TODAY: **Sunday 17th January**

11.00am ***Worship*** led by Colin & Nicola Hylton-Jones
5.00pm ***Worship & The Word*** with Colin & Nicola Hylton-Jones

Monday 18th January

2.00pm Ladies Fellowship (3rd Monday – see Valerie Cuff)
6.00pm Rainbows
6.30pm Brownies
7.45pm Cell Group with Peter Belcher. The Prayer Room

Tuesday 19th January

9.30am Parent & Toddlers
10.00am Cell Group with Pat & Arnold Tilling (1st & 3rd Tuesday)
6.45pm Young People's Band Practice (Junior Band)
8.00pm Senior Band Practice

Wednesday 20th January

9.30am Baby Song
3.30, 5.30 & 7.30pm Slimming World
8.00pm Cell Group with Linda & Kelvin

Thursday 21st January

10.30am **New Venture. *Knit, sew, read, drink, chat ……..***
12.30pm Lunch Club
2.00pm Friendship Club
6.45pm Singing Company Practice (Junior Choir)
8.00pm Songster Practice (Senior Choir)

Friday 22nd January

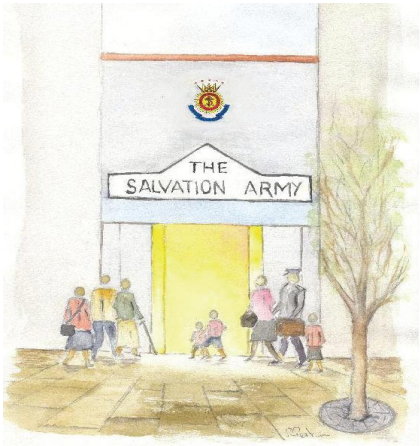
9.30am Slimming World
6.00pm Friday Club

Saturday 23rd January

6.30pm Annual Quiz Night
10am-12pm Coffee Morning

Sunday 24th January

9.45am Meetings for toddlers, children & teenagers
11.00am ***Worship*** led by Colin & Nicola Hylton-Jones including the dedication of new song books & bibles
5.00pm ***Sunday Celebration*** with Tenor Horn soloist Haydn Brown supported by Band & Songsters.



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On Tuesday, I found myself on a London Underground Train with Kay when I was hit once again with the reality that we are all different. I looked around me and saw raw humanity and no one person was the same as another. Each was uniquely different: age, size, height, ethnicity, fashion ……..

Later that evening, we went to see the stage show *"Billy Elliot"*. The show is set with the backdrop of the Miners Strike of the mid 1980's about a boy who would rather be dancing than boxing. However, what struck me most was how Billy was different than what was expected of him and how he found it difficult to be his unique self. One of the songs was about being different, but that we should always be our self. More importantly, we should always express ourselves in everything we do.

This is also something we should remember as we talk of inviting and welcoming new people into our Fellowship. I remember Colin telling us on their Welcome Sunday about these people. He said *"They wont all be like us!"* They won't all want to wear the same clothes as us, like or understand our traditions or routines. But think of the diversity and colour they will bring to our Fellowship. ***Go on, embrace diversity 'cause we're all created different!***

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GENERAL BULLETIN:

The Big Collection: Last weeks efforts at Tescos Yate raised £1,667.85

Audit 19th & 20th January. All financial records & petty cash are required. Please see Colin, Nicola or Paul if you're not sure what's required.

Got keys to the building? Then you must see Colin & tell him - asap!

Got a ladies Salvation Army hat you no longer wear? See Hilton or Lillian Baker as the Kenya East Territorial Women's Band would like them!

Modern day Slavery & Human Trafficking. What is the Salvation Army's response to this growing problem? What can we do to help the victims? Watch out for details over the coming weeks…….

EVENTS BULLETIN:

The Monday Night Cell Group with Peter Belcher that met for many years in the home of Edna Heath, will now start to meet from Monday 18th January in the Prayer Room at the Hall starting at 7.45pm. All are welcome.

The Annual Quiz Night will take place on Saturday 23rd January 2016 at 6.30-9.00pm. Would be great to see as many of you there are possible, both to raise funds for the Youth but more importantly to show support & encouragement to our young people & those who volunteer their time to work with them. Tickets priced £5 are available from Carys, Tash or Phil.

Sunday 31st January. Colin & Nicola are away leading Worship at Norwich. In their absence, Linda Hall will be leading Morning Worship at 11am & Hilton Baker has arranged a ***"Songs of Praise"*** at 5pm.

Global Awareness Conference 2016 Saturday 6th February "Swords into Ploughshare" takes place at the Woodlands Christian Centre in Bristol to *"inform local Christians and people of goodwill about key international development issues in order to bring a deeper understanding of God's intentions to restore and redeem all creation and inspire us to respond"*. For further information, see Alan Richardson

Sunday Supper 7th February: A date for your diaries. We will have as our guest speaker, Anthony Bush, the CEO & Owner of Noah's Ark Zoo Farm, a Christian-run charity many of you may have visited. Bring your friends!

Fit for Mission. Do remember our time of lunch and afternoon discussions has been postponed until Sunday 14th February. This gives Colin & Nicola more time to prepare us for this important opportunity to allow God to shape the future of the Staple Hill Salvation Army. Watch & listen over the next few weeks – surely we all want to be Fit for Mission?

International Staff Band (ISB) visit to Staple Hill.
Saturday 19th March Broadmead Baptist Church 7pm Tickets available £10.
Sunday 20th March they will be leading Worship at Staple Hill at 11am & 5pm

DIVISIONAL BULLETIN:

We are to be part of the new Severn & Somerset Division with Majors Ian & Jean Harris as our Divisional Leaders.

Saturday 30th January at 9.30am: Men's Big Breakfast at Taunton Corps.
Saturday 30th January at 5pm & 7pm: Youth Event at Bridgewater Corps
8th – 10th March: AFM Gathering *"Recipe for Life"* at Brunel Manor

FELLOWSHIP BULLETIN:

"Michael (Baker) is recovering well but slowly from successful surgery & treatment. Whilst reading & doing crosswords, he's enjoying his daily walks. Not quite ready to use his golf clubs yet, he has joined a Petanque Club (Boules). Clearly feeling better, he is looking forward to attending the Australian Open Tennis Quarter Finals!" I have assured them both of our continued prayers.

Remember: Shaun Skinner, Peter & Mary Jackson & family, Owen Chappell, David Leonard, Margaret Smith, The Jones family, Malcolm Wiltshire's mum.

Verger Andrew Campbell gave us a guided tour round Westminster Abbey this week. Did you know, in the enclave where the Coronation Chair is displayed, is a bust of William Booth – not a lot of people know that!