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Our Corps Mission Statement:
*‘Called to be disciples of Jesus Christ, Ipswich Citadel Corps exists to save souls,
grow saints and serve suffering humanity’*

*It’s really good to see you today and welcome to our morning meeting led by our new Corps Officers
Majors Stephen & Sandra Battle. Children’s and youth activities today at 11.00am.*

 <p>FAIRTRADE</p>	<p>Following our morning meetings, coffee and tea will be served in the lounge/YP hall. A <u>small donation</u> will assist the purchasing of Fair Trade Tea and Coffee</p>
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<p><u>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:</u></p> <p><u>Tuesday 29th July</u> 9.15am CAMEO Club 7.00pm Songster Practice</p> <p><u>Saturday 2nd August 9.00-11.30am</u> Big Breakfast</p> <p><u>Sunday 3rd August 6.30pm</u> United Church service at St Johns Brightwell</p> <p><u>Friday 8th August 11.30am</u> The Anglia Fellowship Band will be holding a concert at Felixstowe Salvation Army Cobbold Road with light refreshments afterwards.</p> <p><u>Sunday 10th August 6.30pm</u> Our Songsters are leading the evening service at Chelmondiston church</p> <p><u>Friday 22nd & Saturday 23rd August</u> Big Connection collecting at Sainsbury’s Felixstowe Road. Please add your name to the list on the noticeboard in the foyer or see Michael Keats for further details</p> <p>The latest edition of the Ipswich Salvation Army magazine & What’s On is available in the foyer and to view online on our website</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Major Stephen’s Column</u></p> <p>“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ” (Ephesians 1:3). We rightly give praise to God for all that he has given us; but what has he given? First, and foremost, he gave Jesus, his only begotten son. In giving, God allowed his eternal son to be born as a human, who received the name Jesus (the Lord saves). Jesus gave his followers an example to follow; encouraging his disciples that they would do what he had been doing and to love as he loves. Jesus gave the ultimate sacrifice, showing the greatest love of all; to die, not just for ‘his friends’, but for all. This sacrifice is the means of our salvation; there is no other. Jesus has given us, through his death and resurrection, eternal life. What other ‘spiritual blessings’ have we been blessed with?</p> <p>Adopted as children of God (including Ephesians 1:5, 1 John 3:2). Chosen by God for good works (including John 15:16, Ephesians 1:4-5). Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:2-23). Gifts of the Spirit (including Romans 12:6-8, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, 28). There are many others that I am sure you can also identify. My question on Sunday will be asking ‘to what extent have we availed ourselves of these spiritual blessings?’ Are we thriving as Christians, ‘safe in the arms of Jesus’, empowered, enabled and equipped by him for the good works he has called us to do? Or do we claim ‘only’; “I am ‘only’ me; what can I do?” The emphasis being on ‘I’ rather than ‘can’. Try changing the emphasis in the question to what CAN I do (as an offering)? We can miss out on so much, thinking ‘only’ rather than abundantly.</p> <p>Rest assured, I haven’t got this right yet; but I am working on it. Over the next years, while Sandra and I are appointed to Ipswich we can work together to deepen our respective relationships with God, in Jesus, through his Spirit, and realise this abundance that God has already given to us in Christ.</p>
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