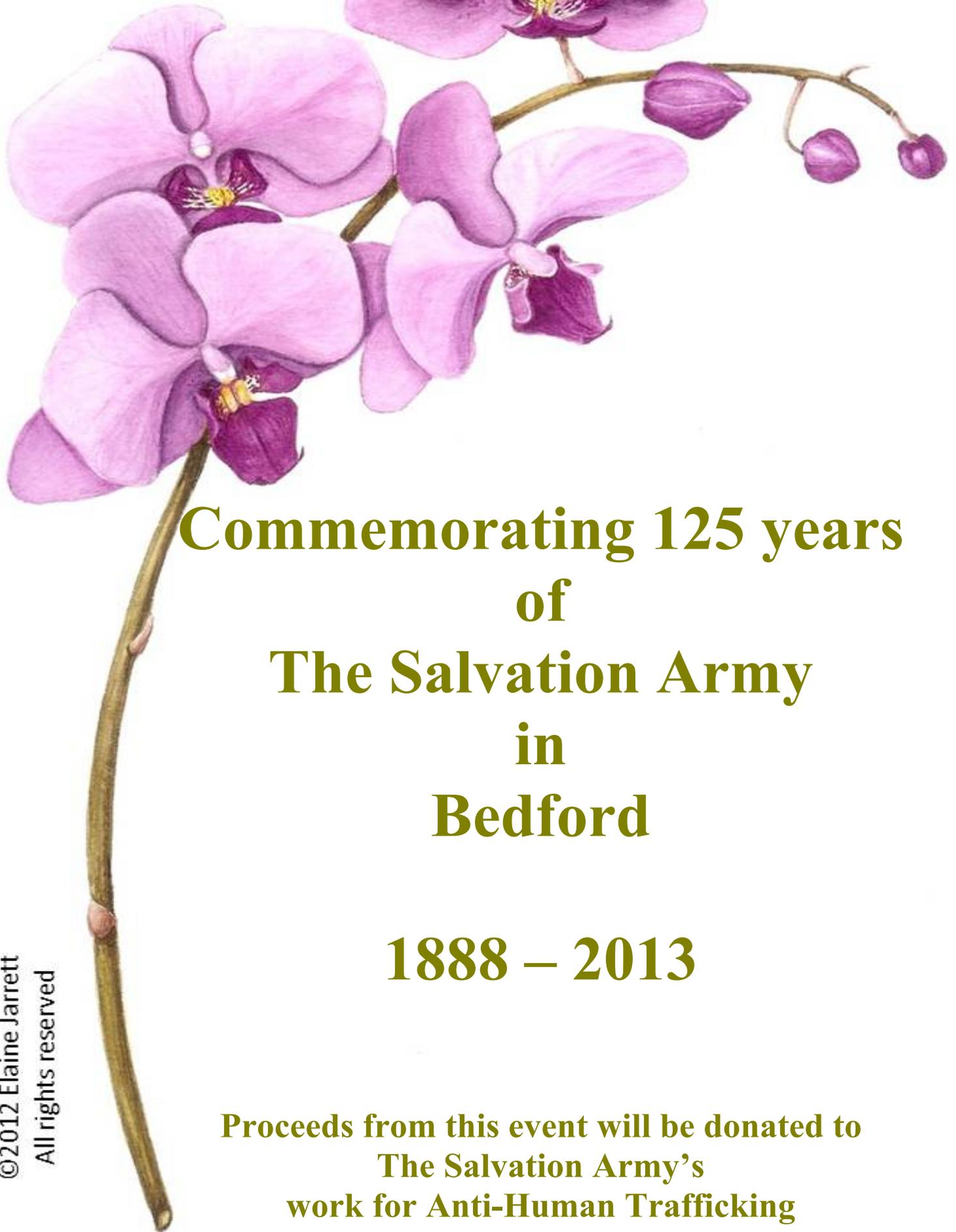


Flower Festival



**Commemorating 125 years
of
The Salvation Army
in
Bedford**

1888 – 2013

**Proceeds from this event will be donated to
The Salvation Army's
work for Anti-Human Trafficking**

THE ARTIST

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Elaine is a member of The Salvation Army here in Bedford. She studied Art to A level at School and began a diploma Course in Art & Design. Having met her husband she left the course and joined the Civil Service.

She joined her husband living at various fishing ports around the coast in their work for the Fishermen's Mission. Following his appointment as National Secretary they moved from Brixham in Devon to Bedford.

At this time she rekindled her love of Art by taking watercolour lessons locally and in 2009 she enrolled on a day course entitled 'Introduction to Botanical Illustration' and was hooked! She then enrolled on a 2 year Diploma Course and was awarded her Diploma in Botanical Illustration in October 2011.



BOTANICAL ILLUSTRATION

Botanical Illustration has been around since Ancient Times; examples of flower drawings have been found on the walls of the Pyramids.

Illustrated manuscripts of medieval times often

incorporated plants and flowers. Being able to accurately identify plants used in medicine was vital, as choosing the wrong variety was potentially fatal.

The golden age of Botanical Illustration was without doubt the 17th & 18th centuries. Global exploration was at its height and meant new species were being discovered continually and most expeditions included a Botanical Artist to record both the plants and their natural habitat.

Private & National collections such as Kew appeared and highly pictorial records were kept and known as Florilegium's.

To mark the new Millennium HRH Prince Charles commissioned and published 'The Highgrove Florilegium' a reflection of the resurgence of interest in this exacting art form.

Styles have changed and evolved over many centuries but its primary function has remained:- *'A Botanical Illustration should enable the viewer to accurately identify the species that is depicted'*.

125 Years of The Salvation Army in Bedford.

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church.

Its **message** is based on the Bible.

Its **ministry** is motivated by the love of God.

Its **mission** is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human need in His name without discrimination.

Founded by William Booth in the East End of London in 1865, it was Sunday the 4th March 1888 that the first Salvation Army meeting (service) was held in Bedford. Staff Captain Harriett Lawrence and Lieutenant Annie Gwyn who were assisted by 14 cadets conducted this first meeting. The first meeting took place in a room in Gravel Lane. Soon they started to meet in a small upper room in Little Butts Street. Although the early Salvationists in Bedford did not meet with the often-violent opposition encountered in many of Britain's towns in the early days, their activities were frowned upon and many obstacles were placed in their way. They had not been meeting long in Little Butts Street before mysteriously the stairs leading to their meeting room disappeared!!

The Corps (church) flourished and by 1st September 1888 there were 115 soldiers (members) sworn-in and plans were well advanced to build a purpose built church; the foundation stone of which was laid by General William Booth on 13th October 1888. The site of the original building is now the River Street multi-storey car park. The Salvation Army moved to our current location in 1978.

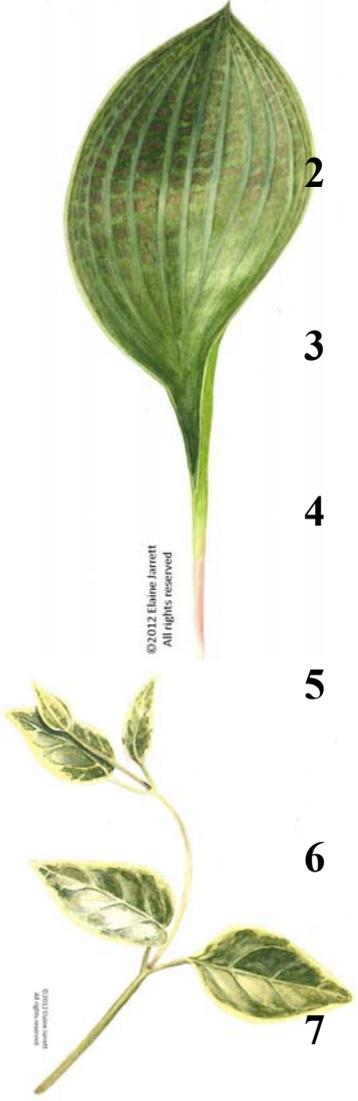
We have had visits from 3 world-wide leaders of The Salvation Army in the 125 years of our history, General William Booth visited on 5 occasions; October 1888, June 1894, July 1907, April 1908 and September 1911; General Evangeline Booth (the Founder's daughter) visited Bedford Easter 1938 where about 1,000 people gathered in the Corn Exchange to hear her speak; General Linda Bond (the third woman to lead the world-wide Salvation Army) visited us in March of this year on our Anniversary week-end.

The Salvation Army in Bedford is part of a world-wide Christian church, which operates in 126 countries and provides not only a place of Christian worship and fellowship but also the many social services for which we have become renowned.

For more information about the work of The Salvation Army here in Bedford please take one of our Welcome Packs and for information on the world-wide Salvation Army visit <http://www.salvationarmy.org>.

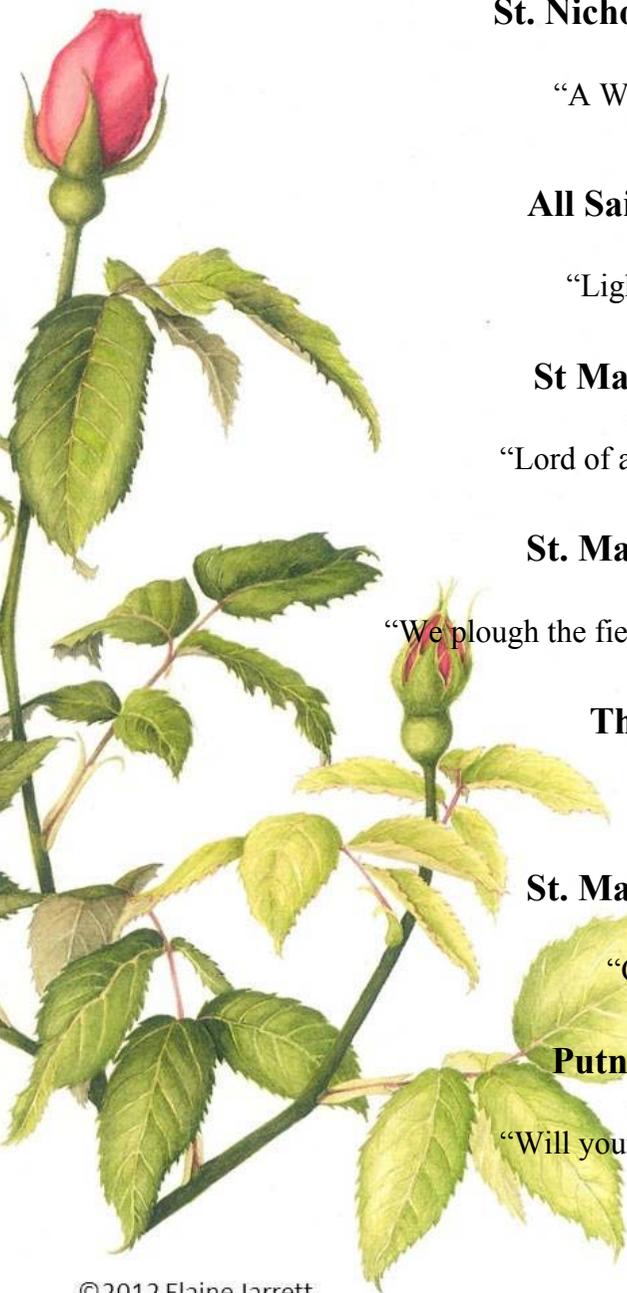
The Salvation Army in Bedford: "Your Church, you're welcome".

www.bedfordsalvationarmy.org.uk



- 1 **The Salvation Army**
Bedford Congress Hall
"Celebrating 125 Years"
- 2 **The Salvation Army**
The Songsters (Senior Choir)
"Walking in white"
- 3 **The Salvation Army**
Debt Advice
- 4 **The Salvation Army**
The Retired Officers
"All the world"
- 5 **The Salvation Army**
The Home and Family Group
"All unite to swell the song"
- 6 **The Salvation Army**
Children's Work
"When you see a rainbow"
- 7 **Priory Methodist**
Bedford
"One more step along the way we go"

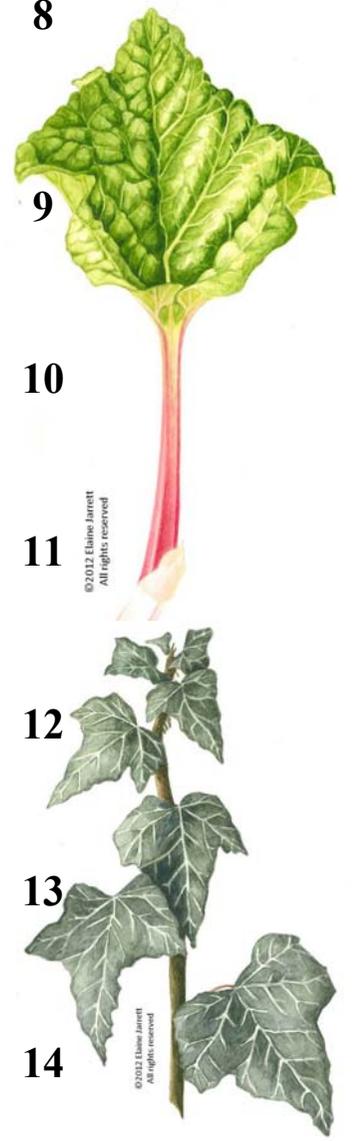
ROSE rosa
'Lady Waterlow'



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- 8 **St. Nicholas' Church**
Wilden
"A Wilden wedding"
- 9 **All Saints' Church**
Ravensden
"Lighting the cross"
- 10 **St Mark's Church**
Bedford
"Lord of all hopefulness"
- 11 **St. Mary's Church**
Goldington
"We plough the fields and scatter"
- 12 **The Red Cross**
Bedford
- 13 **St. Mary's Church**
Wootton
"Colours of day"
- 14 **Putnoe Heights**
Bedford
"Will your anchor hold?"



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Thanks and Acknowledgements

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all the participants who have donated their time and considerable talents to produce such a wonderful display for this Flower Festival. The participation from so many different churches and organisations has been very encouraging and we hope that each display has brought a sense of the wonder of God's creation to all of us who have been privileged to have seen them.

We would also like to thank Elaine for her permission to use her wonderful illustrations not only in this program but also in the advertising for this event. The exhibition of her work in the entrance foyer shows her talent and dedication to the art form wonderfully well.



Thanks also to the sponsors of the individual displays. The money raised from these sponsorships and from the entrance and sale of this program will be used for The Salvation Army's work in the area of Anti-human Trafficking which is an increasing problem in our society today.

To all the helpers who have kindly given of their time to assist in the setting up of the event, the welcome, sale of programmes and of course the tidying up after we say a big thank you!



The donation of cakes for our refreshments have been well received and for which we say thank you to all you home bakers. Thanks also to those who have been on hand to serve the refreshments.

Finally but not least we want to thank each and every one of you who have paid to come into the festival and who have purchased this program. The event has been held for the benefit of all of us who have come to see these wonderful displays and to spend time thinking

about the interpretation of the various themes. Stopping and looking in wonder at the beauty of just this small part of God's creation is intended to inspire and encourage each of us who have come into this place of worship.

- 15 **Bunyan Meeting
Bedford**
"John Bunyan"



- 16 **Bunyan Meeting
Elstow**
"I dreamed a dream"

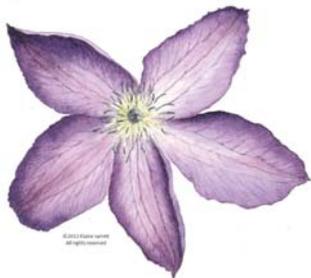
- 17 **St. Paul's Church
Bedford**
"Trevor Huddleston"



- 18 **St. Peter's Church
Bedford**
"Peter the fisherman"

- 19 **Christ Church
Bedford**
"Thine be the glory"

- 20 **St. Andrew's Church
Bedford**
"Bread of heaven on thee we feed"



- 21 **Torch Fellowship
Bedford**
"The Flame"

- 22 **The Salvation Army
Anti-human Trafficking**





Forthcoming Events

Celebrating our 125th Anniversary year

September:

Harvest Celebration weekend including a Barn Dance and supper on the Saturday evening.

October:

26th / 27th Reunion weekend led by Commissioner Keith Banks.

November:

**Saturday 16th Thanksgiving Celebrations
2:30 – 5:00PM.**

December:

**Sunday 8th Carol Concert at the Corn Exchange;
Sunday 15th Children's Carol Service;
Sunday 22nd Corps Carol Service;
Christmas Eve service at 11:15PM,
Christmas Day service 10:30AM.**

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