Message from Anne Sutton - Helpers Needed

We're making reflective insulator blankets for the homeless out of chip packets - easy to make but it just takes time and a good iron. We have lots of chip packets available, but what I need is people to assemble them and also to collect the plastic that comes from large packaging items. I am happy to show people what to do if you come along to regular sessions at Riverside - Tuesday 4-5:30pm & Thursday morning starting at 10:30am. It is such simple operation once you know how you can do it from home.

Red Shield 2025

Thank you to all involved - our final Red Shield total was \$21,068 which given the cost of living pressure at the moment, is absolutely amazing.



Riverside Badges

The Riverside badges have arrived, please remember if you have ordered a replacement you don't get the 50% discount and the badge is \$10. For those of you getting a badge for the first time if you can contribute 50% of the cost - \$5 - that would be wonderful, but if that is not possible please don't worry. The badges are on the table in the foyer.

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Q1. What has been the most scary experience in your life and how did you survive it?

Read Matthew 28:18-20

Q2. What does Jesus say about our individual responsibilities in the Scriptures you've just read. What doe he say about our relationship with God in this role. How does that impact you?

Q3. What do you consider are the most important aspects of sharing your faith in Jesus Christ. In other words, what will have the most impact?

Q4. Listening to people and empathising with a person's situation are crucial attributes in being effective in sharing the Good News. Why do you think these are so important?

Q5. Can you cite any examples where Jesus listened and empathised with people.

Q6. Relationships might take years to form while others happen in seconds. What are some examples of Jesus acting through relationships. See how many you can find as a group?

Q7. If you led someone to Jesus, what would you do next?

Q8. Do you know about the foundations course and do you think you ought to do it as a refresher, preparing you for witnessing about Jesus?



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This Sunday at Riverside

Today Mal will be preaching and will be tackling the subject of witnessing for Jesus. From his own experience and God's word he will unpack what a witness for Jesus Christ is - or should be!

Next Sunday at Riverside

Next Sunday Jonathan Finch will be preaching, he is the first of those who put their hand up to do the Riverside Preaching Course who will get a chance to share their gift with the Church. Please support him in prayer as he considers the subject of 'Missing Out' using the stories of Jesus turning water into wine and blind Bartimaus receiving his sight.

This Week at Riverside

Monday	7th July	Brekky Club	9am-10am
Tuesday	8th July	Café and Play Café	9am - 2pm
Wednesday	9th July	Café and Play Café	9am -2pm
Thursday	10th July	Café and Play Café Creationships Prayer Meeting	9am - 2pm 10:30am - 12noon 6:45pm
Friday	11th July	Cafe and Play Cafe	9am - 2pm
Saturday	12th July	Brekky Club	8am - 10am
Sunday	13th July	Prayer Meeting Riverside Worship Splash Worship	9am 9:45am 11.45am

Generous Hearts

For those of you who feel led by the Holy Spirit to give financially to Riverside, whether that be regularly or on special occasions. Please talk to or email Kate for the BPAY details. kate.adami@salvationarmy.org.au We can also accept EFTPOS through the Café till or cash in the offering.



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Founders Day July 2nd

William Booth was born in Nottingham, England, on April 10th, 1829, and surrendered his life to Jesus at the age of fifteen following the death of his father. He was apprenticed to a pawnbroker and this gave him an insight into the reality and cruelty of poverty which set the course of his life.

Catherine Mumford was raised in a Christian home with a strong commitment to personal holiness. She was an avid reader and thinker. When the young firebrand William Booth began preaching he immediately caught her eye.

Married in 1855, Catherine and William dedicated their lives to prayer, proclaiming the gospel, and to the poor. And so it was that, on this day, in 1865, outside The Blind Beggar pub in London, William Booth began preaching to the passing crowds. Many were saved, leading to the foundation of an organization called the Christian Mission, which would later be renamed The Salvation Army. Many people disagreed with the Booths' approach. They endured fierce opposition and criticism especially from the traditional churches. But, as Catherine once said, in order "To better the future we must disturb the present."*

At a time when women were not permitted to teach in most churches, Catherine disturbed social and theological norms by preaching brilliantly and leading many people to Jesus. Catherine and William also disturbed the business world by campaigning for safer working conditions for suffering workers in matchstick factories, eventually even launching their own brand of safer matches - "Lights in Darkest England" - to better care for these workers. The Booths also disturbed the hidden sex industry of their day, working with a journalist to expose the trafficking of vulnerable young women and protesting in parliament to demand change.

Whenever Catherine and William Booth saw injustice, and wherever they encountered poverty, they sought to respond practically and spiritually. Their holistic approach to proclaiming the gospel is captured in one of the early Salvation Army slogans: 'Soup, Soap, and Salvation!'

I am deeply challenged by Catherine's words, "To better the future we must disturb the present".* What might this mean for me today? Is there anything that needs to be disturbed in my own life - or anything that the Holy Spirit is already disturbing within me - in order to better my future?

Disturb me, Lord, when I am too well pleased with myself, When my dreams have come true because I have dreamed too little, When I arrived safely because I sailed too close to the shore... Disturb me, Lord, to dare more boldly, To venture on wider seas where storms will show your mastery; Where losing sight of land, I shall find the stars. Amen.

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