

SUNDAY 5th May 2024



Local ...
Lively ...
Loving

Showers of Blessing

There are bound to be a number of people away today making the most of the long bank holiday weekend. But, as normal, the weather outlook is pretty bleak ... plenty of showers and not particularly warm! Don't you just love the good, old, British weather?

Even though we can't rely on seeing the sun during this weekend, we do know that our hearts will be warmed through worshipping together! I have heard it said that people in the street outside our hall comment on how happy we look as we leave on a Sunday – the glow of positivity and joy that only God can bring. Our worship has that effect on us ... it lifts us up, encourages us and dispels the worries and concerns of everyday life. That is why it is so important to continue to meet together for worship.

So do we really need sunshine this weekend? Well, yes it would be nice, but it isn't the only thing that is important for a great bank holiday!

*There shall be showers of blessing;
This is the promise of love;
There shall be seasons refreshing,
Sent from the Saviour above.*

[The Song Book of The Salvation Army, No. 314]

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People

We continue to remember those of our fellowship who need our prayerful support at this time. As of writing, Pearl, Liz's mum, is still in hospital following a fall, but Rex is now home. While we have been away we have been sent details of Valerie Cuff's funeral, which are as follows:

- Valerie Cuff passed away on 20th April 2024 aged 87 years. There will be a private family burial for Valerie. A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Valerie will be held on 20th May 2024 at 12 noon. The service will take place at:



The Bridge, Ivybridge Salvation Army, Leonards Road,
Ivybridge, PL21 OSL

The family will welcome all to share in light refreshments afterwards. To give an idea of numbers for this purpose it would be helpful if anyone planning to attend could let Susan know in advance, please - susanbanham61@gmail.com

There is a "Just Giving" page if anyone would like to make a donation in memory of Valerie:

www.justgiving.com/page/rory-banham-1714471022703?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fror-banham-1714471022703&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share

- Some will remember John Thomas who worshipped with us a number of years ago. His funeral will be held at Westerleigh Crematorium's Waterside chapel on Friday 24th May at 1:15pm, and the family would like to extend a special invite to any former YP band members from his time as Band Sergeant to attend. There will be refreshments following the service – please let Glyn know if you will be staying (Tel: 07986 134260).

Majors Steve & Mel Smith, who have been worshipping with us for the last 9 months and who are leading worship next week, have received a new appointment. They have been appointed as: Regional Leaders for

Latvia. I'm sure that we will continue to pray for them, and their family, over the coming weeks as they prepare for their new ministry.

And finally, many congratulations to Les and Jen Palfreman who are celebrating their Emerald (55th) Wedding Anniversary this week on the 10th May.

Flowers

Many thanks to Jill Whitelaw who is remembering her mum's birthday this week through the flowers at the front of the hall.

Page Park Praise

Although it doesn't feel like it, summer will soon be here! Our regular Page Park Praise events start in May and they are a great opportunity to connect with our local community. Please take note of the dates and invite your friends and family to come along. We meet at the bandstand at 3pm where we lead a lively praise meeting lasting about 30 minutes. This is also enhanced with children's activities that take place under the gazebo nearby. These events are always enjoyable, but take a lot of work - so if you are able to help please see Myriam. Here's the dates for the whole year, but please be aware that we may need to cancel if the weather isn't kind to us (we will get a message out on Facebook as soon as possible if this is the case).

- Sunday 19th May
- Sunday 23rd June
- Sunday 14th July
- Sunday 18th August
- Sunday 15th September

Candidate's Sunday

Sunday 12th May 2024

As in previous years we will be financially supporting the candidates entering training to become Salvation Army Officers by holding a collection that will be made before and after the meeting on Sunday 12th May (Basket at the rear of the hall)

For those who wish to give by BACS, please use the bank details below

Account Name:	The Salvation Army
Sort code:	60-01-73
Account Number:	00130997
Please use reference:	Cand

Or use the QR code which will appear on our on-line recording of the service.

WEBINAR:

Monday 20th May at 7:30pm

The Moral and Social Issues Council (MASIC) has prepared a webinar "Living Well Together: same sex relationships and The Salvation Army". A varied panel will consider how we can live together within The Salvation Army while holding a range of views on the subject.

Further details and a link to register for this free event on Zoom are on: www.salvationist.org.uk/events/masic-presents-living-well-together

Charity Walk

On Sunday 2nd June, Louise Parkes together with her daughter Natalie, are undertaking a 5km charity walk around the iconic Bristol Harbourside with colleagues, friends and staff to raise money for Bristol & Weston Hospitals Charity - the Big Bristol Walk.



The money will help make a difference to those, who at some point in their lives, need to use the Hospital either as an inpatient or outpatient and will support the incredible NHS staff who care for them at a time when they are at their most vulnerable.

If you would like to support them, please visit their donation page:

<https://bwhospitalscharity.enthuse.com/pf/louise-parkes>

The online form is safe and secure to use and any financial proceeds go directly into the charity.

Dates for the Diary

Here are some dates that are coming up soon:

Monday 13 th May	Mission Council Meeting
Saturday 18 th May	Coffee Morning 'Come and Sing' with the Songsters
Sunday 19 th May	Pentecost Page Park Praise
Monday 27 th May	CAMEO Craft Group
Saturday 8 th / Sunday 9 th June	Band Weekend (Salt & Light concert on Saturday evening)



YOUTH SECTION

RELOADED

2nd Sunday of every month @ Bristol Citadel

TIMES

15:00-15:30 - Welcome
 15:30-16:30 - Chorus
 16:30 - 17:30 - Small Groups
 17:30 - 18:30 - Youth Band
 18:30 - 18:40 - Reflection



COME AND SING...

...WITH STAPLE HILL SONGSTERS (CHOIR) OF THE SALVATION ARMY

SAT 18 MAY

10 - SINGING
 10:45-11:30 - COFFEE AND CAKE
 11:30-12:15 - MORE SINGING

ALL ARE WELCOME TO SING OR TO LISTEN. WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, SPEAK TO PHIL, OR EMAIL:

STAPLEHILLSONGSTERS@GMAIL.COM



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SALT & LIGHT

AN EVENING OF CONTRASTING MUSIC FEATURING

SATURDAY 8TH JUNE | 7PM

TICKETS £5



VOCALIST
LOULITA GILL



COMPOSER & CONDUCTOR
MARK FELTWELL

SHB
 STAPLE HILL BAND
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Week Ahead

TODAY Sunday 5th May:

10am	All Age Worship 10 Commandments: Love Ourselves Luke 13: 10-17
11.30am-12:15pm	Children's & Youth Activities

Tuesday 7th May:

All day	Employment Plus with Tyrone
10am	Keep Fit Class
11am-12noon	Extra Slice Group (leader: Kelvin)
12pm-2:30pm	Open Doors
From 6:30pm	YP Band Practice & Singing Company Practice
8pm	Senior Band Practice

Wednesday 8th May:

9:30am-11am	Tots on the Hill
3:30pm-4:30pm	Extra Slice Group online (leader: Gerry)
7:45pm-9pm	Extra Slice Group at Kelvin & Linda's house
8:15pm-9:15pm	Extra Slice Group online (leader: Beth)

Thursday 9th May:

12.30pm	Lunch Club
7:45pm-9pm	Extra Slice Group at Colin & Nicola's house
8:15pm-9:15pm	Extra Slice Group online (leaders: Ian & Rachel)

Friday 10th May:

10am-12:30pm	Open Doors
4pm	Cleaning Hall

Sunday 12th May:

10am	<i>Candidate's Sunday</i> All Age Worship – <i>led by Majors Mel & Steve Smith</i>
11.30am-12:15pm	Children's & Youth Activities
From 3pm	Youth Section <i>at Bristol Citadel</i>
4pm-6pm	Messy Church

Both before and after the meeting on Sunday 12th, there will be a collection for the Candidates' fund