

TODAY: Sunday 31st January

Colin & Nicola are away leading Young People's Worship at Norwich – our prayers are with them

11.00am
5.00pm

Worship led by Linda Hall
Songs of Praise arranged by Hilton Baker supported by all the musical sections.

Monday 1st February

6.00pm Rainbows
6.30pm Brownies
7.45pm Cell Group with Peter Belcher. The Prayer Room

Tuesday 2nd February

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 3rd February

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

Thursday 4th February

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 5th February

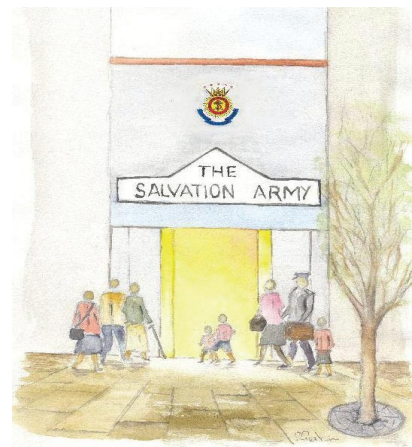
9.30 & 11.30am Slimming World
6.00pm Friday Club

Saturday 6th February

10am-12pm Coffee Morning

Sunday 7th February

9.45am Meetings for toddlers, children & teenagers
11.00am **All-age Worship** with Colin & Nicola Hylton-Jones
5.00pm **Sunday Supper on Noah's Ark!** Guest speaker Anthony Bush, CEO & Owner of Noah's Ark Zoo Farm. An interesting evening to bring your friends to.



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It looks as though all six stars of the smash hit FRIENDS are finally going to be in one place at the same time to celebrate a very special friend. Jennifer Aniston, David Schwimmer, Matthew Perry, Courtney Cox, Lisa Kudrow & Matt LeBlanc are set to reunite for a two hour TV special, made by NBC in celebration of the veteran sitcom director James Burrows who helmed 15 episodes of their beloved comedy. The gang and stars of other famous sitcoms will be getting back together to specially honour a special friend.

F.R.I.E.N.D.S

³Some men came, bringing to him (Jesus) a paralytic, carried by four of them. ⁴Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralyzed man was lying on. ⁵When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." (Mark 2:3-5)

Incredible friendship. There are many ways in which we can express our friendship to other people, but by any measure these guys would put many friends to shame. They overcome obstacles (v2) and are prepared to behave in ways that might not be quite socially acceptable (v4) in order that their paralysed mate gets to be with Jesus. We're not explicitly told why they bring him but they seem pretty determined to try to get him into the presence of Jesus. Their friend is not only healed but forgiven, and is made healthy enough to carry the mat on which they had brought him!

Do you have special friends who would go that far for you or you for them?

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The Youth Retreat Friday 5th to Sunday 7th February. This year, they are going to Viney Hill Christian Activity Centre in the Forest of Dean. The theme for the weekend is *"Your weakness, His strength"*. They will be taking a look at the life of Gideon, seeing how they can relate it to their lives today learning that a little faith goes a long way, even when you feel you're useless. Plus a few fun activities too! Most of the Youth are attending and the staff for this years adventure are Tash, Phil, Sam, Emma and Nicola. The Key bible verse for the Retreat is Philippians 4 v 13. *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"*. I have assured them of our support and our prayers during this final week of preparation and during the Retreat itself.

EVENTS BULLETIN:

Global Awareness Conference 2016 Saturday 6th February takes place at the Woodlands Christian Centre in Bristol. See Alan Richardson

Sunday Supper 7th February: Our guest speaker is Anthony Bush, CEO & Owner of Noah's Ark Zoo Farm. Daniel Castle works for Noahs Ark & his mum Roz says: *"Anthony is married to Christina and they have four married children and fourteen grandchildren. Anthony combined many things with farming and family life. He was a Youth Club leader in Bristol for 4 years, was elected to General Synod for 17 years at 29 and became a Lay Reader in the Church of England at 30. He was County Chairman of Somerset National Farmers Union & founder Chairman or Director of Mission England South West, Crisis Centre Ministries & Send a Cow to Africa. In 1995 the Bush's bought their farm from the Landlord, Lord Wraxall of Tyntesfield. Their pedigree "Moatwell" Friesian cow herd and young stock was sold and they kept the farm for arable use, with some sheep. In 1997 they rebuilt the old 17th century farm buildings and prepared to open Noah's Ark as a themed animal park for adventure, education and to remind visitors of the ancient tradition of God's relationship with mankind and of the contemporary science that points to creation plus evolution of species. Anthony will be an inspiring and thought provoking speaker."* The food Theme? Why not "Two by Two" – no idea how you do that!

Fit for Mission. Our time of lunch and afternoon discussions will take place on Sunday 14th February following Morning Worship. We will provide you with lunch. Over the coming weeks, Colin & Nicola will be preparing us for this important opportunity to allow God to shape the future of the Staple Hill Salvation Army. Please try to be there. No Worship at 5pm.

The International Staff Band (ISB) visit to Staple Hill

On Saturday 19th March they will performing at Broadmead Baptist Church in the centre of town at 7pm. Tickets are available at £10 – under 16 are free. On Sunday 20th March, they will be leading Worship at Staple Hill at the usual times: 11am & 5pm. For further information, speak to any of the Band leaders.

GENERAL BULLETIN:

Modern day Slavery & Human Trafficking. What is the Salvation Army's & our response to this growing problem? More details to follow

An Internal Audit was conducted last week with a successful outcome. *"In our opinion, based upon the audit work undertaken, the financial controls operating in respect of Staple Hill Corps are once again found to be very good, with few issues to report. The books and records were well presented and our thanks should be extended to the Corps Officers and the finance team"*.

The thanks of our fellowship should also be extended to the Finance Team for all they do, which is often unseen. **Thank You!**

As well as auditing all financial aspects of the Corps, internal auditing is an independent, objective assurance and consulting activity designed to add value and improve an organisation's operations. It helps an organisation accomplish its objectives by bringing a systematic, disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of risk management, control and governance processes. This highlighted one or two operational compliance issues which will be resolved over the next few weeks.

Bath Street Garage. The owners have asked that we please do not park on their forecourt at any time as they need access for their wedding cars.

FELLOWSHIP BULLETIN:

Brenda & Barry Bray send their grateful thanks to all those who have contacted them & prayed for them during Brenda's recent ill health.

When you go before God as a priestly intercessor, whom do you represent? On whose behalf do you stand when you go before the King of Creation? The apostle Peter said that we, the Body of Christ, are a "chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession" (1 Peter 2:9a). We are priests of God – every one of us – and one thing that a priest does is represent others before God. (James W. Goll)