

## TODAY Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

11.00am **Worship** led by Colin & Nicola Hylton-Jones  
12.30pm "Working Lunch" for the **Communications Group**  
5.00pm **Worship & The Word** with Colin & Nicola  
There will be specific groups for young people & Youth

### Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October

2.00pm Ladies Fellowship (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday – see Valerie Cuff)  
6.00pm Rainbows  
6.30pm Brownies  
7.30pm **Worship Group** Meeting in the Bradbury Hall  
7.45pm Cell Group with Peter Belcher

### Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October

9.30am Parent & Toddlers  
10.00am Cell Group with Pat & Arnold Tilling (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday)  
7.30pm **Pastoral Care Group** Meeting in the Bradbury hall  
8.00pm Prayer in the Prayer Room

### Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October

9.30am Baby Song  
3.30, 5.30 & 7.30pm Slimming World  
7.00pm **Business Group** Meeting in The Youth Room  
7.30pm **Reach Out Group** Meeting in the Annex  
7.30pm **Discipleship Group** Meeting in the Worship Hall

### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October

10.30am "Meet & Greet"  
12.30pm Lunch Club  
2.00pm Friendship Club  
7.00pm Community Care Group (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of month)  
7.30pm **Organisation Group** Meeting in the Bradbury Hall

### Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October

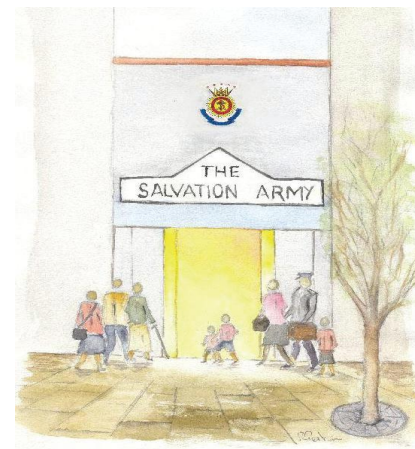
9.30am & 11.30am Slimming World  
6.00pm Friday Club

### Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

10am-12pm Coffee Morning

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

9.45am Meetings for toddlers, children & teenagers  
11.00am **Worship** led by Colin & Nicola Hylton-Jones  
5.00pm **Sunday Worship** with Colin & Nicola & our music



# The Weekly Bulletin of the Staple Hill Salvation Army

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Jesus spoke of a spiritual harvest waiting to be reaped. Then he said to his disciples, *'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest'* (Matthew 9:36-38). Here, Jesus referred to the many souls needing to be brought to faith as a harvest waiting to be realized. A spiritual harvest is the result of God's work in the heart of man. It is clear from the parable of the seed and the sower that some people's hearts are good soil. There is nothing we can do to change the soil - that is God's job. However, we can be faithful to sow the seed, help the plants to grow, or reap the harvest. The process of spiritual growth and maturity, from the heart's regeneration to the recognition of faith, is often a long journey. In fact, the Bible indicates that the sower, the tender, and the reaper are likely to be different people at different times (John 4:35-38; 1 Corinthians 3:6-9).



Just like the physical growth of a field, the spiritual growth of people is a natural, organic process, overseen by God Himself. We need to remember that sowing is just as important as reaping. Some of us are sowers and may never see the result of our labor. That is why our focus should be on pleasing the One who sent us into the field rather than on controlling the rate of growth or the amount we reap. We should pray about all aspects of the spiritual harvest process. God will use us in His fields, each according to our gifts and the need of the moment, as we trust Him.

So where do you fit in? Over the next week, our Mission Groups will be meeting. Some make the mission. Some enable the mission. Sowing & reaping. All to please the One who sent each of us to Staple Hill.

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A sincere **Thank You** to our resident 'part time' Aussies Michael & Valerie Baker for last evenings fantastic **Aussie Themed Quiz & Social Evening**. Whilst there was a large team who helped in many ways from publicity, catering, setting up, clearing away, painting and many other ways, it was undoubtedly Michael & Valerie's inspiration & enthusiasm that made it such a great evening. I suspect they will both need a rest to recover and plan the next social event - maybe they should go to Australia for 6 months?! Congratulations to the winners, Team Emu!

**MISSION BULLETIN: Mission Week: 16th to 24th October**

 You are invited to attend one or many of the next Group Meetings of each of our Mission Groups that **Make & Enable** our Mission to happen. There are no musical practices on Tuesday & Thursday to accommodate your attendance. 

<b>Communication</b>	Sunday 16th	"Working Lunch" (Worship Hall)
<b>Worship</b>	Monday 17th	7.30pm in the Bradbury Hall
<b>Pastoral Care</b>	Tuesday 18th	7.30pm in the Bradbury Hall
<b>Reach Out</b>	Wednesday 19th	7.30pm in the Annex
<b>Discipleship</b>	Wednesday 19th	7.30pm in the Worship Hall
<b>Business</b>	Wednesday 19th	7-9pm in The Youth Room
<b>Organisation</b>	Thursday 20th	7.30pm in the Bradbury Hall

To have your say, you have to attend. Even better, join in & make it happen!

The Mission Council will meet on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> at 8pm at the Hall to take forward all the recommendations and actions from all the groups.

**EVENTS BULLETIN** Opportunities to Reach Up, Out, Deeper & Wider

- November**
- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Youth Sunday with special guest
  - Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 5pm: Festival of Remembrance
  - Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 5pm: Family Christmas Crafts
- December**
- Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas on the Hill
  - Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> 11am: Toy Service 5pm Light up a Life Service
  - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 7pm: Christmas with the Salvation Army
  - Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 5pm: Family Carol Service
  - Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 5pm: Carol Service
  - Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 11am: Christmas Day at the Salvation Army

**GENERAL BULLETIN:**

**The Freezer.** Over the last 2 months, the door of the freezer has been left open, been turned off at the plug (which is behind the freezer) and just turned off. This has resulted in large amounts of defrosted food being thrown away, not only a tremendous waste but disheartening to those who make food for special occasions. Could everyone who uses the kitchen please ensure that the freezer is left on so that this does not happen again. Thank you.

**Christmas Shoes Boxes.** The Brownies and Rainbows will once again be supporting Samaritan's Purse in their Christmas Shoebox Appeal. If you would like to help us with this project, boxes need to be filled by the beginning of November – Margaret has some empty shoe boxes. Information Leaflets are now in the foyer or speak to Margaret Belcher or visit: <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

**FELLOWSHIP BULLETIN:**

**Welcome to** Francis Mills, Majors Linda & Mark Billard

**Encouraging News.** 12 people attended the Introduction to the Salvation Army last Sunday afternoon (and 7 young people are exploring their commitment with Nicola). Not everyone could attend the information session, so there will be another **Introduction to the Salvation Army on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm.** Anyone can attend.

**Remember Me.....**

Freya Fielding & all her family after a poorly week, Anne (& Rob) Lear and her family, Pat (& Arnold) Tilling, Gwen Lear, Catherine Read, Ruth (& Tom) Cable, Bev Dickens & her brother Shaun Skinner, David Nee, Sue Mason & her mum, David James & his sister, Paul Campbells brother-in-law & Catherine Reads nephew Peter Clark, Irene Ackerman, Molly Angle, Doreen Butland, Nancy Cryer, Geoffrey Driscoll, Joan & David Jones, Joyce Lear, David & Shirley Nokes, Madge Rickards, Valerie Scott, Francis & Ruth Shepherd, Megan Brittan, David Tovey, Marcus & Cath Brown, Tim Scott, Ray & Mary Brown.



**Thank You** to Margaret Hatton for sharing the flowers in memory of her husband Tom

**Thank you** to Pat Baldwin for florally preparing the Hall to reflect Harvest.

