

TODAY:

11.00am
5.00pm

Sunday 7th February

All-age Worship with Colin Hylton-Jones
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.

Monday 8th February

10.00am Gardening Club (2nd Monday of month)
6.00pm **NO** Rainbows (Half Term)
6.30pm **NO** Brownies(Half Term)
7.45pm Cell Group with Peter Belcher. The Prayer Room

Tuesday 9th February

9.30am **NO** Parent & Toddlers(Half Term)
6.45pm **NO** Young People's Band Practice (Half Term)
8.00pm Senior Band Practice

Wednesday 10th February

9.30am **NO** Baby Song (Half Term)
3.30, 5.30 & 7.30pm Slimming World
8.00pm **NO** Cell Group with Linda & Kelvin (Half term)

Thursday 11th February

10.30am **New Venture. Knit, sew, read, drink, chat**
12.30pm Lunch Club
2.00pm Friendship Club
6.45pm **NO** Singing Company Practice (Half Term)
7.00pm Community Care Ministries (CCM) Group Meeting
8.00pm Songster Practice (Senior Choir)

Friday 12th February

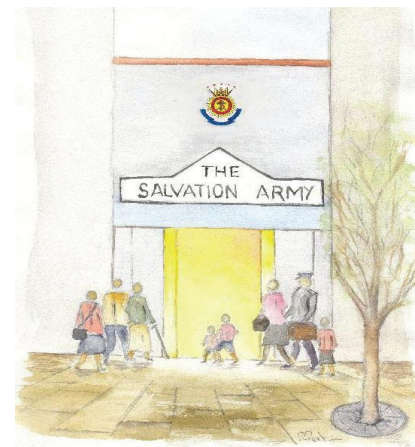
9.30 & 11.30am Slimming World
6.00pm **NO** Friday Club (Half Term)

Saturday 13th February

10am-12pm Coffee Morning

Sunday 14th February

9.45am Meetings for toddlers, children & teenagers
11.00am *All-age Worship* with Colin & Nicola Hylton-Jones
12.30pm Fellowship Ploughman's Lunch
1.30-3.30pm "Fit for Mission" discussions
5.00pm **NO WORSHIP**



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THE SALVATION ARMY
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7th February 2016

It's here! As of last Sunday morning, we launched a new era on the web, as our new website at www.staplehillsa.uk went live. A leap of faith, as there is still much work to do. We went for a design that was clean, modern, and easy to access - and the site is now live on the internet. But there is still a lot of content to add, still a lot to check, still things to learn!

Our old domain name of www.staplehillcitadel.com will automatically point people at the new site although this takes time. Eventually, in a few years time, the old domain name will just disappear. The old out of date and broken site cannot be accessed. For those of you that incorporate our website on advertising, bulletins and so on, please use the new address from now on.

As you will already have seen, Neil will be popping up around the building with his camera, as we need to build a library of our own pictures in action rather than the 'stock' ones you will find in various places on the site.

Please do have a look at the new website and let us have any feedback and suggestions. Some we will be able to action, some we might not - but we'd appreciate your comments anyway!

Seems like last Sunday was a day of renewal for lots of things!

Our thanks to Mark Dickens for his hard unseen work in this very important part of our ministry & outreach. Thanks also to Aidan for keeping the old site going for as long as it did. In this day and age, people will find us by the front door, word of mouth, but more significantly, by the internet and our website.

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The Youth Retreat Friday 5th to Sunday 7th February. I hope & pray you are missing our Youth today? They are "On Retreat" at Viney Hill Christian Activity Centre in the Forest of Dean. Through activities, study & fellowship they are using Philippians 4 v 13. **"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"** to consider **"Your weakness, His strength"**. As you will have during this last week of final preparation, I'm sure your prayers will be with Tash, Phil, Sam, Emma, Nicola and all the young people.

EVENTS BULLETIN:

TONIGHT: Sunday Supper 7th February: Guest speaker Anthony Bush, CEO & Owner of Noah's Ark Zoo Farm. I know we are in for a great & challenging evening. Please come along, bring friends & family as well as some food and enjoy the warmth of the fellowship as well. The food? I thought about "Two by Two" - no idea! Guess you'll have to come & find out

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 - please sign up on the sheet in the foyer to give us an idea of numbers for catering. This is a very important opportunity to allow God to guide us to shape the future of the Staple Hill Salvation Army. Please try to be there. Remember, the best way to have your say is to be there and say it! However, we will be displaying the fruits of our efforts and God's leadings over the weeks to come so that you can still participate even if you cant attend. We hope to finish by 3.30pm. Remember, No Worship at 5pm.

Children taking the lead.....

Children's Sunday: 21st February at 11am featuring our own young people

Sunday Celebration: 28th February at 5pm Our own Young People's Band with special guests Redland High Junior School Choir.

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.

FELLOWSHIP BULLETIN:

The flowers today are shared with us by Daisy Usher sharing the memory of Maurice who passed away 15 years ago last Friday.

"Closer is He than breathing, Nearer than hands or feet."

(Some words from a small red book, read years ago in an Episcopal home)

God is near. He fills the room around you where you are sitting or standing. He is in the air above you; he is in the ground below your feet. His presence is everywhere. He fills the highest heavens, the deepest seas, down to the center of the planet and out beyond the farthest-flung reaches of this galaxy, past myriads of other galaxies, to the edge of the universe, and beyond that... Up, down, east, west, out to infinity. And yet he stands beside you, now, hearing each breath you take, noting every motion and every thought that comes from you. He knows how many hairs are on your head; and how many hairs are on your parents' heads, and your uncles' and your aunts; he knows the hair count of every man, woman, and child all over this green-and-blue globe, all five- billion of us, at this instant. He knows everybody's white-blood-cell count, how many nerves everyone has. He knows everyone's thoughts. Every thought we ever had, every thought we are having right now, and every thought we ever will have, are known to him, now, this very instant. Every hurt we ever experienced, every bruise, every scrape, every scar, every tear, he knows and remembers. But most importantly to you, he remembers every tear of yours. He knows every thought you ever had or will have, and he knows all of your thoughts right now. And he loves you. He loves you despite everything bad - or good - that you ever have done, everything that you ever will do, and everything that you are doing right now. His love for you is with full knowledge of who you are, and what you are. He loves you infinitely, for he is an infinite God. How many times can you divide infinity? Divide infinity by two, and what do you have? Infinity. Your God loves you infinitely as your father, infinitely as your brother, infinitely as your friend, infinitely as your helper, infinitely as your commander; and more. For he is also your Shepherd, your Counselor, your Saviour, your Healer, your Righteousness... infinitely. If you have given yourself to him, then this infinite God is also infinitely yours. He has searched you & He knows you. He knows every struggle, every question, every desire, every need, every want that you have, whether you are aware of them or not. And the thing that he wants most from you is very simple. What is the first and greatest commandment? Love the Lord your God, with everything in you that you can muster. He wants your love.

**GOD
IS
NEAR.**

Why else would he choose, as his dwelling place, your heart?