

# FOCUS



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**SANDES Soldiers' & Airmen's Centres**

July to September 2021



Inside this issue of FOCUS:  
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**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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Those past eighteen months have been difficult, haven't they! Last year when the sun shone through the first lockdown, it seemed easier to bear, the garden grew, the birds sang, and we could all take time to enjoy and appreciate God's wonderful creation. During the second lockdown, when it was wet and cold, it seemed harder to keep going. We couldn't sit outside with friends and family, everywhere was closed, time dragged. But we kept going, and eventually the lockdown eased, and the sun shone again.

It's in those moments when we have a choice to make. Do we stop or keep going? Our feelings may be screaming Stop! Stop!! But our spirit says, Obey, keep going! So we continue forward, but now we cannot push forward in our own strength... we need the Lord. we need **His** strength to press on within us.

The Scripture, "I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus," (Phil 3:14) comes to mind.

Our bodies are tired.

Our senses are dulled, we miss our families and friends.

We wonder,

"How can I do this? How can I make it any further?"

Jesus!

Suddenly a fresh determination

rises up within us...

The words of Jesus, "With man this is impossible, but with God nothing is impossible!"

A smile crosses our face. Determination fills our heart. We rely only on this joy coming from within.

**With God nothing is impossible!**

We rely fully on the surge of strength within that now I'm doing this unto the Lord. It's an act of obedience. Of worship.

**The Teacher teaches again as we plough forward,**

The scripture hits my heart, "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world," John 16:33.

Take heart.

Another translation reads, "Be of good cheer." And another, "Be of courage".

Take heart. Be of good cheer. Be of courage!

**God has a message of hope for you today in your circumstance.**

He's saying,

Just continue on a little further.

Press on!

Don't give up!

Seek me and I will show you the mark.

I will highlight that place you

must push too.  
Rely on Me.  
On My strength.  
Rest in Me and allow Me to be  
the momentum that rises up  
within you.  
But you must keep going!  
Be of courage!  
Don't let go.  
Don't stop.  
Trust Me.

### **God is good friend.**

"God is our refuge and strength,  
A very present help in  
trouble." Psalm 46:1

### **Keep Going!**

There are many who are  
struggling to keep going. They  
wonder how much longer this  
must go on. They're in a season  
that's hard. A season of much  
"pushing". Friend! Heed the  
word of God today! Cling to it!  
Dive into Truth today! Read what  
God says about you in the  
Psalms. In Proverbs. In the

Epistles. Don't let go now! Now  
is the time to press on! Get into  
the Word of God. Live a lifestyle  
of prayer!

Everything is for a time and a  
season (Ecc. 3:1). And some  
seasons in life mean we  
continue on, and we trust the  
Lord that He is with us, and He  
will give us the strength,  
courage and joy to press on  
toward the mark!

Rely on God friend. Rely on Him  
for breath. For peace. Abide in  
Him as you continue forward in  
your journey. God has purpose  
in every season He has you in.  
Remember, Jesus didn't promise  
life would be easy, what He said  
was, "Take heart! Be of courage!  
Be of good cheer!"

Don't give up. Press on toward  
the mark. Trust the Lord. Each  
and every day choose to  
continue moving forward.  
Embrace the journey and thank  
God that He is with you every  
step of the way.

As all of our deputation meetings, exhibitions and conferences have been cancelled this year, we have not been able to continue to spread the word about the great work of Sandes, and grow our base of friends and supporters. If you know of anyone who would like to know more about the work of Sandes and who would be willing to support us, please contact Head Office and we will send them a copy of FOCUS and some details about our mission to the military.

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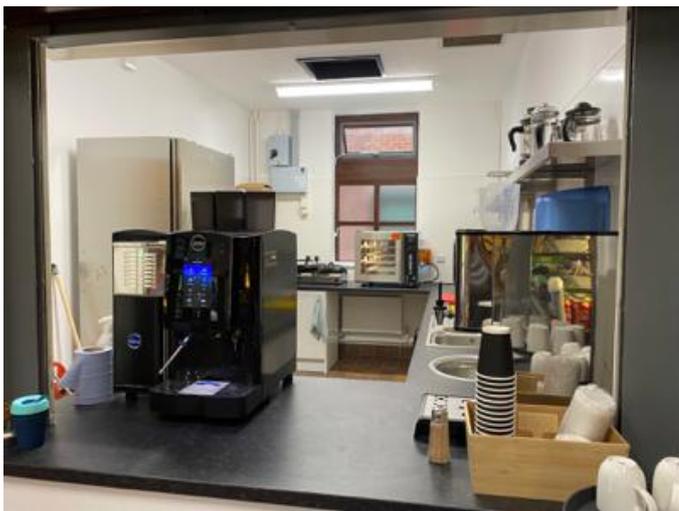
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## Aldershot



As I write we have just completed Day 3 of being open ... It's the third of June 2021...

The kitchen was completed last week....



### The new kitchen

and during that time we were able to forge a great rapport with the contractors... Lots of the smaller jobs were also completed and the Peace Lounge - behind the main community space is looking great.

There is a verse in 1 Chronicles that says "Position yourself for blessing" ... this has been our

posture now for a number of weeks and already we are seeing local families come into the centre... Our hearts are open, and as positively as we are able, despite face masks and regulations we are embracing the folks who are coming in to explore the new expression of Sandes...(Sandies)!!



Life is not without its challenges, operating in a shared space is one of these and we are seeking for a peaceful way forward where the Sandes Space will offer a place of sanctuary to all

who enter in. Wifi and other technical aspects also are a challenge however we are rejoicing that some of the challenges we faced over the past year are settling down as we press on. Of course the retirement of the Garrison commander Lt. Col. Paddy Baines means that the driving force behind the development of the centre has now gone... however a good foundation has been laid and we are in a good position for the next phase... We are looking forward to getting to know the new commander.

The new Aldershot Garrison Community Hub (formerly the Connaught Centre) is a totally new venture, outside the wire; military, civil servants and voluntary agencies all seeking to make life happen for local Army families and not just the soldiers, but every member of the family - and Sandes is playing a significant role.



The Quiet Room

This is a model of working that is generating lots of interest across the Army circles and it is a privilege to be a part of this.

Already lots of Mums and some Dads are popping in for a coffee and a chat. In the next few days Bacon sandwiches will appear on the menu - always a crowd pleaser - next week we plan to add an increasing number of items to our menu. We are praying for a good worker to come along who will be happy serving in the kitchen - having such a large space to manage we really need another pair of hands quickly...

However we want you to be encouraged...

the work of the Kingdom is going forward...

Light is shining and encounters are taking place.

We walk knowing that The Spirit of the Lord is upon us... and He has put us in a position of great influence...

Thanks for your support and encouragements ...

**David & Lynn**

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## Harrogate



We send you warm greetings from sunny Harrogate, and we are happy to say “Summer has arrived at last”! All the wee smiles on people’s faces are a great sight to see and I’m very happy to report that we are once again the Full team – “all for one and one for all”. Mark and Sally have returned after over fourteen months on furlough, and it was like they had never been away. They got back into the stride very quickly and we were all very happy to be a team once again.



Mark's glad to be back!

We all love this wee place and haven called Sandes! We had to have a jiggle around to create space and try to keep 2 metres’ apart. Those of you who have visited Harrogate would know that we use every inch of the Centre space and we can! With a bit of vision and a jiggle we have managed to move it around and our soldiers are very happy that they can now sit-in and some have their favourite spot to sit, so they can have some space, peace and time out even for a wee while. They were pleased to be able to get their food the way they like it. It’s good for morale and they can treat themselves.



It's always sad to see people go, especially those who have a place in their hearts for Sandes. Sadly we said farewell to RSM Skinner. He was a great supporter of Sandes and always encouraged us and was a voice for Sandes in the College. We wish him and his family all the very best for the future in his new post in Scotland.



There have been many challenges during these last fourteen months or so and we give thanks to the Lord for getting us through. It has been tough for the training staff and the junior soldiers as well. It is very hard work to achieve their aims during the Covid restrictions and all were pleased that Sandes was there for them to support them and keep their spirits up during this time.

Things are still not back to what we know as normal. We still have to live with some form of

restrictions or other but we hope the footfall and support will improve as we go along in our kind of normal. You will find below a little message from Mark and Sally in their own words of what furlough has been to them both.

Sally has been in contact with a charity from her hometown asking if they would consider Sandes Harrogate for a donation. With it we could buy new settees and paint to give our "home from home" for our soldiers, staff and people who use the Centre a real face lift and refreshing. So please pray that the Lord willing it would come to be and we would be blessed with new settees in the future.

### **My Covid furlough experience by Sally.**

Now for the first time in my life I've been paid to stay at home! I'd be lying if I said it was easy, but it gave me new opportunities to spend time with our neighbours on the quarters patch. It was great to not have to rush away and onto the next thing. I was also kept busy with sewing. I have a small business that helps the soldiers with sewing lots of badges and a few uniforms to be let out. I was also able to join the Sandes prayer

meeting on Zoom on a few occasions. The thing which helped me most was my garden. I spent hours out there creating a rockery which brings me joy everyday now it is flowering. I see God's hand in the dainty flowers and am reminded that He cares for me too, He has been faithful through furlough and I've been blessed.



### My Covid furlough experience by Mark.

Furlough has been a great personal blessing for me the Lord has blessed me with spiritual and personal growth, dealing graciously with me through the bible, sermons, books and articles. I've enjoyed being able to be creative, learning new musical instruments and making video advertisements. I was privileged to shop twice a week for an elderly couple. For many months I was the only person they saw. I was able to spend time

corresponding with many 'waifs and strays' that the Lord sends my way, and encourage them with God's love. It was also a blessing to be in touch with some soldiers that I've come to know through Sandes.

We thank each and every one of you for your support and prayers to us here at Harrogate and we give thanks for the prayers keeping us going and in our stride, and that goes for our whole team.

**Jim & MaryJane  
and Mark & Sally**

# 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](mailto:admin@sandes.org.uk)

## PLEASE PRAY!

By now, all of our Centres are opened again after the lock-down closures.

Please pray:

- for the on-going health and safety of all of our staff
- 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
- for the friends and supporters of Sandes, and that more will be added to their numbers
- for the right people to come forward for the work in Holywood

**"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 resume again 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 & Jan Pinkerton	Lisburn/Ballykinlar
Leanne Briggs	Lisburn/Ballykinlar
James and Michelle Loubser	Pirbright
David & Lynn Webb	Aldershot

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

# July 2021



## Please pray for:

- 1 for the right people to come forward to work in Sandes
- 2 James and Michelle and their team in Pirbright
- 3 God's favour and blessing on all Christian ministries to the military
- 4 Divine inspiration for Padres taking services today in the Garrison Churches
- 5 courage and confidence for Christians serving in the Army
- 6 those in the Sandes family who need a healing touch from the Lord
- 7 Chris and Marlene and their team in Hollywood
- 8 the work of Sandes to bear fruit in the lives of those we reach out to
- 9 Jim and Maryjane and their team in Harrogate
- 10 a secure spiritual climate on camps and especially in our Sandes Centres
- 11 rest and restoration for all those in the Sandes family
- 12 good relationships and partnership with Padres on camp
- 13 wisdom on new initiatives or opportunities presented to Sandes
- 14 local fellowship and spiritual support for all the workers in Sandes
- 15 opportunities to help and witness amidst the busyness of running the centres
- 16 the marriages and health of the families of Sandes workers
- 17 protection for the Sandes Mission against spiritual attack
- 18 encouragement for those in the Armed Forces to share their faith
- 19 Sandes to know a fresh anointing as we face the challenges of this age
- 20 breakthroughs as we see people within the military being saved
- 21 goodwill support from the Commanding Officers and their teams on all our camps
- 22 increased footfall in all our centres
- 23 wisdom for the Sandes Council
- 24 those soldiers and recruits who have come to Sandes with life issues
- 25 soldiers and their families to come to living faith in Christ
- 26 growth in the Sandes prayer and financial support base
- 27 opportunities with wives and children on all of the camps
- 28 all the little seeds of faith planted through Sandes, that they would grow and bear fruit
- 29 Trevor and Jan and their Team in Lisburn
- 30 settled and committed teams in Sandes
- 31 the Lord's financial provision for Sandes

**Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart. Luke 18:1**

# August 2021



## Please pray for:

- 1 rest and restoration for all those in the Sandes family
- 2 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 Jim and Mary Jane and their Team in Harrogate
- 5 a secure spiritual climate on camps and especially in our Sandes Centres
- 6 wisdom on new initiatives or opportunities presented to Sandes
- 7 increased usage of the Sandes centres with opportunities to impact lives
- 8 Divine inspiration for Padres taking services today
- 9 fresh ideas and effective ways for outreach within and beyond the Sandes Centres
- 10 people to prayerfully consider Sandes in their legacy planning
- 11 good rapport with all soldiers coming to the Centres
- 12 Trevor and Jan and their Team in Lisburn
- 13 a sense of peace and Godly purpose for those workers facing challenges
- 14 new opportunities for outreach in each of our centres
- 15 wisdom for new initiatives
- 16 new opportunities to grow for Sandes
- 17 the safety of our soldiers on deployment
- 18 God's leading for the future of Sandes
- 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 the Lord
- 22 protection for our troops serving and training throughout the world
- 23 David and Lynn and their team in Aldershot
- 24 encouragement for Christians in the Armed Forces to share their faith
- 25 Sandes to be relevant to today's soldiers
- 26 Bibles, literature and dog tags being distributed through our centres
- 27 wisdom for the Sandes Committee
- 28 God's provision for the Mission finances
- 29 spiritual refreshment for all the Sandes team
- 30 God's leading for the future of Sandes
- 31 Chris and Marlene as they retire from Sandes

**The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. James 5:16**

# September 2021



## Please pray for:

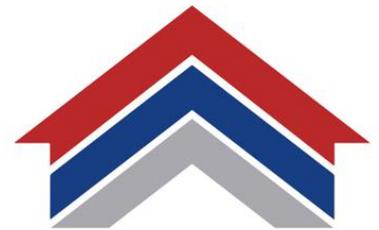
- 1 Jim and Mary Jane and their Team in Harrogate
- 2 growth in the support base for Sandes
- 3 the health and well being of the family members of those working in Sandes
- 4 good and supportive relationships with Padres on the camps
- 5 all the seeds of faith planted through Sandes, that they would grow and bear fruit
- 6 the work in the Hollywood Centre
- 7 funding to replace worn and damaged furniture in the Centres
- 8 a renewed sense of vision and a fresh anointing on Sandes
- 9 a secure spiritual climate on camps and especially in our Centres
- 10 increased footfall in all our Centres
- 11 James and Michelle and the Team in Pirbright
- 12 conviction of the Holy Spirit to awaken people within the military community from spiritual apathy and unbelief
- 13 people to consider supporting Sandes in their legacy planning
- 14 a growth in foot fall across all our Centres
- 15 thanksgiving for our Superintendents and Support Workers
- 16 opportunities to witness despite the busyness of running centres
- 17 Sandes workers would know real peace and encouragement in their endeavours
- 18 Trevor and Jan and their Team in Lisburn
- 19 a deep revelation of God's love to all attending garrison services today
- 20 continued protection for Sandes against spiritual attack
- 21 praise God for recent breakthroughs and pray that we would see more people saved
- 22 the Lord's financial provision for the work of the Mission
- 23 courage and confidence for Christians serving in the Army
- 24 a new generation of Sandes supporters to arise
- 25 relationships with Army Welfare and closer working relationships with them
- 26 that more and more people will catch the vision for Sandes
- 27 thanksgiving for all of our volunteers
- 28 wisdom for new initiatives
- 29 David and Lynn in Aldershot
- 30 hope rather than despair for those suffering emotional distress as a result of military service

**Let my prayer be set before You as incense, the lifting  
of my hands as the evening sacrifice Psalm 141:2**

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## Hollywood



**SANDES**

The soldier's friend  
since 1869

**"For everything there is a season,  
and a time for every matter  
under heaven"**

Ecclesiastes 3

### A time to reflect

Marlene and I first worked with Sandes in Hollywood from 1995–1998. Even though we had moved on to new sphere of ministry, the work of Sandes was never far from our hearts and we maintained an interest in the work. In 2008 we called in to spend the day at the annual conference being held in Glenada that year. Shortly after Marlene was contacted by the Committee to see if she would be willing to help out for a few weeks to get the centre in Hollywood re-opened after it had been moved to new premises on the camp. Those initial three weeks turned into thirteen years! I came on board as a volunteer initially and then in 2010 joined Marlene officially as a Superintendent of the centre. The time has gone by so quickly

and through the years we have seen many changes in Sandes, in the Centre, in the barracks, in the customers coming through the doors, the children coming to club and the folks living and working on camp. Other things have remained the same however, the spiritual needs of the folks we come into contact with, the need for a Christian witness on camp, the need for prayer, the faithfulness of our supporters and the love that God has for those we are trying to reach with His message of forgiveness and hope.

As Marlene and I reflect on all these things a few special highlights come to mind.

### A time to give thanks

We give thanks first for the opportunity to serve the Lord in this corner of the mission field. While getting on with the day to day practicalities of running a centre we have known much joy in serving the Lord, there has also been much laughter as we

enjoyed the 'craic' with our customers and spent time with some great characters. We have also shed tears as we listened to those who trusted us enough to open up and share their burdens and had the privilege of praying with and for them in their times of heartbreak, worry and uncertainty.

We have met many special people during our time and give thanks for each one. To mention a few, I think of Matthew and Mary a Fijian couple who had backslidden and we had the privilege of seeing restored to faith. For Laura who attended our Bible Study and trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ as her Saviour. For the Good News club children who have come through the years and especially the girls who also came to saving faith. For Jack, a regular, whose wedding I had the honour of officiating at and for the opportunity to share the gospel during the ceremony.

We are thankful to Joyce and Stephanie our GNC volunteers for their faithfulness and to Kerry, Julie and Roberta from CEF who have gone to the youth club at the invitation of Natalie the leader there to take special clubs at Christmas and Easter. We thank God too for Padres such as John Duncan who were great supporters of the work of Sandes as well as godly volunteers who gave of their time to help us out regularly; such people have been a blessing and great encouragement to us.

My involvement with the UDR has also been used by God to open up opportunities to officiate at various events where I have been able to distribute the dog tags and copies of the Scriptures which have always been well received.



Other highlights have included the opportunity Marlene had to meet HRH The Duchess of Cornwall. When asked by Her Royal Highness what she did for a living, Marlene quipped, "Much like yourself, I follow my husband around". The Duchess enjoyed the joke and had a good laugh before being told about the work of the mission. I myself have enjoyed the visits Paul Clark MBE has made to the centre over the years – he is also very interested in the ministry of Sandes.



### **A time to say goodbye**

As the saying goes "all good things must come to an end". The time has come for us to retire and say goodbye to our role as Centre Superintendents. For Marlene it has been a disappointment and source of frustration to her that in recent

years, ill-health impaired her ability to be fully involved in the ministry she loves.

We are thankful for the opportunities God has given us to bring a word in season or to be a listening ear and although we are retiring, this special ministry among the men and women of the armed forces and their families will never be far from our thoughts and prayers.

It is indeed our prayer that the Lord will continue to keep the doors open for a Christian witness to be made possible in this special and needy corner of the mission field. Pray that God would raise up the right people to carry on and develop the ministry in Hollywood. Pray too for Julie and Evelyn in this time of transition that they would continue to be a strong and dependable team as they support new Superintendents and help them to settle in.

Finally thank you for faithfully remembering us in prayer; we know you will continue to pray for those who will follow and that they will be as blessed and encouraged by your support as we have been.

**Every Blessing to you all!**

**Chris & Marlene**

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## Pirbright



### Is your glass half full or half empty?

If we drift towards the comparative structure of societal materialism, allowing social media feeds and nightly news reports to determine how satisfied we are with the status quo of our lives, we'll embark on a never-ending quest of never enough. Right now, it would seem that the world is marinated with fear and worry!

“Paying attention to what we are grateful for puts us in a positive frame of mind,” wrote Lisa Firestone, Ph.D, for Psychology Today, “Research demonstrates that focusing on what we are grateful for is a universally rewarding way to feel happier and more fulfilled.”

Remembering the words of a classic Hymn, “Count your blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you, what the Lord has done!” .....

we decided to count the many blessings we have had here in Pirbright over the last three months.

### The blessing of our incredible team



As we begin planning full service again in the centre, we have had the wonderful opportunity to appoint three new soldiers' wives to our team. Faye Jones, Rachel van Tonder and Jyoti Gurung (front three ladies) now join our team. We are family!!!

### The blessing of the many regular visitors who use the centre

We love our Mums and children

who regularly pop in for a tea, a breakfast or a chat. With the weather warming, outside is a fun place to sit.



We have also been able to buy new tables for the centre in preparation for the ease of lock down restrictions.

### The blessing of unexpected visitors

We felt extremely blessed when Army Major, Chris Brannigan visited the centre. It was a wonderful privilege to hear about his barefoot journey from Cornwall to Edinburgh, via Downing street carrying 25kg kit to raise funds for his eight-year-old daughter who has a rare and untreatable disease. Our prayers go with him for a cure for his precious daughter.

Another Warrant Officer shared his journey of adoption of two precious little girls and then brought them into the centre with his wife for us to meet

them. It was such a blessing to see this new family! And even more of a blessing when we were given thank you cards from these precious young ladies for some treats we had given them!



Blessings fill our daily lives, from the air in our lungs to the people in our lives. Instead of being bogged down by comparison and worry over a world we are not in control of, stride by stride we can follow Christ in the pocket of the world He has purposefully placed us in. No matter what is going on in the world, we can wake each day to pray and spend time in God's word. We can love the people in our lives and serve our communities with the unique gifts we've been given.

We can daily choose to see a glass half full!

**James & Michelle**

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## Lisburn & Ballykinlar



**There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15:13**

During our prayer time this morning Leanne prayed "Lord let us not just do jobs because they need to be done but because we are serving You and let us not just serve the customers but to love them with Your love". This reinforced to me our driving force in working for God in the work of Sandes. It is our Love of God and His Love that He puts in our hearts for others. In the Bible there are four different Greek words that are translated into the English word love. Eros which is a romantic love as between a man and his wife, Storge which is Family love, Philia which is brotherly love (this is similar to family love but is more like the comradery felt among those fighting for the same cause etc.) and Agape which is God-like love. Unlike the first 3 types of love which rely to some extent on emotions

formed through a bond or attraction, Agape love is not an emotion but a choice we make, we can choose to love someone who has hurt us, even if they haven't apologised, we can choose to love an awkward customer even if they are trying to make life difficult. Agape love is an unconditional love; we choose to love no matter how we are treated. God loves us unconditionally, Jesus died for those who crucified them as well as for you and me. Someone once said "God loves us just the way we are, but He loves us too much to leave us that way" that is why He wants to have a relationship with us and to shape our lives into becoming more like Jesus, and to do this He helps us show Agape love to those around.

It was so good to reopen our doors to customers again on the fourth of May although initially this was just for takeaway service only and then we were able to open up properly for

sit-ins on the twenty fourth of May.



It was great to see many of our regulars back in and although we still aren't back to the full busyness that we had pre-Covid we have had some very busy days and more importantly we have been able to pray for and with people who have specific life problems and seen these prayers starting to be answered.



### The first customer this year!

We welcomed Emma into team on the tenth of May. Her husband, John, is serving in brigade with the Signals and she has 2 lovely daughters Imogen and Isobel. She has fitted in to

the team very well and has been a real asset to us already and it is great to see her growing in confidence and also in her faith. As is normal in the army life, people come and go on a regular basis. One couple who will be leaving Lisburn during this quarter will be Ben and Ruth Fry with their children Miriam and Reuben, they have been great friends to us and have been a real support to us here in Sandes and also been leaders in the Armed Forces Christian Union Bible study and prayer meeting here in the centre. Ben has been the O.C. of the Signals here and we wish them well in their next posting to sunnier climates.



### The "Colonel's Breakfast"!

The wives' weekly prayer meeting, that continued on Zoom even when we were closed during lockdown, has restarted in person again and still has the

option of Zoom for those who have moved on. It is great to see some new faces coming along to it when they can, this continues to be a blessing to Jan and Leanne who are able to join in whenever the Centre is not too busy.

As things are starting to return to normal we hope to get more part time staff and volunteers so that we can extend our opening

hours again and open evenings, as well as open the family room again too. We will continue to look to God for guidance and trust Him for more grace, more answers to prayer and even more of His Agape love.

**Trevor, Jan & Leanne**

## Called to Serve?

### Are you a Stephen or a Martha?

Martha cooked and served meals to the Lord and Stephen was involved in distributing food to the widows in Jerusalem. Jesus valued their service. If you are looking for an opportunity to serve the Lord, then consider working with Sandes.

Sandes has been an evangelical Christian Mission to the military since 1869. Our Centres are "home from home" facilities in military bases where soldiers and their families can come and relax in a gentle ambience and receive pastoral care and support. A Sandes Centre is an oasis on camp where you can find good home cooking, wholesome recreation and a friend to talk to. It is a special ministry that requires people to be both Godly and practical.

Due to retirement, we are now looking for an energetic and enthusiastic couple (or the right person) to manage the work in our Hollywood Centre and lead it forward. If you, or someone you may know, would be interested in serving the Lord through Sandes please contact Head Office for an informal discussion about this role.

Call us on 028 9050 0250 or email on [admin@sandes.org.uk](mailto:admin@sandes.org.uk)

Full details of the role are available on the Global Connections website:  
<https://www.globalconnections.org.uk/vocations/uk-jobs/84176>

# 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.**

For every £1 that is kindly and generously donated to further the work of Sandes, HMRC will increase the value of your donation by 25p (25%). This extra amount makes a huge difference to the work of Sandes.

When you donate, please circle "YES" on the donation page to confirm whether or not you are a UK taxpayer. Please note that Gift Aid can only be reclaimed on donations made by individuals who pay UK income or capital gains tax at a rate at least equal to the amount reclaimed on their donations in the current tax year.

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