

TODAY SUNDAY 22nd May

9.45am Meetings for toddlers, children & teenagers
11.00am **All-age Worship** with Colin & Nicola Hylton-Jones
5.00pm **Worship.** Although there is a Divisional Celebration in the Exmouth Pavillion at 3pm, involving the Divisional Youth Band, Youth Chorus & Fellowship Band, not everyone will travel to Exmouth. So if you're not going, please join us for worship & fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

Monday 23rd May

6.00pm Rainbows
6.30pm Brownies
7.45pm Cell Group with Peter Belcher
8.00pm C.A.M.E.O Craft Club

Tuesday 24th 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 25th May

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

Thursday 26th May

10.30am On your own? Then come & join us at **"Meet & Greet"**
12.30pm Lunch Club
2.00pm Friendship Club with the **Hanham Ladies Choir**
6.45pm Singing Company Practice (Junior Choir)
7.00pm Community Care Ministries BBQ at

Friday 27th May

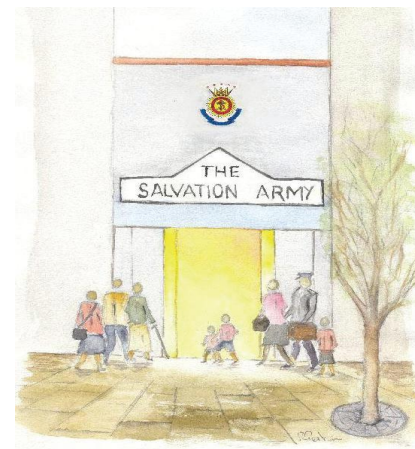
9.30 & 11.30am Slimming World
6.00pm Friday Club

Saturday 28th May

10am-12pm **NO** Coffee Morning – Bank Holiday Weekend

Sunday 29th May

9.45am Meetings for toddlers, children & teenagers
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Sunday 22nd May 2016

I finally watched the last episode of the Paul O'Grady series *"The Sally Army & Me"*. I have watched the other episodes with mixed feelings, wishing some statements had been clarified and did it really reflect the Salvation Army I love and the place I chose to serve to & worship God. However, I thoroughly enjoyed the final episode. It might have been because it was largely based in a Hospice in London. But I think it was the fact that it reflected over the 6 episodes that I found both encouraging & challenging. The 6 episodes showed the Salvation Army feeding & caring for the homeless, caring for the elderly in various day clubs, working with children, providing practical support to the dispossessed in other countries, comforting those who are mourning as well as marching the streets drawing attention to ourselves! Whilst it seemed to take a while, Paul O'Grady grasped that we do want to make people's lives better but we do that as a disciplined organisation with rules and conditions of membership because we are saved by God to serve. Everyone is welcome but not everyone can join.

I wonder if you saw the Staple Hill Salvation Army in the programme? Yes, I am proud to be part of an organisation that does everything the programme showed and we do something of everything that was shown. But do we only scratch the surface of what God is asking us to do at Staple Hill. Should we be doing more for the hungry, the elderly, the dispossessed? Should we be marching the streets more than 3 times a year to Page Park? Interestingly, the programme did not show us as a 'Worshipping Church' something which takes up much of our time and energy.

I wonder what God has said to you through Paul O'Grady?

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EVENTS BULLETIN:

Don't forget, for those not going to Exmouth this afternoon, we will be meeting for Worship at 5pm, hopefully with all the musical sections on duty.

Come And Meet Each Other Craft Club normally meet on the last Monday of the month at 8pm. However, that falls on a Bank Holiday, so they're meeting a week early tomorrow Monday 23rd May. Bob says "Just come along, you don't need to bring anything other than perhaps a pair of scissors. We'll be making Hand Bag Gift Boxes. Come and meet each other - be great to see you".

Hanham Ladies Choir are special guests at the the **Friendship Club** on Thursday this week (26th May) at 2pm - everyone is invited. In fact, why not come along to 'Meet & Greet' at 10.30am, stay for the Lunch Club (they're having roast chicken followed by rhubarb & apple crumble) and then enjoy the Choir. Sounds like a great idea if only I wasn't working!

We've invited you to take part in Standing Days, well now we'd like to invite you to a **Sitting Day!** Colin & I went to London last week to the Christian Resources Exhibition to look at options for new chairs in the Bradbury Hall to replace the existing breaking & failing chairs. We're arranging for a number of chairs to be delivered to us so that we can get you to trial them and let us know your thoughts. On a Saturday morning very soon

A date for your diary: **Sunday 26th June: Mission Sunday.** Morning Worship at 11am, stay for lunch & then hear what all the various aspects of the Mission Council are planning & how you can be involved. Then we'll finish with a short time of Worship & Commitment at 5pm. **Exciting times!**

GENERAL BULLETIN:

Help for Coffee Mornings! We still need your help on Saturday mornings June 4th, 11th & 25th - please see Mary White. Without your help, these Coffee Morning will be closed.

Lunch Club on Thursdays. Would you like to play an active role in support this growing out reach activity? We are looking for 1 or 2 volunteers to help on a Thursday morning on a regular basis maybe weekly or every other week. You'd be helping with general kitchen jobs, nothing too strenuous, maybe help lay tables, prepare vegetables, washing and wiping up. It could be for a couple of hours, first thing to prepare veg or later to help with washing up when the meal has been eaten, make tea and coffee after the meal. If you think you could help in any way, please speak to Nicola or Mary.

The Big Collection. So far we have 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 the day, also the whole Big Collection Project.



*"The Salvation Army's **Tour de Taff** is back for 2016 as a great way to raise funds for The Big Collection for your Corps or Centre. In 2014 we had 26 riders take part from South & Mid Wales, 5 Corps and one Lifehouse who raised in excess of £2500. This year it is taking place on 25th June. We have 3 routes for varying abilities and would like to encourage any of our neighbouring divisions to come and take part. The deadline for registration is fast approaching, so please can you promote this to everyone who may be interested in your Corps/Centre".* For further details please go to; <http://bit.ly/TourDeTaff16>

If you think this is a way you might like to help towards our commitment to The Big Collection, then please see Colin for further details.

FELLOWSHIP BULLETIN:

The following continue to need your prayers and support:

Michael & Valerie Baker, David & Hazel Leonard, Brenda Hussey & Chris Claridge, Shaun Skinner, Pauline Elcoat, Peter Clark, Bev Dickens Granddad, The Hall family and others in our fellowship you know

Congratulations to Morag who celebrates her 80th birthday on Friday.

"School was probably a lot easier for Shakespeare because he didn't have to study Shakespeare!" Remember all our young people who are taking exams.

