute I arrived the warmth of the welcome was clear. Any fears I may have had that were quickly dispelled as I could sense people welcoming back old friends and quickly making any ‘newbies’ part of the ‘gang’.

The week went too quickly! Each day was packed with events. The food was superb – full English Breakfast, 3 course lunches and dinners and many coffee and tea breaks. Laughter and chat always prevailed during these times. An obligatory trip to a local Ice Cream shop was also factored in in order to top up the calories needed for the exertions of the week! I opted to sing and found myself with around 40 other ladies of various ages. The sound was wonderful and it was so lovely just to sit back and sing and learn new songs. For me that was a real luxury. There was also a band led by a visitor from Canada by the name of Craig Lewis. They also seemed to have a tremendous time. In both groups there was a lot of laughter and many spiritual and reflective moments. We also enjoyed mixed voice singing with new songs being tried out with great enthusiasm.

Some of the other highlights were the Bible studies every morning led by various Salvation Army Officers from around the Territory, each bringing fascinating insights into their particular topic and enabling us to share with fellow delegates in discussion. Every evening there was a different activity eg talent night, concert, fancy dress Wizard of Oz singalong (!) but for me a special highlight was the late night reflection back on the day led by the Pastoral Director for the week Major Paul Johnson from Nottingham, and Andrew Blyth from Peterborough. This time could move from total hilarity one minute (one night I laughed uncontrollably for about 15 minutes!) to very deep and emotional reflection the next. These were special times.

The week ended with a ‘concert’ to each other of what we had been preparing during the week in the various groups. One of the most outstanding memories of this for me was seeing the most elderly member of the group, aged 97, heartily playing his cornet in the band with real dexterity and a clear passion for what he was doing. I was so greatly encouraged by so many people I met who have been on their journeys longer than me, some from very small places, but continue to uphold their faith and their enthusiasm with such great energy and love. I came back a better person for having been with them.

This is just a snapshot of a simply fantastic week - If you wish to read more about the week then you can find a great write up in this past week’s ‘Salvationist’ magazine on pages 10 and 11 if you have access to this.
DAVE RETIRES FROM THE BAND

Summer suns were certainly glowing over land and sea as we attended morning service at Portsmouth Citadel. The theme for our service was 'Worship'... 'Come let us sing with joy to the Lord, let us bow down and worship'...... 'Make a better me' and holiness were the themes for our prayers led by George Brown......Lucy, Isabella and Jessica were the soloists in the Singing Company song 'Would you know why I love Jesus?' Certainly a highlight of our worship.....A very young YP Band conducted by Glen presented an arrangement of the hymn tune Crimond. We now reached a significant part of our worship as Bandmaster David Mallett was retired as the Corps Bandmaster. Letters of appreciation were read from Dean Jones and the Divisional Commanders Karen and David Shakespeare. Deputy Bandmaster Paul French spoke on behalf of the Band and presented a framed picture of cameos linked to David's tenure as Bandmaster. A bouquet of flowers was presented to David's wife Beryl....The thought provoking arrangement 'I know thou art mine' was the Bands contribution to our worship.......Major Julian took his thoughts for today from Romans Chapter 12 .........'Be transformed by the renewing of your minds....live in harmony with one another......offer your bodies as living sacrifices offering all we are to all He is.....Major Julian asked the question 'What is worship to you?'........A bright song from the Songsters asked that our lives might be filled with Gods power as they brought the song 'Different Lord for you'. .....'When the music fades' was our closing song as we affirmed in our hearts that we were coming home to the heart of worship....... The Band ended our service together playing and reminding us of the words 'I'll stand for Christ for Christ alone amid the tempest and the storm.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

4th June          Dot and Chris          chris.kennett@ntlworld.com
11th June         Katie & Hannah         kjb2009@hotmail.co.uk
18th June         Jewlee and Janet        jewlee.harris@mitie.com
25th June         Liz O & Eileen           lizozan@aol.com
2nd July          Paul French            pauldavidfrench78@gmail.com
9th July          Baden & Win              badenbishton@tiscali.co.uk
16th July         The SAY Group            jooleswheeler1@btinternet.com
23rd July         Jill and Doug            jill@emvizdesign.com
30th July         Sue Bird                 susan.bird@virginmedia.com
6th Aug           Jill & Doug              jill@emvizdesign.com
13th Aug          Sue Bird                 susan.bird@virginmedia.com
20th Aug          Katie & Hannah           kjb2009@hotmail.com
27th Aug          Paul French              pauldavidfrench78@gmail.com
3rd Sept          Liz O & Eileen            lizozan@aol.com
10th Sept         Baden & Win              badendishton@tiscali.co.uk
17th Sept         Dot & Chris              chris.kennett@ntlworld.com
24th Sept         The SAY Group            jooleswheeler1@btinternet.com

More volunteers would be very welcome, please speak to Martyn Harris.
OUR SINGING COMPANY

Our Junior Choir

The Singing Company currently comprises of 9 children and 3 adults. The youngest member at the moment is 7 and the oldest is 13, however you can join the Singing Company at the age of 6 and a half (or Year 2 at school) through to the age of 18. We meet every Thursday at 6.30pm for an hour long rehearsal. I try to choose a wide range of songs for the children to sing from newer contemporary songs through to songs that were written even before I was born. We have recently brought back an old Salvation Army classic some of you may know called “Standing in the need of prayer”. I am always on the look out, or should I say listening out, for new songs. We even have a new Disney song that we will be sharing with you over the Sunday School anniversary weekend on the 10th and 11th June. I try to choose songs that the children will enjoy and with words that will help and guide them along on their spiritual journey.

It is great that the children are developing spiritually and also that they are also developing musically. Those that attend our services on a Sunday will have noticed that we sing quite a few songs now in three part harmony. Isabella and Lucy are doing fantastically well on the alto part and we have Alicia and Jessica who also do a superb job on the middle part. The rest of the children sing soprano, which is equally just as important and they do a super job too. I count it a real privilege to be the Singing Company Leader at Portsmouth corps and am immeasurably blessed by their singing each Thursday and Sunday. If your child would like to join the Singing Company, please let me know and they will be more than welcome to join.
A SAD NIGHT IN MANCHESTER

A grey Tuesday morning, near Lancastrian skies
We wake once again to wipe tears from our eyes.
Enforced to wear robes of weakness and pity,
As cowards attack the very heart of our city.

Like always, we'll comfort and hold one another,
A Manchester family of sisters and brothers.
For a time our stuff is reduced to a stagger,
But make no mistake, we'll rekindle our swagger.

We'll learn how to live with another deep scar.
If you think you can beat us, you don't know who we are!
We're Collyhurst, Ancoats, Mossow and Sale,
We're Oldham and Bury, Ashton, Rochdale.

We're Pankhurst and Tuning, the Gallagher brothers,
We're Morrissey, Marr and a million others!

We're a City of workers, a City of sinners,
A City of tracksuits, and bibles and burkas.

Vegetarian, Rastafarian, Atheist, Jew,
100% Red! 100% Blue!

We're each of us different but never alone.
In this cosmopolis, we get to call home.

So, come at us again, and again if you must.
Time after time we'll rise from the dust.
You'll never prevail – not against us.
This is MANCHESTER, our MANCHESTER

and the bees still Buzz!

By an unknown poet.
**PEEPS FROM THE PAST**

Marilyn Leggett has been a mind of information on historical events of the Salvation Army here at Lake Road. The editors of 'Outreach' have asked Marilyn to keep them informed of anniversary events as they occur throughout the year. We asked her to advise us if June had any events of interest and she wrote back.

Yes it's the Corps Anniversary. It used to be celebrated two successive weekends and there are some old YP Anniversary photos of the pageants that were held. Interestingly a lady contacted me a few weeks ago through Memories of bygone Portsmouth & asked if I used to attend the Salvation Army. She was in the Sunday School and one of the Anniversary Pageants from 1951 and remembered me! I sent the photos thro messenger & she said they were such happy times. She lives in Alicante! We were chatting on messenger all afternoon.

"On Monday 16th June 1873 William Booth took part in a service at the British Workmen's Hall in Lake Rd..." The lease had been obtained through King & King Ltd for £40. It had originally been built as Lake Lane Independent Baptist Chapel. And so a branch of the Christian Mission was established in Lake Rd where it is today.

Marilyn

**PREACHING PLAN FROM THE CO’S DESK**

**JUNE**

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**NEWS FROM GOOD NEIGHBOURS**

Louise is one of two students on placement at Good Neighbours and she has written below a short editorial for ‘Outreach’

‘I am a student social worker from the University of Portsmouth, I have been on placement at the Salvation Army Good Neighbours for 5 months, it is a requirement for my course that I do a 70 hour placement in the 2nd year. My role within the befriending service is to conduct initial assessments for new clients, as well as risk assess the property to make sure it is safe for volunteers to visit. I have worked with clients with varying health needs e.g. hearing impairments, blindness and dementia to name a few. This has helped develop key communication skills needed for when I am a practicing social worker. I also work with volunteers, I conduct interviews, inductions and send off DBS’s as well as match up volunteers and clients for befriending visitation.’

Louise Ijelekhai

Extract from Simon Harmer’s First Book on The History of the Salvation Army in Portsmouth

On Monday 16th June, William Booth took part in a service at the British Workman’s Hall in Lake Road. The lease for this hall had been obtained through King and King Ltd for £40. The sum of £75 had been given for the fittings and fixtures. The hall was described as, ‘...a good sized room, but a very small hall; a number of narrow, uncomfortable school forms, a gallery, a low platform, raised off between two large square boxes, presumably vestries: everything quite plain and bare.’

(The Monitor, reported in Mission Magazine. December 1878)

The hall could seat six hundred when full. It had been built as the Lake Lane Independent Baptist Chapel and used as such until 1893 when a new one was built further up Lake Road. William announced the proposals for the new branch of the mission. The Music Hall would be retained for Sunday evening services. The Workman’s Hall had been taken as a base for the Christian Mission in Portsmouth and would be open every night of the week. A comfortable room in Queen Street had been offered rent free where a ‘believers’ class meeting’ would be held where believers would counsel each other. They were also trying for the lease of another large building near Queen Street. Another large room had been offered in Buckland and also a smaller room in Great Southsea Street. To start with two missionaries would be appointed to the Portsmouth branch with the possibility of a female missionary being sent at a later date to work with the ‘sisters’.
NEWS IN BRIEF

Major Julian celebrated his 48th birthday on April 28th, we gather he had a great time with the family

Congratulations to Abigail Short who celebrated her 8th Birthday on Sunday 7th May. Abigail was also the vocal soloist in the Singing Company song that morning

Major Iris Leech has recently been in hospital for surgery on her feet

Congratulations to Chris Sumner on passing his Grade 6

On 5th June Charlotte Hek a student here at Portsmouth, will commence a 5 week voluntary Mental Health Placement in Sri Lanka. Our thoughts and prayers go with her

In March 2017 Gill French completed 19 years as Corps Secretary, quite an achievement. Thank you Gill and well done.

Donna Huntley has just gained her Food Hygiene Certificate, she has put it to good use helping out in the kitchen whilst our Chef John is enjoying his vacation. Donna can usually be found assisting Mandy in the Furniture Store.

It has been good to welcome back Elliot (Kervin) who has been posted to Portsmouth. Elliot attends the Exeter Corps/Church where he is the deputy Bandmaster. We have been pleased to welcome him to Band and Songster rehearsals and look forward to renewing friendships.

We wish all our young people who have their exams in the next few weeks, GCSE’s, A Levels and those with University exams too. Be assured of all our thoughts and prayers for you all.

Congratulations to Paul Ozanne on reaching the grand old age of 70 on Monday 22nd of May and also his Granddaughter Lily, daughter of Vicky, who was 2 on the same day.

Jill Hulme and Sheila Manning new Grandma’s to be.!!

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following members of our Corps/Church need our prayers on a regular basis:

Alex Manning
Connie Griffiths
Don and Hazel Ellwood
Doris Leggett
Eric and Janet Hallam
Phyllis Hawkins
Richard Boryer

REFLECTIONS OF DAVID MALLETT

It was an unexpected task to be asked to take responsibility for the Band again in 2014.

It has been a pleasure to work with this group of dedicated Christian musicians. Their response to my leadership has been excellent and positive. We have tried to make music and use our music to encourage and bless those to whom we play.

They work hard in rehearsals and the devotional aspect is never neglected with thought provoking and stimulating contributions made each week.

It is a responsibility to be Bandmaster at Portsmouth Citadel and there is much that has to be done which is not seen on the platform, but I have enjoyed doing it and with God’s help done it to the best of my ability.

I am glad to publically thank the band locals, (leadership team), and the band persons for their support and hard work, and to you the congregation for your encouragement.

It has been an honour and a privilege.

David.
Update : June 2017

2017 target is £10,000.

The Big Collection target is ongoing 52 weeks of the year and to achieve this amount it should not be onerous, that’s if we all use our imagination and efforts in thinking of what we can do to personally help raise funds.

I was out the other evening with friends and their church has had a £4 Million target to reach, and they were 3/4s of the way there in raising a MILLION from ‘church’ events. Each and everyone had thought of ways to raise money to help their church grow, with money raised from the youngest to the oldest.

These ideas included BBQ’s/Social Events/Jumble Sales but also others who were IT savvy took it on themselves to sell good items on various social media sites. Others who were blessed with certain skills offered these to others within the church, at a fraction of the cost and gave the money to the appeal.

ALL of us have something we can do I would hope, to help.

I have tried to feed as many as ideas to you to try and make this fund raising as interesting and interactive as possible. If however the target is short by September we will have to go out door to door, so I am sure we would all like to avoid that. Of course there may be those of you who are keen to do that, so if that is your desire we will look forward to the money you raise on the back of that.

If you are keen to do some door to door please let me know and we can allocate you an area later in the year.

Standing Days that need help!

June 4th Whiteley Tesco’s       June 24th Citywide  Please let me know preferred times asap

Community Coffee/Cake morning/Cream Tea

We all enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a slice of cake. I am sure we all know people in our area/community that would be happy to support and attend a coffee morning in aid of the SA Big Collection.

McMillan coffee mornings are a regular event now and raise MILLIONS each year!

Why don’t you on your own or with others in the church, organize a coffee morning in your area and get people along to this for a chat and cake. We have good publicity that you could also have available to show where their donations are going. It’s also a chance for you to share your involvement within the church and what the SA does and who knows others may want to come along.

With the nicer weather hopefully on the way, how about a cream tea with the neighbours!

Great South Run- anyone planning to do this and would be willing to have the BC as their reason for running and gaining sponsorship?

Target is £10,000 and as of the end of May the amount raised so far is approx £6,500, with further opportunities ahead.
COMING EVENTS

10/11th June  YP Anniversary inc. Café Church
13th June  The Yellow, Red and Blue to SA College
16th June  BBQ at Paul and Liz Ozanne
18th June  Fathers Day
2nd July  Div. Celebration, Songsters on duty
16th July  Corps Anniversary/Our church day out.
28th July  BBQ at Paul and Liz Ozanne
30Sept/1Oct  Band weekend with Andrew/Sue Blythe
7th/8th Oct  Harvest weekend
Oct 20th  Last night of the Proms with David Daws

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SUNDAY 16 JULY | NOON TILL 5.00PM
FORT PURBROOK/PETER ASHLEY ACTIVITY CENTRE
(Portsmouth Hill, Bedhampton side) | Unique Venue overlooking the City of Portsmouth | Transport can be provided

ALL WELCOME | JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON BBQ
CREAM TEA | GAMES | FELLOWSHIP | FUN

£3 A HEAD, INCLUDES FOOD & DRINKS (FAMILY TICKET £7 FOR PARENTS WITH CHILDREN BELOW 16)

Please speak to Martyn Harris with your name or email mark71wheeler@gmail.com
BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS/RUGS & AN UMBRELLA TO KEEP THE SUN OFF!

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OUR CHURCH DAY OUT 2017

Over the last couple of years we have all enjoyed sharing together on top of Portsdown Hill at Fort Purbrook.

Last year over 200 people met together and had great fun in taking part in the games/annual tug of war, and also sharing in a BBQ lunch and cakes. As well as that we have had crafts/face painting and a bouncy castle all adding to the fun afternoon.

We are again hosting this event on Sunday July 16th from noon till 5pm and it would be great to see you there.

This event is open to anybody who in any way is connected to our church. This could be regular church goers, those that staff and volunteer our Haven, those that have any links to the church or Haven and those that support us in any other way. It really is an event for all and we would love to see you there.

This year the cost is still low at £3 each or a family ticket for £7 (parents and own children).

Parking is easy, toilets are close by and we have everything we need for a great afternoon.

All we need is to see you there!

Tickets are required so we can allow for catering.