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Editorial Musings

Hello and welcome!

Summer is finally here, bringing with it the promise of warmer days and this summer holds much to embrace – from the Paris Olympics to the UEFA Euro football tournament, vibrant festivals to well-deserved school breaks. As we look ahead to the coming season, a sense of hope fills our hearts, alongside a deep gratitude for the blessings we've received so far this year and the presence of God in our lives.

While gathering stories and speaking to some of the people featured in this issue, I was led to ponder the many different challenges we all face. I considered how these so often shape our experiences and, to some degree, our faith in God. Often, when we overcome significant challenges and emerge triumphant, we can learn a lot about ourselves and what, with God's love, we are capable of.



In this edition of CA inFocus, you'll encounter inspiring tales of challenges being overcome with courage and compassion. From Jane's physically demanding challenge in support of Church Army's mission, to the Evangelists embarking on a new chapter after three years of dedicated training, or Amy's commitment in creating a welcoming sanctuary for homeless women at our Marylebone Project. These narratives shine a light on the challenges we face and how God's love is unwavering and steadfast no matter what we face.

I hope by reading these stories you will be inspired by the work of Church Army and the challenges facing the people we serve. But perhaps more importantly, I hope that it prompts you to reflect on the challenges and adversities you may have faced and that you may feel encouraged to support others grappling with tough challenges. With God's enduring love we hold the power to bring about remarkable transformation within ourselves and those around us. Each of us is remarkable and capable of incredible things.

Sarah Waller
Editor

UPCOMING EVENTS

25-30 July: New Wine (Shepton Mallet)

If you see us at any of these events come and say hello!

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**AS LONG AS THE EARTH ENDURES,
SEEDTIME AND HARVEST,
COLD AND HEAT,
SUMMER AND WINTER,
DAY AND NIGHT
WILL NEVER CEASE**

Genesis 8:22



Denise Ambrose
HR Manager

In chapter eight of Genesis we read the story of the great flood, when God saves Noah in the ark. After the waters have subsided, God calls Noah to bring his family and all the creatures out of the ark back onto dry land.

After getting everyone off the ark, the first thing Noah does is build an altar to honour God with sacrifices of burnt offerings. Verse 21 tells us that God smells the pleasing aroma of the offerings and says He will never again destroy the earth. This is God making a covenant promise with Himself (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) to creation. He promises that while earth endures, He will provide for all our physical needs (v22).

Even as He makes this promise, God knows that our hearts are naturally inclined to sin, and, as pleasing as the aroma of the sacrifice is, sacrifices and offerings are not what He desires (Heb 10:5).

Jumping forwards some 2,000 years, we see the unfolding story of another covenant promise being agreed between the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This sets into motion a plan to restore the relationship, broken by sin, between God and the people He created and loves. In this plan, the Father says, An ark won't do this time. We need a perfect sacrifice to save the world from sin. The Son says, I'll go, Father, and the Holy Spirit says, I will make a way.

The plan is perfect: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

LET'S CALL TIME ON FOOTBALL-FUELLED ABUSE

The UEFA Euro 2024 tournament started in June, with 24 teams from across the continent battling it out to be crowned champions at the final on 14 July in Germany. While many football fans will be filled with excitement and anticipation for the tournament, few people anticipate the effect the tournament could have on those facing domestic violence.

Statistics show that reports of domestic violence (a pattern of behaviour in any relationship that is used to gain or maintain power and control over an intimate partner) spike during big football tournaments.

During Euro 2020, held in 2021 because of the pandemic), the number of people referred to the National Centre for Domestic Violence (NCDV) for protective court orders rose by more than 400 compared to the five-week period before the tournament. 90% of those referred were women, but the

number of men referred to the centre also increased.*

Despite attempts by various organisations to raise awareness of this problem, I have yet to see widespread institutional

support for the issue in the same way campaigns to end racism and homophobia within football have rightfully received attention. While these forms of discrimination often intersect, this lesser known, more sinister side of football tournaments often goes unreported and unacknowledged. Sadly, domestic violence also has a damaging impact on

children, with the NSPCC reporting a 33% rise in helpline calls about domestic abuse during the 2018 World Cup.**

As the Marketing Lead for the Marylebone Project, the largest and longest-running Women's homelessness charity in the UK, I know all too well how difficult it is for women to report domestic violence and that these statistics are likely just the tip of the iceberg. My colleagues on the frontline tell me that many women wait until the storm has passed to seek help, and some won't feel able to share the horrors they have faced until years afterwards.



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As a leading charity working towards ending homelessness for women, we have a unique understanding of how domestic violence can impact a woman's access to stable housing. Escaping from an abusive partner leaves many women unsure where to go, not just for one night but possibly for several. In 2023, 34%

of women seeking our assistance expressed domestic violence as their top concern. The Sanctuary, part of the project, stands as the sole women's-only homelessness centre in the UK open 24/7, 365 days a year, welcoming any woman in crisis.

If you or someone you know is facing intimate partner violence, there is confidential help available:

- Women can call the freephone, 24-hour National Domestic Abuse Helpline 0808 2000 247.
- Men can call Men's Advice Line on 0808 8010 327.
- If you identify as LGBT+, you can call Galop on 0800 999 5428.

If you can support the Marylebone Project, please consider setting up a regular donation by visiting:

www.maryleboneproject.org.uk/donate

or by contacting our fundraising team on 020 3833 1729.

Fern Bain Smith

Marketing Lead (Marylebone Project)



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- Pray for those experiencing domestic violence, that they may receive the help and support they need to reach safety.
- Pray for anyone who has or is experiencing domestic violence, that they may know and discover the love of God and feel his steadfast love.
- Pray for those healing from the physical and emotional scars of domestic violence, that they will receive the help they need to heal.
- Pray for anyone caught up in a vicious cycle of abuse, that they may seek the support and be equipped with the tools to break the cycle.
- Pray for those working with people impacted by domestic violence, that they may have the compassion, wisdom and resilience to enable change in others.

A MOUNTAINOUS CHALLENGE

The Malvern Hills is an area of outstanding natural beauty between the English counties of Worcestershire, Gloucestershire and Herefordshire. The magnificent Malvern Ridge dominates the skyline of surrounding towns and stretches for nine miles, with the highest summit, the Worcestershire Beacon, reaching an incredible 1,394 feet! It's a popular destination for adrenaline junkies wanting to scale the highest peak, and it's a significant challenge for even the most intrepid adventurers, requiring enormous determination, courage and strength. Imagine, then, what it must take for someone to complete this challenge in a wheelchair! That's exactly what our remarkable Faith Empowered Development Officer, Jane Henderson, did on 12 May. Jane uses a wheelchair due to an incomplete spinal cord injury at c4/5 in her neck, which affects her arms and legs. Seeing the incredible work of Church Army and the transformative impact it has on so many people, Jane felt compelled to take on this herculean challenge and raise as much money as she could.

meet jane

When Church Army promoted fundraising events, I wanted to get involved. I love a challenge, but using a wheelchair can be a barrier to some of the events people participate in. However, after asking the question about accessibility, I was told this one was doable, so I signed up. I play wheelchair rugby, which is great and has increased my fitness, but I knew this was going to be a real challenge. I got myself a personal trainer as well as doing

body balance classes.

I also hired an all-terrain wheelchair, which was a lot heavier than my usual chair, so that in itself was a challenge.

In the run up to the event, I prayed and asked other people to pray for me. In some respects, it has been like my own personal pilgrimage because I have always wanted



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to do the Camino de Santiago, but that is completely impractical for me. A few nights before the challenge, I was having a bit of a panic about it all, so I prayed about it and went back to sleep. I woke up with a worship song going round my head. The line that kept repeating was, "I've split the sea so you can walk right through it." I think God was telling me He would be with me, and he absolutely was.

On the day, the weather was warm, and we did the steepest hill first, which was really hard work. Coming down the hills was difficult, too. I needed people to steady me on the descent. It was incredibly nerve





The work we do is incredibly important, from tackling knife crime to working with those struggling with substance misuse and supporting people affected by homelessness.

wracking, and I had to really put my faith in the team who were with me. Mark and Dan from Elite Adventures, who organised everything, were incredible. I hadn't met a lot of the team before, and I usually only let people push my chair if I know them, so I really had to trust everyone. It was a test of my faith in people, which I didn't anticipate before the event. It really taught me a lot.

There were points on the journey when I was tired and struggling and had to lean on God and ask Him for help. But I completed it, and it really is the most wonderful feeling and something I need time to deeply reflect on. I couldn't have done it without the support of the team: Syd, Georgina, Kerry, Jayne, Rachael, Quentin, Beau, Maebelle and Teddy and Bailey the dogs.

If you feel inspired to take on a challenge and raise money for Church Army, we have lots of different events you can get involved with.

To find out more, visit

[CHURCHARMY.ORG/WAYS-OF-GIVING/FUNDRAISE-FOR-US/EVENTS](https://churcharmy.org/ways-of-giving/fundraise-for-us/events)

- Pray for those considering taking on a fundraising challenge, may they feel motivated and supported.
- Pray for those who have sponsored people participating in fundraising activities, that they may understand the significant impact of their donations.
- Pray for the teams of people organising fundraising events, that they may be encouraged and inspired.
- Pray for the fundraising team as they work hard in difficult climates to raise vital funds for the crucial work of Church Army.

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7 JULY - 13 JULY

ADMITTING & COMMISSIONING

class of 2024

It gives us enormous pleasure to introduce to you the Evangelists-in-Training who will be Commissioned at our annual service on Saturday 20 July. We give thanks to God for these amazing individuals blessed with remarkable gifts, skills and a deep passion to share the good news of Jesus. We are privileged to be hosted by the beautiful Sheffield Cathedral for the service, promising a joyous and uplifting occasion.

Elli Wort, Head of Initial Training at Church Army, tells us more about the day:



We are really looking forward to our service of Admitting and Commissioning. It feels extra exciting that it will be on a Saturday this year! Having the service on a weekend means more people will be able to attend – both the friends and family of those being Admitted and Commissioned, and the wider Church Army family.

The seven people being Admitted and Commissioned this year are all amazing Evangelists, and this day marks the culmination of years of vocational discernment and formational learning.

When they are in training with us, we call our students Evangelists-in-Training. That's because they are already evangelists when they come to us, as it's

God who calls and equips them to be Evangelists! But while they are in training with Church Army, they deepen in their faith as a disciple of Christ, learn more about their vocation with Church Army and the Anglican church, and grow in their skills as Pioneering Evangelists.

Many of those being Admitted and Commissioned have also completed their Diploma or Certificate of Higher Education in Theology, Mission and Ministry, validated by Durham University under the Church of England's Common Awards scheme. This is also a huge achievement and is an example of the dedication they all have in growing in their understanding of what it is to be an Evangelist.



Helen Reynolds

Helen and her husband have three sons. She works with vulnerable adults within a faith setting. It was her husband who encouraged her to look into training, and the journey has been transformative for her. Church Army is a place she feels she truly belongs, where everyone's differences are celebrated and their unique gifts nurtured. Commissioning is incredibly important to Helen, as it signifies her becoming part of Wilson Carlile's impactful legacy, something she deeply treasures.



Tim Hatton

Tim is the Pioneer Evangelist at Church Army's Borders Centre of Mission in the Scottish borders. He lives with his wife, Kate, who is also a Commissioned Church Army Evangelist. Being a pioneer involves treading new ground, and the training has equipped Tim with the skills he needs to do this effectively and to minister to people where they are, in their context. For Tim, Commissioning is a remarkable achievement and a true privilege. It's an honour to be acknowledged and welcomed into the Office of Evangelist, and Tim is truly grateful to Jesus for entrusting him with this call.



Michelle Lloyd

Michelle lives in Llanelli, South Wales, with her husband, Andrew. She has three children: Chloe, Michael and Adam. Michelle has found the training to be a transformational journey of learning, empowerment and love. The teaching has been supportive, encouraging and has given her a true strength of spirit and the ability to see God in all situations. She feels more confident, joyful, loving and compassionate, and, through her siblings in Christ, she has a family bigger than she could have ever imagined. She is so incredibly grateful to God for placing her on this path, a path she never thought possible.



Andrea McLoughlin

Andrea lives in Nelson, Lancashire, with her family, Jasper the dog and Simba the cat. Despite feeling nervous, she felt a deep sense of belonging the first time she stepped into the Wilson Carlile Centre. Throughout her training journey, Andrea felt supported, encouraged and strengthened. It has had an incredible impact on her ministry, with everything she has learnt being relatable to her context. For Andrea, Commissioning signifies the discovery of purpose and serves as an affirmation of her readiness to pursue her heartfelt aspirations.

Heather Waller



Heather is a pioneer in every sense of the word. She has a heart for making faith and church inclusive and accessible for everyone, and she lives out her ministry in innovative and exiting ways. She lives in Sheffield with her three sons, and her journey began after being inspired by a friend, who was also a Commissioned Evangelist. The training has been a deeply fulfilling and delightful experience for her, enriched with teachings that have provided practical skills for her innovative ministry. Commissioning is a significant landmark in Heather's journey of evangelism, giving her credibility and an acknowledgment that she is doing what God has planned for her.

Hayley Humphreys



Hayley is the Pioneer Evangelist at our St. Helier Centre, and she lives with her husband, Ben, their two boys and their dog, Dexter. It was at Sunday school as a young girl when she first met Jesus and saw the gospel in action. The love she felt at Sunday school had a profound impact on her and led to her serving people in the local community, which she has been doing for the last 18 years. For Hayley, Commissioning signifies a huge milestone and a chance to celebrate all that she's achieved through God's will.

Claire Lingard



Claire, her husband and their Welsh Collie live in the seaside town of Redcar in Northeast England. They have three grown-up children and five grandchildren. She is currently developing a fresh expression of church that embraces those who may feel out of place elsewhere. The training has been transformative for Claire, having empowered her to share the good news using her unique gifts. She feels enabled to uplift others, fostering growth and helping others to flourish. Through Commissioning, Claire finally feels a validation of her calling, marking a significant milestone in her journey.

PRAYER INFOCUS

- Pray that the pre-Admitting and Commissioning Retreat, led by David Booker, will be a blessing to all attending.
- Pray that as many people as possible — friends and family, and the wider Church Army family — will be able to attend the service.
- Pray that the service will go well, with safe journeys for all in attendance.
- Pray for those being Admitted and Commissioned, that the service would be a time of blessing and celebration and a confirmation and marking of their call as Evangelists.
- Pray for the rest of the training community as they continue to journey without those who are completing their training this summer.

14 JULY - 20 JULY

FESTIVAL FUN - WHO'S YOUR ANGEL?

As the warmer spring and summer months roll in, so do the festivals! At Church Army, we've been diving headfirst into the festival season, making it a blast for everyone involved. Christian festivals offer a fantastic opportunity to explore new resources, strengthen fellowship through worship and dive into a wealth of teaching. They're not just about learning; they're about connecting with our Christian family from all corners of the nation, having a great time and forging new friendships.

Church Army has been on a mission to make new pals this year. We've been inviting folks to swing by, have a chat and get creative while learning about the incredible work we do. We set up a station with T-shirts and hoodies for people to jazz up with spray-on angel wings. It's also been a journey of reflection. We encouraged everyone to think about those special individuals who have been their rocks through thick and thin, just as Church Army supports people who have no-one else to turn to.



We have been asking people to consider who has been an angel in their life, which has helped us share with them the wonderful work Church Army does."

Rachael Rook-Williams, Fundraising Engagement Lead





At Church Army, we work to support people in the most vulnerable situations. We stand with them throughout their journey, walking alongside them at every step, whether that is supporting young people with mental health problems, a woman facing homelessness or someone dealing with substance misuse. The road to safety is seldom straightforward, but we are there to make sure each person is supported throughout their journey, celebrating successes and holding them up in difficult times.

Michael Cooper, Senior Fundraising & Engagement Lead

We will be at New Wine Festival, Shepton Mallet 25-30 July. If you are there, come and say hi, create your own T-shirt and find out how you can support our vital work. We would love to meet you!

PRAYER INFOCUS

- Pray for the staff and volunteers involved at festivals, that they may feel inspired and excited to talk about and share the work of Church Army with others.
- Pray that the people we meet at festivals will be moved and encouraged by the work of Church Army.
- Pray that the people we meet will be enthusiastic to get to know us better and support our work.
- Pray for all in attendance at festivals, that they will feel God's presence and be filled with the Holy Spirit.

21 JULY - 27 JULY

BUILDING FAITH IN CARDIFF

Our Llandaff Centre is based at St John the Baptist Church in Cardiff, right in the heart of Cardiff city centre. Working to support the ministry across the whole diocese of Llandaff by growing and developing a culture of evangelism, the centre works in partnership with St. John's to support people experiencing loneliness, mental health issues and homelessness. Evangelists Hannah and Meg work at the centre and support the church and local people with different initiatives to explore faith while creating a welcoming environment and caring for those in need.

meet hannah & meg

It is wonderful to be based at St. John's because it is right in the middle of the city centre, meaning we come into contact with a wide range of people. It is a place of worship, and we are keen to make sure it is really welcoming. There is a homeless street community locally, and we want to make people from that community feel welcome and able to come and engage with us. We run a café initiative, Grace Café, in partnership with the cathedral, which has been well received by local people. A lot of those who come along are homeless or vulnerably housed. They have a cup of tea and something to eat, which is a great way for us to start conversations and build relationships with them. There are some people who come along to Grace Café who just want to have some company and pray, which is brilliant.

We also run Good Company, which happens on a

Wednesday and Sunday. We have tea, coffee and board games, and it's a place where people can come and talk about faith in a safe environment. Through the diocese, we are working to encourage people and local churches to grow in their evangelism. We are hoping to run Church Army's Faith Pictures, as this would be a great opportunity to help people flourish in their evangelism and to raise awareness of Church Army.

Being in the city centre means we have contact with a wide range of people. Many have multiple issues they are working through, and a lot of them lack stability in their lives, but the people we see tell us we bring some stability. We aim to be a consistent and welcoming presence in their lives, which enables them to engage with us in a meaningful way. We have been





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able to journey with some of them while they explored faith and opened up to us. Many of them have felt judged and have encountered discrimination, but here they feel wanted and important. Often, faith conversations happen organically because we are in a church and surrounded by conversation starters. We had a conversation with a chap last week who shared that he wasn't sure if he was a Christian because he doesn't believe in heaven or hell. He was really nervous to begin with, but it turned into a really valuable conversation, and we felt privileged that he was comfortable talking to us.

We hope to build on these relationships over time and share the love of God with the people we connect with in a way that strengthens their faith or helps them begin a relationship with God.



PRAYER INFOCUS

- Pray for those who are homeless or vulnerably housed within our city centre. Pray for Grace Café as we seek to support them.
- Pray for those who struggle with isolation, mental health and loneliness. Pray that Good Company would be a welcoming and supportive space.
- Pray for opportunities to encourage Christians to share their faith with people in their communities, particularly as we deliver the Faith Suite resources across Llandaff Diocese.
- Pray for the partnership between Church Army, Llandaff Diocese and St John the Baptist Church as we seek to share the gospel.
- Pray for Hannah and Meg as they study alongside work, that it will enrich their ministry.

28 JULY - 4 AUG

PREPARING FOR LIFE AT SEA

Serving in the Royal Navy can be an exciting opportunity to see the world, but it is an incredibly challenging career. People as young as 16 can apply to become part of the Royal Navy, and training is both physically and mentally demanding. Officers need to be in peak physical condition to tackle the arduous training, but they also need to be mentally and emotionally agile to cope with long periods away from home and the stresses this brings. Aggies, a Christian charity founded in 1876 by Dame Agnes Westone, places trained Pastoral Workers in and around various Royal Navy, Royal Marines and Royal Fleet Auxiliary establishments across the UK. Among these dedicated workers is Commissioned Church Army Evangelist Chloe Lefore, who supports trainees in readiness for deployment.

meet chloe

My main role on camp is to be a pastoral presence offering support and guidance to students throughout their training, and I work alongside the chaplaincy team. It's a varied role that can involve anything from referring people to the welfare team or specialist organisations, to simply being there to offer support and a listening ear.

The students are preparing for deployment, and with this often comes a complex range of needs and emotions. It's important that students have someone to talk to throughout their time here. I lead a café church, which the students can attend, and we have done the Alpha course and the Bible Society course. At the end of their training I do an 'Anchor Blessings' leaving event which is a little bit like a graduation before they leave camp for their ship or submarine. It is an opportunity for reflection on their highs and lows of being on camp and ends with

a blessing prayer and I offer food as we have a bit of a celebration.

Being in the Royal Navy means a lot of time away from home. That can be difficult, especially for those students who have things going on at home, like relationship problems or a family member who is unwell. We also have students from all over the Commonwealth. They are far from home, in a new country, and can face cultural barriers, so they often need time to adjust and adapt to the cold weather! The discipline levels and standards around camp are very high, which puts pressure on the trainees, so it is important that I am a listening ear and an out of rank presence of support.



*It is important that I am a listening ear
and an out of rank presence of support*



Camp is a secular setting, so trying to develop a faith-based concept in this environment has been challenging, but I have been able to draw on my Church Army training.

I make sure I have a welcome chat with everyone when they arrive at camp. I am available to people of all faiths or those without a faith, and I am available to staff as well as students. Everyone in camp is important, and they can all experience difficulties living away from home. Having someone like me, who they can talk to, is important for their well-being.

Church Army's training has been incredibly valuable to me, and I have been able to implement a lot of the things I learnt. Camp is a secular setting, so trying to develop a faith-based concept in this environment has been challenging, but I have been able to draw on

my Church Army training. It has given me the skills to start something faith based from scratch and to make it accessible and inclusive for everyone.



PRAYER INFOCUS

- Pray for the new Army Padre who will be Chloe's new supervisor and is coming to camp in July.
- Pray for protection and strength for all trainees across the armed forces and for their families as they prepare for deployment.
- Pray for the Church Café on camp, and similar initiatives across the armed forces, that they would be well attended and adapted for the needs on camp.
- Pray that God will provide guidance and vision to Chloe and all other chaplains and people working in pastoral support roles.

4 AUG - 10 AUG

THE JOY OF GIVING

"I've found joy in my life. I've found joy in my life..." – so goes the song in the coffee shop where I'm sat in the warmth of late-Spring in Cornwall. As a Christian I've come to know the joy of knowing Jesus – what a difference that can make, especially on those days when things don't quite go as well as we'd planned (we all have 'em!)

There's a verse in the Bible that says, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." – Romans 15:13

God fills us with joy and peace in order that we may overflow with hope. Hope, joy and peace all reveal God's nature. I'm sure you'll recognise these characteristics throughout the pages of In Focus, through the work of our evangelists, volunteers and staff, and in the stories and lives of those we minister alongside.



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Romans 15:13

You and I are invited into the story of God and to know this hope, joy and peace for ourselves. The heart of the evangelist is to then share this same hope, joy and peace with others. One way we can do that is through giving. In 2 Corinthians 8 in the Bible, Paul tells how the Macedonian people were in a severe trial and were extremely poor, yet their overflowing joy led to rich generosity which supplied the need of the Lord's people. That's the grace of God at work! The overflow of a thankful heart, the overflow of hope, should lead us to bless others. As you give sacrificially and faithfully, I trust you will also give generously and with joy, enabled by the Holy Spirit.

If you can, please consider sending a gift to Church Army to enable us to continue to take practical support and the message of the Gospel to people who need to know they are loved, accepted and invited into the great joy of knowing Jesus!

What makes you joyful? Email me to let me know paul.critchlow@churcharmy.org or call me on 0114 252 1661.

Paul Critchlow
Fundraising Team Leader

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THE HARROWING TRUTHS OF THE SEX INDUSTRY

Did you know there are an estimated **105,000** individuals involved in sex work in the UK, most of them women? * Many women affected by the sex industry, especially those who work on the street, face financial struggles, insecure housing, domestic violence and sexual abuse. There is evidence that a staggering 76% of individuals in the sex industry face various forms of post-traumatic stress disorder.¹ The Ruby Project, part of Church Army, is here to show God's relentless love to women affected by the sex industry.

what does the ruby project do?

The Ruby Project exists to offer solace and support to women affected by the sex industry.

Safe Spaces

We offer a welcoming drop-in service for women three days a week. Together, we share meals and provide food parcels from the food bank, as well as access to our clothing bank and washing facilities – we offer the only female-only wash space in the local area. Women can feel safe, holding appointments with outside agencies in a comfortable environment and fostering a sense of community, compassion and belonging.

Bridging the Gap

Many women we serve face challenges when seeking support because of past negative experiences with professionals and agencies. Lifestyle factors can also hinder their ability to access the help they require. For individuals who have endured traumatic events, like assault, the emotional trauma can be profound. We are there for women who've faced these situations.

Community Support

As well as appointments at our centre, we also provide support for women to attend appointments at other agencies. For women transitioning away from sex work or who are in recovery, our drop-in centre may not always be the ideal place due to location and potential interactions. As such, we offer additional support within the community, in a setting that supports their journey.

Street Outreach

We visit the red-light areas, where we meet women where they are. We connect with them in a positive way, offering prayer and practical support, such as food and toiletries, plus weather-appropriate help, like umbrellas, sun cream and rain macs. We want them to know we care.



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Faith Journeys

We delight in sharing the love of Jesus with women. Collaborating with vulnerable women, our focus is on ensuring they understand that faith exploration is a choice and not a condition. Many of our women actively seek prayer, and at our drop-in centre, we have a prayer corner that many women find solace in. We also host a faith exploration group for women to deepen their understanding of Jesus and to strengthen their relationship with Him.

evelyns story

We originally met Evelyn* through our outreach work. At first, she was timid when attending our drop-in service, but as we built and nurtured a relationship with her, we began to see her gradually open up, sharing more about her life and experiences. During one of her visits, Evelyn bravely confided in us that she was in a violently abusive relationship. She revealed the harrowing ordeal of being strangled by him and how he “encouraged her” to work. We supported this brave woman to engage with police and a local specialist domestic violence agency that could help her move to a safer area. Evelyn has lived through such adversity and pain but shows great resilience and compassion and cares deeply for others. She not only seeks support for herself but also brings other women to our drop-in centre. She has a deep desire for spiritual growth, and she comes to our faith group, which she affectionately calls church.

PRAYER INFOCUS

- Pray for those who contact the Ruby Project, that they may feel welcome and safe.
- Pray for resources to be available to enable the vital work of the Ruby Project to continue.
- Pray that those who engage with the Ruby Project will feel supported and able to access the care services they need.
- Pray for protection and resilience for staff and volunteers as they support women through often harrowing and traumatic experiences.
- Pray for anyone impacted by the sex industry, that they may be able to reach the support and services they need and come to understand that they are each loved and valued by God.

1 Sources: Beyond the Streets and Streetlight UK

**Name changed to protect identity*

ANGELS IN ABBEEWOOD

In the last edition of CA inFocus, we brought you the fascinating story of treasured Evangelist Nick Russell. Nick has dedicated his life's ministry to ending violence at our Greenwich Centre. The centre covers a large area of London where knife crime, drug dealing and gang culture pose significant threats to the local community. Karen Saunders is our wonderful Evangelist based in the Abbey Wood area of Greenwich, which faces similar social issues. Families struggle with enormous challenges, including poverty and other hardships that make it hard for family units to stay together. Karen has a wonderful evangelistic gifting and being from the area, she understands the complex issues local people deal with every day.

meet karen

Karen Saunders became involved with Church Army following an unexpected illness that greatly impacted her son's life. Searching for a youth club that would welcome her son despite his medical condition proved challenging, and this was a distressing period for the family. It was at this time that she met a Church Army Evangelist, who made it his mission to welcome Karen's son to youth club. Through this display of love and support, Church Army became a ray of hope for

Karen and her family, reigniting her faith and revealing that God works even in the toughest times. Church Army gave hope to Karen and her family when they needed it most. Today, she stands as a beacon of hope and light for others in her community. She is an enormous support to people in the local area and has the gift of encouraging others. When Karen met local lady Sheryl, she gave Sheryl the courage and confidence to explore her own evangelistic gifts.

sheryl's story

Karen and Sheryl met when Sheryl moved to Abbey Wood after the local council began relocating people from the Ferrier Estate due to demolition plans. Sheryl, a single mother of seven children and two grandchildren, faced immense challenges after a marriage breakdown. This is where Karen stepped in. Learning that Karen and Nick Russell, our evangelist

in the Eltham area of Greenwich, were colleagues was a comfort for Sheryl, as Nick had previously shown kindness and care to one of her sons at his youth group. When she met Karen, Sheryl was struggling with low confidence and numerous worries about providing for her family, but she found solace and strength in Karen's words of encouragement. Sheryl has a



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wealth of experience as a care worker and mother, but Karen recognised her unique gift as an evangelist. As a local, Sheryl can connect with others in a relatable and understanding way. Empowered by Karen's support, Sheryl began volunteering at the youth group, eventually transitioning into a paid role. Karen also encouraged Sheryl by giving her the opportunity to assist at the local secondary school by mentoring a group of girls.

Sheryl feels Karen has been an angel in her life, offering practical support and care while guiding and championing her. Motivated by Karen's ministry, evangelism and love for others, Sheryl now aspires to be a guiding light for young individuals facing challenges –

nurturing and uplifting them, helping them to grow, flourish and fulfil their potential. In turn, she hopes they will also feel called to help and support others. Leading the weekly activity group with local youth, a pivotal service for the area, Sheryl is brimming with confidence and eagerly anticipates the forthcoming challenges in her own work.



PRAYER INFOCUS

- Pray for the Greenwich Centre, both in Eltham and Abbey Wood, that the work there continues to have a positive impact on the community.
- Pray for protection and safety for the staff and volunteers as they navigate often difficult situations.
- Pray that the local community members will feel encouraged and inspired to get involved with the activities.
- Pray that the practical and spiritual needs of the local community are met by the centre and that each person will feel valued.
- Pray that the local community will feel embraced by the love of God and that it brings transformation to lives.

18 AUG - 24 AUG

WATERWAYS CHAPLAINCY

*Navigating Hope: The Waterways
Chaplains' Mission to Uplift Lives*

During the summer months, as the sun shines and the canals and rivers look so tranquil, it is easy to see how people can feel drawn to live on the water. But it is not as idyllic for everyone as you might think. Those living on the water can become invisible to other communities, meaning life can be lonely and accessing support can be difficult. Many are driven to live on the water as a cheaper alternative to accommodation on land, but it can be a challenging environment. The Waterways Chaplaincy is slightly different to other chaplaincies as the focus is on proactively reaching out to people in need on our rivers and canals. Chaplains are there to offer much-needed assistance and vital practical assistance as well as spiritual support to those who call the waterways their home.

Helen is a chaplain in the Staffordshire Hub of the Waterways Chaplaincy. She tells us about a boater who she supported through a challenging time.

meet helen

I was walking the tow path with a potential volunteer when a boater familiar with our chaplaincy reached out to me to tell me that a friend, who was a continuous cruiser, needed help. Having recently resigned from their job, they had dreams of becoming self-employed, but things hadn't gone to plan. This boater was now sadly grappling with financial challenges and the complexities of life on the water. With dwindling funds and mounting stress, they were in a difficult spot.

Although they had made it through the winter with the help of other boaters, they needed more support.

I met them for a chat and to assess how we could support them. We had several visits,

all in a different location since they were constantly on the move, but with each visit I forged a deeper connection with them. We organised food parcels and, with the help of another chaplain, supported them with an application for Universal Credit. I provided them with transport to two job interviews and helped with shopping once funds became available.

I am pleased to report that the boater is now in a much better position and feels positive about the future. They also expressed interest in church and faith, actively seeking opportunities to be involved, and they even considered cycling to church when moored.

It was truly fulfilling to serve this boater and witness their journey to positivity and stability.



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PRAYER INFOCUS

- Pray for the work of the Waterways Chaplaincy to reach more people.
- Pray that vitals funds will become available for the Waterways Chaplaincy to meet the needs of the vast community who live on the waterways.
- Pray that businesses involved in the waterways industry may become involved in supporting the chaplaincy, generating fruitful partnerships and collaborative relationships.
- Pray for awareness of the issues and complexities facing many who use the waterways as their home.
- Pray that God will be draw alongside those on the waterways, providing steadfast love and support.

25 AUG - 31 AUG

WATERWAYS CHAPLAINCY

*Wedding Planning Leads
to Chaplaincy*

A mission to find a wedding venue led Katy to a mission of a different kind, one full of service and community support. When Katy was researching whether she and her fiancé, Mark, could tie the knot aboard the enchanting Defender of Oulton, she came across the Waterways Chaplaincy. After reading the website, she felt God had led her there for more than a wedding venue. Being inspired by the work of the team, and sensing prompting from God, Katy decided to investigate becoming a chaplain herself.

Katy says: "After reading the website, I reflected on the role and decided God put me there for a reason, so I explored it."

More than 20 years ago, as a student at Norwich Art School, Katy was part of two exhilarating expeditions sailing through the Danish isles with the Royal Signals Territorial Army, developing her passion for the water. Katy previously considered training for ministry and completed a Fresh Expressions course in pioneer ministry. However, a traumatic marriage breakdown meant worshipping in church became painful for a long time.

Through God's grace, Katy has experienced profound healing, allowing her to emerge stronger and more compassionate. She feels her experiences have given her a strong foundation and equipped her to minister to others, especially those who, like her, have faced significant challenges.

The challenges she has faced have given her unique insights and empathy, making her an effective and understanding chaplain.

Now chaplain for the Loddon and Chedgrave area, under the mentorship of Mike Cadman, Senior Waterways Chaplain for the Broads Hub area, Katy is dedicated to addressing the spiritual and practical needs of those she serves. She is currently updating a list of resources and facilities for individuals living on boats or holidaying in the area. This will be an invaluable tool for those seeking assistance or looking for community connections. With her passion for reaching out to those who are lonely or vulnerable, she hopes to create spaces where people can come together, share their stories and find support. One of her initiatives includes organising a "knit and natter" group on a local campsite, fostering community through shared activities and conversation.





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Katy hopes to live out her faith and allow God to use her to be a blessing to others through what she calls “Godincident meetings”. Her chaplaincy is a beacon of hope, demonstrating how personal experiences, even those marked by pain, can be transformed into sources of strength and compassion.

Katy and Mark are able to have a service of blessing on the Defender of Oulton for their wedding, which will be a wonderful privilege for the happy couple.

PRAYER INFOCUS

- Pray for wisdom, knowledge and insight for the Waterways Chaplains as they serve those on the water.
- Pray for opportunities for the Waterways Chaplains to begin conversations with those who may need support.
- Pray for existing relationships between boaters and Waterways Chaplains to develop and flourish and that people may be inspired to explore faith.
- Pray for those using the waterways to be encouraged to seek support and guidance from the Waterways Chaplains.
- Pray that each person who is in contact with a Waterways Chaplain will feel the shared love of God.

1 SEPT - 7 SEPT

I NEVER THOUGHT CHANGE WAS POSSIBLE

Homelessness and addiction are major issues in the UK, with more people sleeping rough and greater numbers of people either relapsing into addiction or increasing their alcohol intake to harmful levels. Because of this, our work is more critical than ever. Jo is 49 from Dundee and one of the members of Pirate Monks, a counselling and recovery group run through our Dundee centre. Through practical support, we shared with Joe God's love and the good news, enabling him to start his faith and transformation journey.

meet joe

From age 13, my life didn't take the easy road. I got expelled from every primary school in Dundee because of my behaviour. I struggled with reading and writing, so I got put in the corner with a dunce hat on and I got bullied, heavily. My lunch money was often stolen, so I picked sandwiches out of the bin. I ended up at a residential school, where they reacted to my behaviour by restraining me – pressing my face against the carpet and giving me friction burns. I was 12, and I thought everybody was against me. I ran away every chance I got. I went to another school, and that experience was horrific!

I was one of 42 victims at that school who were mentally and physically abused.

At 17, everything fell like dominoes. I was accused of assaulting a boy when I was 13. I tried to explain to

the police that I wasn't there, but that was a mistake – I thought I'd been at school but realised, later, I had been at home. The sheriff told my dad, "I'm classing your son as mentally disabled, so you assume responsibility, and I suggest you plead guilty." He did, and I got 18 months' probation.



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My family asked me to leave, and I was on and off homeless, sleeping rough, from the age of 17 until I was 40. When you're homeless in Dundee, you get put on the waiting list by the council, but you could wait a month or two until there is space on the list. I survived by smoking weed and drinking, and I was in and out of prison. I slept underneath the staircase in some student accommodation. The heating there was something lovely. It was like going from Scotland to Saudi Arabia.

It was 25 years before I got a bedsit in Dundee. I came into St. Luke's Church for a food parcel. I'd started that morning





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with whisky and weed before going up to the church, and I was waiting there, looking like the Grim Reaper on holiday. And they invited me back! I kept coming back and the darkness slowly went away. After a year, I wanted to give my life to Jesus. I was baptised in the Silvery Tay. I was dunked once, got up and went, “Holy ****”, so I was dunked twice!

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I’d say the biggest thing my relationship with church has helped me with is forgiving people. I’ve got a lot of people to forgive, but I think God’s got a lovely, mysterious way of popping people on your radar. I saw two brothers...who used to bully me...and my face went white! But I found myself praying for them. I was looking at myself the next morning as I was shaving, saying, “Is that me?” But these things are up to Jesus now.”

We are deeply grateful to Joe for sharing his story with us and demonstrating how the work of Church Army, in community, is transforming lives through the love of God in action!

**PRAYER
INFOCUS**

- Pray that the Pirate Monks and Pirate Nuns support groups will continue to flourish and for relationships develop and that people will feel encouraged and motivated to continue attending.
- Pray for resources to be available for the groups and for staff and volunteers to feel the strength and love of God as they support people on their recovery journey.
- Pray that every person struggling with substance misuse or addiction will be encouraged and able to find the right kind of support for their journey.
- Pray for continued strength and perseverance for each person embarking on their own recovery journey.
- Pray for each of us to have a better and more compassionate understanding of the struggles facing people who are battling with substance misuse.

HAGAR'S STORY

DOES IT SHAPE HOW WE SEE?

Church Army supports those in our society who are often overlooked, unseen by others. We reach people who may be in the darkest of places to share with them the light of God and show them hope. In Genesis 16:13, Hagar, a woman who was cast out and unseen by society, encounters God and proclaims, "You are the God who sees me." This powerful verse serves as a reminder of our mission as a Church to see and love all, just as God sees and loves each of us. Jonny Price, Church Resource Officer for Church Army, digs deeper into the story of Hagar and how this incredibly mistreated woman, an outsider and a victim, teaches us something fundamental about the heart of God.



She gave this name to the LORD who spoke to her: "You are the God who sees me," for she said, "I have now seen the One who sees me."

Genesis 16:13

This verse happens in the wider context of the life of Abram, Sarai, and their large household. They are very wealthy, and Abram regularly keeps company with local kings. Yet they don't have the one thing that was valued above all else in their time; children. However, they have been promised that Abram's offspring will be like the dust of the earth, or the stars in the sky, and so they hatch a plan to make sure there is a child; Abram will sleep with Sarai's slave, Hagar.

at what has happened to Hagar; she is a slave of these wealthy people, and her agency is stolen from her further when her body is used by the couple to have a child. Despite having no choice in any of this, she is then mistreated and abused by her mistress for becoming pregnant. Is it any wonder she feels invisible?



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Abram and Sarai don't see a person when they look at her, but instead see their goal and how they can use Hagar to achieve that.

Once Hagar becomes pregnant though, Sarai becomes bitter towards her, and in a move of callousness, Sarai mistreats Hagar so much that Hagar flees into the wilderness, in the direction of Shur. Pause the story here and look back

But then God appears. He sees Hagar, speaks to her, and shows her a glimpse of her sons' future. Who has God appeared to and spoken to before this? Since the narrative of the Flood, she is the third



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recorded person to whom God has spoken to directly, and the first person who names God.

She makes sense of who God is through what He has done for her.

Sadly, Abram and Sarai do not suddenly learn to treat Hagar differently and she is eventually cast out of their camp, sent to wander in the wilderness. But God sees her and cares for her in the wilderness, so that she and her son Ishmael survive and thrive.

Though Hagar was outside of the promise to Abram, God sees her, not for what she can do, but for who she is; a cherished, loved, image bearer of our Creator, who is valuable for no other reason than her existence.

I wonder how many of us could say that we see people in the same way? How many of us can put aside our own desires and ambitions and see the people around us as valuable in themselves, not what they can do? Can we be challenged by Hagar's story, so it shapes our behaviour?

Jonny Price, Church Resource Officer

**PRAYER
INFOCUS**

- Pray for those who may feel overlooked or unseen, that they will come to know the love of God and how valuable they truly are.
- Pray that God may open the eyes and hearts of those who do not see others in need, that they may become compassionate and understanding.
- Pray for the work of Church Army as we share the light and love of Jesus to those in the darkest of places.
- Pray for our siblings in Christ as we explore the story of Hagar and use this to soften our hearts and shape our journey with others.

15 SEPT - 21 SEPT

A SANCTUARY OF HOPE

The Marylebone Project is the largest and longest-serving women's facility of its kind in the UK. Housing 112 bedrooms, it provides safety for women facing unimaginable challenges. The Sanctuary component offers a unique 24/7 drop-in centre for homeless women. With residents and visitors facing intricate and varied needs, many battling profound traumas, the project is dedicated to supporting every woman who walks through its doors, guiding them on a journey to rebuild their lives and discover the boundless love of God. Managing the project is an immense challenge and we are truly blessed to have Amy Hull at the helm, leading the project with unparalleled expertise, grace, compassion, dedication and an unwavering belief in the transformative love of God.

meet amy

After graduating with a degree in social policy, I knew I wanted to work in the homeless sector and decided London would be a good place to start. Although I had some volunteering experience, I didn't have a lot of professional experience, but I started applying for roles, and I was offered a place at the Marylebone Project back in 2008. I then moved around and worked for different organisations within the homeless sector, which gave me valuable experience before I came back to the Marylebone Project in 2021.

The Marylebone Project is a women's-only space. It comes from a Christian ethos, which makes it quite niche and gives a special and deeper meaning to what we do. We care about the women we serve because they are made in the image of God, and each of them is important to our creator. I think this gives us a unique kind of resilience. We know

we have the strength of God supporting us, and we are not doing this alone. Not everyone who works here or uses the services are Christian, but we make space for prayer and acknowledge all faiths. I think that dimension of spirituality and being transparent about who we are is an important part of the project.

Being Executive Manager of the project is a huge responsibility, but it is also an enormous privilege. I know I'm not doing this





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through my own strength; the Lord is ahead of me, and the managers and staff we have are incredible. Our work here is challenging. Often, women come to us with multiple and historic traumas, and it takes time for people to settle and to feel safe enough to open up. We need to start a journey with them where their psychological needs are met, but we also need to support them with physical and mental health issues. There is a lot for these women to navigate, and we are with them through the whole process. We have to understand the complexities of the traumatic experiences a lot of the women have endured and offer consistent, wrap-around support.


There is no quick fix for the women we serve. It takes time and lots of different levels of care, but we are here for the long haul. We are serving women with nowhere else to go because of the commitment of Church Army supporters. Both prayer and financial support are incredibly important, and we appreciate the faithfulness and solidarity of people standing with us. When someone donates to the Marylebone Project, they are making an investment into the work we do here every day, but it is also an important investment into each woman who walks through our doors. It is helping us to show them they are loved by God and letting us help them rebuild their lives, one step at a time.

PRAYER INFOCUS

- Pray for God to bless Amy with the wisdom and compassion she needs every day to manage the project.
- Pray for the protection and safety of staff and volunteers who support women facing traumatic experiences.
- Pray for the continued support and resources for the project as it serves women in crisis.
- Pray that each woman who visits the project will feel valued, encouraged and loved.
- Pray that anyone facing homelessness will be supported in finding a permanent home.

PEOPLE & PLACES

Praying daily for the Church Army network



And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Ephesians 6:18

Church Army stands on the prayer of our supporters and we give thanks for you in your faithfulness to praying for us.

Last quarter we gave a different weekly list because of changes we planned to implement – these have been delayed and so we can revert to the more familiar list where you can pray for a different group of people each day, and start again at the beginning of each month.

Each quarter we offer a different list of names, so the following named people are some of those who are either Commissioned Evangelists (working or retired) – identified by CA after their name, members of the Community, or employed staff, as at the start of June.

- Captain Neil Thomson CA - Chaplaincy Team

day 1

Paul Hamilton CA, Brentwood
 Hilary Harrison, Birmingham
 Joanne Miller CA, Londonderry
 Heather Nesbitt CA, Sleaford
 Emma Taylor, Seaham

day 3

Margaret Lucking CA, Tenterden
 Gary Moore, King's Lynn
 Pamela Wood CA, near Coachford
 Andrew Wooding CA, Sheffield

day 5

Graham Bibby CA, Rye
 Clive Deverell CA, Swindon
 Chris Harrington CA, Sleaford
 Malcolm Jackson CA,
 Saltburn-By-The-Sea

day 7

Tom Flynn, Sheffield
 Diana Greenfield CA, Street
 Isaac Hanna CA, Kilkeel
 Janice Mills CA, Cradley Heath

day 9

James Archer, St Margaret's Bay
 Jenny Colby CA, Calne
 Faye Popham, Sheffield
 Linda Thornton, Rochford

day 11

Terry Bayford CA, Wakefield
 Alex Bielby, Sheffield
 Roger Horsley CA, Cheltenham
 Shena Moray CA, Scarborough

day 2

Sandra Doore CA, Buxton
 Andrew Entecott CA, Eye
 Diane Giles CA, East Grinstead
 Nanette Sanderson CA, Chesterfield
 Steve Simmonds CA, Great Yarmouth

day 4

Dave Lovell, Sheffield
 Suzette Maguire CA, Solihull
 Tracy Milne, Bradford
 John Strong CA, Poole

day 6

Jim Currin CA, Lancaster
 Donna Holmes Elmore, Kettering
 Mike Smithers CA, Ashford
 Betty Swinscoe CA, Derby

day 8

Sarah Clayton, Sheffield
 Mandy Priestley CA, Radstock
 Janet Rourke CA, Chesterfield
 Andrew Smith CA, Preston

day 10

Sheila Bradfield CA, Chippenham
 Barry Hobson CA, Hornchurch
 Anna Mansergh, Sheffield
 Helen Prior-Townsend, Ipswich

day 12

Paul Deeming CA, Bexhill On Sea
 Kathy Green CA, Sheffield
 David Palmer CA, Rochdale
 Tim Smith CA, Sheffield

day 13

John Bentley CA, Harrogate
 Margaret Failes CA, Cheltenham
 Colin Harris CA, Ellesmere Port
 Aileen Taylor CA, Leeds

day 15

Philip Gay CA, Manchester
 David Gray CA, Cramlington
 Jeff Hill CA, Cockermouth
 Michael Voice CA, Portsmouth

day 17

Chris Adams CA, Luton
 Kathleen Boyland CA, North Walsham
 Jude Davis, Southport
 Wendy Evans, Sheffield
 Alice Scarlett, Arbroath

day 19

Esther Barnett, Rochester
 Peggy Boynes CA, Exeter
 Keith Elliott CA, Loughborough
 David Hamilton CA, Enniskillen

day 21

Paul Allinson CA, Newcastle Upon Tyne
 Laurence Gamlen CA, Chertsey
 Ingrid Garbett, Stowmarket
 Anne-Marie Garton, Shoreham-by-Sea

day 14

Grantley Finlayson CA, Luton
 Clynt French CA, Sheffield
 Sandra Tait CA, London
 Paul Tyler CA, Cambridge

day 16

James Hawksworth CA, Ipswich
 Michael Hough CA, Redhill
 Richard Priestley CA, Radstock
 Chris Russell, Cullompton

day 18

Elizabeth Bussmann CA, Switzerland
 Jenny Falcon Otero CA, Keynsham
 Gordon Garvie CA, Huntingdon
 Andrea McLoughlin, Nelson
 Robson Rodrigues CA, Donoughmore

day 20

Geoffrey Allen, Cardiff
 Paul Easby CA, Harrogate
 Catherine Jasper CA, Leicester
 Julie Macauley CA, Manchester

day 22

Chris Brann CA, Bath
 Mark Lavender, Sheffield
 Paul Smith CA, Liverpool
 Timothy Weeks, Bishop's Stortford

day 23

Janet Archer, St Margaret's Bay
 Norma Nelson CA, Liverpool
 Debbie Orriss CA, Pontypridd
 Pam Rhodes, St Albans

day 24

Matthew Arnold, Mansfield
 Michael McLaughlin CA, Gillingham
 John Morson CA, Newcastle Upon Tyne
 Ryan Vernezze, Sheffield

day 25

Raymond Barnard, Spalding
 Paul McDonough CA, Weymouth
 Jacque Messinger, Colchester
 George Newell CA, Newry

day 26

Denise Ambrose, Sheffield
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day 27

Ema Eden, Ruby Project
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 Catherine Wellingbrook-Doswell,
 Thaxted

day 28

Alan Fitch CA, Ilkeston
 Andrena Palmer CA, Oxford
 Keith Shaw CA, Cannock
 Joanne Spink, Sheffield

day 29

Elizabeth Bentley, Sheffield
 Stephen Hurton, Bury St. Edmunds
 Gill Martin CA, Stonehouse
 Denis Tully CA, Nottingham

day 30

Joan Lepper CA, London
 James Stewart CA, Ballymena
 Sarah Waller, Sheffield
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day 31

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