

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday

10:00 Prayer Meeting

11:00-1300 Open Doors

18:00 **Night Shelter Commences for the week**

Tuesday

10:00 **No** Crossroads Cafe

13:30 **No** Home League

18:00 **No** Jam Club

20:00 **No** Songster Practice

Wednesday

10:00 **No** Little Stars

14:00 **No** Journaling Group

Thursday

12:00 Knit and Natter

17:15 **No** Sing

18:15 **No** Youth Next Door

20:00 **No** Band Practice

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

February

2nd Launch of Self Denial

Rock Ferry Salvation Army Community Church



ROCK FERRY LINK

Commanding Officers: Captains Alex and Sian Wood

Meetings and Activities Guide - 26th January 2020



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Sunday 26th January

09:30 Prayer Meeting

10:00 Morning Worship

Sunday 2nd February

09:30 Prayer Meeting

10:00 Morning Worship

Corps Family News

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

Night Shelter

This next week sees us hosting the Arklight Night Shelter for our second week. Because of this only the following activities will take place as normal: Monday: Prayer Meeting & Open Doors, Thursday: Knit and Natter.

The Community Hall furniture needs moving into the main hall after the meeting on Sunday morning – all help will be appreciated

There are still some gaps in the volunteers rota, particularly next weekend – please see Myrtle.

Please pray for the guests we will offer support and care to during the week and for the volunteers who work with them

Self Denial

This year's Self Denial Appeal launch will be on Sunday 2nd February. Envelopes will be made available in due course.

Gift Aid

We have been asked by the Gift Aid department to provide up-to-date Gift Aid Declarations for all those who are eligible. Therefore, if you are a UK Tax payer, and would like us to be able to claim Gift Aid on your weekly Cartridge Giving, then please see either Alex or Sian for a new Gift Aid form. Thank You.

How to Overcome Temptation

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. — Matthew 4:1

After His baptism but before He began His public ministry, Jesus was led into the desert to undergo an attack by Satan. It was a profound testing of Christ's human nature and a profound blasphemy against His divine nature. And Christ did this primarily for us. To withstand the kind of temptation you and I fall prey to daily, that His perfect obedience might be considered ours through faith, but also to give us a model for withstanding temptation ourselves.

So what do we learn from Christ's temptation by the devil about our own strategies for overcoming temptation?

Awareness is an advantage.

One of the biggest problems we face in undergoing temptation is just how passive most of us are. We experience the allure of sin like helpless sheep, dumbly ignorant of the wolf creeping up behind us. But this makes our response to temptation so often reactive. The truth is, we aren't ignorant to the reality of temptation. The Bible tells us we have an enemy who wants to destroy us. This shouldn't make us anxious or fearful, but it should make us alert and on guard.

Eve was taken in by the serpent who is described as the most crafty of all the animals (Genesis 3:1). In the rear view mirror, we can see just how crafty he was — and still is. We can look at Christ's temptation and see that He was specifically led into the wilderness to face the devil. It is why He was sent there. Jesus knew, going in, that He was going to face the satanic wiles of sin.

We learn an important lesson in this sending. For one, we learn that in this fallen world, temptation is not incidental or accidental. It is the way the devil and his minions work to condemn sinners and demoralise saints. We need to remember when we get up in the morning that temptation is waiting for us.

Don't let temptation catch you off guard. Be proactive. If you know certain circumstances make you extra vulnerable to particular sins, do what you can to avoid those circumstances. Pray for protection and deliverance, as Jesus Himself taught us in the Lord's Prayer. Simply being aware of the devil's ways is a huge advantage in the battle.

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