

## TODAY

## Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February

9.45am Meetings for toddlers, children & teenagers  
 11.00am *Sunday Worship* with Marc Willetts  
 3.00pm **Business Group** with Paul Heath  
 3.00pm **Communications Group** with Mark Dickens  
 5.00pm *Sunday Worship* with Hilton Baker

This week is half-term week, so many of our midweek activities have a rest. As are Colin & Nicola – in their absence, please contact Marc Willetts

### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February

10.00am Green Fingers Gardening Club  
 Bernard Merrick & the Islands of Scotland

### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February

3.30, 5.30 & 7.30pm Slimming World

### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February

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

### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

9.30 & 11.30am Slimming World

### Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February

10am-12pm Coffee Morning

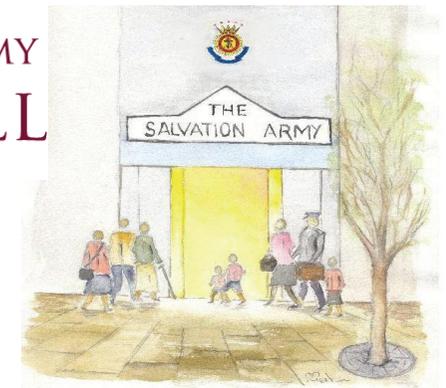
### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February

9.45am Meetings for toddlers, children & teenagers  
 11.00am *Sunday Worship* with Colin & Nicola  
 5.00pm *Word on the Third* with Colin & Nicola

Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Women's World Day of Prayer
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Self Denial Altar Service
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Mothers' Day
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Mission Council Meeting
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Band Concert
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Ashfield Prison Ministry (Senior Band)
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> – Sat 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Palm Sunday & Easter Week – details TBC
Easter Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Sunday starting with a Fellowship Breakfast. NB. No Worship at 5pm



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### The Weekly Bulletin for Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018

In Colin & Nicolas absence today, I will be leading worship this morning considering who we are: *"This is me, this is who I'm meant to be"*. If you've visited the cinema recently, then you'll know that line comes from the main anthem in the film "The Greatest Showman". In fact, the actress sang it live on television last evening & it was even better than the film!

UCB's Word for Today over the last couple of days has reminded me that God uses ordinary people, people like you and me and those we have yet to meet. 1 Corinthians 1:26 says 'Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth'. God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called!" Jesus said to His disciples 'You will be my witnesses ... to the end of the earth' – YOU uneducated & simple folk, YOU temperamental net castors & tax collectors. YOU will be my witnesses.

How great is that! Count me in!

And age doesn't matter either – you're never too old to do something for God. Noah was over 600 years old when he came out of the ark & helped the human race start all over again. Remember, you are a walking repository of decades of wisdom & knowledge. So why not endeavour to give others what God has entrusted to you? Right now, somebody, somewhere, needs something you have, and if you ask God, He will show you who they are.

*"Lord, you've called me into your Kingdom to serve you in this specific place, at this specific time & for this specific purpose. Despite my ordinariness, I belong to you – and you are anything but ordinary! Today, help me pour out your grace & compassion upon others, that they too may experience the richness of your love."*

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## **FELLOWSHIP BULLETIN:** [staplehillprayers@gmail.com](mailto:staplehillprayers@gmail.com)

Just to confirm, to join the Prayer Fellowship you must email the above address and ask to join. Then you will receive simple emails giving you people or topics to pray for. The prayer requests are not sent to everyone who is on the Corps Mailing List. Anyone can contact the Prayer Fellowship with prayer requests by e mailing as above or speaking directly to Rita.

Continue to pray for Doreen Butland, Ruth & Ted Barber, Tim Scott, Charlie Turnbull, Jill Welling who hopefully are all on the mend. Orla Brake & Freya Fielding have both been unwell this week & been in hospital as well. Remember the White family after Malcom's father passed away this week.

Thank you to Daisy for sharing the flowers with us last Sunday in memory of her husband Maurice who passed from us 17 years ago.

Congratulations to Bob Perkins who celebrates his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Happy Birthday Bob!

## **CHILDREN & FAMILY WORKER BULLETIN:**

After the interviews on Thursday, the job has been offered to the successful candidate. We are now waiting for all the various employment procedures to be completed before announcing the name of the successful candidate. In the meantime, continue to pray for this exciting opportunity.

**CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES BULLETIN:** Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Christmas shoeboxes. Margaret Belcher has received word from Samaritan's Purse that they were sent to Romania - more information and photographs can be found on the Samaritans Purse website: <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/romania2017/>

**RETREAT BULLETIN:** A number of years ago, a former Corps Officer came to visit our young people when they were on Retreat in North Devon. She spoke about flying geese. Each goose takes it in turn to fly at the head of the 'V' formation as they exert the most energy as the others fly in his slipstream. When a goose is too exhausted to remain in the formation, a couple of geese will fly with him to help & encourage him until he can re-join the others. I think we have a fellowship like that.

Retreats can be great occasions, sometimes life changing. I would encourage you to come & engage in our Retreat this month. I know it's 'only' in our own building, but I love our buildings, so what better place to hold it?! Some of you have signed up, but many of you haven't. I know we at Staple Hill leave it to the last minute, but please, whatever your age, please join us.

## **The STAYTREAT at the CITADEL "Lost for Words"**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.