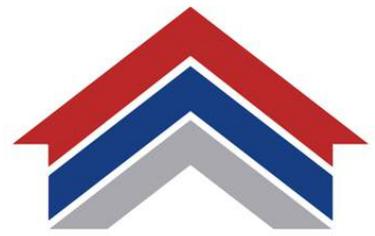


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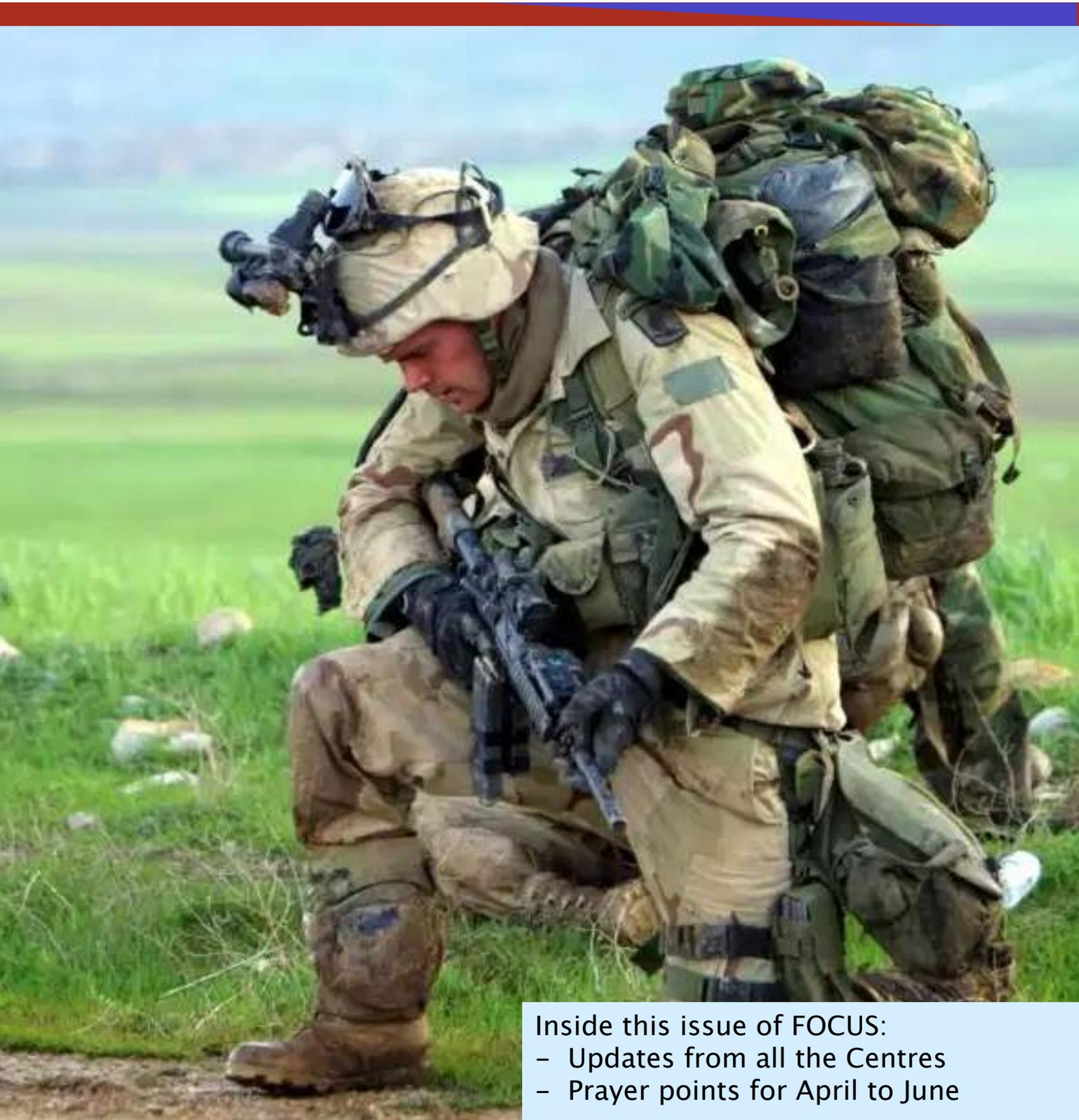


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SANDES Soldiers' & Airmen's Centres

April to June 2021



Inside this issue of FOCUS:

- Updates from all the Centres
- Prayer points for April to June



CAN YOU ...

mop floors,
wash dishes,
help prepare food,
serve tea and coffee,
and still look cheerful?

CAN YOU ...

counsel a young Christian,
share the Gospel 1-to-1,
pray and love every day,
and trust God for the
results?

IF SO ...

would you think and pray
about working or
volunteering with SANDES?

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Do you ever feel overburdened by life? I think we all do from time to time. Things go wrong, and we panic because we are no longer in control. You can't cope with life problems—too much is happening, you can't handle it. You feel everyone is pressuring you, even though they may not be—you feel lost or you're weighed down by other people.

These are strange and frightening feelings, and you're not sure what to do about it. It's common to feel so overwhelmed sometimes, to the point where you feel like everything is too hard. It can be difficult to work out why you are feeling so hopeless. Identifying the things that are contributing to the feeling will allow you to work out how to deal with it and get a bit of relief. That's where it's good to have a close friend who will listen—no judgement. Just a good friend who will let you talk out your feelings.

Why do we feel overwhelmed? Some things are common, like:

- We may have a feeling that the magnitude of the task at hand is too big to handle.
- We're put in the position of having to do things we've never done before—we are out of our comfort zone.

- We get caught up in circumstances where we don't know what to do—a situation especially aggravated when we have had no training to deal with it and there appears to be no plan.

- We may have the fear of failure.

All of these feelings have one thing in common: fear. The core of being overwhelmed is fear—being afraid of the unknown and lacking confidence in our abilities to deal with the unexplored and unfamiliar. But we don't need to let fear and anxiety freeze us. There are principles we can apply that will help us get a grip on our feelings of anxiety and not let them gain control over us.

Watch Your Health

One way to gain the upper hand when you're feeling overwhelmed is to watch your health. Usually that anxious, defeatist sensation comes over us when we are worn-out. We need to know that exhaustion can have a major impact on how we see our tasks at hand.

Break the Task Down

We can learn to manage the thing that is overwhelming us. We tend to look at a project as one big unit, instead of a batch of small parts. Yet by

mentally taking apart the task, we can avoid feeling overwhelmed at its magnitude. Rome wasn't built in a day. Neither are other large projects.

Look for Alternatives

Sometimes we must seek out alternatives. Ask yourself: Do I really need to do this? You may find you are spending considerable time and energy—and too much worry—on things that aren't necessary. Concentrate instead on the essential. Make those things your priority.

Seek God's Help

When life seems to overwhelm us, we have God's promises that he will work with us to see us through. Talk things over with him in prayer. Such communication with God is helpful in several ways. Prayer helps us focus on what is most important. It enables us to have clearer minds. Prayer resets the mind—lets us mentally start over—and allows us, with God's help, to find alternative ways to deal with our challenges.

Ask God to help you evaluate and properly set your priorities. Sometimes we need to learn a lesson about taking on too much. We should learn that lesson quickly. Otherwise

we'll unnecessarily overburden ourselves. Remember that fear lies at the root of much of our anxiety, and we shouldn't allow it to immobilise us.

Consider Paul's words in Romans:8:31 (NIV): "If God is for us, who can be against us?" And Jesus reminds us that "with God all things are possible" (Matthew:19:26). With God's help, we should be able to cast aside fear and anxiety. We should be able to focus on what is appropriate and possible—and then do it.

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God's Word says to cast all of our anxiety on Him because He cares for us. Turn all of your burdens and concerns over to God, and He will guide your every step and help you be attentive to His loving direction.

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Aldershot



Spring is a wonderful season and all around us is the evidence of New Life. The warmer weather of the last few days has certainly caused life to burst forth.



One of the great positives of lockdown has been the ability to appreciate the wonderful nature all around us... as you walk along the Blackwater Valley path, which has an access point just by The Connaught Centre. Birds are singing their hearts out,

snowdrops and daffodils are breaking forth and if you're really lucky you might catch a deer making the most of the sunshine.

For us this is also a New Season On one of his visits to The Connaught Centre, the Garrison Commander asked me "what is the theme of the Sandes Cafe ... my immediate answer was "LIFE"!

As you may have seen in a previous issue, The Connaught Centre has taken on a new lease of life and we are almost ready to open. We have been busy getting the new cafe and community space renewed ... managed to get some new furniture and fairly soon the new kitchen will go in.

A new lease of life means a new name.... and so The Aldershot Garrison Community Hub (yes it's a mouthful!) emerges for the new season

and whilst I can't begin to talk about the whole building, our space 'Sandes' – the Sandes Centre Cafe is looking very good...

First we will open the terrace ... around April 12th – There is a lovely outdoor space off the Cafe where you will be able to chat with friends and enjoy a takeaway coffee and some snacks... there will be a few toys for little ones...

I have included a picture of the new playground provided by DIO out front... if we can get the parents off the zip-wire I'm sure the children will enjoy this... we are planning to have some picnic tables where you will be able to sit with a snack to keep an eye on your offspring!!



Finally, for this issue at least, there are some other projects in the wings that will bring fresh life to the centre ... but more about that on another

occasion...

We are now approaching Easter, as people of Faith, we understand that this is where New Life begins...

- It's about breaking out and seeing the world through different eyes ...
- It's about understanding that there is more to life than the present moment ...
- It's about considering the greater power that causes the seasons to come and go and LIFE to burst forth...

We were offered a lot of plastic plants at one point but they were refused because our life and our faith is nothing fake – it is for real that “Christ is risen...Risen indeed” and through him a new lease of life released into the world...

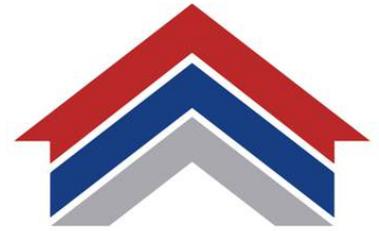
With the end of lockdown now in sight ... let's decide to focus on seeing life in new ways and new places and appreciate all that's out there in our local community. As we re-open we look forward to welcoming members of our community into our space... and as we are outside the wire ... if you happen to be in Aldershot come and see new life at work!

David & Lynn Webb

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Lisburn & Ballykinlar



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Recently I have been reading the gospel of Matthew and in Chapter 5 we find what are commonly known as the beatitudes, these are a group of sayings that start with “blessed are the...” While reading them through I was encouraged by the many different difficult situations mentioned in which we can find blessings – mourning – persecution – false allegations to name just a few. These are often situations when we may feel aggrieved or justified in having a whinge or a pity party. Yet in this passage Jesus tells us we are blessed when these things happen. When these things happen we can choose to take them to God and look for His purposes, encouragement and strength to get through them and in turn grow closer to Him or we can dwell on our problems take our eyes off Him and

become bitter. I am reminded of a saying I once heard “we can tell God how big our mountain is or we can tell our mountain how big our God is”.



We have all been through difficult times in this last year, especially with all the restrictions that Covid 19 has brought us, but if we choose to look for the positives and the blessings in the midst of the problems and even more importantly look to God as our source of hope then we can deal with the trials of life that

come our way.

It is with this hope that we can look back over the last quarter and into the next quarter in the Centres in Lisburn and Ballykinlar. At Christmas time most of the guys went home on Christmas leave and we were looking forward to reopening the Centre in early January but the regulations changed and there were tighter guidelines issued. In response to this Brigade Headquarters decided that in the interests of public health that there should be no more than 25% of the garrison back on camp. While we still could have opened for take away during this time, it was decided that with so few people on camp it would not have been viable for us to do so. We remain closed at present but we hope to reopen soon.



The Ladies Prayer Meeting on Zoom

While at times we have felt

frustrated at not being able to physically be there for our friends and customers we are still in contact with quite a few on social media and other technological means. Jan and Leanne still have weekly “Zoom” prayer meetings with some of the Christian wives and Jan has been “attending” Zoom fitness classes put on by the Army Welfare Services which Leanne has been able to join too as they have been extended for another 6 weeks. Jan has also been posting daily readings on the Sandes Facebook and Instagram pages which have been received well. We have had several people tell us that they enjoy watching these videos. On one occasion (when restrictions allowed) I was able to meet up in our back garden with one of the soldiers to have a socially distant chat. He was going through a couple of difficult situations and just needed a listening ear to sound off to.

This has been so hard for new families and also for ones who are leaving us. We have been able to say “goodbye” to a couple of families and give the children some little treat bags for their travels and Jan has been able to meet up with

a few new ladies who have moved in along with the new CO's wife for a walk and a talk.

The start of the year was difficult for Leanne as she lost both her grandfathers. She was very close to both of them and we continue to pray for her and the wider family circle. We have met up on occasions with Leanne for walks and prayer times as we seek God for the way forward in the work. Both Leanne and Jan have spent some time in Head Office sorting through some of the old archives, and learning more of the history of Sandes. At one point Jan couldn't find Leanne anywhere, until she discovered that Leanne had found some kit stashed away!

We do not know what the future holds, I don't think that this time last year anyone thought we would still be under such strict guidelines and although there are signs of the restrictions being lifted no one can really say what lies ahead. We are looking to God, who holds the future in His hands and we are trusting Him and we know that no matter what trials come our way we will be blessed in Him and by Him.

Trevor & Jan



Deputations

Would you like someone from Sandes to visit your church group and talk about the work that Sandes does with the military?

Learn of the history of Sandes and what goes on at each of our Centres.

See the materials and literature that we distribute in the U.K. and across the world to support our soldiers.

Join the hundreds of people who support the work of Sandes. Stand with us as we seek to bring Christian love and witness to those within HM Forces.

To arrange a suitable date and time, please call
Head Office on 028 90 500 250 or email admin@sandes.org.uk

PLEASE PRAY!

Please pray:

- for the on-going health and safety of all of our staff
- that soon all the Centres will be opened and fully operational
- that those directly affected by the virus will see God's healing
- that the finances of the Mission will be adequately replenished to enable us to continue forward
- that the new Centre in Aldershot will open in April as hoped
- for new opportunities for Sandes to establish Centres in Army bases

**"And how can they believe in Him if they have never heard about Him?
And how can they hear about Him unless someone tells them?"**

Romans 10:14 (NLT)

Prayer Diary



Prayer Requests

Pray for the Sandes family and all those affected by the coronavirus

Pray that the Sandes Prayer meeting will be able to safely meet again in person soon

Pray for the Head Office staff as they seek to support the important work of the Centres

Pray that the impact of the pandemic on the work of the mission will be overcome

Pray for more people to commit to supporting Sandes, both prayerfully and practically

Please pray for our Superintendents and Support Workers:

Jim and Mary Jane McCracken	Harrogate
Mark and Sally Nieuwoudt	Harrogate
Chris and Marlene Wilkinson	Holywood
Trevor and Jan Pinkerton	Lisburn/Ballykinlar
Leanne Briggs	Lisburn/Ballykinlar
James and Michelle Loubser	Pirbright
David and Lynn Webb	Aldershot

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Colossians 4: 2-3

April 2021



Please pray for:

- 1 the safety of our soldiers on deployment
- 2 for our Vice Presidents and others working behind the scenes to create this platform for Sandes outreach
- 3 James and Michelle and their team in Pirbright
- 4 HE IS RISEN TODAY!
- 5 Jim and Mary Jane and their team in Harrogate
- 6 the preparations to open the new Centre in Aldershot
- 7 David and Lynn in Aldershot
- 8 renewed commitment and expectation for everyone involved with Sandes
- 9 a secure spiritual climate on camps and especially in our Sandes Centres
- 10 for opportunities for the Mission to grow
- 11 a deep revelation of God's love to all attending garrison services
- 12 good rapport with all soldiers coming to the Centres
- 13 God's leading for the future of Sandes
- 14 Sandes to be relevant to today's soldiers
- 15 a new generation of faithful Sandes supporters to arise
- 16 the Sandes Prayer Meeting on Zoom today
- 17 Trevor and Jan and their team in Lisburn
- 18 rest and restoration for all the Sandes family
- 19 the value of Sandes to be recognised and supported by all of those within the welfare elements of the Army
- 20 a growth in the support base of Sandes
- 21 a sense of freshness and newness for those who encounter the message of hope in Sandes
- 22 protection for our troops serving and training throughout the world
- 23 Chris and Marlene and their team in Hollywood
- 24 encouragement for Christians in the Armed Forces to share their faith
- 25 garrison chaplains, as they lead services today
- 26 Bibles, literature and dog tags being distributed through our centres
- 27 wisdom for the Sandes Committee
- 28 fresh ideas and effective ways for outreach within and beyond the Sandes Centres
- 29 increased usage of the Sandes centres with opportunities to impact lives
- 30 protection for Sandes against spiritual attack

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God." Mark 10:27

May 2021



Please pray for:

1. opportunities to assist the other welfare agencies within the military in caring for people
2. a deep revelation of God's love to all attending garrison services
3. Bibles, literature and dog tags being distributed through our Centres
4. Trevor and Jan and their team in Lisburn
5. settled and committed teams in Sandes
6. new opportunities for outreach in each of our Centres
7. the Commanding Officers on camps where we have Sandes Centres
8. a breakthrough as we see people being saved within the military community
9. local fellowship and spiritual support for all the Sandes family
10. courage and confidence for Christians serving in the Armed Forces
11. a new generation of faithful Sandes supporters to arise
12. local fellowships and spiritual support for all our workers in Sandes
13. our Vice Presidents working behind the scenes to support Sandes
14. funding requests would be fruitful
15. Jim and Maryjane and their team in Harrogate
16. garrison chaplains, as they lead services today
17. people to prayerfully consider supporting Sandes through their legacy planning
18. Chris and Marlene and their team in Hollywood
19. encouragement and blessing for all Sandes supporters
20. those in the Sandes family who need a healing touch from the Lord
21. the Sandes Prayer Meeting on Zoom today
22. David and Lynn in Aldershot
23. rest and restoration of all the workers of Sandes
24. the safety of our soldiers on deployment
25. good rapport with soldiers coming in to our Centres
26. James and Michelle and their team in Pirbright
27. continued increased usage of all Sandes Centres and opportunities to impact lives
28. wisdom for the Sandes Committee
29. the Lord's financial provision for the work of Sandes
30. encouragement today for Christians in the Armed Forces
31. the value of Sandes to be recognised within the Army

Look at the nations and watch – and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told.

Habakkuk 1:5

June 2021



Please pray for:

1. those soldiers who come to Sandes with life issues
2. that more and more people will catch the vision for Sandes
3. soldiers and their families suffering from the consequences of conflict
4. conviction of the Holy Spirit to awaken people within the military community from spiritual apathy and unbelief
5. opportunities to witness despite the busyness of running the Centres
6. divine inspiration for Padres taking services today
7. God centred unity and single purpose throughout the work of Sandes
8. for a breakthrough in the work in Holywood
9. a deep revelation of God's love to all attending garrison services today
10. Trevor and Jan and their team in Lisburn
11. encouragement for Christians in the Armed Forces to live and share their faith
12. Sandes to remain both financially solvent and spiritually effective
13. garrison chaplains, as they lead services today
14. Chris and Marlene and their team in Holywood
15. wisdom on any new initiatives or opportunities presented to Sandes
16. hope for those in the military suffering emotional distress
17. James and Michelle and their team in Pirbright
18. the Sandes Prayer Meeting on Zoom today
19. people to prayerfully consider supporting Sandes through their legacy planning
20. a deep revelation of God's love to all attending garrison services
21. soldiers and their families to come to a living faith in Jesus
22. a new generation of faithful Sandes supporters to arise
23. good and supportive relationships with Padres on the camps
24. the young recruits in Harrogate
25. Jim and Maryjane and their team in Harrogate
26. the continued increase in footfall throughout our Centres
27. all the seeds of faith planted through Sandes, that they would grow and bear fruit
28. wisdom for new initiatives
29. God's favour and blessing on all Christian ministries to the military
30. David and Lynn in Aldershot

"I am the Lord, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?"
Jeremiah 32:27

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Harrogate



Spring is in the air and at last we can begin to see a wee light at the end of a very long and at times dark tunnel, will things soon return to normal? Maybe not, but change is good – new beginnings, new challenges, new Focus.

The work of the mission in Harrogate was able to keep going through the worst of the Covid 19 and we praise God that it still does. The changes that we felt the most were seeing people chilling and having some time out, but that didn't stop the mission work. Mark and Sal were at home on furlough and they still had an outreach from home keeping in touch via email and zoom with us in the Centre keeping things going. Over the time we have had a few boulders to climb over and maybe a couple of wee mountains to climb but we got there. We overcame and adapted, helping some on the

way who had their own mountains to climb and are still climbing.

In the quiet times I have been mending the settees in the Centre. They are comfy and well-worn but sadly many are now mostly held together by black tape and we hope sometime in the future to replace them.



PPE by MaryJane!

The Centre has had a move around and spring clean, and we are getting ready for the re-opening of the whole centre. The soldiers are looking forward to sitting in back in their "home from home" atmosphere and we have been asked many times when they will be able to sit in again. It is good to know that people feel the peace in Sandes and can't wait to return.

The last couple of pass offs have been different to say the least, but one thing that never changes is the joy and enthusiasm of the junior soldiers and staff. Although the families could not attend the parade they were able, as we were, to join in and watch the live stream of the whole parade. What memories for those who have now moved on to their Regiments and a new chapter in their Army careers. It was a blessing to get to know them albeit at a distance but a wee chat and a wee "jinny" along the way was just what they needed most times.

We have been having a clear out and have come across some wonderful "things" that have been tucked away and really been forgotten about. We sometimes we do it in life, tuck

away things in our hearts that really should have been thrown away. It's nearly spring and a new season. A time for a spring clean, a time for new beginnings, a time for fresh starts and try to put those dark days behind us and keep looking forward in the direction we are going. This has been a hard year for many and that includes Sandes too, but we serve a faithful God who wants the very best for us and in return we want to give Him our very best.

This year Jim and I will have been in Sandes for 21 years! We remember it all so clearly as if it was yesterday – our three and half years at Pirbright and eighteen years at Harrogate. So many happy memories along the way, and Lord willing we will make many more.

Thank you all for your wonderful support and your prayers for all of us at Harrogate. Me, Jim, Mark, Sal and Denise all appreciate it very much and as the first wee company of the new intake start to settle into the way of life at the Army Foundation College we wish you all God's blessings with grateful thanks.

Jim & MaryJane

A New Council Member for Sandes!

At the end of 2020 Sandes welcomed Lt. Col. Rev. Mark Grant-Jones as a Council Member for Sandes. Currently the Senior Chaplain in Northern Ireland, he was educated at London University where he read for an MSc degree in Geomorphology and Geomaterials Engineering. After work in offshore oil exploration and civil engineering, he began to attend church with his future wife. After coming to faith he attended Cardiff University gaining BD and MTh degrees in Theology. He was ordained a Baptist Minister in 1997 and after serving in churches in South Wales and Kent was commissioned as an Army Chaplain in September 2003. In the following years, Mark has served around the world on military operations and with a broad variety of units and formation headquarters. Mark saw active service in Iraq, Kosovo and Afghanistan, and has held both NATO and UK appointments. Mark has a keen interest in evangelism and helping people



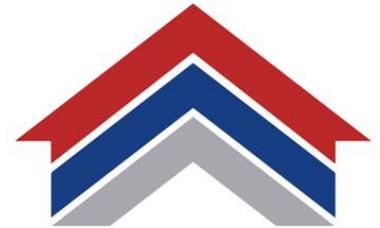
understand the Christian faith and the hope it brings. With related interests in teaching and communications, Mark hosts a weekly podcast discussing issues of physical, mental and spiritual resilience. He is a keen cyclist, runner and travel photographer and is married to Sarah, a psychotherapist, and together they have four adult daughters.

We look forward to Marks contribution and involvement with Sandes, and ask that you prayerfully remember him along with the other Council Members

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Hollywood



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'Eye has not seen the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.'

1 Corinthians 2:9

Periodically I would receive one of the many unwanted postcards from SKY inviting me to consider it's latest offers on either the latest phone deal or the TV packages. All I have to do is contact the company to receive the necessary new equipment and they will explain how to connect and activate it. After that, according to the information, I just have to sit back and enjoy a whole new experience. The company sums this up with the tagline "Believe in better."

What comes to your mind when I read these words? Well, for me, they make me think that as a Christian I am indeed a very privileged person to be able to 'believe in better' because God

transports people from a world full of the darkness of sin into His marvellous light (1 Peter 2:9) and gives them a sure and certain hope of an eternal home with Him. A whole new world opens up to the believer, as we read Romans 5 we see more of what it means to 'believe in better' and all that we have when we are in Christ.

We have been reconciled to God through the death of His Son (v 10) and therefore have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ (v. 1) we have access to God and His grace (v. 2). Furthermore, we also can rejoice in trouble because we understand that it's an opportunity to grow in our character through trusting Him (v 3-4). In addition, the Holy Spirit, who has been given to live in us, pours the love of God into our hearts (v 5). Also sin no longer has the same hold on us. Therefore do you not

agree that, as a child of God, we have unlimited reasons to 'believe in better'? Here at Sandes, with your help, we continually seek to invite others to join us in the abundant life that the Lord Jesus Christ spoke of and to give them cause to 'believe in better'. When you think about it, belonging to God brings boundless blessings!

CHILDREN'S WORK

As we began a new year, we found ourselves continuing to be furloughed. Despite the closure of the Centre, there have been some opportunities to minister to the soldiers and their families, especially the boys and girls. You will remember from the last focus notes, I mentioned the possibility of holding a Christmas special, I am pleased to report that the club was able to take place online. We give thanks to the Lord for a good relationship with the youth leader on camp and for the interest of the children and their parents who allowed them to take part. Please continue to pray with us for the seed that was sown in the hearts of the boys and girls.

LIFE ON CAMP

As I am sure you are aware by now, the regiment are away at

the moment and are due to return mid-March. Upon their return they will have to quarantine. Following this the regiment will then be on leave for Easter. This has implications for the Centre as in the short term there will continue to be very little happening on camp, with only essential visitors permitted this means life continues to be very quiet.

CONTINUE TO PRAY

Please also continue to remember in prayer those that have been mentioned in past prayer notes and also:

- For the dog tags, Bibles and literature that have been handed out in the past – pray that God will use these as a mean to reach people with the Gospel.
- For the re-opening of the centre at the right time – to be able to reconnect with existing customers and to see some new faces.

Thank you all for your continued prayers and support which are an encouragement in these ever changing and uncertain days.

Chris & Marlene

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Pirbright



Unlike the start of a New Year, where there is usually excitement, anticipation, and a sense of relief at being able to start again, the mood this year was very different. It felt as if everyone was just living in Survival mode! We just need to survive this lockdown, we just need to survive this pandemic, we just need to survive! Many had not seen loved ones, many had been on their own and many were very depressed.

And as if things could get even more depressing, we had a very heavy fall of snow!



Then God started to speak to us through His Word! Out of this desert experience of lockdown and virus, God was going to bring life, bring hope and do something NEW!



This was going to be a New Year, an exciting year, a year filled with new opportunities to show God's love, new people to meet and new testimonies of God's faithfulness!

Our first exciting introduction was meeting the new Padre of ATR 1, Padre Justin. He stood in the Centre and prayed for the work of Sandes. We feel so blessed to have him serve with the other Padres, whom we love dearly and pray with on a regular basis.

Our precious Chaplaincy team:



Padre Nigel



Padre Justin



Padre Jonathan



Padre CJ

We also decided it was time to do something new in the Centre. We reorganized the shop area and were so happy when we could replace the old noisy fridge. Many comments have been made on how lovely the area now looks and many are enjoying buying necessary items needed during their training or for their courses.



Due to Sandes being part of the Welfare in the camp, we were asked to keep serving the recruits but just having to do it in new ways. Troops are now having to be signed in either to visit the shop or to have food.

We had to revise the layout of the Centre to accommodate the maximum of 40 we are allowed to have in the building at one time but just so grateful that we can still serve these precious young men and women in their training teams, albeit socially distanced.



In leading up to Isaiah 43, we were also reminded of a verse in Isaiah 35:

1 The desert will rejoice, and flowers will bloom in the wastelands.

2 The desert will sing and shout for joy; it will be as

beautiful as the Lebanon Mountains and as fertile as the fields of Carmel and Sharon. Everyone will see the Lord's splendor, see his greatness and power.

3 Give strength to hands that are tired and to knees that tremble with weakness.

4 Tell everyone who is discouraged, "Be strong and don't be afraid! God is coming to your rescue..."

and we felt it was if God was saying there will be brighter days ahead.

Of course, there were plenty of reminders around us as we watched the daffodils pop up all around us.



And with extra confirmation, our precious ladies, learning a new skill, made us some beautiful cushions for the Centre, with flowers on them!



Sarita & Durga with the lovely cushions they made for us

On a more personal note, we also witnessed God doing something new – the healing of one of our precious little yorkies, Pudsey. So many folk were praying for her and we believe God healed her to show that He still is God who comes to the rescue and God who still does the impossible.



God is doing something NEW! His business is making things NEW!

Many blessings.

James & Michelle

LEGACY PLANNING

As Christians we believe, and live our lives according to the principle, that everything we own comes from God and is entrusted to us for our life on earth. We are stewards of our family, property, belongings and finances.

We know that this earth is not our home and so we endeavour to steward our possessions in such a way as to leave a lasting legacy. That legacy will first and foremost be a gospel legacy – a godly life lived to the glory of God and so we employ our resources to that end.

We all know that at some stage we will leave this present world and enter our eternal rest and will no longer have need of our earthly possessions. What a joy it is to know that even after our death we can still be a blessing to those we leave behind!

We can use our possessions to make provision for our family and friends, but we can also utilise our possessions to leave a legacy in providing for the furtherance of Gospel work.

Sandes has benefitted in immeasurable ways from individuals who have left a legacy in their wills for a specific project or the wider work of the mission. This giving is not budgeted for and can be utilised in a way that can propel and fuel some previously unplanned aspect to the ministry. In the past, legacies have been used to assist with running and core costs and the purchase of important and necessary items for the Centres.

No matter how large or small, each gift can and will make a significant impact on the work of the mission and ministry for the glory of Jesus Christ.

If you would like to find out more or if you would like to leave a gift in your will to Sandes, please contact the Mission Director who would gratefully speak with you in confidence.

Gift Aid

Gift Aid is a tax relief allowing UK charities such as Sandes to reclaim an extra 25% on every eligible donation made by a UK tax payer.

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