

WEEKLY ACTIVES

Monday

- 10:00 Prayer Meeting
11:00 -1300 Open Doors

Tuesday

- 10:00 Lent Bible Study at the Hall
11:30 Crossroads Cafe
13:30 Home League
18:00 Jam Club
20:00 Songster Practice

Wednesday

- 10:00 Little Stars
14:00 **No** Journaling Group
19:30 Lent Bible Study at Andy and Chris's

Thursday

- 12:00 Knit and Natter
17:15 Sing
18:15 Youth Next Door
20:00 Band Practice

Saturday

- 10:30 Coffee Morning

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

March

- 20th Treasured Moments Memory Cafe

Rock Ferry Salvation Army Community Church



ROCK FERRY LINK

Commanding Officers: Captains Alex and Sian Wood

Meetings and Activities Guide - 8th March 2020



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Sunday 8th March

09:30 Prayer Meeting

10:00 Morning Worship including Self Denial Altar Service

Sunday 15th March

09:30 Prayer Meeting

10:00 Morning Worship (led by Captain Sam Hamilton from Birkenhead)

Corps Family News

Please pray for all members of our Corps family who are unwell or in need of support during this winter period.

The CO's are away on Sunday 15th March.

Self Denial

Envelopes are now available. Please see Sian or Alex if you would like one.

Hall Security

It has been necessary to replace the padlock on the gates to the main hall door, as the old one had stopped working. The new lock is a combination lock. The code for this lock is available from Sian or Alex. Can all key holders please dispose of their old padlock keys appropriately. Also, can we please ensure that we are setting the hall alarm when we are locking up the building. If you need reminding of the code for the alarm, please see Sian or Alex.

Lent Bible Study

Lent Bible Study - starts this week, following the Max Lucado Book 'He Chose The Nails'. Our Tuesday group will meet at the Hall at 10:00. The Wednesday group will meet at Andy & Chris's home at 19:30. Everyone is welcome. Whether or not you will be attending a group, you are welcome to have a copy of the book (available from Sian or Alex) if it would be helpful during our Lent journey. We will also be looking at this in our Sunday Worship during Lent.

Mother's Day

Sunday 22nd March. We will once again be having a 'Vase of Remembrance'. Please bring flowers for the Vase of Remembrance in memory of those you love.

Annual Statistics

We have now entered that time of year when we need to take statistics for all of our activities. Can all activity leaders please write attendance figures on the log sheet on the notice board at the back of the hall.

BIBLE VERSE - Then the man bowed down his head and worshipped the Lord.
Genesis 24:26

THOUGHT - The deeper I went into the experience of God, the more I found life in abundance.
Andrew Klavan

SMILE - The hardness of God is kinder than the softness of men.
C. S. Lewis

The heart of being a Christian

We need to stop acting like a Christian and just be one. The truth is if we are Christians then we should have a desire to be like Christ and truly behave like Christians not just act like one.

True Christianity comes from a heart devoted to a God who loves us and our willingness to serve the Lord. At the heart of real Christianity should be a desire to do that which God expects us to do, not out of duty but driven by love for our Saviour.

The Bible teaches that Christians should live and act in certain ways, but if the actions do not stem from a strong spiritual core, then all we are doing is acting the part and not living in the fullness of Jesus. Our external actions should naturally flow from an internal life lived for Jesus.

The key to becoming who we are in supposed to be in Christ is to spend time in His presence and allow ourselves to be conformed to His image.

Just as our physical core is responsible for every move our body makes, so our spiritual core is responsible for our every thought, emotion, reaction and decision. If God is not the core of our Christianity then all we have is a flawed Christianity wrapped up in fancy packaging.

We need to take the time to look inside and examine the condition of our core. Often we build layers around our inner core to protect ourselves. We cover ourselves with all kinds of packaging – all the Christian behaviours we are supposed to have.

We can become so good at hiding that we forget we have a real spiritual core. We need to peel back the layers, real change needs to start from the inside out. Have you ever evaluated the state of your spiritual core? Are you aware of the areas where you are strongest and weakest?

Are there situations where you tend to hide behind outward Christian actions or behaviours? What situations do you find it natural to operate truly from your core?

What holds you back from trusting God and allow Him to completely transform your core? The direction of our lives and the out working of our destiny flows from our core.

We cannot act our way to the future, unless we are truly transformed into the image of Christ, we have no future. Lay hold of the purposes of God on your life to become who you need to be on the inside.

If we simply try to imitate Christ's external behaviour, being kind, compassionate and merciful without strengthening our spiritual core, then we risk missing out on the very process that makes us Christlike.

When you think about imitating Jesus, what is the first thing that comes to mind? Do you think about reproducing His actions or do you consider His motives and attitude?

What do the Gospels teach is about the motives of Jesus' heart, soul and mind? Why did He perform all of those miracles anyway?

What does being a Christian really mean to you? Based on the way you are currently living your Christian life today, do you think that becoming Christlike is your primary goal?