TODAY Sunday 26th February

9.45am Meetings for toddlers, children & teenagers

10.15am Prayers in the Prayer Room

11.00am *Morning Worship* with Colin & Nicola 2.30pm Community Care Ministries at Deerhurst

3.45pm Planning Meeting for Reaching Out at Page Park

5.00pm *Go Forth in Worship* led by Colin & Nicola

THE COMING WEEK IN OUR SUITE OF BUILDINGS

Monday 27th February

6.00pm Rainbows 6.30pm Brownies

7.45pm Cell Group at the Hall 8.00pm C.A.M.E.O. Craft Group

Tuesday 28th February

9.30am Parent & Toddlers

6.45pm Young People's Band Practice

8.00pm Senior Band Practice

Wednesday 1st March

9.30am Baby Song

3.30, 5.30 & 7.30pm Slimming World

8.00pm Cell Group at the Hall with Linda & Kelvin

Thursday 2nd March

10.30am "Meet & Greet" 12.30pm Lunch Club 2.00pm Friendship Club

6.45pm Singing Company Practice (Junior Choir)

8.00pm Songster Practice (Senior Choir) **Friday 3rd March Women's World Day of Prayer**

9.30 & 11.30am Slimming World

2.00pm Women's Word Day of Prayer Meeting led by Nicola

6.00pm Friday Club

Saturday 4th March

10am-12pm Coffee Morning

Sunday 5th March

9.45am Meetings for toddlers, children & teenagers

10.15am Prayers in the Prayer Room

11.00am *Morning Worship* with Colin & Nicola

5.00pm *Café One* led by Colin & Nicola



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On Friday, I attended the funeral of a former RAF Musician colleague & friend who died as a result of Picks Disease, an aggressive form of dementia. Like me, he was a cornet player and only aged 57. We spent many happy times together with our families in Germany when our children were toddlers. I remember holding a Sunday School at our married quarters with material supplied by the Red Shield Officers – Dave sent his 2 daughters. Happy times.

The funeral drew together many former colleagues and friends, and so we reminisced about the past both bad & good! It made me think hard about my former career of 25 years as an RAF Musician and my current career of 14 years working for St Peter's Hospice. It is easy to look at my RAF years and conclude that they had little point in life compared to my current career which has a very obvious and tangible benefit to society where I can see I make a difference. **But sometimes we have to look past the obvious to see God at work.** My flexible RAF career allowed me to commit large amounts of time to the Salvation Army at Staple Hill as well as being the Divisional Youth Bandmaster. My current career helps me to behave and work as a Christian should as I manage volunteers and provide transport for patients & their families. I am now at a different time in life where I can use my other time to support Colin & Nicola in my current role. God is good!

Our next Second Sunday Special is based around the Six Nations Rugby & we are suggesting you wear your favourite team shirt. Like wearing Christmas Jumpers for the Toy Service, this is not to abandon our uniformed principals but to create a different atmosphere as we explore the aspects of team work & how we can work together as Christians. Be great if you joined the team!

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EVENTS BULLETIN:

Women's World Day of Prayer Friday 3rd March.

We will be hosting a meeting in our own Hall at 2pm led by Nicola. To help with catering, please let us know if you are going to attend. There's also a meeting at Mangotsfield United Reformed Church at 7.30pm.



Youth Fund Raiser: "HAUL" Saturday. Team challenges of varying difficulties. This is an evening for everyone, not just the young. It is a social event for everyone to help us enjoy each other's company and to raise money to help fund our work with our teenagers. They are not just the 'Army of the Future' but a very important & integral part of the 'Army of Today.' Please see Tash & Phil or the Youth for more information & tickets.

The Band League Concert is for anyone who buys a ticket! If you are a member of the Band League, remember your subscriptions are due. If you're not yet a member & would like to know more, then please see Brian Usher. The Self Denial Altar Service will now be on Sunday 19th March

Easter is a while off, but make a note of the dates in your diary: Palm Sunday is 9th April with special events on Monday 10th to Thursday 13th evenings (Craft Evening, Film Night & a Passover Meal are some of the ideas I've heard!), a Good Friday Meeting on the 14th at 11am (The Band will be outside the Hall BEFORE the Service playing as we give away Hot Cross Buns). The week will culminate with Easter Sunday Worship on the 16th April at 11am followed by a Fellowship Meal. Oh, and there's a Wedding at the Hall on Easter Saturday 15th April!! A great week for us to share fellowship together but also what a great opportunity to bring your family & friends. Just saying.

FAIR TRADE BULLETIN:

Fairtrade Fortnight 27th February - 12th March. "Putting Fairtrade in our breaks". By opting for a cup of fair trade tea or coffee at break time, we're helping more farmers put food on their table and send their children to school. Why not give it a go?

REACH OUT BULLETIN:

The next Church Parade for Brownies & Rainbows is planned for Monday 27th March. They will be thinking about a God who doesn't change based on Hebrews 13:8, James 1:17 and Malachi 3:6. Please add the leaders, the girls & their families to your prayer time over the next few weeks.

FELLOWSHIP BULLETIN:

Colin & Nicola will be at Officers Retreat from Monday to Thursday.

Ken Bennett is recovering well after his road accident 2 weeks ago, although not getting out much. Betty Perrott is settling into her new home.

Colin will be leading the Funeral Service on Wednesday 8th March at 12.30pm at Westerleigh for Joyce Burdass who was a member of the Home League. On Friday, Colin will also be conducting the interment of Stephen's ashes, with his family. Our prayers will be with Colin on both occasions.

Remember Me: It was great to see Catherine Read last week & we hope to see Margaret Hatton today. Irene Ackerman, Molly Angle, Ray & Mary Brown, Doreen Butland, Ruth & Tom Cable, Nancy Cryer, Brenda & Geoffrey Driscoll, Joyce & Gwen Lear, David & Shirley Nokes, Madge Rickards, Valerie & Peter Scott, Francis & Ruth Shepherd, John & Olive Sheppard, Tim Scott.



Here's the new storage shed on the plot of land behind the Annex. It's all water-tight & sealed. We'll be using it for storage which will release some space in the rooms upstairs behind the platform. Thank you to Mike Dickens for seeing this project through. There's no truth to the rumour that we've acquired a 72" TV screen & Mike is moving in!!