
The Salvation Army – Leicester Central Corps

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Annual Appeal

The Salvation Army puts faith into action, and we are one of the largest and most diverse providers of UK social services, committed to working with vulnerable and marginalised people to enable them to enjoy a better quality of life.

The Salvation Army works for everyone in need, regardless of their background or beliefs, and September is the month of our Annual Appeal when we raise funds for our social and community work.

A big thank you to everyone who is helping with the door-to-door collection. If you can help us with collecting in the city centre, please put your name on the rota in the foyer.

Back to Church Sunday

Sunday 27 September 2009 is a special opportunity to invite someone back to worship. This is a nationwide campaign which is supported by all the churches.

Please pray about this and use the opportunity to invite someone back to worship, or perhaps for the first time. The meetings on that day will be geared to those who will be coming back, there will be a relaxed atmosphere, and light refreshments will be served afterwards in the morning and evening.

Yes, it's short notice, but let's have a go! Maybe making it an annual event.

Prayer

Welcoming God, thank you for today.
Thank you for making us and loving us.
Thank you for inviting us to know you.
Help us to invite (*name*) to come to church so they can know you too.
Please bless *Back to Church Sunday* and bless everyone in our corps.
Help us all to know you better.
We pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

Harvest Thanksgiving

The theme of harvest this year is:

A time to gather - A time to give

Imagine what harvest could do to change you and your community!

*Give Generously. Grow Community.
Eat Seasonably.*

Our **Harvest Sunday** is **11 October** led by our Divisional Leaders, Majors Jonathan and Jayne Roberts. We will be having a Corps Harvest Meal the following Sunday – but more about that in a moment! We will let you know about the harvest display next week, and the Altar Service envelopes will be available soon.

Our Mission in Leicester

Prior to our arrival in Leicester the corps council has been involved in considering a mission development plan, and we are grateful to Major David Howarth (DHQ) and Captains Mike and Sheila Smith for this. It's important that this work is built upon and extended to the whole corps.

To this end we will be arranging various opportunities for prayer in the coming weeks, and we would also like you, as individual members of the corps, to make this a matter of prayer – that we might clearly discern the direction of our mission and ministry as a corps, both now and in the future.

This will all come together on Sunday 18 October when you are invited to stay all day! There will be a lunchtime meal, and the evening meeting will be earlier. It's an opportunity for worship, prayer and fellowship – with a purpose!

**God bless you all,
John & Marta Ager, Majors.**

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