

TODAY SUNDAY 24th July

9.45am No Primary & Lighthouse Club until September
9.45am The Youth will still meet with Tash & Phil
11.00am **All-age Worship** with Colin & Nicola Hylton-Jones
5.00pm **Sunday Celebration** with Flute Soloist Victoria Heath

Monday 25th July

2.00pm Ladies Fellowship (3rd Monday – see Valerie Cuff)
7.45pm Cell Group with Peter Belcher
8.00pm **Come And Meet Each Other** Craft Group will still be meeting to make jewellery with Heather Campbell. Come along and meet each other!

Tuesday 26th July

Wednesday 27th July

3.30, 5.30 & 7.30pm Slimming World

Thursday 28th July

10.30am “Meet & Greet”
12.30pm Lunch Club

Friday 29th July

9.30 & 11.30am Slimming World

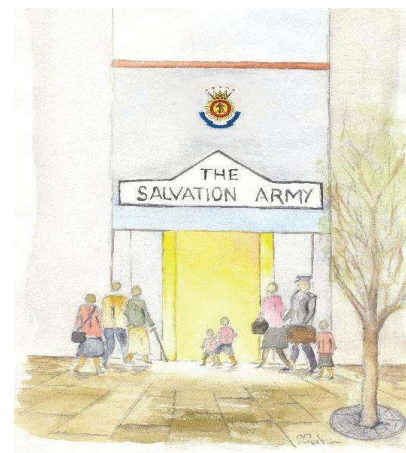
Saturday 30th July

10am-12pm Coffee Morning

Sunday 31st July

9.45am The Youth may still meet with Tash & Phil
11.00am **All-age Worship** with Colin & Nicola Hylton-Jones
5.00pm **Summer Praise** with Colin & Nicola Hylton-Jones supported by the Senior Band & Songsters

Pat & Arnolds Cell Group will next meet on Tuesday 20th September.



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We're all familiar with statistics that decry the declining UK Church, but many local churches are bucking the trend. In Premier Christianity magazine, Justin Brierley investigated what made the difference for those churches who are bursting at the seams. He found “Ten Ways to Grow your Church”.

MAKE SUNDAY SPECIAL.

ADD AN EXTRA SERVICE (and maybe even an extra venue)

WORK ON YOUR WELCOME

ENCOURAGE BELONGING & BELEIVING

INVEST IN YOUNG PEOPLE

ENGAGE YOUR COMMUNITY

MARKET YOURSELF

DON'T SPREAD YOURSELF TOO THIN

RUN AN EVANGELISTIC COURSE (and Church)

PRAY

As I read through the article, all the things he suggested make up our Mission, Vision and Values and are being investigated and actioned through the Mission Council and the various groups, of which you are part.

One of the Churches chose to ‘Make Sunday Special’ by “*focusing on their Sunday mornings and determined to make them accessible for the unbeliever, but with a strong sense of encountering God for the believer. As our people began to feel more excited about the church, they invited more and more of their friends*”. Worship seems to play a key role in all the ten subjects above. You will have received your copy of the Worship Questionnaire. Please take the time to complete it and return it to us & make Sunday even more special!

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EVENTS BULLETIN:

TONIGHT at 5PM: Sunday Celebration 24th July with special guest flute soloist, our very own Victoria Heath. I'm sure you'll want to hear her.

Don't forget **Summer Praise on 31st July at 5pm**

Sundays in August: When Colin & Nicola are on holiday, Worship at 11am on 7th & 14th August will be led by Marc Willetts. Colin & Nicola will be back for Sundays 21st & 28th. During August there will be no Worship at 5pm.

GENERAL BULLETIN:

Worship Questionnaire. One of the action points from Mission Week was to gain everyone's views how & when we **Reach Up** to love Jesus through creative and varied opportunities for Worship. Please take your copy of the questionnaire and return to us as soon as possible.

Building Defects: There is now a folder in the foyer where you may record any defects or faults in the building that need repairing. The folder will regularly be looked at by Mike Dickens & Les Palfreman.



The Salvation Army have set us a target of £6,600 for our contribution to the Big Collection. You'll be pleased to know that we have reached £3,500 already!

This as a result of a Concert, 2 Standing days & general donations.

We have a **Standing Day** on Friday 5th August at Tesco's, Bradley Stoke. If you can help in any way, please add your name to the list in the foyer.

Kay & I will be attending our annual Car Boot Sale for The Big Collection. If you have anything we can sell, please let us know – we'll come & pick it up.

FELLOWSHIP BULLETIN:

Cyril Knott, the granddad of Bev Dickens & Shaun Skinner sadly passed away this week. Please remember all the family in your prayers.

Continue to remember: Harry Brooksbank & Rachael James & their families.

We've missed seeing Tim Scott for a number weeks who is still not too well.

Congratulations to Pat & Arnold Tilling who both celebrated their birthdays on the same day yesterday – Pat's was a special one!

Thank You to Mary & Malcolm White for sharing the flowers with us as they celebrate their 34th Wedding Anniversary today.

Aiden Norman is doing a Marathon Walk from the Clifton Down Shopping Centre to the Shires Shopping Centre in Trowbridge on Sunday 4th September. He's doing the walk with other staff, but he has set himself a personal target of raising £500 in aid of Above & Beyond. Please see Aiden to offer support & sponsorship or visit the link: <https://www.justgiving.co/fundraising/CliftonDownGuruWalk>

Channel 4's trailer for the up coming Paralympic Games in Rio is called **"We're the Superhumans"**. Margaret Belcher drew my attention to a very happy young girl (blond hair & pink top) towards the end of the trailer (around 2 mins 29 sec) with a prosthetic arm – she used to be one of our Rainbows!! Watch it & lookout for Isabella.

Here's the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=locLkk3aYlk>

Colin & Nicola have been our Corps Officers for exactly 2 years this weekend – how time flies when you are having fun! It is remarkable how that time has gone but also considering how much has been done. When you speak to them, they will say they have done little & their "To Do" list just gets longer. But we as individuals & as a fellowship have achieved great things towards Gods Kingdom being established at Staple Hill. We thank them for all they have done, for how they have led us to all we have done and that together we will **REACH UP** to love Jesus, **REACH OUT** to share Jesus, **REACH DEEPER** to follow Jesus and **REACH WIDER** to love each other.

