

TODAY Sunday 21st February "Children's Sunday"

9.45am Meetings for toddlers, children & teenagers
11.00am **All-age Worship** featuring our Young People
5.00pm **Worship & the Word** for everyone
with Colin & Nicola Hylton-Jones

Monday 22nd February

6.00pm Rainbows
6.30pm Brownies
7.45pm Cell Group with Peter Belcher. The Prayer Room
8.00pm Leadership Team Meeting at the Quarters

Tuesday 23rd February

9.30am Parent & Toddlers
6.45pm Young People's Band Practice
8.00pm Senior Band Practice

Wednesday 24th February

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

Thursday 25th February

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

Friday 26th February

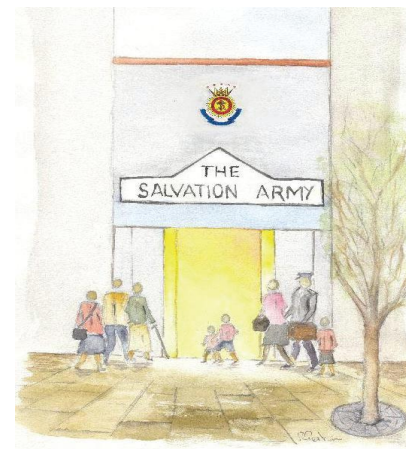
9.30 & 11.30am Slimming World
6.00pm Friday Club
8.00pm Corps Advisory Group Meeting at the Quarters

Saturday 27th February

10am-12pm Coffee Morning

Sunday 28th February:

9.45am Meetings for toddlers, children & teenagers
11.00am **All-age Worship** with Colin & Nicola Hylton-Jones
5.00pm **Sunday Celebration.** Our own Young People's Band with special guests Redland High Junior School Choir. A great opportunity to encourage our own young people and be blessed by our special guests. Also a chance to invite and bring along somebody new or old!



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Sunday 21st February 2016

Legend has it that one morning a farmer heard cries for help coming from a nearby field. He dropped his tools and ran in the direction of the voice. There, waist deep in a murky Scottish bog, was a terrified boy trapped and sinking into the ground. Regardless of his own safety he went straight in and pulled the boy to safety, saving him from certain death. The following day a grand carriage drew up at the modest croft cottage and a noble lord stepped out to greet the farmer. He introduced himself as the father of the boy he had saved and insisted he wanted to reward the farmer to show his sincere gratitude. But the farmer refused, declaring he had only done what anyone else would have done in the same circumstances. At that point the farmer's own son joined his father. "Is this your boy?" asked the nobleman, and he proudly agreed that it was. "In which case I will make you a promise. I will take the boy and pay for the best education money can buy. If he is anything like his father he will grow into a man we will both be proud of". The farmer eventually agreed and the boy then benefited from the finest education, finally graduating from St Mary's Hospital Medical School, London. He was later knighted for his contribution to medicine and became known as Sir Alexander Fleming, the man who discovered penicillin. Some years later the nobleman's son became ill with pneumonia and it was penicillin that saved his life, truly repaying Lord Randolph Churchill's benevolence. His son, the boy dragged from the bog, was Sir Winston Churchill.

Although it is unlikely to be a true story, you never know when your actions or behaviours today will set events in motion that will be felt much later in the future. Sometimes, small or seemingly insignificant gestures of goodwill and generosity may come back to enrich your life in ways that may be completely unforeseen. Yet real acts of kindness are not given with the expectation of getting something in return. Kindness comes from the heart.

"So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you" (Matthew 7:12).

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GENERAL BULLETIN:

Further to last weeks Bulletin about TV Presenter Dan Walker & his Christian faith, Bill Turnbull, who he will be replacing on the BBC Breakfast Show has spoken to the Radio Times. Bill who has faith & strong beliefs says *"When we lived in America it was the exception not to go to Church. Church was absolutely packed and it was wonderful. But here there's something about our culture that makes people feel as if they have to apologise for having faith. I don't understand why people want to make you feel so awkward about having faith"*.

Victims of modern slavery or human trafficking. We need volunteer drivers or chaperones for journeys to transport victims of modern slavery or human trafficking to a place of safety. This will be co-ordinated nationally by Major Adrian Stringer at THQ who needs more names and details on their data base. People who are willing to act as drivers or chaperones are invited to speak to David James who has more information & the appropriate forms which need to be completed.

Corps Outreach Leaflet. We are working on a leaflet to explain and show what the Staple Hill Salvation Army is all about. It'll be ready soon!

Fair Trade Fortnight from 28th February. Do you buy Fairtrade?

EVENTS BULLETIN:

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

The International Staff Band (ISB) visit to Staple Hill

On Saturday 19th March they will be performing at Broadmead Baptist Church in the 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.

DIVISIONAL BULLETIN:

"Divisional Celebration" Sunday 22nd May at 3pm at the Exmouth Pavilion. A celebration to mark the changing of the divisional boundaries.

"Let's Celebrate Junior Adventure Camp"

1st - 5th August at the Beacon Youth Centre

"Welcome to Paradise Summer School 16"

20th-26th August 2016 at Taunton School

FELLOWSHIP BULLETIN:

Great to see Viv Wallington back with us with a bit more of an Aussie accent! Still remember her mother in your prayers.

Continue to remember Gwen Lear, Rachael James mother Pauline Elcoat and Paul Campbells brother-in-law Peter Clark and their respective families.

Margaret Boxell's mother is very seriously unwell. So please remember Ruby & Cyril Chadwick as well as Margaret & Derek in your prayers.

You will remember the tragic events last year leading to the death of Paul Schofield, the son of Mary & Peter Jackson, leaving a wife Alma & son James. It is hoped that they will finally be able to lay him to rest with a Cremation Service on Tuesday 23 February. Alma's application for "Leave to remain as mother of a British child" has been received & she can remain in the country whilst it is considered, possibly taking up to 6 months. James has got into a nursery for three afternoons a week. Peter says *"He absolutely loves it. He's a little ray of sunshine and the image of his dad in so many ways. Thank you for all your prayers and support. Believe me, Mary and Alma need them. Tuesday will be very difficult for all of us"*.

FIT FOR MISSION BULLETIN:

It was great to see that almost 100 people stayed for lunch last Sunday & almost all of those stayed for the afternoon to contribute to the future direction of the Staple Hill Salvation Army. Throughout the afternoon, we were asked to consider 3 distinct areas of our mission, both now as it is (our strengths & weaknesses, what's good & what's not so good) and in the future as God is calling us: to **SAVE** souls, **GROW** saints & **SERVE** suffering humanity. Are we doing it? And are we fit to do it? The final part of our afternoon was to make our *"Dream Wall"* – the very things we each believe God is calling us to do. I found it very moving & encouraging to see your dreams. The fruits of your labours are displayed at the rear of the Hall. Do go & look and continue to add your thoughts. The Leadership Team will now work hard to turn some into reality.

