

THE SALVATION ARMY HADLEIGH TEMPLE SONGSTERS

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT – 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020

WE HAVE NOW TRULY ENTERED AUTUMN, THIS SEASON SHOWS US NATURE'S BEAUTY IN AN AWE-INSPIRING WAYS LIKE NO OTHER, IT ALSO MEANS OF COURSE CLEARING AWAY THE FALLEN LEAVES AND TIDY UP THE GARDEN, AND ALSO SEE THE WORKMEN DOING THE SAME IN PUBLIC AREAS. NOW IS ALSO THE TIME FOR US TO BEGIN PREPARING THE GROUND FOR NEXT YEAR.

IN MANY WAYS THIS REFLECTS OUR NEED TO CONTINUE PREPARATION IN OURSELVES FOR US TO BE ABLE TO BE EFFECTIVE AS CHRISTIANS IN AN EVER-CHANGING WORLD. WE OF COURSE HAVE GUIDANCE IN THE BIBLE, AND IN THE WORDS AND MUSIC WE USE IN THE SALVATION ARMY. AS SONGSTERS WE ARE IN A PRIVILEGED POSITION IN THE RESOURCES WE HAVE PROVIDED FOR US. I EXPECT YOU HAVE YOUR FAVOURITES, WHICH OF COURSE CHANGE DEPENDING ON OUR CIRCUMSTANCES. SOMETIMES THE WORDS ARE OF COMFORT, CHALLENGE AND JOY. PERHAPS YOU CAN TAKE A FEW MOMENTS TO REFLECT ON SONGS WITH A SPECIAL MEANING FOR YOU.

THE WORDS AND MUSIC OF SONG 766. (ALBERT ORSBORN)

'IN THE SECRET OF THY PRESECENCE, WHERE THE POOR IN HEART MAY DWELL,  
ARE THE SPRINGS OF SACRED SERVICE AND A POWER THAT NONE CAN TELL  
THERE MY LOVE MUST BRING ITS OFFERING, THERE MY HEART MUST YIELD ITS PRAISE  
THERE THE LORD WILL COME, REVEALING, ALL THE SECRETS OF HIS WAYS'.  
MAY WE EXPERIENCE THE LAST TWO LINES OF THE SONG.

'FIRST TO KNOW THEE, THEN TO SERVE THEE  
THEN TO SEE THEE AS THOU ART'.

OUR OWN EXPERENCIES REFLECT IN THE WAY WE LEAD OUR LIVES, AND AS YOUR SERVANTS IN OUR ACTIONS TOWARDS OTHERS.

I RECENTLY RECEIVED THIS PRAYER FROM A FRIEND IN CANADA

'IF WE COULD LOOK INTO EACH OTHER HEARTS, AND UNDERSTAND THE UNIQUE CHALLENGES EACH OF US FACES,

I THINK WE WOULD MOVE MORE GENTLY, WITH MORE LOVE, PATIENCE, TOLERANCE AND CARE'.

MY THAT BE OUR PRAYER TODAY AND EVERY DAY.

KEEP WELL, KEEP SAFE.

GOD BLESS

LOUISE