TODAY SUNDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER

9.45am Welcome Back! Breakfast for children & teenagers

11.00am *Morning Worship* with Colin & Nicola

5.00pm *Café One* looking back over the Summer and sharing

our experiences & stories plus a 'Colins BBQ!'

Monday 4th September

6.00pm **NO** Rainbows – restarts next week

7.45pm **NO** Cell Group at the Hall– restarts next week

Tuesday 5th September

9.30am **NO** Parent & Toddlers – restarts next week

10.00am Cell Group with Pat & Arnold Tilling (1st & 3rd Tuesday)

6.45pm Young People's Band Practice

8.00pm Senior Band Practice

Wednesday 6th September

9.30am **NO** Baby Song – restarts next week

10.30am Funeral Service for Michael Roberts – see inside

3.30, 5.30 & 7.30pm Slimming World

8.00pm **NO** Cell Group with Margaret Boxell

8.00pm Cell Group at the home of Linda & Kelvin James

Thursday 7th September

10.30am "Meet & Greet"
12.30pm Lunch Club

2.00pm Friendship Club

6.45pm Singing Company Practice (Junior Choir)

8.00pm **OPEN** Songster Practice (Senior Choir) – see inside

Friday 8th September

9.30 & 11.30am Slimming World

6.00pm NO Friday Club – restarts next week 7.30pm *Brass Night of the Proms* – see inside

Saturday 9th September

10am-12pm Coffee Morning

Sunday 10th September

9.45am Meetings for toddlers, children & teenagers

11.00am *Morning Worship* with Colin & Nicola

3.30pm *Page Park Praise* – see inside

5.00pm **NO** *Second Sunday Special* at the Hall



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Sunday 3rd September 2017

What has happened to you since the last edition of the Weekly Bulletin? Much has happened to our Fellowship which you can read about inside.

Kay & I went to Old Windsor to the wedding of Vickie Janes & her now husband Burt. Unfortunately, we had some car problems but were lucky enough to borrow one of Mark Dickens Renaults. We had a great day at the wedding & enjoyed driving a new car with all the latest gadgets. Wanting to return the car as we borrowed it, I went to the Shell garage on the Sunday morning to fill it with fuel. When paying, the man behind the till saw my uniform & said "Salvation – who are you saving?" Knowing I would be leading Worship the following week considering how we might be blessed & enlarge our territory, I panicked & said "Everyone!" He thought for a moment & said "Are you a Paramedic?". He was right in as much as we are about saving & helping people. I explained we are a Church. And he said "Ah good. Bless you" I blessed him too & came to the meeting with a spring in my step.

The two S's on our uniform say that we are 'Saved to Serve'. Although a Salvation Army History published in 1932, suggests William Booth was 'Saved to Save'. Whilst we want to serve the community and their needs, our primary purpose is to serve God, to spread the loving message of Jesus and invite everyone into God's Kingdom. The Singing Company sing: "How will the people know unless we tell them". Along with our mid-week activities, we have some special events coming up that we can use to do just that – see inside.

Whilst we prepare the logistics, music and all that needs to be readied, please ensure we prayerfully prepare as well. Be brave & take hold of the opportunities God has planned for us. Remember, we will all be in the right place at the right time because God has placed us there.

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REACH OUT BULLETIN: Reaching Out to Share Jesus

Songsters Open Practice. Thursday 7th September at 8pm

You are invited to join with the Songsters for their first practice under the new Songster Leader Phil James. There will be singing, fellowship, worship & prayer. We'd love to see you there too! Speak to Phil for more information.

Brass Night of the Proms: Friday 8th September at 7.30pm.

An evening of music & fellowship including everything you would expect from the Last Night of the Proms. Music will be provided by the Senior Band & Singing Company with guest vocal soloist Sophie Morris. There are some tickets left, so see Brian Usher & Chris Painter – quickly!

Page Park Praise: Sunday 10th September at 3.30pm.

This is the fifth & final Outreach opportunity at Page Park for 2017. We've found a routine that works, so the plans are much the same as last time: 2pm: Loading Party at the Hall. 2.30pm: Everyone meet at Page Park to help set up - chairs & deckchairs, set up the Gazebo & children's activities. The Band will play in the Bandstand at 3pm to attract people to what we're doing. After Praise, we'll be able to chat to our visitors & help pack & put everything away. Although this might be the last in our series of Page Park Praise, we may well be back in December for carols - watch this space!

Big Breakfast, Brunch & Craft Fair. Saturday 16th September

Starting at 10am, this is an expanded Coffee Morning to raise money for the Mission of Hope Project in Ukraine, the Kenya Trust & The Salvation Army's Big Collection. For more information, see Margaret Boxell.

Into Africa 2017: Saturday 7th October at 7pm.

An evening of music & fellowship to raise money for the Kenya Trust featuring Salvation Brass, vocal soloist Gen Shaw & Captain Darren Shaw. Tickets priced £5 from Hilton Baker. Our guests will be staying into the Sunday to lead our Harvest celebrations.

BIG COLLECTION BULLETIN: Target to raise £7,000

What are you doing to help us reach our target? Only about £3,000 to go. We did our Car Boot Sale yesterday & I'll be making my legendary Plum Jam next weekend! Our 'Door-to-Door' collecting is with us during the week starting 11th September. For those of you who are able & willing, then envelopes & permits are available for you. We also have 2 Standing Days at Morrisons in Fishponds on Thursday 14th & Friday 15th September – if you can help, please add your name to the rota in the fover. But please, please do something!

FELLOWSHIP BULLETIN: Reaching Wider to love each other

August has been a very difficult month for many of our Fellowship:

Michael Roberts & Ray Brown both passed away, as did Don Sheppard the brother of Francis Sheppard. Charlie Turnbull's daughter Doreen True who lived in South Africa also passed away.

Linda Hall has been in Hospital for surgery, home and now back in Hospital. Mark Fielding's Dad had a motorbike accident & spent some time Intensive Care – he's still in Hospital. Joyce Lear suffered a Heart Attack but is home.

Although Colin & Nicola have been on holiday, as you would expect, immediately on his return, Colin visited all those concerned and affected.

The Funeral Service for Doreen True (Charlie's daughter) took place on Friday in South Africa with a short Memorial Service at Charlies home.

The Funeral Service for Michael Roberts will be on Wednesday 6th September, 10.30am at the Hall followed at 11.45am at Westerleigh Crematorium for the Committal returning for refreshments at the Hall.

The Funeral Service for Ray Brown will be on Tuesday 12th September, 2.00pm at the Hall followed at 3.30pm at Westerleigh Crematorium for the Committal returning for refreshments at the Hall.

The Funeral Service for Don Sheppard will be on Monday 18th September. 2.00pm at the Hall followed at 3.00pm Downend Cemetery.

Our prayers, thoughts & actions continue to be with all our Fellowship, but particularly with those who have been bereaved or are unwell. Our prayers and support are also with Colin & Nicola as they support all those who are affected and as they lead a number of Funerals over the next few weeks.

MUSIC MINISTRIES BULLETIN:

September will be a milestone in the history of the Staple Hill Songster Brigade as we appoint a new Songster Leader. We will say more about the service of Liz Brewer and thank her for her loyal commitment over the years when she returns from holiday. We will then officially commission Phil James as the new Songster Leader. Phil takes responsibility for the Songsters as from today. We ask God's blessing on his leadership as the Songsters support our worship and continue to be a force for God in Staple Hill.

Victoria Heath is now resident in London as she studies flute at the Conservatoire. Our prayers are with her on the next phase of her future.