

TODAY SUNDAY 28th JANUARY is "Children's Weekend"
with Captain Josh Selfe & his wife Captain Dáfne de Castro a Lemos
featuring all our young people

9.45am: Meetings for toddlers, children & teenagers

11.00am: *Sunday Worship* with Josh & Dafne
including enrolment of Noah & Gracey as Junior Soldiers

5.00pm: *Go Forth in Worship* with Josh & Dafne

Monday 29th January

6.00pm Rainbows
7.45pm Cell Group at the Hall
8.00pm **CAMEO** Craft Group - you'll be making small Gift Boxes
8.00pm Young People's Workers Meeting with Laura

Tuesday 30th January

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

Wednesday 31st January

9.30am Baby Song
3.30, 5.30 & 7.30pm Slimming World
6.30pm for 7.30pm Leadership Academy for the Leadership Team

Thursday 1st February

10.30am "Meet & Greet"
12.30pm Lunch Club
2.00pm Friendship Club
6.45pm Singing Company Practice (Junior Choir)
8.00pm **OPEN CHOIR NIGHT** – see inside

Friday 2nd February

9.30 & 11.30am Slimming World
6.00pm Friday Club

Saturday 3rd February

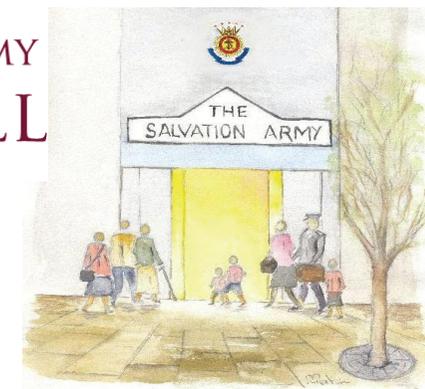
10am-12pm Coffee Morning

Sunday 4th February

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



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The Weekly Bulletin for Sunday 28th January 2018

From beginning to end, God speaks about the importance of children through the bible. If children are important to God, children are important to us.

The Greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven. At that time, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. (Matthew 18:1-5)

The Little Children and Jesus. People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them. (Mark 10:13-16)

Children are an important and valuable part of God's Kingdom. Be a model for them, influencing them by example to love others, to be forgiving and kind. Pray for the children in your life. And then pray for them some more.

Jesus tells us to be my light to all the children of this world.

"Father God, help me to be a good example to the children in my life. I pray that these children will grow in the grace and knowledge of your great love for us. I pray that they will find a personal relationship with you. I pray that they will follow you all the days of their lives. In your name. Amen."

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SONGSTER BULLETIN:

Thursday 1st February 8pm "Open Choir Night" It's back by popular demand! Come and join in a rehearsal for everyone and anyone. No strings attached, just a fun night with a great bunch of people. If you can, just let Phil know you're coming, so he can make sure there is a seat for you.

MISSION WEEK BULLETIN:

These meetings are open to you all, not just to find out what's going on, but to get involved. There are no musical practices or other evening activities during the week so no excuse not to go along to one or more of the meetings.

Monday 5 th February	Pastoral Care with Hilary Sims at 7.30pm
Tuesday 6 th February	Worship with Nathan James at 7.30pm Organisation with Nicola at 7.30pm
Wednesday 7 th February	Discipleship with Linda James at 7.30pm
Thursday 8 th February	Reach Out with Mark Hatcliffe at 7.30pm
Sunday 11 th February	Communication with Mark Dickens at 3pm Business with Paul Heath at 3pm
Monday 19 th February	Mission Council Meeting

FELLOWSHIP BULLETIN: staplehillprayers@gmail.com

Don't forget our new electronic Prayer Fellowship looked after by Rita Brooksbank. Email the above address with your requests or give them to Rita. We will look after your data & sensitively share your prayer requests.

Mark Clements (bereavement), Dave & Doreen Slator (bereavement), Doreen Butland (home from hospital), Ruth & Ted Barber, Tim Scott, Charlie Turnbull, Catherine Read & Jill Welling all of whom are or have been unwell.

A Kingswood lady needs a lift home from our morning worship. Please see Marc Pray that the right person applies to be our new Children & Family Worker.

Marie Watts celebrates her 90th birthday on 3rd February – congratulations!

Olive Sheppard celebrated her 80th birthday last Sunday 21st January. However, her brother died the same day & their son Colin has suffered a heart attack. Although John & Olive have not worshipped with us for quite a while, perhaps you could remember them & support them in your prayers.

MEMBERSHIP BULLETIN:

Kay & Myriam will be starting new membership classes soon. The first class will be an introduction to the Salvation Army & then the following classes will be exploring the various forms of membership. See Kay or Myriam.

RETREAT BULLETIN:

Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th February 2018

A **STAYCATION** is a holiday spent in one's home country rather than abroad, or one spent at home and involving day trips to local attractions.

As well as being a Salvation Army Meeting Hall, a **CITADEL** is the core fortified area of a town or city. Modern citadels commonly enclose military command and control centres, built to protect them from heavy attacks.

We wanted to hold this year's retreat at a neutral venue in the local area. We had located a few options, but we couldn't justify the expenditure. The more we looked, the more we thought, the more we prayed, the more we realised, we already have such a venue – our own suite of buildings! Our own citadel.

Therefore, our 2018 Retreat will be a **STAYTREAT** at our own **CITADEL** - our command & control centre where we will be protected.

Our theme is "Lost for Words". Over the last year, our music has been heard & our presence has been felt by the community. But do we know what to say to people if they ask us about our faith & its relevance to them?

Who will be leading it? Colin & Nicola will be leading the 4 teaching sessions which will be for everyone from senior school age upwards. Richard Prescott & his friends will be providing sessions for children (below Senior School age) as well as leading our worship, suitable for all ages.

Friday 23rd February at 7pm: A Games Evening. A fun evening for everyone - you can join in or just watch. A "Faith Supper" – you bring enough food for you, both savoury & sweet, place it on the table with everyone else's food, then enjoy whatever you like! A good sociable start to our weekend.

Saturday 24th February

Our day will start at 9.30am with refreshments followed by Worship at 10am. There will be 4 teaching sessions, stopping for refreshments & lunch – please bring your own lunch. The day will end with worship by 5pm.

Sunday 25th February

We'll start our day by providing you with breakfast at 10am. Colin & Nicola will lead worship at 11am musically supported by Richard Prescott giving all our musicians the chance to relax & retreat with the rest of us. Our Retreat will finish with refreshments at 12.30pm with no worship at 5pm.

We really want **YOU** to be there. To help us with numbers, please complete the sign-up sheet in the foyer as soon as possible.