

# FOCUS



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

**October to December 2021**



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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 volunteering or  
working with SANDES?

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**Hope** means, "to desire something with confident expectation of its fulfilment." The state of Hopelessness has been aptly described as a type of "Hell on Earth," filled with endless despondency and despair. Today, more and more people are finding themselves alone and depressed and few of us have not at one time, or another felt the sting of despondency and despair. But Good news! Help is available, not the kind the world has, wherein it wishes for the best. It is one thing to wish, and quite another to have hope based on the promises of God.

### **God is our Source**

Paul wrote that when you place your trust in God, He will fill you with peace, joy, and assurance, (Rom 15:13). Throughout the Bible, God proves His faithfulness to His people by leading them safely through or delivering them from all their predicaments and troubles. He will never leave or forsake His people; His plans are to prosper, not to harm them (Jer 29:11). People and things will always let us down. In Psa 33:17, the horse, often used as a symbol of power, is declared a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength, it cannot save. In Jer 17:5 God sternly warns against placing our dependency on man and calls it a curse. God wants us to trust in Him.

Ps. 147:11 tells us that He is delighted when we put our trust in Him, and in Heb 10:23 we are told to rely on Him for He who promised it is faithful.

### **Finding Help**

To reap the benefits of the Christian life and to have protection, guidance, freedom from depression, and advice from the Holy Spirit one must first be born again and become a Child of God. The born again Child of God has the unique privilege of talking to and hearing from God, but this, the greatest resource available, is often neglected. Christians should always pray! Even in the darkest moments when you don't feel His presence and think you will never smile again, pray anyway because He is there. He is listening and is an "ever-present help in time of trouble," (Psa 46:1). "He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us," (2 Cor 1:10). When we place our faith in God and the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, we then trust Him to take us to Heaven. If we can trust Him with our eternity, surely we can trust Him for our earthly/daily cares. Jesus said that as God clothes the grass of the field, so will He clothe us even more. He tells us not to worry about what we shall eat or drink or how we will be

clothed. The "heavenly father knoweth that ye have need of all these things," (Matt 6:30–32). "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him," (1 Cor 2:9).

### **Hope in Difficult Times**

Even if you reach what you consider to be your lowest point, God's Word says He will never leave or forsake you, (Matt 28:20).

He will give you peace and comfort even in the worst of circumstances, then lead you through, over or around the muck and mire of your situation, and again set your feet on solid ground. Our God is the God of new beginnings, with Him, nothing is impossible. Whether you are very young or considered to be very old, trust in Him because with Him it is always just the beginning. You may even find yourself in such a situation through bereavement, family breakdown, loss of health, finances, or whatever, that may force you to begin all over again. Trusting God in difficult times forces us to seek His guidance, and to trust in Him. Trusting God through these uncharted waters takes faith and courage, but is worth every effort. The path of His choosing is the only one that leads to true happiness. Isn't this a wonderful promise?;

"...those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint," (Is 40:31)

### **Jesus is Our Solid Rock**

Christians can find peace during times of crisis and trials that often drive others to drink or suicide. This is the blessed comfort of the Holy Spirit, who indwells every born again Believer. Through Him, even in the midst of terrible devastating and humiliating experiences, Christians can have the peace, joy, and hope that passes all understanding, (Phil 4:7).

### **Hope for Eternity**

Jesus is our solid rock, and because of Him, death is not the end. Even when the angels carry us to our glorious home in Heaven, we can know that He is with us and that it is just the beginning.

### **Claim His Promises**

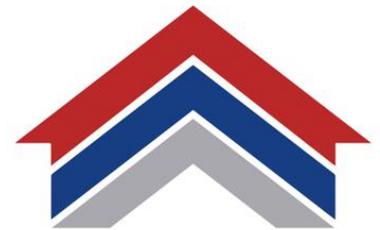
God's promises are indeed a genuine source of hope that does not disappoint. It is in His promises you will find everlasting life and confident hope.

**"Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Saviour and my God," (Ps.42:5).**

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## Aldershot



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The summer season has been a real Baptism of fire for us...

We are all learning something new every day ... Lots of Mums and their children fill our days... the decibel level is incredible, ... there are very few quiet times but people are very grateful appreciating the hard work that has gone into creating this new project.



In terms of serving the community this Sandes Centre has a very different feel... the Soft play (pictured) opened early August and was a big hit with local families. Word spread from Mum to Mum about the new

centre that welcomes children! Hopefully the photographs tell the story.



Our goal has been to demonstrate Love, Acceptance and Tolerance...

It's been wonderful to get to know the growing number of regulars. Mum's, Dads and Grandparents all find a very warm welcome in our centre. We also had a group of young disabled folks who met early each Wednesday in the Cafe with their carers who then took them out for the day. Of course there are challenges but our desire is to provide a place where the life of the

Kingdom of God can be advanced is foremost in our minds.

Lynn & I are passionate about the Life God brings – seeing it in those we encounter and drawing it out of them so they can recognise Jesus and His life, and reveal that they can respond to Him... Every person who comes into the cafe is precious and we desire for them to feel special, loved and appreciated. This opens the doors to great conversations and Spirit is made alive.



This Autumn we will work with David Betts (Army Families Pastor) and “Who let the Dad’s Out”- one Saturday morning a month we will offer coffee and a bacon bap to Dads who want to spend a little time with their

children... We are also looking at Mother and baby events and other gatherings.



Sandes Aldershot is a pioneering work and we appreciate our supporters and encouragers... This Centre is making a big difference in people’s lives.

A beacon of light is shining in the Garrison and it is drawing many to its light – that light brings transformation to those who walk into it...

**David & Lynn**

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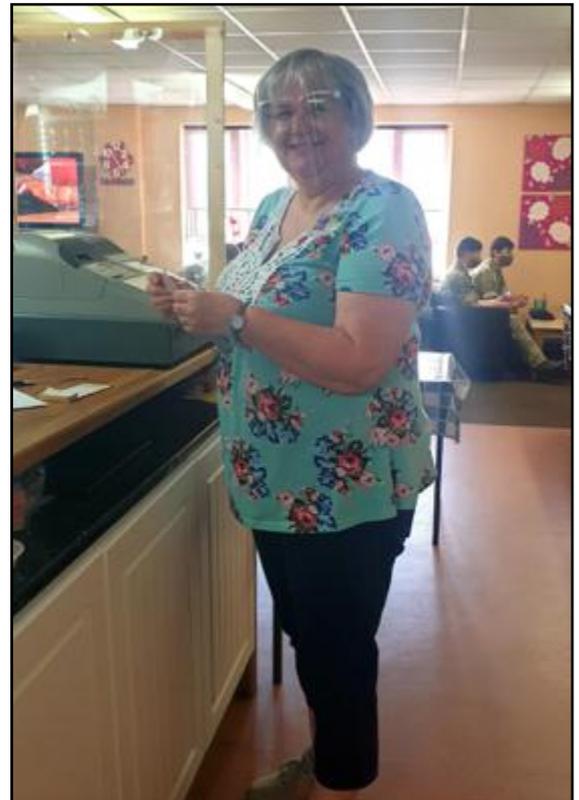
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## Harrogate



So, a new season begins as the dark nights draw in and we get cosy and dust off the Christmas decorations. I know not everyone will feel like me but it is wonderful time to reflect on the year so far. Summer was wonderful with our College graduation parade it was lovely to see all the families again, sitting so proudly in the stands watching their sons and daughters on a very special day. We have lost count of how many graduation parades we have seen over the years since we have been in Harrogate. It is such a great privilege to be part of it and feel the pride that the families feel, you can almost taste it!

The Centre still has covid safety measures in place, but more and more people are now enjoying some time out in Sandes, and it is wonderful when Sally would say 'we have a queue!' in the Centre. That is a real blessing for Sandes.



Sally is back in action!

Some of our new intake has arrived on camp. We can see them marching around as they go past the Centre. It will always make us smile as they first attempt to march together, but they very soon get the hang of it and are soon marching as one, a bit like our team! We are all doing well and count our blessings. We all love

what we do and more so when you have been able just to send someone away with the thought that they left Sandes better than they came in, whether it was the good food or just a bit of banter, or even a word of encouragement.



We have had some new ideas for our menu as we are always looking for new things to try. We will be looking for new ideas in the days and weeks ahead. Our freshly made pasta is very popular with some of our soldiers. It takes about 15 minutes from start to finish but they love that because it is all fresh and they don't mind

waiting for it at all, just to have it the way they like it.



Things are still not back to normal and as we head into winter, we want to keep everyone who uses the Centre safe. Where they must, mask restrictions are still in place and we are definitely going the extra mile in keeping the Centre covid free and safe. We can tell that it is working by the busyness of the Centre and we hope that it will get somewhere near to normal footfall in the coming months.

On a very personal note I celebrated my birthday in May when I became a fully fledged pensioner! My birthday was spent in Leeds hospital having biopsies on a lump I had, but I, MaryJane, am blessed to say that the lump was benign, and I did

not have 'cancer'. I would like to say thank you so much for all those who prayed for me and still do for all of us, for our team and for all our soldiers and staff here at AFC Harrogate. Your prayers have kept us standing when we didn't think we could. We look forward to this season and all that the Lord has in store for us. Thank you for taking the time to read this report we wish the Lord's richest blessings on each of you.

**Jim & MaryJane**

The story is told of a girl who lived in a house at the edge of a forest. She spent many happy hours exploring ancient paths, sunlit glens, secret dens and hiding places that surrounded a huge granite rock.

Years later she returned, only to find all the trees gone, now replaced with houses, roads and shops. Only the massive granite rock remained. Life is like that, shifting sands of change everywhere, Covid 19, political upheaval, cultural wars, identity politics – nothing is what was even 10 years ago.

Almost 3000 years ago Isaiah wrote 'Trust in the Lord forever, for in God the Lord we have an EVERLASTING ROCK'.

What was true then is true now, God himself is our Rock he never changes His deep love for us remains undiminished forever. Standing on this Rock, your feet will stand totally secure in uncertain times.

Praise the Lord, we have a certain hope in changing times, the God is the same Yesterday, Today, Forever!

**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 annual leave 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 Kim and Celina Haywood as they take on the work in Hollywood

**"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
Kim and Celina Haywood	Holywood
Trevor and Jan Pinkerton	Lisburn/Ballykinlar
Leanne Briggs	Lisburn/Ballykinlar
James and Michelle Loubser	Pirbright
David and 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

# October 2021



## Please pray for:

1. new opportunities for Sandes to grow and share the Gospel
2. Kim & Celina and their team in Hollywood
3. Divine inspiration for Padres taking services today in the Garrison churches
4. a secure spiritual climate on camps and especially in our Centres
5. opportunities for working with families coming into our Centres
6. our Vice Presidents as they continue to represent Sandes within the wider military community
7. growth in the Sandes prayer and financial support base
8. new opportunities for Sandes Centres
9. Sandes workers to know a real peace and encouragement in their work
10. a deep revelation of God's love to all attending garrison services today
11. Jim & Maryjane and their team in Harrogate
12. the missions that are meeting for the CVWW today in London
13. Trevor & Jan and their team in Lisburn
14. more supporters for Sandes
15. normal service to return to the Centres
16. the safety of our troops on deployment
17. Padres to know the Lord's leading in services within garrison churches
18. courage and confidence for Christians serving in the Army
19. a new generation of Sandes supporters to arise
20. opportunities to assist the other welfare agencies within the military in caring for people
21. people to consider Sandes in their legacy planning
22. opportunities in Hollywood despite the low troop numbers on camp
23. settled and committed teams in the Sandes Centres
24. local fellowships and spiritual support for all our workers in Sandes
25. Godly volunteers for our Centres
26. David and Lynn in Aldershot
27. Bibles, literature and dog tags being distributed through our Centres
28. fresh ideas and effective ways for outreach within and beyond the Sandes Centres
29. God's leading for the future of Sandes
30. James & Michelle and their team in Pirbright
31. a deep revelation of God's love to all attending garrison services today

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

# November 2021



## Please pray for:

1. the value of Sandes to be recognised within the Army
2. hope for those in the military suffering emotional distress
3. continued blessing on the work of Sandes in all our Centres
4. soldiers and their families to come to a living faith in Jesus
5. the young recruits in Harrogate
6. God centred unity and single purpose throughout the work of Sandes
7. for the Sunday evening fellowship in Pirbright
8. thanksgiving for all our volunteers
9. James & Michelle and their team in Pirbright
10. Trevor & Jan and their team in Lisburn
11. people to remember the cost of peace for both the nation and in their personal lives
12. conviction of the Holy Spirit to awaken people within the military community from spiritual apathy and unbelief
13. David and Lynn in Aldershot
14. all the little seeds of faith planted through Sandes, that they would grow and bear fruit
15. good and supportive relationships with the Padres on the camps
16. Sandes to know a fresh anointing as we face the challenges of this age
17. opportunities to witness amid the busyness of running the Centres
18. Kim and Celina and their team in Hollywood
19. Jim and Maryjane and their team in Harrogate
20. those in the Sandes family who need a healing touch from the Lord
21. rest and restoration of all the workers of Sandes
22. opportunities with wives and children on all of the camps
23. for the finances of the mission
24. the safety of our soldiers on deployment
25. the Sandes deputation at the Crescent Church in Belfast tonight
26. the health and safety of new recruits
27. continued increased usage of all Sandes Centres and opportunities to impact lives
28. a deep revelation of God's love to all attending garrison services today
29. wisdom for the Sandes Council
30. the Sandes deputation at Lisburn Baptist Church tonight

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

# December 2021



## Please pray for:

1. protection for our troops serving and training throughout the world
2. wisdom for new initiatives
3. encouragement for Christians in the Armed Forces to share their faith
4. Trevor & Jan and their team in Lisburn
5. opportunities to share the Gospel during the Advent period
6. people to prayerfully consider supporting Sandes financially
7. Sandes to continue to be relevant to the soldiers of today
8. courage and confidence for Christians serving in the Armed Forces
9. David and Lynn in Aldershot
10. Jim & Maryjane and their team in Harrogate
11. the Holy Spirit to open hearts to the love of Jesus and the Good News of the Gospel
12. a deep revelation of God's love to all attending garrison services today
13. God's favour and blessing on all Christian ministries to the military
14. our Vice Presidents as they continue to represent Sandes within the wider military community
15. the work of Sandes to bear fruit in the lives of those we reach out to
16. the Holy Spirit to bring revival throughout the military community and beyond
17. wisdom for planning for 2021
18. soldiers and their families suffering from the consequences of conflict
19. Divine inspiration for Padres as they lead services today
20. those Junior Soldiers experiencing the Christmas spirit in Sandes in Harrogate and would realise the significance of the season
21. James & Michelle and their team in Pirbright
22. encouragement and blessing for all Sandes supporters
23. military families apart, especially those with children during this festive season
24. soldiers who may feel separated or lonely today, and that they would experience a sense of God's loving presence
25. **Glory to God in the highest and on earth, goodwill toward men**
26. God's anointing on the work of Sandes in the years ahead
27. Kim & Celina and their team in Hollywood
28. wisdom for new initiatives
29. those in the Sandes family who need a healing touch
30. rest and restoration for the Sandes staff during this holiday period
31. an awareness of the loving call of God as people reflect on the past and the future

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



At the time of writing the Hollywood Centre is closed, awaiting the arrival of Kim and Celina Haywood. As soon as their security clearance is received, Kim and Celina will be moving to Northern Ireland to resume the work in Hollywood. Please remember them in prayer as they wait to serve the Lord with Sandes.

### Meet the Haywoods:



When we met each other we knew within a very short time that it wasn't just a future life together but a life serving Him together! We were sorry not to have met when we were younger

but we have probably had the blessing of spending more time together than many couples who have been married for much longer.

We have served and lived in a Christian community as part of a teaching and healing ministry. We helped host courses for people coming from all over the world and lived and worked together with many nationalities. We had the wonderful experience of attending Bible college together for 2 years in America. More recently God led us for a season into the wilderness to be healed and strengthened in Him and to learn to lean more upon the Beloved.

We both have a deep passion to walk and grow in intimacy with the Lord and lead others into a greater awareness of His life in and through them. The journey hasn't been an easy one but it has led to our roots going down deep in Him.

We had applied to Sandes a couple of years ago but it wasn't the right time. When things were starting to open up after lockdown and return to some vague form of normality, we began to pray for a new opportunity. Celina had an encounter with God where He said "I put things in **your** hands". The same day Kim prayed for the Lord to open up the right kind of position for us. The very next day we were notified that the superintendent roles at Holywood were available. We knew this was an opportunity from God. We re-read some of the Focus articles and our hearts were ignited by the heart of Sandes' mission to the soldiers and families and we felt the stirring of God's spirit in us.

We both love coffee, food and cooking. We love people, chatting, encouraging and sharing our faith and testimonies of God's faithfulness through the ups and downs of life. We want to share the Gospel with love, wisdom and God's power to see lives transformed. We know there are people within the Sandes sphere hungry for what God has for them, and we are looking forward to feeding both their bodies and souls, whether it is casually over a bacon butty or in a more formal Bible study

or other group setting.

We are excited to become part of the Sandes family and to get to know everyone. We hope to be able to contribute to the future growth of Sandes and we are praying and thinking about innovative approaches through the Centre and beyond to attract and engage with more people. We can't wait to enlist!

**Kim & Celina**

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## Pirbright



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### BACK TO NORMAL?

Normal, when will we go back to normal? A question so many ask as they come into the Centre? But what is normal, and do we really want to go back to 'NORMAL'? For many of us normal was maybe not working! The following T/F questions in an article really challenged our thinking on this and maybe will challenge yours!

✍ Before all this, my communication wasn't as steady with the people I care about most

✍ Before all this, I didn't spend as much time outside in the fresh air, enjoying nature

✍ Before all this, my work tended to be the dominant force in my life

✍ Before all this, I didn't have a new puppy or kitten

✍ Before all this, I didn't take as much time to make my own food, cook with fresher ingredients

✍ Before all this, I didn't regularly see my neighbours out

walking or going on bike rides

✍ Before all this, I rarely thought about how I might be able to help people with different or more needs than myself

Just maybe normal isn't what we want to go back to. And just maybe we don't want to go back to normal either in Pirbright Sandes! We have seen more training teams through our 'booking-in system' and have come to know many by name!

This young recruit was also not sticking to normal! He was challenged to eat two mega burgers and he did!

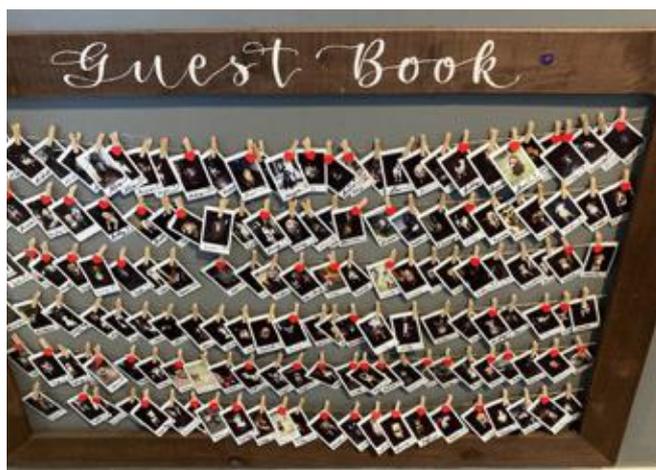


We also got to meet animals we would not normally meet. One corporal brought in 'Bruce' and insisted that he go up on our 'Visitors' board' as Bruce was a dog without legs!



Bruce – the snake!

Our very full guest book!



We have been able to offer more comfort and support to people who have come in feeling so hopeless and been able to be a channel of restoration for those who felt

there was no chance of reconciliation. So going back to normal would be regression in some ways. We don't want to go back, we want to move forward. Move forward to the plans that God has for us and His creation.

We want to move forward in serving more of these precious soldiers ...



We want to move forward in building relationships ...



with our team  
(we all went out together and are like family)



things new!" All things good, the kind of good that only God can make. So unless your normal looked more like God's best for your life, don't go back to it. Leave it in the dust and keep running toward the finish line! Don't go back to just NORMAL.

Many blessings prayed for you all over the Christmas season as we remember that Jesus truly is the reason for the season!

and with other Centres.  
(we had so much fun visiting Sandes Aldershot)

We want to move forward to God's best for us! Jesus said in Revelation 21:5, "I am making all

**James and Michelle**

## SAVE THE DATE!



The Sandes Annual Conference is planned for **8–10 April 2022** in Rydal Hall in Ambleside, Cumbria.

Our guest speaker will be Rev. Cole Maynard.

Please come along and hear about the work of Sandes.  
Details and a booking form will be in the next issue of Focus

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## Lisburn & Ballykinlar



**So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" 2 Corinthians 5:20**

The morning I started writing this "Focus" report I read the above verse as part of my daily reading, and it struck me afresh of the style of Christian work we do here in Sandes. While we are not a "preaching" mission where we stand up in a room in front of a group of people and give a sermon, we are a mission that desires to see lives won and transformed by the Love and power of God. It is our desire for God to speak through us, whether that is through our actions, reactions whilst going about our work, through the conversations we have with people or the love and care we show to those we meet and serve daily. We know we are not perfect and we realise that at times we may let people down

but with God's love in our hearts as we reach out to others we hope that they can see the difference that God makes in our lives and that they would desire this for themselves. During this last quarter Jan had the joy of being with one lady as she gave her life to Jesus and we praise God for the transformation we are seeing in her as He continues to use us all in teaching her and guiding her through her Christian walk. Leanne has been spending time with her after work in social settings and we pray that she will continue to see God's blessings in her and her family's lives.



The Centre has become really busy, back up to the levels that we had seen pre-Covid and although we did not get anymore part-time casual workers, which we had advertised for, we did get 3 new volunteers to help us out doing dishes, clearing tables, etc. etc... Norman, a retired gentleman who has been coming in on Wednesdays and has been a great encouragement and a source of much laughter. Stephen, comes in on Thursdays, who is hoping to become a padre, he has been a blessing to us and has also managed to make good contacts that will possibly help him in his profession and Emma D, comes in on Fridays, who is on her gap year and like the others have been a real blessing along with Amanda our Tuesday volunteer who has been a real encouragement to us for over 5 years now.



Emma enjoying a "Dog Bowl"!

These volunteers have been a real blessing and have helped us through a very busy spell in the Centre. The "2 Rifles" will be deploying soon to go to Kenya and we should get quieter and we can see God's timing in this as Norman has just had to take a temporary break from volunteering due to a health issue and Emma D has got a job which will help in her future career. We pray that Norman will soon be back with us and that Emma will be greatly blessed in the path that God is leading her.

One of the difficult things we have had to face over the last quarter is the news of the resurgence of the Taliban in Afghanistan, we have spoken to many guys who have gone through terrible experiences in the war there trying to help establish peace and democracy. Many have lost friends and family, many have been injured and to see and hear the news it has stirred up many mixed emotions, and not just for them but also for the families of the soldiers too. One of the wives who has joined with us in our Ladies Prayer time had an anxious wait to hear whether her husband had made it out safely or not. We were able to pray with her and in turn she really blessed us with her prayers for us and our family.

One man who had served in Afghanistan broke down in tears with me as he had lost touch with an interpreter friend who had worked alongside him in Kabul and he was unsure if he had made it to safety. Sometimes we feel so helpless that all we can do is be a listening ear for people and to pray for them. We trust this matter to the Lord.

We got our glad rags on in July as we were invited to the "Sounding Retreat" for The 2 Rifles. It was lovely to join in their celebrations and for Leanne to join us and see the precision of their marching and off course listen to the beautiful music. We always feel humbled and blessed to be part of this.



All dressed up for the Sounding Retreat!

During this quarter Padre Mark Grant-Jones, Paul Somerville

(SASRA) and ourselves will be starting a "Christianity Explored" course here in Sandes Lisburn on Monday nights starting on the 27th of September and running for 8 weeks D.V. We hope to get people in who have questions about God and faith and we hope, with God's help, to be able to discuss and answer these questions. It is great to work alongside the chaplaincy team and other Christian organisations to reach out to people in this way.

We feel really privileged that God has called us to be ambassadors for Him and also that He called us to work with the Army through the work of Sandes. We have seen a few difficult times over the last 16 years but many, many blessings in the same time. We continue to be thankful for all the help we get from the family of God inside and outside of the army, but most of all we are thankful to God Himself who has sustained us throughout the years and will continue to do so in the years to come.

**Trevor and Jan**

# 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.

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**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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