



Milton Keynes Salvation Army newsletter

As we prepare to recognize and celebrate the Salvation Army's ministry in Milton Keynes over the past 140 years, David O'May has kindly prepared the following write up regarding the story of The Salvation Army in this area.

As you may be aware a lot of corps in our local area within this Division have celebrated 140 years of service for the Salvation Army in their communities this year, Buckingham, Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard to name a few, this made me curious as to when did the Salvation Army start in this area.

Were you aware that the original work by the Salvation Army in the area what is now Milton Keynes also started in November 1886. Staff-Captain Harriet Lawrence and 12 cadets arrived on the train from London to open fire for the Salvation Army in what went on to become the Fenny Stratford Corps.

In the past 140 years the army has served this area with corps in Fenny Stratford, Stony Stratford opened in 1876, then came New Bradwell Corps in 1893 and the first permanent building in Fenny Stratford and next Wolverton Corps opened between then and 1906. Fenny Stratford Corps then became Bletchley Corps in the 1930's, Stony Stratford Corps closed in 1967, and Wolverton became an outpost of New Bradwell Corps before it closed in 1983. Both Bletchley and New Bradwell adopted Milton Keynes in front of their names in 1984 to reflect the growing city of Milton and then subsequently closed and thereafter people became part of the current corps.

Work in the new city area started in the late 1970's by Brigadier's Iley starting work in the Goodwill Centre and in 1982 our current building was then opened. The current corps was started in 1988 with the first officers being Captains Philip & Nicola Garnham. In 2017 the Lifehouse's were opened after the salvation army got into contract with the Council for Fishermead and Springfield House. The Council took the management of Fishermead Lifehouse back in 2024 and changed the services that were run from the building.

Come along to our service on Sunday 22nd November to find out more and what we are planning for 2027 to continue celebrating our past and looking to the future.

Prayers list



Members of our fellowship who are struggling with health or family issues that we may not directly be aware of, but we can lift them before our all-knowing and caring Father.

Weekly activity in MKSA

Monday	CAMEO
Tuesday	
Wednesday	9:30 am Prayer Meeting 10.00am -12noon Coffee on the Corner
Thursday	7.30pm Band practice
Saturday	Stony Stratford papers
Sunday	10.30am Meeting and Sunday school



Dates for your diary

Sunday 25th October: Major Jo

6.30pm Youth Fellowship

Sunday 1st November: 'Prayer for persecuted Christians' led by Major David

Sunday 8th November:
Remembrance Sunday: Major Jo

Faith in Sport youth fellowship following the meeting till 3pm.

Early dates for diary:

Christmas Fayre

Saturday 21st November 10am-1pm

Sunday 22nd November – celebrating 140 years of TSA in this area launch meeting.

Focus on our Corps community:

Our Christmas Fayre will be taking place on Saturday 21st November; the stalls so far that we have are as follows:

Sweets (Songsters/Band)

Craft (Angela & Major Ruth)

Cakes (Jacqui L),

Bric-a-brac (Ann A)

Kitchen refreshments (Gwen)

CD's & Books

As you can see, we have space for other stalls so if you have a stall in mind or wish to contribute to a stall, please talk to the stall holders or Majors Jo & Steve.

Sunday 22nd November '140 years Celebration Launch', we know we have a few people in our corps who will have stories and memories to share of Salvation Army life in this area. There are still some who will remember the New Bradwell, Fenny Stratford, Bletchley and MK Central corps when it was started as a Goodwill Centre. We would like your stories and memories; if you are happy to share, Kaitlyn would like to hear these stories and to gather them as a record for the Corps' history. Please talk to Kaitlyn if you would like to help.

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