

TODAY SUNDAY 29th May 16 May Bank Holiday

9.45am Meetings for toddlers, children & teenagers
11.00am **All-age Worship** with Colin & Nicola Hylton-Jones
5.00pm **NO Worship** – Bank Holiday Weekend

Monday 30th May Bank Holiday

6.00pm **NO** Rainbows
6.30pm **NO** Brownies
7.45pm **NO** Cell Group with Peter Belcher

Tuesday 31st May Half Term

9.30am **NO** Parent & Toddlers
6.45pm **NO** YP Band Practice (Junior Band)
7.45-9.00pm **NO** Revision Space (with Tash)
8.00pm **NO** Senior Band Practice

Wednesday 1st June Half Term

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

Thursday 2nd June Half Term

10.30am **NO** "Meet & Greet"
12.30pm **NO** Lunch Club
2.00pm **NO** Friendship Club
6.45pm **NO** Singing Company Practice (Junior Choir)
8.00pm **NO** Songster Practice

Friday 3rd June Half Term

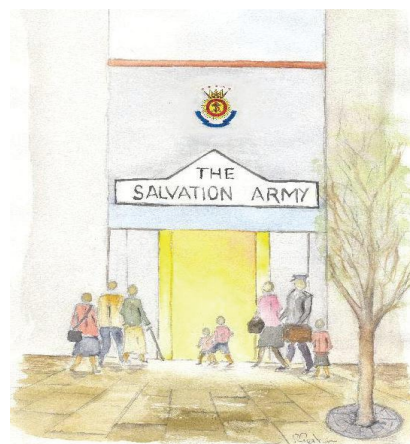
9.30 & 11.30am Slimming World
6.00pm **NO** Friday Club until September

Saturday 4th June

10am-12pm Coffee Morning

Sunday 5th June

9.45am Meetings for toddlers, children & teenagers
11.00am **All-age Worship**
with Lt Col Ray Kirby, formerly of this parish!
5.00pm **Sunday Supper – "Wedding Memories"**
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Sunday 29th May 2016

"I left home without my phone the other day says Suzanne Moore in the Guardian. Rather than head back for it, I ploughed on, reasoning that a day of "digital detox" might be salutary. Did this enforced abstinence allow me to live truly in the moment, and to connect with the world on a deeper, more authentic level? Not really: it just meant I didn't know the time, and made me aware of the fact that I couldn't remember anyone's phone number any more. That's the thing about today's digital culture. We talk about it in the language of addiction, as if it's "inherently bad for us", when for the most part it's a boon. Surely it's time we moved beyond this "Stop the world! I want to get off" attitude and accepted that email, Facebook, Twitter and the rest are just part of life. We don't always have to oppose the "real world" to the "online" one in ways that present the latter as unwholesome and frivolous. You only need to visit refugee camps in France to appreciate the value of connectedness. The people there are desperate for Wi-Fi and regard their phones as "lifelines". Let's get real: there's no point urging people to "switch off" – this technology isn't going away".

Events like last Sunday at Page Park are how we can reach out to the community. But our website is a way people can reach in. Our website attracts over 100 people per week and our service recordings are listened to on average 900 times per month with listeners as far as China and New Zealand! Facebook is another matter. Whilst we have our own pages, we cannot control what people post, what they like or what they share. However, it still offers a great opportunity for witness and communication used wisely.

If **"Reaching Out"** appeals to you, then speak to Mark Hatcliffe.

If **"Communication"** is your thing, speak to Mark Dickens.

EVENTS BULLETIN:

Sunday Supper 5th June at 11am. Worship led by Lt Col Ray Kirby formerly of this parish! It's some while since Ray graced our platform, so it will be good to share with Ray & Joan.

Sunday Supper 5th June at 5pm "Wedding Memories"

Andy & Hilary are celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary. So we thought we'd enjoy a sociable time of worship & fellowship together. Bring along wedding photos or DVD's – your wedding, your parents, your friends. E mail them to Mark Dickens and we can all see them on the big screen! The food? Afternoon English Tea – sandwiches (no crusts!) and cakes.

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 recently 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. **Exciting times!**

Also keep Tuesday (28th), Wednesday (29th) & Thursday (30th) June free as well. Those will be the iagural meetings of the groups which you can attend.

GENERAL BULLETIN:

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 on a regular basis maybe weekly or every other week. You'd be helping with general kitchen jobs, nothing too strenuous, laying 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 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 Big Collection Concert. Saturday 16th July at 7pm. £5

This is a Concert utilising all our fantastic musical & dramatic resources which will be an act of worship that we shall also sell tickets to raise money for the Big Collection. We want to reach out & attract as many people as we can as well as the business transaction of raising money for the Big Collection. Put it in your diary & think of who you can invite.

FELLOWSHIP BULLETIN:

Congratulations to Peter Belcher & Linda James as they both reach 60 years of age this week - 1956 must have been a good year!

Premium Bonds were introduced in England
The First C.N.D. Marches took place at Aldermarston
Switzerland won the first Eurovision song contest.
Prince Ranier of Monaco married Grace Kelly
The film "The Ten Commandments" premiered in USA
Elvis Presley released his first hit "Heartbreak Hotel"



Congratulations to Andy & Hilary Sims who celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary – 1966 was another good year!

England won the World Cup
BBC started to broadcast in colour
The "Batman" television series starring Adam West debuts on ABC TV.
Ronald Reagan entered politics becoming governor of California
Cassius Clay (Mohammed Ali) defeated Henry Cooper in 2 fights in London
Worlds first vertical Jump Jet, the Harrier was introduced in UK

Colin & Nicola are on furlough this week. Please contact me in their absence if it cannot wait until their return on Monday 6th June.

Continue to pray for our fellowship especially those who you know need your prayers and support this week.