

# The Salvation Army Leeds West Hunslet

## January 2022 newsletter - Happy New Year!

One of my favourite TV viewing is the New Year's Eve Concert given by the Vienna Philharmonic. It mainly features music composed by various members of the Strauss family and includes features such as ballet dancing. This item is recorded for it usually takes place outside – in or around the Schonbrunn Palace. One piece of music which is included in the encores is “The Blue Danube Waltz. This year’s concert was conducted by Daniel Barenboim.

As I heard something of the history of this concert, I was struck by the thought that out of tragedy rose something of beauty. The New Year’s Day concert commenced during World War 2 and was intended to raise funds for the German soldiers on the various war fronts, and to raise the morale of the citizens of Vienna. Now, it gives pleasure to a world-wide audience. The Blue Danube Waltz was written to raise the morale of the Austrian people who had suffered a crushing defeat in a war known as the “Seven Weeks War”. During the Second World war all the Jewish members of the Orchestra were sacked and those who failed to escape from Austria were murdered. This year’s conductor is of Hebrew nationality and is famed for his work in trying to bring peace within Israel. What a contrast!

We are reminded that out of the world’s greatest tragedy – the death of Jesus came the greatest gift to mankind.- the possibility of salvation. This gift is given freely to all who acknowledge Jesus as Lord and seek God’s forgiveness. Let us show to those around us that we know Christ as Saviour and pray that they will come to know Jesus in their lives. What a wonderful way in which to experience life anew.

May you each know a special blessing throughout this New Year.

Major Peter Kendall



Because of circumstances and Omicron virus, restarting of lunch club will be delayed until further notice!



Lydia Moorby  
Peter Mason

Jackie Mann  
Mavis Clark

Hope you have a good day!

### Fancy the Panto? This coming week...



@ Normanton Junior Academy Theatre, WF6 1EY  
On Wed 12<sup>th</sup> – Sat 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Go to [ticketsource.co.uk](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk)

### Later in the month...



@ Ossett Town Hall  
On Wed 26<sup>th</sup> – Sat 29<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Go to [tickets.prioryplayers.com](https://www.tickets.prioryplayers.com)

Musical direction by Joel Griffin. Featuring Ashley in the band!

### ●●● Pick your sticker!

- Red – I'd like to keep my distance, please stay away.
- Amber – I'm still cautious about the situation, would rather elbow greet or nod.
- Green – I'm okay with mixing, don't mind if you're near me

### A New Year's Poem for Christians

Instead of making a New Year's resolution  
Consider committing to a biblical solution  
Your promises are easily broken  
Empty words, though earnestly spoken  
But God's Word transforms the soul  
By His Holy Spirit making you whole  
As you spend time alone with Him  
He will change you from within  
(Mary Fairchild)



If you have any news or tips to share, please let Jayne know and she will include it in a future newsletter. 😊

A child watched her exasperated mother sift through and delete a long list of junk emails. “This reminds me of the Lord’s prayer” the child said.

‘What do you mean?’ the mother asked.  
“You know, the part about delivering us from email”

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**Bible Study & Prayer fellowship** – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 10.30am; everyone welcome.



**Due** to the continuing problems associated with Covid, we will not be meeting for teas/coffees after the meeting during the month of January. We will review the situation at the end of the month. Please continue to follow Government rules and regulations and wear your mask unless you are medically exempt. Many thanks for your cooperation.

**Many thanks** to Bandsmen/women and the collectors for their hard work during the Carolling effort in 2021. It was much appreciated by the general public, many people saying that they missed us in 2020. I also want to thank those Bandsmen/women who changed instruments from time to time to ensure a proper balance, I appreciate not just your willingness to do that but also your talent in being able to do it!! Thank you again, Laurence.

**Quote of the month...**

Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right.  
Oprah Winfrey (US actress & television talk show host)

**Word of the month - Ophthalmophobia - fear of being stared at**



...to Vanessa and her volunteers who have worked hard this past year and especially during December sorting and distributing toys and food to families in need. A big thank you also to those who donated toys to the Appeal.

...to Chloe for selling stamps and running the post box again this year and to everyone who supported this; we raised £40.00 for the Corps.

**Please remember...**

...Les, Brenda & Dawn on the sad passing of Nicola last month.  
...The family of Bernard Stothard – he used to be part of our fellowship here and moved to Doncaster several years ago – he sadly died just before Christmas.  
...Beryl, Jean & Margaret and the rest of their family during difficult times for them.

**A Prayer for the New Year**

Lord

Whether I leave behind  
a year of joy or of trials and  
difficulties,  
I pause to give thanks.  
Thank you for being with me  
every day of every year.  
Thank you for making all things  
new and for giving me the grace  
of fresh starts and new  
beginnings.  
Remind me of your presence in  
the days to come, even when I  
feel pushed and rushed by  
busyness.  
Be glorified in my life this year  
Amen. (Heather King)

**I found these tips to help beat the January blues:**

- 1. Go outside** - Exposure to daylight is good for us, and we often become depressed in darker months due to our limited sunlight exposure. Our brains love to be in sunlight, and it helps to regulate our sleep cycles properly.
- 2. Try something new** - Comfort zones are dangerous things, as they cause us to stagnate and cease development. So why not welcome in the New Year with some new hobbies or activities?
- 3. Plan a holiday** - Having something to look forward to fills our day-to-day lives with a sense of purpose, excitement, and joy. Booking a holiday is the perfect example.
- 4. Exercise** - Yes, it's super clichéd to join a gym come January. However, exercise could be exactly what you need to lift your spirits. You may not want to go, but science has repeatedly proven that exercise releases endorphins (your body's feel-good hormones) and lifts your mood after completion.

**An 8 year old was asked to explain God, here's how he answered:**

"One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. He doesn't make grown-ups, just babies. I think they are smaller and easier to make. That way, he doesn't have to take up his valuable time teaching them to talk and walk, he can just leave that to mothers and fathers. God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times besides bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this. Because he hears everything, there must be a terrible lot of noise in his ears, unless he has thought of a way to turn it off. God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere, which keeps him pretty busy. So, you shouldn't be wasting his time by going over your mum & dad's heads asking for something they said you couldn't have.

