

Today is Back to Church Sunday. Tonight's Worship at 5pm features *Festival Chorus* – a great choir of our own Youth & their friends. Think of the many people who used to attend – where are they are now? Why not invite them back tonight! And if you are that person and you are reading this Bulletin – welcome!!

The week ahead

Monday 28th September

6.00pm	Rainbows
6.30pm	Brownies
7.30pm	Come And Meet Each Other Craft Group (CAMEO)
7.45pm	Cell Group with Peter Belcher

Tuesday 29th September

9.30am	Parent & Toddlers
6.45pm	YP Band Practice (Junior Band)
8.00pm	Senior Band Practice
8.00pm	Prayer

Wednesday 30th September

9.30am	Baby Song
3.30, 5.00 & 7.00pm	Slimming World
8.00pm	Cell Group with Linda & Kelvin

Thursday 1st October

12.00pm	Luncheon Club
2.00pm	Senior Challenge
6.45pm	Singing Company Practice (Junior Choir)
8.00pm	Songster Practice (Senior Choir)

Friday 2nd October

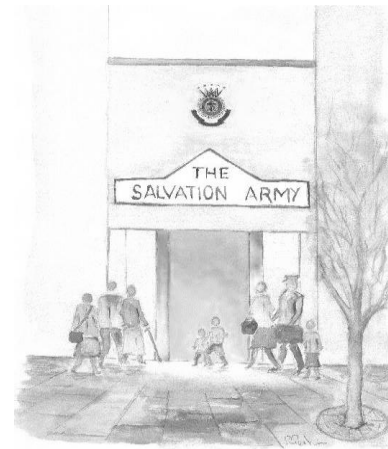
9.30 & 11.30am	Slimming World
6.00pm	Junior Club

Saturday 3rd October **SHAPE Retreat at Minchinhampton**

(10am-12pm **NO** Coffee Morning at Staple Hill)

Sunday 4th October **SHAPE Retreat at Staple Hill**

N.B. There will be Worship as part of the Retreat at 11am & 5pm



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27th September 2015

On Tuesday evening, Laura Baker spoke to us in Band Practice:

"I wonder, do you feel valued in life? What do you value in your life? On the rare occasion when I take the train to work, it always strikes me how little people interact with each other, most people are on their phones or listening to music, pushing or shoving and appear disengaged with the environment around them. This got me thinking about whether we value time and use it effectively. John Maxwell said: To know the value of a brother or sister - ask someone who doesn't have one. To know the value of one year, ask the student who didn't get the grades they needed for university. To know the value of one month, ask the parents of a premature baby. To know the value of one week, ask the editor of a weekly magazine. To know the value of one day, ask the worker with six children. To know the value of one minute, ask someone who has missed a train. To know the value of one second, ask someone who has avoided an accident. And to know the value of one millisecond, ask an Olympic silver medallist. Time waits for no one so treasure every moment. There is only one constant in life and that is change. We all change every second of every minute of every day and we need to facilitate change in our Church as well. God supports every change that is for His will and we need to allow Him to guide us. As Christians we shouldn't manage our time the same way the world manages theirs. We must make sure that we seek God in everything that we do. We are to organise our time and plan wisely for the future"

As we retreat next weekend, may we be sure that we seek God in everything that we do & organise our time wisely. Thank you Laura for the reminder.

Marc Willetts. Corps Sergeant Major (07808 730706)



Saturday 3rd October at Minchinhampton Baptist Church

Sunday 4th October at Staple Hill Salvation Army

We sincerely pray that you are able to join us on Retreat. We would love you to be able to join us for the whole weekend, but we fully understand that that is not possible for everyone. However, we want to assure you that you can join us for however much is possible for you, be that just Saturday or Sunday, the 5 mile afternoon walk across Minchinhampton Common, the Fish Supper & Barn Dance, Sunday Worship or some of the sessions on Sunday. Whatever part of the Retreat you are able to attend is the part of the Retreat God has planned for you. All the details you need about the Retreat are contained in the separate booklet. Between now and then and during the Retreat, we ask for your prayers remembering Laura's words to seek God in everything that we do & to organise our time wisely.

The Big Collection: Thank you for your support so far. We will let you know how we have done towards reaching our minimum target of £5,000. Don't forget the Table Top Sale on Saturday morning 10th October.

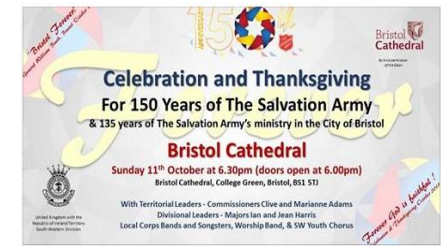
Table Top Sale on Saturday 10th October 10am-12pm. Buy a table & keep the profits or have a free table with all proceeds going to the Big Collection. We have some tables already booked & we are advertising the event - we have little colourful fliers that can be given out. I am hopeful we may have a little ensemble to play outside the Hall to draw people's attention. However, we still need someone to take responsibility for the refreshments. If you can help in any way, please see Marc.

Opening & Dedication Ceremony of the new Bristol Citadel buildings will take place on Saturday 10th October. There will be a March of Witness at 2pm headed by a Massed Band of as many as possible, an Opening Ceremony at 2.30pm, Worship & Thanksgiving at 3pm with a Community Festival & Food at 4.30pm. Free admission tickets are required.

Sunday 11th October is **Harvest**. Following morning Worship, we will be sharing a Harvest Ploughman's Lunch together – a great opportunity to enjoy fellowship together before we adjourn to Bristol Cathedral! To help us with catering, please add your name to the list in the foyer or on-line and let us know if you have any specific dietary requirements.

Celebration & Thanksgiving Service in Bristol Cathedral

Sunday 11th October at 6.30pm. Tickets can be obtained on-line or from Colin or Nicola. Our own Senior Band is taking part, but we hope you will be there too.



Our Fellowship

Our prayers and thoughts are with Christine Kleinschmidt and the family following the sudden passing of Wilf whilst in Germany visiting family. We will let you know of the funeral arrangements as soon as they are known.

Valerie Baker continues to make progress following her stay in hospital in the BRI and then the Eye Hospital.

Thank you to Ruby for sharing the flowers with us in memory of Charlie.

Why not come to **CAMEO** on Monday evening – a great opportunity to **Come And Meet Each Other**. Tomorrow, you will be making broaches. If you can, please bring water colour paints, 2 brushes No 4, a rigger & small scissors. And if you haven't got them – doesn't matter, come anyway!

The funeral for Tony Morrison will take place on Tuesday 29 September at 1pm at Westerleigh Crematorium followed by a service of celebration of Tony's life at Gateway Revival Church, 94, Station Rd, Yate, BS37 4PH. You may remember that Val and Tony's grand daughter Nicola died of cancer in 2011. This was in fact the reason Val and Tony started going to Gateway Church in Yate to support her. Nicola became a wonderful Christian in the year before her passing. You can read her very moving and powerful testimony at www.nicolaorganfoundation.co.uk/testimony/nicolas-story. or search Gateway Church, Yate and you will see it listed.

Alan Richardson has drawn my attention to a couple of events:

"Make Your Money Count" Friday 16th October, 10am-1pm, M Shed Bristol. This event brings together some of the UK's key ethical investment organisations to mark Good Money Week. Useful for individuals and churches to consider where their money is invested and how it can be used for good. Alan has been a member of Green Christians for over 30+ years. He will be at their conference **"The Economics of Hope"** on 7 November 2015, 11am to 5pm, at St Michael's Centre, Stoke Gifford, Bristol at which the speaker will be Molly Scott-Cato, the Green MEP for S. W. England.