

## **TODAY Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** Colin & Nicola 'On Leave'

9.45am Meetings for toddlers, children & teenagers  
11.00am **Morning Worship** with Les Palfreman  
5.00pm **Go Forth in Worship** with Mike Dyer  
Both meetings are supported by our musicians

## **THE COMING WEEK IN OUR SUITE OF BUILDINGS**

### **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April** Colin & Nicola are back in action from today!

6.00pm Rainbows  
6.30pm Brownies  
7.45pm Cell Group at the Hall  
8.00pm Come And Meet Each Other Craft Group

### **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

9.30am Parent & Toddlers  
6.45pm Young People's Band Practice  
8.00pm Senior Band Practice

### **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

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

### **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April**

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 28<sup>th</sup> April**

9.30 & 11.30am Slimming World  
6.00pm Friday Club

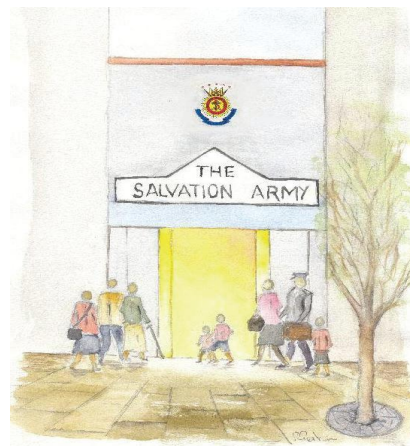
### **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April**

10am-12pm Coffee Morning

### **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April**

9.45am Meetings for toddlers, children & teenagers  
11.00am **Morning Worship** with Colin & Nicola  
5.00pm **NO 'Something Different' Worship** (Bank Holiday)

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May** Bank Holiday Monday – NO ACTIVITIES TODAY!



# **The Weekly Bulletin of the Staple Hill Salvation Army**

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## **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017**

Anniversaries are an important part of life. They remind us of important events. Whether we're marking a birthday, a wedding, a momentous event, or the death of a loved one, an anniversary puts a pin on the calendar to remind us of something that matters to us. It's a chance to reflect on a relationship, to come together to remember a person who's died, or to celebrate a joyous event. Whatever the anniversary, it gives us a chance to look back over the years since the event we're marking, and reflect on how it has shaped us. Remembering the past but without letting it rule us, can be an important part of understanding who we are. Anniversaries often elicit mixed emotions – doing something amazing to mark the date, perhaps setting some goals for the year ahead. And of course, it's great to enjoy the big day with flowers, parties and presents. But anniversaries aren't always about celebration. We will have days when we remember a friend or family member who's died – friends will pick up the phone, or send a message so that people know they're not alone in thinking of that person.

In Deuteronomy 16, God commanded Israel to "*observe the month,*" to "*remember the day,*" and even to offer their sacrifice "*at the time of day*" when they left Egypt. The exodus was the event that defined Israel's identity as God's people, and God knew how important it was for them to commemorate that defining moment. They needed to always remember what God had done for them and who they were as God's people. And how were they to "remember" such a significant occasion? By throwing a party! "*You shall rejoice* before the LORD your God, you and your son and your daughter..."

Today, we as a fellowship remember how much God has done for us and that we are His people as well as remembering loved ones, birthdays & weddings!

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FELLOWSHIP BULLETIN: ‘Reaching Wider’ to love each other’.

Thank You to Les Palfreman & Mike Dyer for leading us in Worship today.

The Funeral Service for Derek Nolan will be held at Reading Central Salvation Army on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 12pm after a Private Service at the Crematorium. Our prayers & thoughts are with Pauline & the family.

We published last week the news that Rodney Clothier was very seriously unwell. Sadly, earlier this week, Rodney passed away having been ‘Promoted to Glory’. His Funeral will take place at Canford Crematorium on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 12pm followed by a ‘Celebration of his Life’ at the Clevedon Salvation Army. Do remember Sheila & the family in your prayers.

Remember Me: Yvonne & Alan Tilling, Margaret Hatton, Roy Rodman, Light Jatto, Roz Castle and her Mum ..... Sam, Emma, Noah & Riley Roberts  
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

And a couple of ‘special’ birthdays this week: Catherine Read celebrates her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on 25<sup>th</sup> April & Josh Dickens celebrates his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday on 29<sup>th</sup> April. Congratulations to them both & **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

The flowers today are shared with us today by Olive, Gary & Michael in memory of Denis Matthews who passed away 5 years ago.

MAINTENANCE BULLETIN:

New lights in the Bradbury & further refurbishments to the Instrument Store & the Youth Room. Week by week, our suite of buildings are being enhanced. Thank you to Mike Dickens for his work this week & his ongoing efforts.

TERRITORIAL ATTENDANCE STATISTICS BULLETIN:

This week is the last week Leaders need to record the statistics of how many have attended each activity. Whilst an annual chore, it has made me take notice of how we as a fellowship are growing, little by little. And that’s just the growth I’ve observed on a Sunday. Although last Sunday was a ‘special’ Sunday, 180 people worshipped at the Staple Hill Salvation Army - and there were a significant number of regular attenders absent.

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“Most people fail in the Christian life not because they aim too high & miss, but because they aim too low and hit”

MONTHLY PROGRAMME BULLETIN APRIL – MAY

There are a couple of changes to the Corps Programme for May that we published last week: A cancellation on May 6<sup>th</sup> & an addition on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

APRIL	
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Divisional Youth Band Practice at Staple Hill SA
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Bank Holiday Weekend</b> 11am: Worship with Colin & Nicola 5pm: <b>NO</b> Something Different Worship
MAY	
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Band League Concert - <b>CANCELLED</b>
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> Candidates Sunday	11am: Worship with Colin & Nicola 5pm: Café One
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10am: Senior Band at Beaufort Court 10.30am: Southmead Hospital Ministry 11am: Worship with Colin & Nicola 3.30pm: Second Sunday Special: <b>Page Park Praise</b> 5.00pm: <b>NO</b> Worship inside our Hall
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Mission Council Meeting
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Divisional Youth Band Practice at Gloucester SA
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>	10am: Kenya Trust ‘ <i>Big Breakfast &amp; Coffee Morning</i> ’
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	8.30am: Ashfield Prison Ministry (Band Ensemble) 11am: Worship with Colin & Nicola 5pm: Word on the Third
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Bank Holiday Weekend</b> 11am: Worship with Colin & Nicola 5pm: <b>NO</b> Go Forth in Worship

OUTREACH BULLETIN: Reaching Out to share Jesus

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May:** We will be **Reaching Out** by taking our ‘*Second Sunday Special*’ from inside our buildings out into Page Park. We pray that people will hear & be drawn by our music. But we also pray that we will use these opportunities to invite our family & friends. Whether they attend is out of our hands. Our task is to invite them.

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May:** The following Saturday starting at 10am, there will be a ‘Big Breakfast & Coffee Morning’ at the Hall in aid of the Kenya Trust. Having **Reached Out** in Page Park, this time we’ll be **Reaching Out** inside our buildings. One naturally follows on from the other .....

**Let’s use both opportunities to Reach Out & invite in.**