

TODAY SUNDAY 8th May "Candidates Sunday"

9.45am Meetings for toddlers, children & teenagers
10.00am Band leading Worship at Beaufort Court
10.30am Band leading Worship at Southmead Hospital
11.00am **All-age Worship** with Colin & Nicola Hylton-Jones
2.30pm Community Care Ministries at Deerpark
5.00pm **Sunday Worship** with Colin & Nicola Hylton-Jones supported by the Band, Songsters & Singing Company.

Monday 9th May

10.00am Gardening Club (2nd Monday of month)
6.00pm Rainbows
6.30pm Brownies
7.45pm Cell Group with Peter Belcher
8.00pm Mission Council at the Quarters

Tuesday 10th May

9.30am Parent & Toddlers
6.45pm YP Band Practice (Junior Band)
7.45-9.00pm Revision Space (with Tash)
8.00pm Senior Band Practice

Wednesday 11th May

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

Thursday 12th May

10.30am On your own? Then come & join us at "**Meet & Greet**"
12.30pm Lunch Club
2.00pm Friendship Club
6.45pm Singing Company Practice (Junior Choir)
8.00pm Songster Practice

Friday 13th May

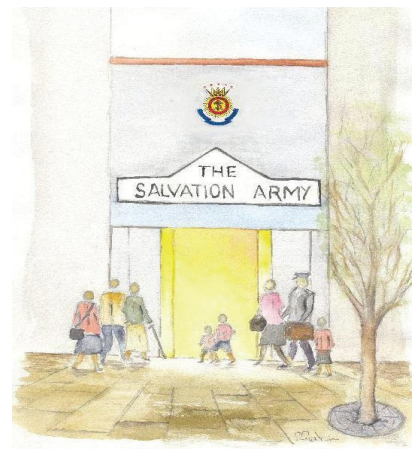
9.30 & 11.30am Slimming World
6.00pm Friday Club

Saturday 14th May

10am-12pm Coffee Morning

Sunday 15th May

9.45am Meetings for toddlers, children & teenagers
11.00am **All-age Worship** with Colin & Nicola Hylton-Jones
3.00pm: **March to Page Park Praise at 3.30pm (NO 5pm Worshp)**



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Sunday 8th May 2016

Last Sunday, I found myself in St George's Church in Georgeham, North Devon. You may remember this is the Church to which St George's House is attached, the place where we held many retreats for our young people a place of many happy memories. Right at the start of the Family Service, we were asked to think about promises we'd made & whether we had kept them. Following our recent wedding anniversary, Kay couldn't remember if she had promised to obey me! We thought about the promises made by Abraham and God's promises to him, using songs such as *Father Abraham, My God is so big, My God is a great big God* – it was great! The text used was Psalm 145:13 "**The Lord is faithful to all his promises and loving to all He has made**".

This has been a busy weekend. Friday night was the Band League Concert, a birthday party at the Hall on Saturday evening & this morning, the Band was committed to leading services at Beaufort Court & Southmead Hospital. So it would have been easy to say we were over committed and too busy to support Shaun and his Big Breakfast. But all the promises we make are important. And God blessed our commitment! The Bradbury Hall was full to over-flowing, Shaun completed his challenge and together we raised £2,300 for St Peter's Hospice – Shaun went home to Hereford a tired and happy man!

I pray that as we move forward to reach up to Jesus, reach out to share Jesus, reach deeper to follow Jesus and reach wider to care for each other, we will honour our promises to God and to each other as faithfully as God honours His promises to us for He surely loves all He has made.

P.S. The vicar led all the worship singing last Sunday from the front behind his guitar now there's a thought!!

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EVENTS BULLETIN:

Page Park Praise Sunday afternoon 15th May at 3.30pm



Once again, we will be taking our Praise & Worship from inside our buildings to the Bandstand in Page Park. We will March to the Park at 3pm and then lead Page Park Praise at 3.30pm inviting anyone to join with us. There may be more local interest following on from the success of *"The Sally Army & Me"* with Paul O'Grady. Whilst I hope we will enjoy worshipping & praising God outdoors, the afternoon is an opportunity to reach out to our community. They may see it

as entertainment, but we may never know the seeds we may be sowing the seeds that God will ask others to reap or maybe we will be the ones to reap His harvest. However, there is a practical aspect to the afternoon that does require us all to play our part. If you can help in any way, (loading chairs, tables & equipment at the Hall, unloading & assembling at the Park: tables, chairs, gazebo, chairs/stands in the Bandstand, deck chairs for the congregation) please see Linda Hall, preferably today:

GENERAL BULLETIN:

News from the collecting tin: When we were recently collecting for the Big Collection at Morrisons in Fishponds, a man put some money in the tin and said *"Do you know, the Salvation Army gave me the most expensive meal I've ever had!"*. The collector looked at him a little startled & asked him what he meant. *"When I was demobbed after the war, I hit rock bottom & somebody told me to go to the Salvation Army because they would feed me. And they did, a really great meal. But I've been paying for it ever since. Each time I pass a Salvation Army collecting tin, I have to put something in for their kindness. It's turned into the most expensive meal I've ever had!"*

The Big Collection. Just to let you know we have so far collected just under £3,000. We have a number of fundraising events planned including a standing day in Tesco's, Bradley Stoke on Friday, 5th August. If you are free and can help please pencil the date in your diary – Colin & Nicola are away so we are also looking for someone to coordinate.

Christian Aid. Whilst we are committed to fund-raising for the social and community work of the Salvation Army, we are also part of the broader church and have been asked to help with the annual Christian Aid Collection by collecting at Tesco Staple Hill on Saturday, 14th May. There is a rota on the notice board and if you can help, please volunteer.

Being Fit for Mission - a booklet produced by THQ outlining the new divisional boundaries along with the Fit for Mission rationale & other information is available - we have 50 copies, although we can get some more.

Help for Coffee Mornings! June 4th, 11th & 25th please – see Mary White

FELLOWSHIP BULLETIN:

Laura Baker is 30!

Congratulations to Paul Campbell who designed the conversion and extension of a listed barn into a dwelling which won the Bath and North East Somerset Area Award for the LABC Building Excellence Awards. So on Friday evening, he was at the awards ceremony for the whole of the West of England & he won! Now to the National Finals in November. Good luck Paul!

Good news from Peter & Mary Jackson:

"We heard yesterday that Alma's application to stay in the UK has been granted. She now has a "Leave to remain" Visa valid for 30 months. We have to make another application but that will be just a formality. She's delighted - and so are we. We can all begin to go forward with confidence and security to the next stage. The Paul Schofield Memorial Golf Day in Dubai was a great success raising funds to support James and Alma. The ex-pats there intend to hold it as an annual event. Unfortunately the court hearing in Dubai has been postponed to 18th May. It was due to be held on 1st May. Thank you for all your support, thoughts, best wishes and prayers"

Our prayers will be with Rob Hall & family at his mother Elizabeth Halls Funeral on Friday 13th May at Castleford Salvation Army starting at 12pm.

The following continue to need your prayers and support:

Orla Brake, Michael & Valerie Baker, David & Hazel Leonard, Jill Welling, Bob Perkins, Mike Dickens, Chris Claridge, Valerie Cuff, Marcia Grivelle, Shaun Skinner, Pauline Elcoat, Peter Clark, Emma-Louise Dyers friend Denise and all those who care about them plus those who are important to you.

Amy Haskew – a young Salvationist from Romford who continues to be in a coma following an accident whilst travelling in Australia.



*When we pray,
God hears more than we say,
Answers more than we ask,
Gives more than we can imagine,
In His own time & His own way*

