

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday

10:00 Prayer Meeting

11:00-13:00 Open Doors

Tuesday

10:00 Crossroads Cafe

13:30 Home League

18:00 Jam Club (with YND)

20:00 Songster Practise

Wednesday

10:00 Little Stars Toddlers

14:00 **No** Journaling Group

18.15 Band Carolling at St. Catherine's Hospital

Thursday

12:00 Knit and Natter

17:15 Sing

18:15 **No** Youth Next Door

20:00 Band Practise

Saturday

16:00 Band at switching on of Oxton Lights

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

December

Fri 6th Band at St Mary's Church Eastham 18:15

Sat 7th Band at Morrison's West Kirby 10:00

Sun 8th Gift Service as part of our Morning Worship.

Wed 11th Band at Greasby Community Centre 19:00

Fri 13th Sing and YND Film Night

Sat 14th Band at Morrison's West Kirby 10:00

Sun 15th Y.P. Christmas Performance at 16:00

Sat 21st Band at Morrison's New Brighton 10:00

Sun 22nd Corps Carol Service at 18:00

Rock Ferry Salvation Army Community Church



ROCK FERRY LINK

Commanding Officers: Captains Alex and Sian Wood

Meetings and Activities Guide - 24th November 2019



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Sunday 24th November

09:30 Prayer Meeting

10:00 Morning Worship

Sunday 1st December

09:30 Prayer Meeting

10:00 Morning Worship

16:00 Messy Church

Corps Family News

Jill Broadberr passed away on Friday in Arrowe Park Hospital. Please remember her husband **Vic**, auntie **Joan** and all the family in your prayers. Vic has also been in hospital but is now in Elderholm Care Centre.

December Meetings

Messy Church - Sunday 1st December at 16:00. To help with this we are in need of cardboard tubes (toilet roll tubes). Please see Sian or Alex if you have any that you would like to donate.

Gift Service - Sunday 8th December during our normal Sunday Worship at 10:00. Lists giving details of suggested gifts are available at the Hall.

Y.P. Christmas Performance - Sunday 15th December at 16:00.

Corps Carol Service - Sunday 22nd December at 18:00

Flower List

Can people please put their name on the new flower list on the Notice Board.

Parking

Can people who are fully able please remember to leave spaces at the front of the hall for those who struggle with walking.

BIBLE VERSE - *“And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.”* Mark 11:25

THOUGHT - We have heard of many people who have trusted God too little, but have you ever heard of anyone who trusted Him too much? J. Hudson Taylor

SMILE - The most precious jewels you'll ever have around your neck are the arms of your children. Unknown

Thankful for the Greatest Gift

Nick Vujcic stood atop a table and faced a room full of mesmerised high school students. Some of them wept silently as they listened to this man who was born with no arms or legs proclaim joyfully, “I love life.”

If there is anyone who would seem to have a good reason to be joyless, it would be Nick. And yet he has chosen to embrace his life and the possibilities it offers as well as the gifts hidden in his suffering. I think people like Nick are so compelling to us because we all want to know the secret of joy like his — joy that doesn't depend on physical perfection or life following some specific formula for success. We long for this because deep down we know that our journey throughout this life is fragile... inherently without guarantee. People like Nick show us that joy doesn't need to be tied to circumstances. They hold out the possibility of unshakeable joy that transcends suffering. For many of us, joy is at a very low simmer. Even small disappointments — a cancelled lunch date with a friend, an unexpectedly high bill, finding the last piece of pie gone — can rob us of whatever joy we have.

What makes people like Nick different? I believe part of the secret to Nick's kind of resilient joy is to consider life, all of life, as a gift. Every single day.

We can choose to be thankful for the gift of life no matter how difficult our path is because we are assured that God is with us in the middle of it and that He continues to bring blessings to our lives, even in our most painful moments.

I love this quote by Rowan Williams as he reflected on Jesus' final night before the cross: “When Jesus gives thanks at that moment before the breaking and spilling, before the wounds and the blood, it is as if He is connecting the darkest places of human experience with God the Giver; as if He is saying that even in these dark places God continues to give, and therefore we must continue to give thanks.”

Take some time today to reflect on a difficult season in which it wasn't easy for you to experience joy. What gifts was God still giving you? Perhaps it was the comfort of His presence or a powerful truth He revealed to you during that time. Grab a pen and a journal, and list any gifts that come to mind. Then spend some time thanking and praising God for His faithfulness, rejoicing that He never stops giving to us, even when our way is marked with sorrow.

Because God is good, we can worship Him always.

Excerpted from 5 Minutes with Jesus: A Fresh Infusion of Joy by Sheila Walsh.