

Event guide





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Dear Friends,

Together 2023

Welcome to Fairfield Halls and Croydon for our celebration - Together 2023!

It is our earnest hope and prayer that as we gather together, every one of us would know for certain the experience of the promise of Christ that even when two or three are gathered, He will be present. Our prayer is that our holy awesome God will be pleased as we His people make ourselves wholly available to Him, exploring His goodness and love in so many different expressions over this exciting and uplifting weekend.

Although there will be many highlights, the commissioning and ordination of the cadets of the Reflectors of Holiness session on Sunday morning will certainly be outstanding. We are blessed and encouraged by the soon-tobe lieutenants being wholly available to the Lord and so we will all be praying and supporting them as they come to this sacred moment in their lives.

Inspired by the Reflectors of Holiness and all that has been arranged, may it be that every one of us truly and increasingly reflects the glorious, loving nature of our holy God. If Together 2023 achieves that for us all, it will be well worth all the extensive planning and rehearsals done by so many people - but it will also be worth the effort that you made to be present, not as an onlooker but as an active participant in all that God is choosing to do for us this weekend. Thank you for coming!

Be blessed! Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

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Anthony and Gillian Cotterill COMMISSIONERS TERRITORIAL LEADERS

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OUR THEME FOR THE WEEKEND

Wholly Holy

1 Peter 1:15 and 16

'But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy' New Living Translation

'As obedient children, let yourselves be pulled into a way of life shaped by God's life, a life energetic and blazing with holiness. God said, "I am holy; you be holy"' *The Message*

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Today's theme: Holy God, Holy People

Holiness is not generated by us but comes from relationship with a holy God. This relationship affects everything we do - body, mind and spirit.

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14.00 Prayer Space at Croydon Citadel 9 Booth Road, Croydon, CR0 1XY, a 15-minute walk from Fairfield Halls

Sooth Road, Croydon, CR0 1XY, a 15-minute walk from Fairfield Halls Free, no ticket required

Croydon Citadel will be open for prayer and reflection throughout the afternoon. Feel free to drop in and take time before the busyness of the weekend to ask God to bless and use the event for his purposes. Tea and cake will be provided from 16.15.

A dedicated prayer team will also be ready to offer prayer support over the weekend.

17.00 Prayer Walk

• From Croydon Citadel to Fairfield Halls Free, no ticket required

A prayer walk stopping at significant buildings to pray for the community and The Salvation Army's work further afield. On arriving at Fairfield Halls, we will pray God's blessing over the spaces that will be used, asking God to make it holy ground.

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19.30 Belongings

• Ashcroft Theatre (doors open at 17.30, with access to the SP&S shop) Tickets £7 (under-18s free)

A new musical written by Stephanie Lamplough and Paul Sharman (Music and Creative Arts), with a pop-up charity shop open afterwards from 21.00 to 22.00. Refreshments will be available after the performance has finished.



A musical by Stephanie Lamplough and Paul Sharman

A Salvation Army charity shop: A place full of belongings - a place where people belong.

A Salvation Army charity shop on a wet and windy high street. The shop is full of people but for very different reasons. For some, it's their job or an opportunity to volunteer and give something back. For others it's a regular lifeline, a part of their routine. And then there are those who are there for the very first time.

When a storm hits, these almost-strangers decide to spend the afternoon together, rather than venturing into the rain. With nothing much to do, they bond over tea and stories. But one person has a story they aren't telling - a story with devastating consequences.

CAST (in alphabetical order)

Captain Sandra Alicia Begley Val Stephanie Bonser-Ward Lisa Alison Chapman Kevin Reuben Dykes God Charlie Green Susie Bethany Henderson Grace Tanya Iddie Paul Philip James Maisie Josie Lamplough Karen Steph Lamplough Liam Nathanial Leighton Mia Mia Laird Celeste Grace Moir Connor Erlend Smith

PRODUCTION TEAM

Director and choreography Steph Lamplough Assistant director Sarah Grace Stage manager Jennie Blessett Design and publicity Lauren O'Connor

BAND

Musical Director Paul Sharman Keyboard Nik King DrumsRob Hayward Bass guitar Scott Jennings Flute Lucy Ridley Trumpet I Gavin Lamplough Trumpet II Matthew Frost Trombone Mark Sharman



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Today's theme: Encountering the Holy

God, who wants to be in relationship with us, is holy. We can have holy moments where we meet with God at any time and in any place.

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All day Prayer Bureau

• The foyer Free, no ticket required

A dedicated prayer team is ready to offer prayer support. The Samuel Coleridge Taylor room is available for families who need space to themselves, or for breastfeeding mothers who require privacy, including a screened-off quiet space for anyone who requires it.

Marketplace

• Around the venue Free, no ticket required

For more information, visit salvationist.org.uk/together.

Art Exhibition • Arthur Davison Suite Free, no ticket required

Also open 09.00 to 14.00 on Sunday. For more information, visit salvationist.org.uk/together.

09.00 The Big Stride 5K Mission and Fundraising Challenge • Lloyd Park, Coombe Road, CR0 5RA, a 20-minute walk from Fairfield Halls Free, register at parkrun.org.uk

Impact your community through sport by running, jogging or walking 5km. Join the group taking part at the front of the Fairfield Halls at 08.30. If you don't want to run, jog or walk, come along to support! Sign up at **salvationarmy.org.uk/run/bigstride** or take on the challenge anywhere and any time during July.

10.00- Bible Study

11.00 • Ashcroft Theatre

Included in Saturday ticket

- 11.30-
- **12.30** Hosts Lieutenant Liam Beattie and Haram Yu will take you deeper into God's word as you study the weekend's key text, 1 Peter 1:15 and 16.

The same session is repeated at the time indicated.

12.00- Foyer Concerts

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 - Free, no ticket required
- 16.00-
- **18.00** A concert in the foyer, featuring musicians from around the territory. For more information, visit **salvationist.org.uk/together**.

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13.00- Spotlight Talks

17.30 • Ashcroft Theatre Included in Saturday ticket

Short talks and quickfire presentations. No need to sign up - just turn up! For more information, visit **salvationist.org.uk/together**.

13.30- MACA Dance Workshop

14.30 • John Whitgift Community Cube Included in Saturday ticket

A high-energy dance workshop with the territorial dance group. For children aged 6 to 18.

- 14.00-ISB and ISS in Concert16.00• Concert Hall
 - Included in Saturday ticket

A worship concert presented by the International Staff Band and Songsters.

14.30- Community Festival

16.30 • Queen's Gardens, Park Lane, Croydon, CR0 1YJ, opposite Fairfield Halls *Free, no tickets required*

On top of lots of ways to engage, have fun and be a blessing to people in the local community, there will be live music, sports, and fun and creative activities for all ages, including a muddy walk to help you consider caring for creation.



18.30- Worship Together
20.00 • Concert Hall Included in Saturday ticket

> An opportunity to explore the day's theme and what it means to encounter the holy through contemporary worship led by Meraki, dance, creative prayer and a Scripture message from Territorial Commander Commissioner Anthony Cotterill.

20.30- After Hours with The All Terrain Podcast21.30 • Ashcroft Theatre

Included in Saturday ticket

This live recording will feature conversation with Colonels Paul and Jenine Main and an opportunity to dig deeper into the theme for the weekend.

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Today's theme: Blazing with Holiness

Becoming the holy people of God includes personal holiness and social holiness - it has personal, social, societal and environmental consequences.

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09.00 Prayer Meeting • Ashcroft Theatre Included in Sunday ticket

A reflective time of sung and spoken worship to encourage meditation on the weekend's theme.

10.00- Children's Venue 12.30 • Bistro and Talawa Studios Free, but children's ticket required

The children's venue is a safe space where children aged 5 to 11 can explore for themselves about being Wholly Holy, using the Five Ways to Wellbeing. Expect worship, games and interactive learning zones!

Registration starts from 09.45 - if you do not have a registration form, spare copies will be available on the day.

10.30- Commissioning

12.00 • Concert Hall Included in Sunday ticket

The Reflectors of Holiness session will be commissioned and ordained as Salvation Army officers in the Sunday morning meeting of Together 2023. All are welcome to come and participate in moments of dedication, covenantal commitment, and celebration. Alongside the commissioning and ordination, there will be space for prayerful reflection and personal response.

The meeting will focus on Blazing with Holiness, the theme for the day, and help you consider how you can reflect the glory of the Lord and be transformed into his glorious image (see 2 Corinthians 3:18), including a Scripture message from Territorial Leader for Leader Development Commissioner Gill Cotterill.

A livestream of the meeting will be available online at youtube.com/salvationarmyvideo.



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12.00- Foyer Concerts

14.00 • The foyer Free, no ticket required

A concert in the foyer, featuring musicians from around the territory. For more information, visit **salvationist.org.uk/together**.

12.00- Together Grand Picnic

14.00 • Queen's Gardens and foyer Free, no tickets required

Enjoy holy fellowship together over food. Space to sit is available in the foyer and - weather permitting - in the space outside the venue, as well as in nearby Queen's Gardens. For more information, visit **salvationist.org.uk/together**.

14.30- Celebrate Together16.00
Q Concert Hall

Included in Sunday ticket

An opportunity for The Salvation Army family to participate in intergenerational worship and explore the day's theme, Blazing with Holiness, in creative and engaging ways. During this time together, the newly commissioned lieutenants of the Reflectors of Holiness session and their families will be welcomed. You'll have the opportunity to encourage them as they are sent out with Christ in their hearts. We pray this opportunity to celebrate the holiness of God and each other will fuel your resolve to burn brightly for him in the part of the world in which he has placed you.

A livestream of the meeting will be available online at youtube.com/salvationarmyvideo.

Accessibility and Sustainability

We are committed to making Together 2023 an enjoyable experience for everyone. Fairfield Halls has a strong commitment to accessibility. Please visit the venue's website for more information: **fairfield.co.uk/access**.Alternative formats (printed, large print, audio, etc) of the event information can be provided on request.

For further information, please contact *events@salvationarmy.org.uk* or speak to a 'here to help' volunteer.

As part of the territory's commitment to care for creation, we've been thinking about ways to be as waste-free and carbon-light as possible at Together 2023. To learn more, visit **salvationist.org.uk/environment**.



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