



Milton Keynes Salvation Army newsletter

A thought:

It is very common to have a favourite time of the year. Maybe it's Christmas, or a birthday, or just a certain season where the weather hits just right. For me, one of my favourite parts of the year is when it is time for Encounter, the division's youth summer camp.

For one week, I meet up with old friends, play sport and experience my faith in a different kind of way. It can obviously be quite an emotional week, for instance, this year, when someone asked me what my goal for the week was, I jokingly replied that I would like to not cry so early on in the week.

My favourite part of my time at Encounter is the creative arts option, where each student gets to choose one of five options for them to do for two hours, every day. The options are Arts & Crafts, Vocal, Worship, Dance and Sport. For the past three years, I have been loyal to choosing sport, and unless an extreme change happens, I do not believe that I will ever change that.

I believe that the reason I always lean towards the sport option, is not just because I love being active, but because I cherish the friendships that are made during sport.

For example, every year, there is a camp sports afternoon, where everyone takes part in a sport day style activity. This year, after the sports afternoon had come to a close and, everyone had left for dinner, three of my friends and I stayed behind, bouncing a volleyball to one another. We laughed, joked and temporarily forgot that we needed to go and get dinner, but it mattered little, as the four of us just enjoyed the time spent together.

It makes me think of Ecclesiastes 4:12, ***'Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.'***

The friendships that I have and make, both at camp and outside in my daily life, are a beautiful thing and, in that moment, with my three friends, I found myself truly at peace and felt blessed to have such wonderful people in my life. As Christians, I think it is important that we view Jesus as our friend, for he is someone who loves and supports us, filling our lives with moments of peace and blessing, and after all, it was the Beatles who said *'Oh, I get by with a little help from my friends.'*

Prayers list



Pray for some of our young people as they prepare to go to university this month.

And for 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	7.30 pm Songster practice
Wednesday	9:30 am Prayer Meeting 10.00am -12noon Coffee on the Corner
Thursday	9.30am Little Treasures Stay & Play 7.30pm Band practice
Saturday	Stony Stratford papers
Sunday	10.30am Sunday meeting



Dates for your diary

Sunday 6th September –

Intergenerational meeting led by David Omay.

7th September: Children & Youth team meeting, 7pm at hall.

Sunday 13th September – led by special guest Imogen Onwuka (see details below) **Bring & Share lunch following the meeting.**

16th September: Leadership Team meeting, 7pm at hall.

Sunday 20th September: Major Steve

Sunday 27th September:

Enrolment of Mable as a Senior soldier of MK Corps.

Saturday 3rd October – Harvest supper

Sunday 4th October: Harvest celebration (details below)

Focus on our Corps community:

Thank you to all of you who led worship while we were away on holiday; it is a privilege that we, as a corps, have those who are gifted in ministry and can support and minister through Sunday leadership it is appreciated.

Sunday 13th September we welcome a special guest speaker Imogen Onwuka from the Christian charity 'Home for Good & Safe Families'. Imogen comes to share with us the work of the charity, its vision of supporting families and how it sees the 'church' as a key part of that mission. We will have an opportunity to hear Imogen speak about the work; to share the 'word of God with us and we pray as a corps fellowship we may be inspired, may have fresh vision of the part we can play in our own community here in MK. If you would like to know more before the 13th here is a link to the website: [About Us | Home for Good and Safe Families](https://www.homeforgoodandsafe.com/) There will be a Bring & Share lunch following the meeting for those who can stay.

Harvest weekend – Saturday 3rd October, 6pm, Harvest supper

Sunday 4th October our Harvest celebration will be led by Majors Bev and Carl Wardley

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