

SUNDAY 28th April 2024



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A God for the Modern Age

Does God still hear and answer prayer? Most people reading this will affirm that He most definitely does.

I normally prepare this bulletin on a Friday afternoon, but last week I was under pressure. I was attending a funeral during the day which severely limited the amount of time I had available and I had been quite unwell throughout the week – so I knew I was going to really struggle to get anything coherent down on paper, especially on the front page. So I prayed for help. The very next morning, I had an email in my inbox containing Doris' thoughts that I published on the front page of the bulletin last Sunday - an immediate answer to prayer. You may think that is just a lucky coincidence, but it isn't the first time it has happened – so I am convinced that God knows how to use email!

We don't just worship a God of Biblical times, we worship one “[who is, and who was, and who is to come](#)” ([Revelations 1 v 8](#)). A God of the modern age who understands our present day needs every bit as much as He was there for Moses and Noah and the Israelites.

If you have a particular need, no matter how small, then bring it to the Lord in prayer. For when you need others to support you in that prayer – we also have the prayer fellowship (see email address below).

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People

We continue to support those connected to the corps who have experienced the loss of a loved one and are preparing for funerals:

- We were sad to learn earlier in the week that Valerie Cuff was promoted to glory. Valerie was a one of the saints of the corps who arranged flowers and held a women's fellowship group in her home (of which I was an honouree member). Approximately, four years ago, due to a decline in her health, Valerie moved to live with her daughter, and then into a nursing home. If we hear details of her funeral we will let you know.
- We also continue to uphold the Milsom family following the loss of Bob.

Catherine Read's sister, Eva, is still poorly. Please remember Eva and Catherine, along with Pearl (Liz's mum) who had a fall earlier in the week and as of writing is awaiting surgery. Please pray for Pearl at this time, along with any members of our church family who are poorly or struggling.

Becky Gardner has moved to a new address – another real answer to prayer. Please ask if would like details.

Colin and Nicola are away at Divisional Officers' retreat during this coming week, so please look out for each other and keep the building neat and tidy, thank you

Any questions?

It was great this week to share with 7 people at the 2 'welcome' events – those who attended were able to find out more about The Salvation Army and particularly The Salvation Army in Staple Hill, and lots of questions were asked. If you've only recently started attending our church and missed these but would like to find out more, please speak to Colin or Nicola.

Flowers

Our flowers are from Olive and Gary Matthews today in memory of Dennis.

Please take a look!

Those people who wear a formal uniform jacket wear 'Staple Hill' metal bars on their shoulders – we are running short of these, so if anyone has an old uniform at home with these metal bars on could you let Deb have them please? Thank you.

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:

Sunday 12 th May	Majors Mel and Steve Smith Divisional Youth Section Messy Church
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)

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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:

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Staple Hill Songsters
of the Salvation Army



Week Ahead

TODAY Sunday 28th April:

- 10am All Age Worship
10 Commandments: Love Others
[Luke 19: 1-10](#)
- 11.30am-12:15pm Children's & Youth Activities

Monday 29th April:

- 8pm CAMEO Craft Group

Tuesday 30th April:

- 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 Songster Practice

Wednesday 1st 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 2nd May:

- 12.30pm Lunch Club
- 7pm Extra Slice Group at Colin & Nicola's *at the hall*
- 8:15pm-9:15pm Extra Slice Group online (leaders: Ian & Rachel)
- 8pm Senior Band Practice

Friday 3rd May:

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

Sunday 5th May:

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