

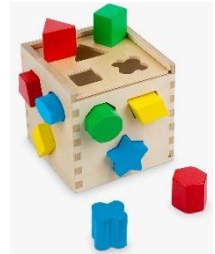
SUNDAY 22nd and 29th December 2024



Local ...
Lively ...
Loving

Square Pegs

There are some toys that have remained a favourite Christmas gift for the very youngest members of our families throughout the generations, such as a wooden shape sorter ... you know the one, where you have various blocks that your baby can push through different shaped holes. And no matter how hard you try, getting the square peg through the round hole just doesn't work!



People approach Christmas in many different ways ... we are all different. What strikes a chord with me will not necessarily be the same as what chimes with you. That is one of the reasons why we have needed to present the Christmas message in many different ways over the festive period, so that everyone can get engaged in the true meaning of Christmas.

On Christmas Eve, we will again share that message in Fountain Square outside the Iceland store where there will be lots and lots of 'square pegs' looking for the right sized hole to fit within. As always, we can rely on Colin providing a very engaging message, the band providing the perfect accompaniment to the carols, and many of our own church members talking to the people gathered for this wonderful event. And maybe, just maybe, we might be able to help one of those 'square pegs' to move through the right shaped hole that will lead them into a deeper understanding of what Christmas is really about.

Paul Heath

| | | |
|---------------------------|---|-------------------|
| Corps Officers: | Majors Colin & Nicola Hylton-Jones | Tel: 0117 9565232 |
| Hall Address: | 21 Broad Street, Staple Hill BS16 5LN | Tel: 0117 9569733 |
| More Information: | www.staplehillsa.uk / contactstaplehill@gmail.com | |
| Prayer Fellowship: | staplehillprayers@gmail.com | |
| Bulletin: | staplehillbulletin@gmail.com | |

People

As of writing we are aware that only Carol Cowley is in hospital, although hoping to be home before Christmas. However, we are aware that a number of people are poorly with the various 'bugs' that are going around. Please take care of yourselves, and if you know someone who is poorly, please take time to contact them.

Christmas Eve

As in previous years we are planning our Christmas Eve Carols in the Square. it is always a well-attended event and one which we need lots of help with. I appreciate that it is Christmas Eve and you will want to relax and celebrate, but if you are able to help practically, then please speak to Colin.

Thank you

As we come to the end of the year it would be remiss of us not to say a massive thank you to everyone. Our corps programme, from our weekly activities to special events would not have been possible without your support and encouragement, which is not taken for granted. We look forward to 2025 in expectation that God will continue to build his Church here in Staple Hill. Thank you.

Sunday 29th December 2024

As in previous years, we will be offering those who come to worship the temptation of a Bacon Roll!

Care and Repair week

Thursday 2nd – Tuesday 7th January

Whilst I appreciate that you will have other things on your mind, for your diary, our Care and Repair days start on Thursday 2nd January. The rough timings are:

- Thursday 22nd January
 - 9.30am – 4pm
 - 6.30 – 8.30
- Friday 3rd January
 - 9.30am – 4.00pm
 - 6.30pm – 8.30pm
- Saturday 4th January
 - 9.30am – 1pm
- Sunday 5th January
 - 1pm– 5pm
- Monday 6th January
 - 9.30am – 4pm
 - Evening to be confirmed
- Tuesday, 7th January
 - 9.30am – 4pm

There will be maintenance, tidying and cleaning jobs, so any help that you can give would be really appreciated.

Bulletin

Please note that this edition of the bulletin covers the next 2 weeks. The next edition will be published for the 5th January 2025.

BADMINTON ROAD METHODIST CHURCH

CARETAKER/CLEANER REQUIRED

We are looking for a Caretaker/Cleaner to work at Badminton Road Methodist Church.

This is a part-time appointment of 9 hours per week, spread over a maximum of 5 days.

Specific hours worked will vary depending on needs, but a general regular pattern will develop.

The successful candidate will have the following essential attributes:

- Ability to work on own initiative with a flexible and adaptable approach
- Good all-round communication skills
- Sympathetic to the aims and objectives of the Methodist Church

Further information, job description and application form can be obtained from

The Revd Leigh Maydew CF

Email: leigh.maydew@methodist.org.uk

Applications must be received by 15th January 2025

*Interviews are expected to take place in the week commencing
20th January 2025*



Christmas with

Staple Hill Salvation Army 2024

Broad Street, Staple Hill, BS16 5LN

Sunday 1st December

10am Family Carol Service

5pm Light up a Life Service

Sunday 8th December

10am Toy Service

Sunday 15th December

4pm Messy Church

Sunday 22nd December

5pm Community Carol Service

Christmas Eve

5pm Carols in Fountain Square

Christmas Day

11am All Age Christmas Worship

Christmas Promises

The Week Ahead

TODAY - Sunday 22nd December:

- 10am All Age Worship *led by Majors Colin & Nicola*
'Christmas Promises: The Promise to Joseph'
([Matthew 1 vs 18-25](#))
- 5pm Carol Service 'Christmas Promises'

Monday 23rd December:

- 10am-12noon Christmas Reception

Tuesday 24th December - *Christmas Eve*:

- 10am-12noon Open Doors, Employment Plus and
Christmas Reception
- 5pm Carols in the Quare

Wednesday 25th December - *Christmas Day*:

Festivities start at 10:30am with refreshments followed by:

- 11am** All Age Worship *led by Majors Colin & Nicola*
'Christmas Promises: The Promise is here'
([Luke 2 vs 1-7](#))

Festivities continue until 3:15pm for those who have booked a place

(PLEASE NOTE THE TIME FOR WORSHIP IS 11am ON CHRISTMAS DAY)

Sunday 29th December:

- 10am All Age Worship *led by Majors Colin & Nicola*
'Christmas Promises: The Promise Delivered'
([Luke 2 vs 25-38](#))

Including Bacon Rolls

The 1st Week in January

Thursday 2nd – Tuesday 7th January:

CARE & REPAIR WEEK

Sunday 5th January:

10am

All Age Worship *led by Majors Colin & Nicola*

'Christmas Promises: The Promise to the Whole World'

([Matthew 2 vs 1-23](#))

Dates for the Diary

Due to the Care & Repair week, our usual weekly programme will restart on the following dates:

- Tuesday 7th Fitness Club & Employment Plus only
- Wednesday 8th Tots on the Hill
- Thursday 9th Open Doors & Lunch Club
- Friday 10th Open Doors
- Sunday 12th Children's Church recommences
- Tuesday 14th Open Doors & Soup lunch

Here are some other dates that are coming up soon:

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Friday 7 th March | World Day of Prayer in our building |
| Sunday 9 th March | Generous Discipleship Sunday |