

# REACHING OUT

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What a year 2018 has been for our Corps. We have celebrated our 135<sup>th</sup> year. We have also celebrated the 70<sup>th</sup> birthday of Rushden Salvation Army Scouts.

We give thanks for the many blessings that the Corps has had this year.

Thanks to George for all the events he has arranged for 2018 and thanks in advance for all his hard work that has been put in already for 2019. We also say thanks for all the guests that have come to entertain and minister to us.

Thanks to all of the sections who have contributed to the Corps Mission. Each section has a vital part in reaching out .

Joyce and Lorraine provide beautiful flower arrangements and we are grateful for this and all those that have supported them financially on the Sunday Altar flower list.

Our Corps shops and café staff and volunteers, Roman, Nigel , Jo and Sue have also played such a vital part in reaching out to the public and representing Rushden Salvation Army . A big thank you to each one of you.

Finally as we are in the Christmas period we thank the band and the collectors for their ministry in the caroling programme.

Christmas Wishes to you all.

## A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

*Robert Louis Stevenson*

Loving Father,  
help us remember the  
birth of Jesus,  
that we may share in  
the song of the angels,  
the gladness of the  
shepherds,  
and worship of the  
wise men.

Close the door of hate  
and open the door of  
love all over the world.  
Let kindness come  
with every gift  
and good desires with  
every greeting.  
Deliver us from evil by  
the blessing  
which Christ brings,  
and teach us to be  
merry with clear  
hearts.

May the Christmas  
morning  
make us happy to be  
thy children,  
and Christmas evening  
bring us to our beds  
with grateful thoughts,  
forgiving and forgiven,  
for Jesus' sake.

Amen.

## Inspirational Quotes

### George Matthew Adams, "The Christmas Heart"

Let us remember that the Christmas heart is a giving heart, a wide open heart that thinks of others first. The birth of the baby Jesus stands as the most significant event in all history, because it has meant the pouring into a sick world the healing medicine of love which has transformed all manner of hearts for almost two thousand years... Underneath all the bulging bundles is this beating Christmas heart.

### Taylor Caldwell

I am not alone at all, I thought. I was never alone at all. And that, of course, is the message of Christmas. We are never alone. Not when the night is darkest, the wind coldest, the world seemingly most indifferent. For this is still the time God chooses

### Alexander Smith

Christmas is the day that holds all time together.

### Ruth Carter Stapleton

Christmas is most truly Christmas when we celebrate it by giving the light of love to those who need it most.

### Bob Hope

My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern, is very simple: loving others. Come to think of it, why do we have to wait for Christmas to do that?

### Dale Evans Rogers

Christmas, my child, is love in action. Every time we love, every time we give, it's Christmas.



In Our reception Area this year where Sue our receptionist sits you will see a 7ft Christmas Tree. Sue our receptionist would like to invite anyone to pick up a Tag and write messages , prayers etc and attach the tag to the tree. If anyone would like to do this and also make a donation then any money given will go towards our Defibrillator. Please give Sue your donation - Thankyou



**THE SALVATION ARMY**  
**RUSHDEN SALVATION ARMY**  
Calendar 2019  
**2019 CALENDAR**  
**Sold Out**  
and reception  
All proceeds go towards the purchase of a defibrillator  
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**The Rushden Corps of The Salvation Army wishes all soldiers, adherents and friends a joyous and blessed Christmas and a Prosperous 2019**

**I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful 2019 God Bless You**

**Anne-Marie Desrousseaux**

**Christmas Greetings to You all - Christina White**

**May God's Peace and Joy be with you all my friends at Christmas and in the New Year - Beryl Leigh**

**May Peace, Joy and Happiness be yours at Christmas and in the New Year. Love to all - Ruth Billingham**

**Dear Friends, Joy and Peace in the New Year. With Love and Prayers for all those people still at war in this troubled world - Majorie Ord**

**Somehow not only for Christmas but all the long year through the Joy that you give to others is the Joy that comes back to you. Happy Christmas and a Peaceful 2019 Betty Emerson**

**Wishing you all a Blessed and Peaceful Christmas - Sue Warren - Receptionist**

**May the presence of The Christ Child bless you all this Christmas time - Majors Douglas and Brenda Sparkes**

**May you all know the love and peace of God this Christmas in your hearts.**

**-Major Richard, Gillian, Richard & Darren Crowe**

**Parent and Tots by Rose Maple**

Many of you will have shared the joy of the thanksgiving service on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October of Aubrey Rose daughter to Tom and Lisa.

Aubrey is the newest member of the parent and tots group that meets on Thursday Mornings.

I had the joy of caring for my Granddaughter Ellorah and on Thursday Mornings I take her to The Parents and Tots. To my surprise not only Mum's but Dad's, Grandparents and Aunties all bring their little relations.

The Children all have a great time playing and sharing food and juice. The parents all share in a cuppa , cake/ biscuit.

Each week there is a craft time , this week was hedgehogs with autumn leaves stuck on their backs. After all the toys have been packed away all the children sit around Pat for a time of singing.

During the summer the parents wanted to meet up so we had a few picnics. The Parents and Tots is a warm a friendly group.

## The Gambia

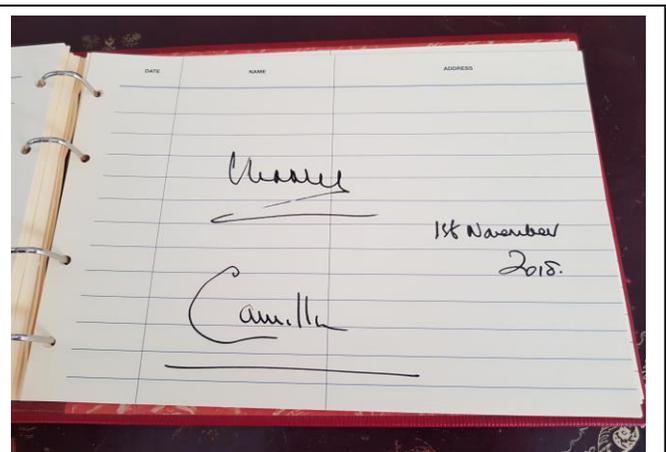
I thought that I would share with you some on the things that Karl , Tim , Mum and Dad and myself did whilst on our visit to The Gambia last month.

It was a real privilege for Karl and Myself to go and visit the Compound where we have replaced the compound roof that many people have kindly supported here from The Corps. It was a humbling experience especially as Lamin had taught his father to say Thankyou to us in English (Lamin's Father is pictured with Karl below)

We also went to visit Alasan a nine year old Orphan who Carol Maddams has kindly sponsored him so that he can go to school. So Thankyou Carol for your support to this young lad.



We also have supported a small group out in The Gambia called Think Young Women, This is a group of Young Women that was set up to address issues affecting young women. We had the privilege of meeting them at The British High Commisioners Sharon Wardle's residency in The Gambia. What made it also special was the we signed the visitors book on the following page to Prince Charles and The Duchess of Cornwall.



## Reaching Out Newsletter

Thankyou for all that have supported with articles for Reaching Out. The newsletter does take time to produce on a monthly basis. We are looking for someone to take the role of putting this together over from February's edition as this will be my last edition of The Newsletter. If anyone would like to do this then please see Major Richard Crowe or myself

- Graeme Scott