

TODAY Sunday 26th March Mother's Day

9.45am Meetings for toddlers, children & teenagers
11.00am **Morning Worship** with Colin & Nicola
5.00pm **Go Forth in Worship** with Colin, Nicola & musicians

THE COMING WEEK IN OUR SUITE OF BUILDINGS

Monday 27th March

6.15pm Rainbows & Brownies Church Parade
7.45pm Cell Group at the Hall
7.45pm Planning Meeting for Easter Crafts
8.00pm Come And Meet Each Other Craft Group

Tuesday 28th March

9.30am Parent & Toddlers
6.45pm **NO** Young People's Band Practice
8.00pm Senior Band Practice

Wednesday 29th March

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

Thursday 30th March

10.30am "Meet & Greet"
12.30pm Lunch Club
2.00pm Friendship Club
6.45pm **NO** Singing Company Practice (Junior Choir)
7.00pm Community Care Ministries Meeting - **it is this week!**
8.00pm Songster Practice (Senior Choir)

Friday 31st March

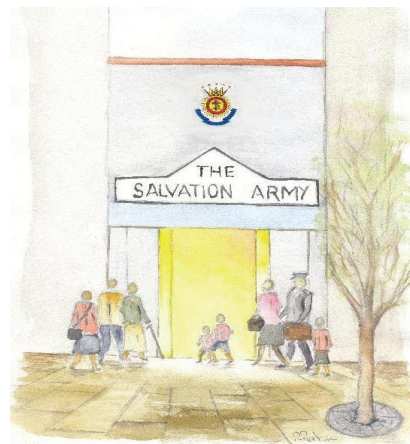
9.30 & 11.30am Slimming World
6.00pm Friday Club

Saturday 1st April

10am-12pm Coffee Morning

Sunday 2nd April

9.45am Meetings for toddlers, children & teenagers
11.00am **Morning Worship** with Colin & Nicola
5.00pm **Café One** with Colin, Nicola & musicians



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Sunday 26th March 2017 Happy Mother's Day!

(Hope you remembered to turn the clocks forward!)

Watching "*Beauty & the Beast*", I considered how Belle only saw the good in the Beast, not knowing he was a handsome prince. Are our mums the same?

A Romanian Legend says: Of all the birds, the crow is considered the ugliest, especially its young fledglings. Sometime after God had created all the living beings, he called everyone to see them and their offspring. He wanted to see how the young birds and animals looked, and then to give them suitable gifts, and food for their little ones. They came one by one, and God looked at them, patted some and stroked others, and was very pleased with every one of them, for each one had something of beauty in it. And so he blessed them and gave them food by which to live. The last to come was the crow, bringing her little brood with her, very proud of them. When God cast his eyes upon the young crows, he spat in astonishment, and said, "*Surely these are not my creatures. I could not have made such ugly things. Every one of my creatures has such beautiful young ones that they are a pleasure to look at, but yours are so ugly that it makes one sick to look at them. Where did you get this one?*" "*Where should I get them from?*" replied the crow. "*It is my very own young child,*" she added with pride. "*You had better go back and bring me another one. This is much too ugly. I cannot look at it.*" Annoyed at the words of God, the crow went away and flew all over the earth to search for another young one that would be more beautiful than the one she had brought to God. But no other young bird appeared so beautiful in her eyes as her own. So she returned back to God and said, "*I have been all over the world, and I have searched high and low, but young birds more beautiful and more dainty than mine I have not been able to find.*" Then God smilingly replied, "*Quite right. Just so are all mothers. No other child is so beautiful in their eyes as their own.*" Then he blessed the little crows and sent them away into the world with his gifts".

**What about an Easter Ramble? Easter Bank Holiday Monday?
Still not too late to plan. Let us know what you think?**

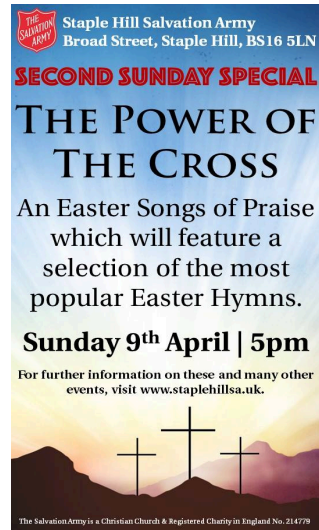
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EVENTS BULLETIN:

Church Parade for Brownies & Rainbows Monday 27th March at 6.15pm. "A God who doesn't change". Please pray for the leaders, the girls & their families as we **Reach Out** to them. Why not come along?

Followed at 7.45pm by a Planning Meeting for the Easter Crafts Evening.

EASTER BULLETIN



Monday 10th - Thursday 13th April

Monday: **Family Crafts 6-7.30pm**

Tuesday: **Exploring Easter Together**
10.30am & 8.00pm

(Worship together & conversation in small groups)

Wednesday: **Film Night "RISEN" 7.45pm**
Main Hall on the Big Screen

Thursday: **Last Supper thoughts & food 8.00pm**
"The week that was"

Friday 14th April

11am Good Friday Meeting

At **10.15am**, The Band will be playing outside when we will be giving our Hot Cross Buns

Sunday 16th April

Easter Sunday Worship at 11am followed by an Easter Fellowship Lunch. There will be 'Sign-Up' Sheets on the noticeboard in the Foyer for Tuesdays 'Exploring Together', Thursdays 'Last Supper' & Sundays 'Sunday Roast'.

Easter offers us great possibilities to **Reach Out** to our community, family & friends & invite them in. Please take hold of these God-given opportunities.

TERRITORIAL ATTENDANCE STATISTICS BULLETIN:

Leaders: Please continue to remember for the months of March & April, to count how many people attend your various activities & pass that information on to Andy Sims - please do this weekly if possible.

SUMMER SCHOOL AND JUNIOR CAMP BULLETIN:

Applications for help with funding to attend either of the Salvation Armys 'Summer Schools & Camps' need to be with Colin & Nicola by the end of this week. We want to do all we can to help our young people in the growth & expression of their faith and we would hate the lack of finance to be a hindrance. If in doubt or for more information, see Colin & Nicola.

THE LIFEHOUSE (LOGOS HOUSE) BULLETIN:

Volunteers are needed to support the ongoing ministry to those who access and work at this centre - an opportunity to directly contribute to the mission of supporting homeless and marginalised people, and to build links between Corps and the Lifehouse. Volunteers will receive training and an induction & need a satisfactory DBS. Volunteers will be interacting with residents helping out on the front reception desk in welcoming residents and guests, giving and receiving room keys, selling meal tickets, answering the telephone and other basic clerical duties. Volunteers would not be working on their own but would provide an extra pair of hands to staff. If anyone is interested, please contact me to come and have a chat with no commitment, as a starting point to possibly getting involved. Richard Sayer. Service Manager. 0117 955 2821

FELLOWSHIP BULLETIN: 'Reaching Wider' to love each other'.

On Thursday 23rd March, Madge Rickards aged 97 was Promoted to Glory. Madge was Number One on the Members Roll of the Staple Hill Salvation Army & had been for many years. Although due to her health, Madge has not been able to worship with us for some time, Hilary & Andy Sims have been faithful friends to Madge, and so our prayers are with them, Madge's sisters and her grand-daughter. The Funeral Service for Madge will take place on Monday 10th April: 12.15pm in our own Hall followed by the Committal at 1.45pm at Westerleigh Crematorium, returning to the Hall for refreshments.

Remember Me: Derek Nolan (& Pauline) has suffered a serious stroke. Mike Dickens enters Hospital this week. Yvonne Tilling (& Alan), Frank Mills, Marcia Grivelle, Sheila Tovey, Elsie Dyer, Catherine Read, Margaret Hatton, Roy Rodman A growing list of people who need our prayers & support.

Irene Ackerman, Molly Angle, Ray & Mary Brown, Doreen Butland, Ruth & Tom Cable, Nancy Cryer, Brenda & Geoffrey Driscoll, Joyce & Gwen Lear, David & Shirley Nokes, Valerie & Peter Scott, Francis & Ruth Shepherd, John & Olive Sheppard

The flowers today are shared with us by Valerie Cuff in memory of Ken

Tom & Ruth Cable celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Thursday.

Alfie Ray Cann was born to Rebecca (Lear) & Shaun weighing in at 6lbs 14oz - Nanny Anne & Grandad Rob are both doing well!

Sam, Emma, Noah & Riley Roberts will be relocating to the Selby area in Yorkshire after Easter. We will miss them! But they go with our prayers.

Emily Charlotte Hall & Andrew David Elliott are to be married in this Hall on Easter Saturday 15th April at 12pm. May God bless them both as they prepare.