

PARRAMATTERS

SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2020

Parramatta Salvation Army



Stewardship Sunday

"Bring your tithe to the storehouse, and as a people, you will be blessed. "Test me in this" says God, through his prophet Malachi.

God's ancient word to his people is a contemporary word to us today. We are facing a difficult period financially so we need **every generation** in our corps to commit to giving generously and regularly to our church.

You will have received a card and some information about our finances through the post, if you have not done so, please let us know. You'll want the information contained therein. If you need any help with the practical means of giving, either envelopes, internet banking, or direct debit, please call Karen or speak to Margaret Robinson.



Generous Life

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9.30AM livestream Parramatta

10.00AM Divisional worship

<https://www.facebook.com/ASKNSWACT/>

PRAYERPOINTS

We praise God for Hazel Vickery. His goodness to her for 100 years!



Errol Woodbury was Promoted to Glory last week. Our thoughts and prayers are with Dorothy and the rest of the family.



Remember those in our corps community who are facing health challenges and need our prayerful support.

Jean Fouracre is recovering from a fall and time in hospital; Val Palmer is recovering from surgery; Bruce Gough also has had surgery and is still far from well.



Keep praying for the completion certificate to be issued for 426 Church Street.



We are praying for the corps and centres throughout the Australian Salvation Army Territory that will be impacted by a change of Officers. We continue to pray for the chaplaincy team and all those affected.



If there is someone or something you would like us to pray for please contact the office by Tuesday for it to be included in the newsletter.



HAPPY 100TH HAZEL!

Hazel Jean Vickery was born on 23rd September 1920 in Gulgong NSW. Her parents were Bandmaster & Mrs Harry Gudgeon. She grew up through the ranks at the Gulgong Corps and was sworn in at Gulgong in 1935. She moved to Sydney during WWII and worked at the P.M.G in the telephone exchange. She and Fred Vickery married in Burwood in 1947 and they had 4 children. They moved to Toongabbie in 1953 and Soldiered at Toongabbie Corps until its closure in 1994. Hazel held Commissions as: Corps Pianist, Songster Pianist, Songster Leader, Corps Cadet Sargent, and Corps Secretary.

Hazel has been a Soldier at the Parramatta Corps from 1995.

We wish Hazel a very happy birthday!

PROMOTION TO GLORY

ERROL WOODBURY

Errol Woodbury, a former Corps Officer at Parramatta (and father of Julie Campbell, another former CO), was Promoted to Glory last week. Our thoughts and prayers are with Dot and the rest of the Woodbury family.

CHANGE OF APPOINTMENT

It is with mixed feelings that we share the news that we are to move on from Parramatta Corps. There is a sense of guilt that we have not yet finished the job with getting us into our fantastic building and launching our new ministries at 426 Church.

We also feel sad that we are leaving. It has been a privilege to serve our corps as leaders and we value the relationships we've formed and the many experiences we have shared over the last six years.

We want to make clear that the Army leaders are not moving us against our will. We have been in discussion with our DC for some time about what shape next year might take. Sharon and I had different ideas about what that might look like. Our discussions were partly the result of the stress we've both felt over the last 12 months: the constant challenges with the building, Australia One processes that added to our work load rather than helped, and then the challenges of COVID-19. We had also applied for Overseas Service. As part of that, Sharon had requested extended leave and then a sabbatical while I had asked to stay until June next year (which would align with the Army's Northern Hemisphere appointments).

However, with the way Army appointments are organised as well as COVID-19 restrictions on international travel our 'plan' was just not possible, so we agreed that I would take an appointment at the College in January and Sharon will be taking her leave and Sabbatical until June 2021.

We were very conscious of the need for a transition plan so we had also talked to the Army leaders about Sarah coming on board as a cadet-in-appointment and are very glad the Army could make that happen. We believe that Sarah is exactly the right person to help lead our corps into the exciting future that lies ahead.

And of course, these appointment conversations were started at a time when we were to move into the building on August 20 and could've looked forward to at least four months in the building. So, we are sorry that the move-in date has moved so far. We are hopeful that the building will be complete mid-October so we can enjoy the building for a little while and that we will get an invitation to the official opening next year.

We are glad that Captain Kylie Collinson will be taking up the role of Corps Officer team leader at Parramatta. Kylie's husband, Captain David, has an appointment as the Public relations Secretary for the NSW Division. We are hoping to develop a transition experience with Captain Kylie so that she can come to Sydney and meet lots of you, gain an understanding of how our corps operates, as well as being involved in the planning for next year.

May God bless our corps!

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