

TODAY Sunday 20th March

11.00am **All-age Worship** led by the International Staff Band
3.00pm Community Care Ministries at Deerhurst
5.00pm **Sunday Worship** led by the International Staff Band

Monday 21st March

2.00pm Ladies Fellowship - see Valerie Cuff
6.00pm **'Easter Family Crafts'**

Tuesday 22nd March

8.00pm **'Crucify Me'**
An hour's meditation featuring the Band & Songsters

Wednesday 23rd March

3.30, 5.30 & 7.30pm Slimming World
8.00pm **'In the beginning was the Word'**
Read through St John's Gospel

Thursday 24th March

10.30am New Venture. *Knit, sew, read, drink, chat*
12.30pm Lunch Club
2.00pm Friendship Club
8.00pm **'Do this in remembrance of me'** A Passover Supper

Friday 25th March Good Friday

9.30 & 11.30am Slimming World
11.00am **'Remember Me'** All-age Good Friday Service
followed by distribution of Hot Cross Buns

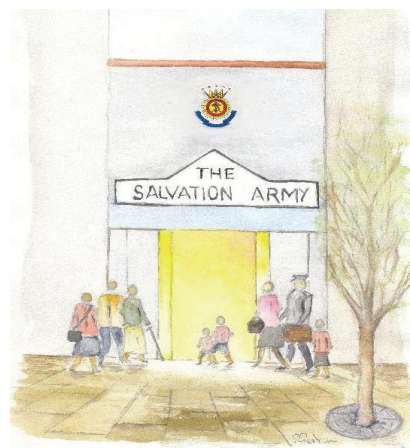
Saturday 26th March

10am-12pm **NO** Coffee Morning

Sunday 27th March Easter Sunday **CLOCKS FORWARD 1 HOUR!!**

9.45am Meetings for toddlers, children & teenagers
11.00am **All-age Worship** led by Colin & Nicola Hylton-Jones
12.30pm **March of Witness** around Staple Hill
1.00pm **Easter Fellowship Roast Dinner**
5.00pm **NO** Worship

Young People's Band & Singing Company practices, Brownies, Rainbows, Tuesday Toddlers, Baby Song & Friday Club are now on a well earned 3 week Easter break. And there's no CAMEO on Monday 28th March (Bank Holiday).



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This is the story of the doubting barber.

A man is having his hair cut whilst discussing current & sporting affairs. "God bless them" says the man. "I don't believe in God" replied the barber. "Why not?" says the man. "Why should I?" replied the barber, "look how messed up the world is. Marriages ending in divorce, kids not knowing who their parents are. I watch this neighbourhood going from bad to worse. What kind of God is supposed to be running things? Old people at home with no one to visit them, people trying to find jobs who can't, the lack of food and good drinking water for so many people in this world, this world is full of fear & hopelessness. I tell you, if I was doing my job as bad as God's doing his, I'd have been sued out of business! If there was a God, a righteous God, I think he'd punish the guilty and set the innocent free. I think he'd make people change the way they'd live". The man couldn't answer, paid his money & went to leave. As he reached the door, he saw a man with long unkempt hair & a disheveled beard. He thought a moment and turned back to the barber. "I don't believe barbers exist" he said. "What do you mean?" said the barber. He replied "See that man, his hair is a mess, his beard is untrimmed, what barber would allow that? There's only one answer, there are no barbers!" "That's not the same" said the barber, "I'm here all the time, I've got the skills and experience". "No" said the man "if there were barbers, they wouldn't let men look like that". "But I can't help him if he doesn't come to me" explained the barber. The man pointed heavenward & smiled "God exists but man has to come to him"

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I'm writing this Bulletin from the city of Vienna. Kay & I have taken a few days away in some glorious Austrian sunshine. We've seen splendid palaces & churches and walked along the banks of the 'Blue Danube', we've eaten some authentic Viennese cuisine; Wiener Schnitzel, Goulash Soup and of course, Apfelstrudel! We've sampled the sights and sounds of the Viennese music of Mozart & Strauss in a concert of music, song & dance. But what has surprised us the most, is how openly they celebrate Easter. Having lived in Germany we were aware of the Christmas Markets across continental Europe. But we have now discovered the Easter Markets. Austria's Easter tradition is to decorate branches of pussy willow with painted egg shells hung on a string. These wonderfully colourful Easter Egg Markets are held on squares and in front of churches. Eggs whether hand painted or chocolate, are a reminder of the new life that is available to everyone as result of the events of Easter.

As we welcome the International Staff Band to lead us in worship and to celebrate 120 years of service by the Staple Hill Salvation Army Band, let us use this day and the events of the next week to draw people's attention to the real meaning of Easter beyond the eggs and to the new life that is available to them. It may well be that you and I need to bring them to God.

EVENTS BULLETIN:

Easter 2016: 'Cross Words'

Monday 21st March 6-7.30pm Family Crafts

Tuesday 22nd March 8pm 'Crucify Me'

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A Passover Supper – add your name to the Sign-Up Sheet in the Foyer.

Friday 25th March 11am 'Remember Me'

All-age Good Friday Service followed by distribution of Hot Cross Buns

Sunday 26th March 11am 'Come & see, go & tell'

All-age Easter Sunday Worship, followed by a March of Witness and Easter Sunday Fellowship Roast Dinner –

Add your name to the Sign-Up Sheet in the Foyer. (No 5pm Worship)

DIVISIONAL BULLETIN:

"Rally Chorus Day" at Taunton SA Hall Friday 8th April 10.30am-12.00pm

"Celebration with the General" in Exeter Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th April

"The Big Youth Gathering" in Exeter Sunday 17th April 11am-6pm

"Brass for Greece" Exeter Saturday 7th May at 7.30pm. A Concert with the Divisional Fellowship Band & Sidmouth Gospel Choir for refugees in Greece.

"AFM Rally" at Exeter Pavilion on 11th May. No idea – more details to follow!!

"Divisional Celebration" Sunday 22nd May at 3pm at the Exmouth Pavilion.

"Let's Celebrate Junior Adventure Camp" 1st - 5th August

"Welcome to Paradise Summer School 16" 20th-26th August 2016

GENERAL BULLETIN:

The Brownies are collecting **Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers** again. If that's your choice of shop, please collect the vouchers & give them to Hannah. (Vouchers being given out until early May).

Don't forget, we need **Volunteer Drivers** or chaperones for journeys to transport victims of modern slavery or human trafficking to a place of safety. Please see David James, Marion & David Richardson.

FELLOWSHIP BULLETIN:

Please remember Jill & Cliff following the passing away of her father Owen Chappell. They have now returned to America but will return for the funeral on Wednesday 6th April. Our prayers are with them at this difficult time.

Malcolm Wiltshire's mother is far from well in Southmead Hospital.

The following need your prayers, support & encouragement:

Margaret Boxell, Viv Wallington, Rob Hall's mother, Bev Dickens brother Shaun Skinner, Rachael James mother Pauline Elcoat and Paul Campbells brother-in-law & Catherine Reads nephew Peter Clark, Mike & Valerie Baker and all their respective families and those who are concerned for them.

"Wish you were here" Irene Ackerman, Molly Angle, Doreen Butland, Tom & Ruth Cable, Nancy Cryer, Geoffrey Driscoll, Joan & David Jones, Gwen & Joyce Lear, David & Shirley Nokes, Madge Rickards, Michael Roberts, Valerie Scott, Francis & Ruth Shepherd.

Thank you Valerie Cuff for preparing & sharing the flowers in memory of Ken.