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| **Story 31** | **Dyma Gariad 150 Stories** |
| **18**  **July** | **Praying for Rhosllanerchrugog (Rhos)** |
| Image result for clip art bible | **Psalm 31:22**  ‘When I was afraid, I said, “God is no longer with me!” But I spoke too soon. When I called to you for help, you heard me and answered me.’ |
| **Tell**  the  Story | **1904**  ‘More than a hundred years ago Wales experienced a powerful religious revival (A moment in history when many people wanted Christ in their hearts). It had a great impact on the way of life in the chapels and churches of the day. It also made front-page headlines all over the world. Evan Roberts was the most well-known person involved and he soon became a household name.’ \*  (Kevin Adams and Emyr Jones, *A Pictorial History of Revival*)  ‘The [1904] revival in Rhos started quite unexpectedly in the Welsh Baptist chapel where Rhys Bevan Jones from South Wales had been invited to lead a special meeting… Revival spread rapidly through the whole town until every church was affected. The Methodists, Congregationalists, Salvation Army, the Church of England and Baptists were all involved. You could enter any church in the town and find crowds of people at prayer; there was great harmony in the town.’ \*  (Brian H Edwards, *Revival!*)  A 10 December *War Cry* headline announced, ‘Great Awakening in Wales’, followed by a message to our Salvation Army members in Britain: ‘An amazing awakening affecting a large portion of the population of Wales, agrees with the teachings of The Salvation Army, commands the understanding of our people everywhere. Yours believingly, W Bramwell Booth, Chief of the Staff.’  Could the fire of revival spread and set England alight? A report in the 21 December *War Cry* was headed ‘Aflame!’ and declared, ‘Remarkable awakening at Norland Castle, West London.’  \*paraphrased |
| **Praying hands praying hand child prayer hands clip art image 6 8 ...** | **Prayer**   * Pray for the corps and community in Rhosllanerchrugog. * Pray for the fellowship group that meets on a Monday as it grows spiritually and in numbers. |

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| **Story 32** | **Dyma Gariad 150 Stories** |
| **19**  **July** | **Renewing fervour and enthusiasm for the gospel** |
| Image result for clip art bible | **Psalm 32:1**  ‘When God has forgiven someone's sins, they are truly happy. They may have turned against God, but when God forgives them, they are happy.’ |
| **Tell**  the  Story | **1905**  The Keswick Convention started in 1875 and was the focal point for the Higher Life Movement in the UK. This was part of the wider holiness movement, of which The Salvation Army was a significant part. In the summer of 1903, the first ‘Keswick in Wales’ was held at Llandrindod Wells. This event inspired many Welsh Christians, giving them a new-found enthusiasm.  In the book *That Contentious Doctrine*, Melvyn Jones says:  ‘The Keswick Convention in Llandrindod Wells was a very important event in the build-up to the Welsh Revival.  Following that convention – ‘Three hundred Welshmen came to Keswick in the Lake District in 1905… On the Saturday morning RB Jones from Porth asked why the revival had not spread beyond Wales.’ \*  ‘The Keswick leaders dampened the enthusiasm of those Welshmen.’ \*  “All the meetings have been particularly quiet,” was the record’s account one year. “There are no loud Salvationist outcries.”’ (JC Pollock, *The Keswick Story*) \*  Welsh people are often characterised as having great *hwyl* (being emotional and enthusiastic) and therefore willing to be part of a revival. Similarly, early day Salvationists were known for their, emotion and enthusiasm and eager to encourage revival.  \*paraphrased |
| **Praying hands praying hand child prayer hands clip art image 6 8 ...** | **Prayer**   * Pray that we might see a renewed enthusiasm for the gospel in the Wales Division. * Ask God what part he wants you to play in promoting the gospel in your community. |

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| **Story 33** | **Dyma Gariad 150 Stories** |
| **20**  **July** | **Praying for residential centres** |
| Image result for clip art bible | **Psalm 33:1** ‘You righteous people, sing to praise the Lord, and be happy. It is right for good, honest people to do that.’ |
| **Tell**  the  Story | **1906**  The Metropole and Charles Street homes in Cardiff united for a meeting that was attended by 120 people. The *Deliverer* newspaper stated:  ‘There were all kinds of people at the meeting – the girl of 16, with her hair still down. The grannie of 82. The girl who had just got out of prison, who came to the home at one o’clock that morning. The bright and fully uniformed service girl, who prayed when there was an opportunity occurred for those still unsaved. The respectable Metropole lodger was there, also interested and responsive. There was no part of the meeting which did not seem to appeal equally to the poor, wronged little Sarah Jane and to grannie with a past. Just as interested was the girl ex-prisoner, who came in drunk yesterday.’ \*  \*paraphrased |
| **Praying hands praying hand child prayer hands clip art image 6 8 ...** | **Prayer**   * Pray for those finding support and help in the residential centres within the Wales Division. * Pray for those staffing the centres as well as the residents. |

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| **Story 34** | **Dyma Gariad 150 Stories** |
| **20**  **July** | **Praying for Rhyl** |
| Image result for clip art bible | **Psalm 34:3** ‘Join with me to tell people that the Lord is great! Together we will make his name famous.’ |
| **Tell**  the  Story | **1907**  William Booth was willing to try anything that might increase God’s Kingdom. Every year from 1904 to 1908 he toured Britain in his famous white car. The timetable was demanding, so when one village in Wales placed chairs on the road, trying to make the General stop … the car drove past! A similar attempt later in the tour met with success. In later years many would tell their story about seeing and hearing the world-famous General in their community.  Readers of the 10 August *War Cry* were told about the 1907 visit to Buckley, where ‘the General held a big morning meeting in the large Primitive Methodist Assembly (church)… One of The General’s Welsh chairmen give a thank you and said, “Ladies and gentlemen, he is a most marvellous man!” The General said. “Hear, hear.” And everyone laughed. Then the Chairman said, “His energy is perfectly mysterious.” The General said, “There must be some Welsh blood in me.” And everyone clapped and laughed for a long time.’\*  The report then wrote about other visits: ‘At the town of Mold, a lorry was used to speak from. The white car quietly left and went through the large crowd of 2,000 people, up the hill and then on the road to Denbigh. A magnificent meeting was held in the great Methodist chapel. \*  ‘There was enthusiasm at Rhyl, the Welsh religious enthusiasm at Colwyn Bay, and a touch of spiritual fire at Llanddulas. But what about the scene at the foot of the Great Orme’s head at Llandudno? It was a beautiful experience, here the General spoke in the remains of the banqueting hall of Edward I in Conway Castle. \*  ‘Llanfairfechan was next reached and here there was a civic welcome, and address, and a meeting in the Public Hall.  ‘At 6.45pm we set off for Bangor, another Welsh city set on a hill… And because the language of the people was Welsh, the opening meeting led by Staff Captain Russell, was in that language.  ‘The next scene of interest was right under the shadow of the grand Carnarvon Castle, a building which seems to dominate this old town… Following an enthusiastic greeting the mayor presented an address, as did the Good Templars and the Free Church Federation.’ \*  The 10 August *War Cry* reported on the tour’s progress in South Wales, ‘Among Welsh mountains and valleys’.  ‘Great demonstrations at Carmarthen, Swansea, Llanelly and Cardiff. “What does it all mean?” asked the General of the densely packed square in the heart of Newport.  ‘In a silence that could be felt, he said: “I will tell you. It means that this people are at heart, religious. They believe in it. It is there. Nothing can remove it… I think that despite modern Christianity being materialistic that the common people admire the man or the woman who stands up for God. This is a new revival.”’ \*  After making an unplanned stop due to the insistence of the local folk, Booth stated: ‘“Your energy, your enthusiasm, your cheerful faces, your salutes, and flowers show that you are interested in me and the work I am trying to do. I wish I had the time to stop and tell you dear people a little about it. But I have only a few seconds”… The General is no sentimentalist; but when the sweet tune of the Welsh hymn could be heard as the white car left Llanon behind, something like tears filled his eyes.’ \*  \*paraphrased |
| **Praying hands praying hand child prayer hands clip art image 6 8 ...** | **Prayer**   * Pray for the corps and community of Rhyl. * Pray for the new projects that The Salvation Army is managing in the town. |

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| **Story 35** | **Dyma Gariad 150 Stories** |
| **22**  **July** | **Praying for young people struggling with life** |
| Image result for clip art bible | **Psalm 35:28** ‘I will tell everyone that you are righteous. I will praise you all through the day.’ |
| **Tell**  the  Story | **1908**  Here are the brief stories of an unnamed Salvationist and a 15-year-old Sarah Williams.  The 11 January *War Cry* report under the headline, ‘Killed at Work’, read, ‘Sorrow is felt at Pentre at the loss of a promising young man who was killed in the pit on Saturday. Only last Sunday week he was preaching, and had arranged to go out this weekend, but was now unable.  ‘The meetings all day were led by Adjutant Hall. At night, a backslider (someone who is going away from God) who lived a few doors away from the home of the young man who was killed, came forward to the Mercy Seat.’ \*  A residential home Girls Statement Book 8 (Country) recorded the following information:  Name: Sarah Williams.  Age: 15.  Where from: Caerphilly.  Manner of application: Brought by corps officers.  Ever in prison? No.  Been a drink case? No.  Been in other homes? No.  [Departure] Where to? Ran away.  Satisfactory or not at departure: Unsatisfactory. Gave endless trouble whilst in the home.\*  \*paraphrased |
| **Praying hands praying hand child prayer hands clip art image 6 8 ...** | **Prayer**   * Pray for young people who struggle with life. * Pray for the those giving one-to-one support and teaching to young people who are finding the mainstream school environment challenging. |
| **Story 36** | **Dyma Gariad 150 Stories** |
| **23**  **July** | **Praying for Williamstown** |
| Image result for clip art bible | **Psalm 36:5** ‘Lord your faithful love reaches as high as the sky. People can trust you beyond the clouds.’ |
| **Tell**  the  Story | **1909**  ‘Brother Horton, Cardiff IV’ told readers of the 6 February *War Cry* about ‘One little boy … who had picked up a cigarette end … said to the other, “Ask that man for a match;” but the reply was, “He won’t give us one. He is a Salvation Army man and Salvationists don’t smoke.”’ \*  The same issue included an ‘interesting story in pictures from Williamstown, South Wales’ and showed the old hall, the new hall and a ‘collection of pipes, whisky bottles, and other “idols” left at the Mercy Seat.’ \*  In The Salvation Army the story of holiness has often been one of down-to-earth issues rather than heavenly, mystical experiences. Salvationists were respected because they didn’t smoke, drink, gamble or swear. And those saved literally left their old life at the Mercy Seat in the form of pipes, bottles and feathers, etc.  \*paraphrase |
| **Praying hands praying hand child prayer hands clip art image 6 8 ...** | **Prayer**   * Pray for Williamstown Corps and its surrounding community. * Give thanks for all the people with whom the corps is in contact and in whose lives God is working. |

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| **Story 37** | **Dyma Gariad 150 Stories** |
| **24**  **July** | **Praying for those in need of support** |
| Image result for clip art bible | **Psalm 37:34** ‘Be patient and continue to trust the Lord. Obey his commands. Then he will give you honour so that you live safely in the land.’ |
| **Tell**  the  Story | **1910**  This year a Women’s Industrial Home opened in Cardiff. Almost 20 years earlier, in 1892, Bessie Harding had come to another Salvation Army home in Cardiff. The bare outline of her sad and complex story is found in a record book, with language and outlook typical of Victorian times.  **Girls Statement Book III (Country)**  Name: Bessie Harding.  Born: India.  How long fallen? 3 months.  Cause of first fall? Engaged to young man – seduced.  Given to drinking? No.  Ever been dishonest? No.  Ever in prison? No.  Been in other homes, and where? Yes Gloucester.  Is she, or has she been diseased? No.  Father? No.  How long dead? 11 years.  Mother? Yes, in Australia.  Brothers? 3.  Sisters? 4.  Married? No.  Children? No.  Pregnant? Yes.  Been to Salvation Army meetings, and where? Yes, Penarth.  Further particulars: Bessie is a superior girl, quick and energetic. \*  **Final Statement**  Where sent from receiving house? To rescue home, Cardiff.  Personal Appearance: Short, of a larger build, fair coloured face, large forehead, blue eyes.  Has she given evidence of being saved? Professed  Conduct in home: Good.  Character and skills: Hot temper, tells lies, fair worker, clever needlewoman.  Left the home for? To have a baby.  Date of leaving: November 30th, 1892. \*  **Remarks**  Bessie has been respectably brought up and is an old Sunday school girl, was a great anxiety to her friends, wild and uncontrolled, at last she met a seaman who took her to where he was living for a week, he left for sea promising to come home and marry her. Being pregnant she was brought to us by the man in charge of the Sunday School … the man promising to bear all expenses and marry her… We believe Bessie has learnt a never to be forgotten lesson.\*  \*paraphrase |
| **Praying hands praying hand child prayer hands clip art image 6 8 ...** | **Prayer**   * Pray for all those who call upon The Salvation Army in a time of need. * Pray that they may find kind hearts and practical assistance. |

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| **Story 38** | **Dyma Gariad 150 Stories** |
| **25**  **July** | **Praying for Housing First, Merthyr Tydfil** |
| Image result for clip art bible | **Psalm 38:21 and 22 ‘**Lord do not leave me alone. Do not stay far from God! My Lord you are the one who can save me, so come quickly to help me!’ |
| **Tell**  the  Story | **1911**  The 21 January *War Cry* reported on ‘Merthyr’s old guard’:  ‘When, about 50 years ago, a local person of north or mid Wales, was tired of simple farm life with little reward, looked for adventure and a quick way of becoming rich, he used to move south; to “the works” as he called it. If asked for a name for his destination, he would reply with one word: “Merthyr”. \*  ‘Here there are people who are good and those who do evil things and Merthyr has many who are criminal in their ways.’ \*  Talking about the start of the The Christian Mission in Merthyr 33 years earlier, the article continued:  ‘Wm Jones is another trophy of those early days. Though scarcely able to read or write at that time, he has since developed into a well-known poet of some repute. Of those early days he says:  We had no ‘War Cry’s at that time.  But ‘The Christian Magazine’  And the people who read  Most quickly said,  ‘Why, they never will give in.’  Nor were there shields or ‘S’s  And smart uniforms to put on,  No! Our clothes then worn,  Were very much torn,  For the best were all in pawn!  A week later, under the heading, ‘Pit to Gloryland’, the *War Cry* reported the death of Bandsman Tom Dare of Bargoed, ‘killed by fall of earth’: ‘Twenty-five years of age, Tom was working with his brother Corps Sergeant-Major Robert Dare when the accident occurred. Brother Tom Dare was not a brilliant speaker, but his testimonies were honest. When he was finding it difficult spiritually, he would ask the prayers of his friends.’ \*  \*paraphrase |
| **Praying hands praying hand child prayer hands clip art image 6 8 ...** | **Prayer**   * Pray for the Housing First Project in Merthyr Tydfil. * Pray for the staff as they endeavour to help those who have been referred to stay safe and secure in their own accommodation. |

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| **Story 39** | **Dyma Gariad 150 Stories** |
| **26**  **July** | **Praying for Mold** |
| Image result for clip art bible | **Psalm 39:12**  ‘Lord, please hear my prayer. Listen to me when I call for help.’ |
| **Tell**  the  Story | **1912**  Music has strong links with Welsh culture and with the story of The Salvation Army. This *War Cry* report from 17 August 1912 records ‘enthusiastic celebrations of the Army’s anniversary in the Sophia Gardens, Cardiff’.  ‘It is impossible to give the full details of the day’s activities. Music played the biggest part, perhaps, in the celebrations for, from ten o’clock, the three bandstands were almost continuously occupied, while each meeting or demonstration in the great tent also had a band. All showed the general advance which music is making in Wales.’ \*  The article mentioned some groups in particular: Newport 2 Girls Mandolin Band and Boys Brass Band, Pentre Girls Concertina Band, The Swansea Terrible Ten [singers] and a Bargoed bandsman who ‘began to sing in Welsh’.  According to Mold historian, David Rowe, ‘Now a branch of Lloyds Bank in Mold, the hall once housed an indoor market on the ground floor and its rooms above hosted meetings and concerts. It has a rich history, connected with celebrities. General William Booth, the Founder of The Salvation Army, preached to the crowds from underneath its balconies in 1912, while on 24 January 24 1963, the then Assembly Rooms played host to The Beatles.’ \*  \*paraphrase |
| **Praying hands praying hand child prayer hands clip art image 6 8 ...** | **Prayer**   * Pray for the town of Mold and its surrounding community. * Pray for the ministry of Mold corps. |

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| **Story 40** | **Dyma Gariad 150 Stories** |
| **27**  **July** | **Praying for communities that have suffered pit disasters** |
| Image result for clip art bible | **Psalm 40:3**  ‘He gave me a new song to sing. It was a song to praise our God. Many people will see what God has done to help me. Then they will respect and obey him. Yes they will trust in the Lord.’ |
| **Tell**  the  Story | **1913**  In Senghenydd on 14 October 1913, 439 people lost their lives in the worst pit disaster in UK mining history. The 25 October *War Cry* reported on ‘The Salvation Army and the sorrowing people at Senghenydd’. \*  The article had a photograph – ‘which shows the Army’s feeling about the Welsh widows and orphans – shows our officer, Adjutant Lennard, of Pentre, and the wife of one of the victims. When the photograph was taken the woman’s husband and two sons were down in the mine, also a man who lived with the family. The sons have since been brought up alive, but the husband and boarder are among the buried. The officers visit the woman regularly.’ \*  ‘Of the 900 men 435 are dead, and the greater number are buried in the blazing mine. They leave nearly a thousand widows and orphans.  ‘One of the first to go down after the explosion was Young People’s Sergeant Major A Coram of Ebbw Vale, an experienced member of the St John’s Ambulance Corps and also a local instructor. Band Sergeant Sands and Brothers Bellis and O Jones, who were in the pit at the time of the explosion, are among the Salvationists who have several times been down the mine with rescue parties.  ‘At least ten of The Salvation Army members have lost their lives, and the death of one of them, Emrys Williams, is a sad story. His mother is a nurse – a strong kindly faced woman who, although worried about her son, has been working day and night among the injured, facing horrible sights in the where the dead were laid and comforting bereaved wives and mothers. \*  ‘The woman who had done so much to comfort others could find no comfort for herself, and many heads bared in sympathy as she went weeping down the hill where she met her son’s coffin – coming up on the shoulders of two men. That is why Senghenydd feels grief, appalling, dignified and silent.’ \*  \*paraphrase |
| **Praying hands praying hand child prayer hands clip art image 6 8 ...** | **Prayer**   * Many communities in Wales have been affected by pit disasters. Pray for those who hold family members in their hearts. * Bless those who have continued to live their lives for others despite the pain that they feel. |

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| **Story 41** | **Dyma Gariad 150 Stories** |
| **28**  **July** | **Praying for the ministry of military chaplains** |
| Image result for clip art bible | **Psalm 41:1** ‘If someone is kind to poor people, God blesses him.’ |
| **Tell**  the  Story | **1914**  The 11 April *War Cry* reported on a meeting in the Cardiff Hippodrome conducted by ‘the British Commissioner Edward Higgins and Mrs Catherine Higgins’.    ‘Mrs Higgins, who was from Wales, gave a good talk, saying that it was impossible for spiritual life to grow unless roots have been struck deeply in the soil of spiritual experience.  ‘Even though that it was the time for the annual visit to the cemeteries, to the graves of the dead, by loved ones with flowers … there were nearly 1,000 persons present.’ \*  The [International Heritage Centre](https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/about-us/international-heritage-centre/virtual-heritage-centre/war-and-emergency) website says:  ‘During the First World War, The Salvation Army provided motor ambulances, refreshment huts in military camps and parcels of food and clothing for soldiers. Some officers also served as chaplains.\*  ‘In 1917 Evangeline Booth, National Commander of The Salvation Army in America, created a National War Board to meet the needs of the American Expeditionary Forces. Salvationists were sent to Europe from the USA, including those known as “Doughnut Girls” who served food (principally doughnuts) to soldiers and often worked in field hospitals. \*  ‘The Naval and Military League also operated an inquiry service helping relatives and friends to find servicemen. After the war, The Salvation Army also assisted with visits to war cemeteries.’  \*paraphrase |
| **Praying hands praying hand child prayer hands clip art image 6 8 ...** | **Prayer**   * Pray for the ministry of military chaplains. * Pray in particular for Salvationists serving as chaplains to army, navy and air cadets. |

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| **Story 42** | **Dyma Gariad 150 Stories** |
| **29**  **July** | **Blessing the role of women in society** |
| Image result for clip art bible | **Psalm 42:1** ‘God, I need you so much! I look for you, as a thirsty deer looks for streams of water.’ |
| **Tell**  the  Story | **1915**  According to the [Women, Wales and War](http://www.womenandwar.wales/en/1915.php) website:  ‘March 1915 saw the beginnings of mass industrial employment for women. Many had lost jobs in manufacturing during 1914, with a great reduction of employment in “luxury trades”. But poor planning had left the army seriously short of artillery shells. The Ministry for Munitions was started to organise the making of weapons and, as many men had joined the army, there was a great need for women workers to replace them in the nationalised factories. \*  ‘The suffragette (someone fighting for the right of women to vote) leader, Mrs Pankhurst, told Lloyd George [Minister of Munitions (weapons)] that “there are very serious complaints being made that women now working for private munitions are being paid well below the rate offered to men. Lloyd George replied that all should be well in the newly nationalised factories. However, women munitions workers, though comparatively well paid, never achieved the same as male workers.’ \*  The rights of women were firmly established within The Salvation Army when it was still The Christian Mission: ‘The 1875 constitution told Conference to review the structure and government of The Christian Mission regularly. Certain subjects were not reviewed… doctrines (set of beliefs)… powers of the General … the right of women to hold any office within the Mission.’  (John Larsson, *1929: A Crisis that Shaped the Salvation Army's Future*) \*  The early days of the Army in Wales demonstrated the courageous and capable leadership of women. They were given opportunities for ministry that would have been denied them in other churches; the women of the Shepherd family being a case in point (see Day 5). \*  \*paraphrase |
| **Praying hands praying hand child prayer hands clip art image 6 8 ...** | **Prayer**   * Thank God for the influence of the women in your life and the life of the Army. * Pray for those women who are still experiencing a pay gap. |

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| **Story 43** | **Dyma Gariad 150 Stories** |
| **30**  **July** | **Giving thanks for unsung heroes** |
| Image result for clip art bible | **Psalm 43:3** ‘Send to me your light and your truth. Let them be my guide. They will take me back to your holy mountain and to the house where you live.’ |
| **Tell**  the  Story | **1916**  David Lloyd George became prime minister in December 1916. This famous Welshman was a remarkable and complicated man. Unlike the stories of the Lloyd Georges of history the stories of everyday heroes are rarely recorded. Here is a brief description of one such hero, Brother Fred Coles (Cardiff I) as told in the *War Cry* of 15 April 1916.  ‘Many of the older generation of Salvationists in Leeds, Totton, Hove and Shoreham-on-Sea will remember Brother Coles, who, until his health gave way, was an officer. \*  ‘At Totton, a station near Southampton, he fought with roughs who tried to pull down his flag. For a time after he gave up field work, Brother Coles went as mate on board the Salvation Army yacht, *Vestal*, and in that role helped to open up a number of outposts.\*  ‘Our comrade’s death was unexpected, but he always lived in readiness for the summons.’  See Day 12 for information about The Salvation Navy.  \*paraphrase |
| **Praying hands praying hand child prayer hands clip art image 6 8 ...** | **Prayer**   * Give thanks and pray for the unsung heroes who are known to you. |

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| **Story 44** | **Dyma Gariad 150 Stories** |
| **31**  **July** | **Praying for Coedpoeth** |
| Image result for clip art bible | **Psalm 44:1** ‘God, we have heard it for ourselves. Our ancestors told us what you did for them a long time ago.’ |
| **Tell**  the  Story | **1917**  One of the leaders of Methodism in Wales, William Williams, was born 200 years previously in 1717. He is probably remembered more for his ability as a hymn writer than as a leader. Not least among his hymns is the magnificent, ‘Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah’.  The Salvation Army in Wales has been blessed with many fine musicians and composers. General John Gowans – who once served as the corps officer at Coedpoeth – worked together with Ivor Bosanko, a Welshman, to create this much-loved song:  At the moment of my weakness,  When my need for power is plain,  And my own strength is exhausted once again,  Then my Lord has made provision for the day of my despair,  And his precious Holy Spirit hears my prayer, my prayer,  Then my Lord has made provision for the day of my despair,  And his precious Holy Spirit hears my prayer.  Holy Spirit! Promised presence fall on me.  Holy Spirit! Make me all I long to be.  Holy Spirit! Holy Spirit!  Give your power to me O Holy Spirit.  (*The Song Book of the Salvation Army*, 316) |
| **Praying hands praying hand child prayer hands clip art image 6 8 ...** | **Prayer**   * Pray for Coedpoeth Corps and the surrounding communities of Ruthin and Denbigh. * Pray also for the ministry of their charity shop. * Pray that their youth work will grow to see young people finding Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. |
| **Story 45** | **Dyma Gariad 150 Stories** |
| **1**  **August** | **Praying for military personnel and their families** |
| Image result for clip art bible | **Psalm 45:17** ‘In future years I will cause people to remember that you are a great king! Then people will praise you always and for ever.’ |
| **Tell**  the  Story | **1918**  In 1918, Wales was established as a sub-territory under the British Commissioner. It comprised four divisions: Cardiff, Newport, North Wales and Swansea. The North Wales Division had its headquarters in Wrexham.  The 5 January *War Cry* included an incident in the life of Brother Griffiths (Rhos): ‘When this young warrior was home recently for ten days’ leave, he told several of his friends that he felt that it was the last time they would see him on Earth, and on his final Sunday at the corps said that he was ready to meet God, should the call come. \*  ‘On his return journey to the front, he found that he would have to wait at the station for some time. He started to talk to a gentleman who asked him to go to an hotel with him. Our comrade very politely replied: “No thank you sir. I cannot go anywhere that I feel God does not want me to go; I want to be ready to meet Him!”’\*  \*paraphrase |
| **Praying hands praying hand child prayer hands clip art image 6 8 ...** | **Prayer**   * Pray for military personnel and their families. * Pray for all those who have the responsibility of supporting them. |

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| **Story 46** | **Dyma Gariad 150 Stories** |
| **2**  **August** | **Praying for those who work for the good of their communities** |
| Image result for clip art bible | **Psalm 46:10** ‘He says, “Be still and quiet! Understand that I am God. I rule as king over the nations. All the world will say that I am great.”’ |
| **Tell**  the  Story | **1919**  This year Hope Lodge, an industrial home / maternity home, opened in Cardiff.  The *War Cry* reported from Blaina: ‘On Sunday night two souls knelt at the mercy seat. A man in khaki threw a donation into the open-air ring, with the remark, “For what the Army did for me in France.”’ \*  Atheism (no belief) increased quickly in the 19th century. Rich people were frustrated by the Church’s reluctance to face up to reasonable questions (eg, about evolution or Bible criticism) and poor people were angered by the Church’s not doing anything about great poverty. In the 20th century two world wars increased the lack of faith. The Army’s down-to-earth faith, as seen in places like Hope Lodge, made it popular with the public and, as a result of the Red Shield Services, with service men and women.\*  \*paraphrase |
| **Praying hands praying hand child prayer hands clip art image 6 8 ...** | **Prayer**   * Pray for all those who work for the good of their community. * Make a list of people you know working for the good of the community. Pray that God will encourage them and, when you see them, thank them for what they are doing. |

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| **Story 47** | **Dyma Gariad 150 Stories** |
| **3**  **August** | **Doing the little things faithfully** |
| Image result for clip art bible | **Psalm 47:1** ‘People from every nation, clap your hands together. Shout aloud to God, with the sound of happy songs.’ |
| **Tell**  the  Story | **1920**  This year saw the 1,400th anniversary of the birth of the patron saint of Wales, Dewi Sant (St David). His last words were, ‘Be joyful, keep the faith, do the little things that you have heard me see and do.’  The ministry of Major Ada Swain – an everyday saint rather than a patron saint – reflected those words of St David. An article in *The Deliverer* (February 1920) introduced her.  ‘Major Ada Swain … told *The Deliverer* about her ever-growing work in Cardiff. She looks after the big industrial home at 81 Newport Road, where Captain Nurse Trotter also cares for emergency maternity patients. In Moira Terrace, a home for old-age pensioners has been opened. Another house, eight doors along, has also been bought in the last two years. It is called Hope Lodge and houses 32 children.’ \*  In August that year *The Deliverer* reported again on Ada Swain’s work in an article titled ‘Saving the Needy in Cardiff’.  ‘The lack of housing causes many more problems than can be realised by people who don’t understand. “If someone would kindly give me a whole street, and the money to run it, I could fill it right away,” said the major, and we felt that she would really enjoy the work.  ‘A man, who had just left the forces, called at the home with his family. They were sure the major would give the best advice about finding a place to live. \*  ‘It was difficult, but a girl of 19 was sent from prison to the home. Her baby was born in the maternity wing of the home and is now making the home of a woman whose own child died a little while ago, cheerful. The young mother has been found a job. \*  ‘A widow and her little girl came to the Metropole [Salvation Army home]. The woman was employed in the kitchen and, noticing the child’s thin garments, the house officer set to work to make a little coat… The widow is now happily married. \*  ‘Among the people staying there are a nearly blind girl and another who is deaf. They help one another.  ‘The old-age pensioners in their dayroom, which is truly home to them, are also found contentedly busy at sewing or crochet work.’ \*  \*paraphrase |
| **Praying hands praying hand child prayer hands clip art image 6 8 ...** | **Prayer**   * Reflect on what the words of St David mean to you today. * Pray that people will see you doing the little things faithfully and joyfully, bringing glory to God. |

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| **Story 48** | **Dyma Gariad 150 Stories** |
| **4**  **August** | **Praying for single parents** |
| Image result for clip art bible | **Psalm 48:8** ‘We had heard about the great things that God has done. Now we have seen them for ourselves.’ |
| **Tell**  the  Story | **1921**  ‘Florence Booth (née Soper) was born in Blaina, the eldest daughter of an English doctor. She wrote, “The unrestricted way of life on the Welsh hills, walking, riding, skating, gave me a love for the simple pleasures of the open-air, which encouraged me to seek such for my own children.’ \*  (Jenty Fairbank, *For Such a Time*)  Florence Soper and Bramwell Booth fell in love and eventually married, despite her father not wanting them to get married. His opposition is perhaps understandable. The Salvation Army was far from respectable – particularly in its early days. It was certainly not the sort of organisation that the daughter of a doctor should be marrying into.  She became the leader of the Army’s Women’s Social Work. She was responsible for the Hanbury Street Home in the East End of London during the time when Jack the Ripper was active. Indeed, one of his victims was found in Hanbury Street. Early Salvationists, including Florence, needed courage to minister in such areas.  Here is part of an address she gave to the International Social Council in 1921. Basing her comments on real-life stories, she asked for the fair treatment of unmarried mothers.  ‘There is one branch of our work which has been made difficult by unfair laws – our work for the unmarried mother and her child… There are many more unmarried mothers in the Western world than people realise. But now the public are starting to understand about motherhood. Unmarried mothers can now get the support, introduced to protect motherhood.’ \*  \*paraphrase |
| **Praying hands praying hand child prayer hands clip art image 6 8 ...** | **Prayer**   * Pray for single parents and their children. * Reflect on what you could do to support or encourage any single parents you know. |

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| **Story 49** | **Dyma Gariad 150 Stories** |
| **5**  **August** | **Praying for Northlands, Cardiff** |
| Image result for clip art bible | **Psalm 49:15** ‘God will save my life from the power of death. He will take me to a safe place with him.’ |
| **Tell**  the  Story | **1922**  Northlands opened in 1922 and over the years has been used in a variety of ways: a maternity home, a mother and children home, an Eventide (older person’s) home and now a Lifehouse for single 16 to 21-year-olds.  The July 1922 issue of *The Deliverer* included a report about Northlands from Commissioner Adelaide Cox: ‘I have just returned from Cardiff where we have had a happy and encouraging meeting in a marquee put up in the garden of the new home for mothers and infants. The babies looked delightful, and the mothers certainly looked as if they had come to a “true haven of rest”. This home goes by the name Northlands and makes a great addition to our work in Cardiff.’ \*  In the September issue of the same magazine, Commissioner Cox wrote about the work in Swansea: ‘I am so glad to announce the finding of suitable property where I shall be able to start a much-needed home in this city. It will be remembered that some such scheme has worried me for a long time, and now in the quite near future one’s hopes are to come true.’ \*  The industrial home was called Cae Bailey, and Commissioner Cox’s update appeared in the October issue: ‘This Welsh name, which means, I am told, a “field enclosed”, belongs to the new property in Mount Pleasant, Swansea… The premises will be in the hands of the workmen when this note comes, and I hope that before Christmas I can send out invitations for the housewarming.’ \*  \*paraphrase |
| **Praying hands praying hand child prayer hands clip art image 6 8 ...** | **Prayer**   * Pray for the work and witness of Northlands in Cardiff. * Pray for the young people staying there. * Thank God for the staff and the chaplain and pray that they may be encouraged in all they do to support the young people. |

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| **Story 50** | **Dyma Gariad 150 Stories** |
| **6**  **August** | **Praying for Swansea** |
| Image result for clip art bible | **Psalm 50:15** ‘Pray to me when you are in trouble. Then I will rescue you, and you will praise me.’ |
| **Tell**  the  Story | **1923**  ‘In 1878 … William Booth – speaking of things that had prevented the work of The Christian Mission in the past – said that they were anxious to make converts, but they should be “more anxious to make saints – soldiers – men and women who can stand alone with nobody to lean on – men and women with some muscle and courage”.’  (Melvyn Jones, *That Contentious Spirituality*)  The converts at Swansea certainly met Booth’s requirements. The *War Cry* (5 May 1923) included a report about Swansea IV Corps: ‘As a result of the converts approaching people standing around the ring a young man knelt on coats spread on the roadway and sought salvation… Converts are asking for work and are ordering uniforms.’ |
| **Praying hands praying hand child prayer hands clip art image 6 8 ...** | **Prayer**   * Pray for Swansea Corps and its community. * Here is a prayer that was placed in the Dyma Gariad (Here is Love) prayer box when it was at Swansea Corps in 2023. ‘I pray that my corps, here in Swansea, will remain relevant, Christ-filled and continue to live out lives dedicated to serving God and serving our local community. I pray God’s blessing on the folk that attend the programme we offer and all future endeavours.’ When you have read it say a loud ‘Amen!’ |

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| **Story 51** | **Dyma Gariad 150 Stories** |
| **7**  **August** | **Praying for seaside communities** |
| Image result for clip art bible | **Psalm 51:10** ‘God, please make my heart new and clean. And make my spirit strong and true, deep inside me.’ |
| **Tell**  the  Story | **1924**  On 29 September 1924 Malcolm Campbell set a new land speed record of 146.16 mph. This took place on Pendine Sands near Carmarthen Bay in a 350HP V12 Sunbeam. A short distance along the coast is the Mumbles.  The *War Cry* of 1 March that year declared ‘Mumbles wants the Army’ followed by a report of recent events:  ‘The notorious “Hell’s Corner” at Swansea was again bombarded on Saturday night by the members of the Citadel Corps (Adj and Mrs Phillips, Captain Evans), a crowd of drunken men and women being attracted. On Sunday morning a group of women attended the meeting with a request that the Army start operations at the Mumbles. They said they not only had a list of tradesmen and others who were willing to support the work financially, but also had a building ready for meetings.’ \*  It would be great to know the story that lay behind this group of community-minded women. This was no unplanned request. They had prepared the way for the Army to start work in the Mumbles. Perhaps some of them could remember the Army coming there almost 40 years earlier. Their request was answered. The opening of Mumbles Corps was officially announced in the *War Cry* of 21 May 1927, together with news of 21 other new corps in the UK.  \*paraphrase |
| **Praying hands praying hand child prayer hands clip art image 6 8 ...** | **Prayer**   * Pray for places where corps are close to or part of a seaside community. * Pray for people who might seek out the Army there to worship at while on holiday. |

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| **Story 52** | **Dyma Gariad 150 Stories** |
| **8**  **August** | **Praying for your own faith journey** |
| Image result for clip art bible | **Psalm 52:9** ‘I will always praise you, God, for what you have done. I will trust you to help me, together with all those who serve you.’ |
| **Tell**  the  Story | **1925**  Under the headline, ‘Hell’s Corner Triumph,’ and sub-heading, ‘Famous Welsh Battle-ground the Scene of Another Capture,’ the *War Cry* reported: ‘Swansea Citadel members made another capture at Hell’s Corner on Saturday night when a young man, on hearing the open-air meeting, came out of a public house nearby and knelt in the ring. He attended all the meetings on Sunday and testified to the change in his life.’  Testimonies (personal stories of faith) – were very important in the early Army. Sharing what God is doing in our life helps our spiritual growth. It also encourages those listening. God is still at work; he is still changing lives.  \*paraphrase |
| **Praying hands praying hand child prayer hands clip art image 6 8 ...** | **Prayer**   * Consider your own faith journey and thank God for giving you the living presence of Jesus. Tell someone today what that means to you. * This 150th anniversary year has the theme Dyma Gariad (Here is Love) and focuses on ‘God’s Story, Our Story, Your Story’. If you are in the Wales Division celebrate that you are part of the Army’s story in Wales. |

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| **Story 53** | **Dyma Gariad 150 Stories** |
| **9**  **August** | **Praying for those making a new start in life** |
| Image result for clip art bible | **Psalm 53.1** ‘A fool thinks that there is no God. People like that are bad. They do evil things. None of them does anything that is good.’ |
| **Tell**  the  Story | **1926**  The 23 October *War Cry* featured a ‘Welsh widow and her three children’ who found ‘a double salvation in Australia’:\*  ‘She was a Welsh war widow and arrived in Australia under the General’s Widows’ Scheme. With two little girls and a boy holding on to her skirts she told a newspaper man that England was in a bad way through unemployment. Indeed, it is “the land of ghosts and shadows”. She had wanted to get abroad to give her children a chance.  ‘Her husband, when on leave from France, used to say, “The Salvation Army people are kind to us over there, and if I die, they will be kind to those I leave behind.” She had asked the Army, had been accepted, and here she was in Melbourne.\*  ‘She made her way to the Army hall and walked right to the mercy seat where she got gloriously saved. Now, she plays with skill in the orchestra at that corps, and all her children are happy Salvationists.’ \*  A few weeks earlier the 25 September *War Cry* had caried the headline, ‘Tide Rising at Merthyr,’ and well-known characters among the 70 captures.’ The report read, ‘For 15 weeks people have been saved in Merthyr Tydfil… This has impressed the townsfolk very deeply. Some well-known characters have been influenced by the new spirit which is passing through the town and inspiring testimonies are being given at every meeting by the converts.’\*  \*paraphrase |
| **Praying hands praying hand child prayer hands clip art image 6 8 ...** | **Prayer**   * Pray for those who are finding new life and starting that life with eyes fixed on God. * Assess where and when your new life started and praise God for that. Now pray that those who are starting new lives today will be similarly encouraged in their faith. |

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| **Story 54** | **Dyma Gariad 150 Stories** |
| **10**  **August** | **Praying For Cwm** |
| Image result for clip art bible | **Psalm 54.2** ‘God, hear my prayer, and listen carefully to what I am saying.’ |
| **Tell**  the  Story | **1927**  On 1 March 1927, St David’s Day, 52 men were killed in an explosion at Cwm Marine Colliery.  The 12 March *War Cry* reported: ‘Salvationists support the bereaved in their homes and minister to the rescuers at the pit-top, earning high praise from all classes. \*  ‘Distressed into powerful silence, they [the Army officers] stood with the gathering crowd between the tram rails in the mud of the pit premises. But not for long, for presently one whispered to another: “We must do something.” \*  ‘Many thousands of meals were supplied to the doctors, nurses and mine officials, and rescue workers… “Let me say,” said Mr Harrison, chief clerk at the colliery, “that your splendid officers have rendered an invaluable service. Their self-denial and efficiency, their devotion and quiet labours deserve the highest praise.” \*  ‘Catering was, however, only part of the work undertaken by the officers who hurried to the unfortunate town. It was more difficult and needed a lot of courage to visit the homes of the bereaved. This was faithfully carried out under the supervision of Mrs Major Edwards. Entering the homes of mourners, they brought a comfort which is deeper than words.’ \*  \*paraphrase |
| **Praying hands praying hand child prayer hands clip art image 6 8 ...** | **Prayer**   * The corps at Cwm continues to serve its community. Pray for their home league, which regularly has new members. * Pray for the work and witness of the corps and its outreach into the community. |

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| **Story 55** | **Dyma Gariad 150 Stories** |
| **11**  **August** | **Praying for addiction services** |
| Image result for clip art bible | **Psalm 55.16 and 17** ‘But I will call to God for help. The Lord will make me safe. I will weep and cry to him, morning, noon and night. He will listen to what I say.’ |
| **Tell**  the  Story | **1928**  The 3 March *War Cry* reported on the ‘Welsh Anti-Drink Advance’:  ‘In connection with the beginning of The Temperance Council of the Christian Churches in Wales a public meeting was held in Wood Street Chapel, Cardiff, the Archbishop of Wales presiding, supported by the Bishop of Llandaff, and many well-known religious workers. Mrs Florence Booth, who was warmly received when she rose to speak to the gathering, had no difficulty in making it evident that Army experience goes to prove the all-round benefit which increases from not drinking alcohol.’\*  And readers of September’s Delivererwere informed about the Cardiff sales store:  ‘Our sales store in Cardiff was opened in October 1926. We started by renting half a double-fronted shop. It was quite a new venture and the first day, whatever else we did not have, we had crowds of curious, mystified window-gazers! \*  ‘My sister is in charge of the shop; she is the corps cadet guardian at one of the Cardiff corps… Perhaps the most popular things sold by us are ladies’ overalls, pillowcases and children’s clothing. We also sell dolls, handkerchiefs, poker work (burnt wood art, made in our own workroom) and all sorts of clothes, including those for small babies.’\*  \*paraphrase |
| **Praying hands praying hand child prayer hands clip art image 6 8 ...** | **Prayer**   * Pray for our addiction services as they support those whose lives have been and are ruined by addiction. * Pray for those who are in recovery, that they will be strengthened by God’s grace and the support of others. |

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| **Story 56** | **Dyma Gariad 150 Stories** |
| **12**  **August** | **Praying for the financing of Christian ministry** |
| Image result for clip art bible | **Psalm 56.13** ‘You have saved my life from death. You keep me safe so that I do not fall. As a result, I will serve you, God, as you give me light to live here on Earth.’ |
| **Tell**  the  Story | **1929**  On 13 February 1929 Edward Higgins was elected General of The Salvation Army after Bramwell Booth had been removed. This was the first time that a General had been elected by a High Council. It is probably the greatest difficulty that the Salvation Army had been in. General John Larsson has written an excellent account of this turning point in his book, *1929: A Crisis that Shaped the Salvation Army's Future*.  While there were a significant number of English and Scottish officers who took part in the first High Council, there is no evidence of any Welsh officers being present. However, Wales was close to the heart of this event. Bramwell Booth was ably defended by his Welsh wife, Florence. Edward Higgins, who – as Chief of the Staff and thus Bramwell’s right-hand man – was personally in a very difficult situation, was ably supported by his Welsh wife, Catherine.  One effect of Bramwell Booth’s removal was a fall in support for the Army, including financial support.  *The Deliverer* reported: ‘The financial position in Wales as a whole adds much to the problems of our work in Cardiff city. Sadly, the demands upon us tend to increase, and those who need help come in a more desperate condition.’ \*  \*paraphrase |
| **Praying hands praying hand child prayer hands clip art image 6 8 ...** | **Prayer**   * Money is very important for our work and witness in Wales. Pray that soldiers, adherents and friends will continue to give to the work of their corps. * Look at your personal giving and pray that God will guide you in this matter. * Pray that members of the public will continue to support the Army’s work. |

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| **Story 57** | **Dyma Gariad 150 Stories** |
| **13**  **August** | **Praying For Morriston** |
| Image result for clip art bible | **Psalm 57:11** ‘God, show how great you are, high above the sky! Let everybody on the earth see your glory!’ |
| **Tell**  the  Story | **1930**  Readers of the 9 August *War Cry* were made aware of the poverty in South Wales in an article titled, ‘Neither Vest, Shirt Nor Waistcoat’.  ‘[Speaking of the corps drummer] “Did you notice,” says the captain thoughtfully, “he had neither vest, shirt or waistcoat. His boy got a job last week and I gave him my own grey flannel trousers, otherwise he wouldn’t have been able to start.” \*  ‘Let us go across the mountain into another valley. They used to have a fine band at this corps. Now only a few elderly men and small boys remain. The others have left for the colonies or have gone roadmaking in different parts of the country. \*  ‘That man speaking in the open-air ring has been out of work for three years and has no hope of a start now. Who will employ a man of 60 anyway?  ‘Now let us go to Morriston, a suburb of Swansea… The bandmaster is employed in the nickel works … like most men who are in work, he is “on one week and off for a fortnight”. This alternative business is a problem to the wives and mothers. The kiddies need boots and clothes. Dad is working again; they shall have them. The grocer, tailor and baker all keep debt accounts… But when he draws his pay at the end of the week, he reads a notice to the effect that there’ll be nothing doing for a fortnight. The kiddies wipe their eyes and go out to play again; the tradesmen draw their breath and go on being generous.’ \*  The article then reported a joyful Army meeting with the children on the platform in their poor clothes.  ‘But how the children sing! Look at the proud faces of their mothers; the delighted gleam that shows from the eyes of the fathers. Unemployment, poverty, barely filled cupboards, empty clothes boxes are forgotten. Here is good humour, laughter even – low spirits have begun to use their wings. You are brave, you Welsh people.’\*  \*paraphrase |
| **Praying hands praying hand child prayer hands clip art image 6 8 ...** | **Prayer**   * Morriston Corps reach out each week to help people experiencing unemployment and those struggling with their finances. Pray for the volunteers and recipients at the food bank. * Also pray for Employment Plus staff and volunteers, that the people they help will find employment in the near future. |

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| **Story 58** | **Dyma Gariad 150 Stories** |
| **14**  **August** | **Praying For Maesteg** |
| Image result for clip art bible | **Psalm 58.11** ‘It is true! God helps good people! There is a God who judges people on Earth in a fair way.’ |
| **Tell**  the  Story | **1931**  A 7 March *War Cry* headline asked, ‘On the Eve Of Another Mighty Revival?’ The article by ‘Correspondent Evans of Swansea I’ attempted to answer that question.  ‘It was my privilege, 27 years ago, to accompany Commissioner Railton to the Army corps in the Welsh coalfields during the great revival of that period. After the remarkable scenes I witnessed last night, I am wondering whether we are not on the eve of another mighty revival which will destroy the lack of interest and indifference now crippling much of the religious life of Wales. \*  ‘Entering the Pontycymmer Army hall … I found a converts testimony (personal stories of faith) meeting in progress. The building was full… On the platform was a splendid crowd of bright, happy, intelligent young men – all colliers – recent converts of the Blaengarw Corps … a mile away, where an awakening has also taken place. \*  ‘“Brother Ned Davies will speak!’ cried the captain. A young man walked to the platform. “Before I got saved a few weeks ago, I was a waster!” he began. “I did not know what happiness meant. I cared for nothing or nobody. But now I thank God I’m saved. My child was dying, and I prayed, ‘O God! Spare my child!’ And He healed the boy.”\*  ‘“Brother Lodwick will speak!” From the crowded hall a fine type of the Welsh collier walked to the platform. He was a convert of the Blaengarw Corps, known as a terror in the district; he now enjoyed freedom from the slavery of drink. As he told of his happiness since being saved a few weeks ago the hall rang with hallelujahs.\*  ‘How far will this Awakening spread! There are already signs of it reaching other districts. Maesteg, over the mountain from Pontycymmer and the Garw Corps, is feeling the glow.  ‘It is possible that the stress and hardships encountered by the Welsh people have prepared the way for the fire now started in the Garw Valley.  ‘It is possible that through the prayers and faithfulness of these frail women officers, who willingly suffer the hardships of the people they love and work for, God may yet bring about a great awakening of real soul-saving religion. We pray that possibility may become reality!’ \*  \*paraphrase |
| **Praying hands praying hand child prayer hands clip art image 6 8 ...** | **Prayer**   * Prayer walking has become a popular and expressive way to pray for our communities. Pray for the corps folks at Maesteg who regularly undertake this ministry. * Pray for their 3T Club (Tea, toast and talk), that it will be a place of safety within their community. |
| **Story 59** | **Dyma Gariad 150 Stories** |
| **15**  **August** | **Praying for young people who are unemployed** |
| Image result for clip art bible | **Psalm 59.17** ‘You, God, are my strong, safe place. You are the God who loves me with a faithful love.’ |
| **Tell**  the  Story | **1932**  Hugh Redwood wrote about The House o’ the Trees (at Penygraig, Williamstown) in *The New*  *Chronicle* (10 June 1938):  ‘Just over six years ago a little group of Salvationists, deeply concerned at the outlook for the unemployed youth of the Rhondda, prayed for a certain piece of waste land on which these lads  might be put to some sort of work. They did not get the land they asked for, but within a few days  they owned 42 acres next to it. There also came with the land, a house and some farm buildings.  ‘This was the beginning of The House o’ the Trees, in the opening of which I had a part in 1932, and  by not a few, it was called a miracle. But today, when I was privileged to open its latest extension,  I was able to see for myself what a far greater miracle has been made over the years.  ‘Previously The House o’ the Trees has accepted youths from South Wales only. The extension now  opened … will make it possible to take them from other distressed areas. [Regarding the farm] Two  pedigree sows, a particularly welcome gift from the farm of Mr Lloyd George, have lately been  added to the breeding stock. Glad as we are at the success of this experiment, in dealing with unemployment, we rejoice still more over the lives which have been changed here.’ \*  \*paraphrase |
| **Praying hands praying hand child prayer hands clip art image 6 8 ...** | **Prayer**   * The Army still supports young unemployed people. Pray that they may see light at the end of what must at times seem to be a dark tunnel. * Pray that they will know, as did the psalmist, that ‘you, God, are my strong, safe place’. |
| **Story 60** | **Dyma Gariad 150 Stories** |
| **16**  **August** | **Praying for the blessing of work** |
| Image result for clip art bible | **Psalm 60.6** ‘God has spoken from his holy place! He has promised: “I will show my power!”’ |
| **Tell**  the  Story | **1933**  A *Deliverer* article about The House o’ the Trees (April 1933) referred to: ‘Clothes horses – a bright idea for keeping Welsh lads busy … getting them into the habit of regular work, which they have had no chance of acquiring in their deserted valley of the pits.’  The 3 September *War Cry* announced, ‘Some of the House o’ the Trees lads are coming to London… They will be at Leytonstone on Saturday 10th and at the Clapton Congress Hall … on Sunday 11th… They can sing songs from the mountains of Wales. They can speak for themselves. They can pray. Be in the crowds at their meetings.’  Earlier that year, the 30 January *War Cry* had reported on the Tonypandy pit disaster:  ‘Crowds of men and women flocked to the pithead and there waited for news, and the Army officers kept watch with them… Tonypandy is particularly well equipped with Salvationists capable of dealing with any emergency. Adjutant Ridge and Captain Johnson, the Trealaw corps officers – covering Tonypandy – are reinforced by three devoted officers whose particular interest is the relief of distress and spiritual work among the needy… Captain Allister Smith has of late been greatly used of God amongst the thousands of unemployed men in the Rhondda Valley.’ \*  In these articles, emphasis was laid on the lack of work in South Wales and the effect that unemployment has upon young men in particular. Captain Allister Smith was a South African officer who was involved with the House o’ the Trees. He was a popular holiness preacher – he spoke at Keswick Conventions – with a strong desire for revival. He was very much in tune with Wales and its history of revival. \*  \*paraphrase |
| **Praying hands praying hand child prayer hands clip art image 6 8 ...** | **Prayer**   * Yesterday we prayed for young people who are unemployed. * Today we pray for young people who do have work and we thank God that they are learning new skills in life. |