

## THE WEEK TO COME

### Today Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April

- 10.00am Young People's Breakfast  
 11.00am **Sunday Worship** with Andy Sims  
 5.00pm **Sunday Worship** led by Nathan & the Band

### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April

- 10.00am Green Fingers Gardening Club with Roger Anderson  
*'Preparing the garden for the coming year'*  
 6.00pm Rainbows

### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April

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

### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April

- 9.30am Baby Song  
 3.30, 5.30 & 7.30pm Slimming World  
 7.45pm Cell Group at the Hall with Gerry & Malcolm  
 8.00pm Cell Group with Linda & Kelvin

### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April

- 10.30am *"Meet & Greet"*  
 12.30pm Lunch Club  
 2.00pm Friendship Club  
 6.45pm Singing Company Practice  
 8.00pm Songster Practice (Senior Choir)

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April

- 9.30 & 11.30am Slimming World  
 6.00pm Friday Club

### Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April

- 10am-12pm Coffee Morning

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April

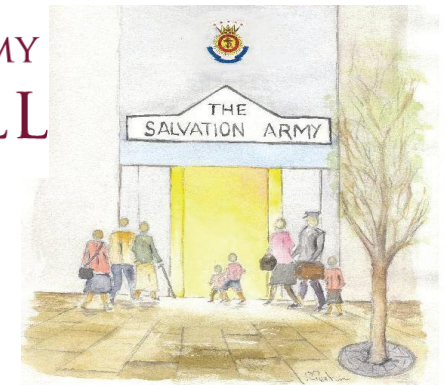
- 9.45am Meetings for toddlers, children & teenagers  
 11.00am **Sunday Worship** with special guest leaders  
 Majors Andrew & Ingrid Diaper-Clausen, Corps  
 Officers at Norwich Citadel & friends of Colin & Nicola.  
 5.00pm **Word on the Third** with Colin & Nicola – see inside

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Mission Council Meeting
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Pastoral Care Council Meeting



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### The Weekly Bulletin for Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018

One of our younger bandmen arrived at the Hall last Sunday morning very excited. Apart from the joy of meeting for an Easter Breakfast & Worship, he'd heard the wonderful news on the radio that they had successfully developed a left-handed golf ball. As a left-handed player, he could see a drastic improvement in this golf handicap. It wasn't until one of his colleagues burst his bubble and reminded him it was 1<sup>st</sup> April – **April Fool's Day!**



It is vital that we are what we say we are and that it is seen in all our actions. That includes how we look after the world God has given us to live in.

**How eco-friendly is our church?** Alan Richardson gave me a package a few weeks ago, which has been an interesting read. You may be surprised how much or how little we as a congregation and Salvation Army Corps are already doing and what we could be doing to become more environmentally aware. It recently featured in the War Cry No 7362 on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018: *"Planet Earth: Handle with Care"*. In it, Dr Jonathan Moo talks to Nigel Bovey about climate change and human responsibilities. ChristianEcologyLink produce an Eco-Check-Up Questionnaire for churches to complete. Could it be a useful exercise for us to do?



It's about incorporating the biblical ethic of environmental stewardship into the spiritual values, practical action and community involvement of church congregations. That does include you, me and us as a Church Fellowship.

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## ADMINISTRATION BULLETIN:

For the remainder of April, please continue to send your statistics to Andy Sims at [handasims@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:handasims@yahoo.co.uk) week by week. **Thank You**

This year's 2018 Self Denial appeal raised £4,477.20 from the Corps. Although down on last year, it is still a tremendous amount. **Thank You**

## WORD ON THE THIRD BULLETIN: Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 5pm

Following on from the StayTreat, & providing it doesn't snow, Colin is going to focus on '**Why does God allow suffering**' & we'll have a chance to celebrate some of the successes of 'planting the seed.' We promised to be there!

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

### Thy Kingdom Come - a global wave of prayer 10<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> May

Whilst this is a global event, we at Staple Hill will be fully engaged. We will be producing a package for you containing a journal, activities & other items, so that you can participate at home. During the 11 Days, we can all be focusing together on the 11 Themes: Jesus, Praise, Thanks, Sorry, Offer, Pray For, Help, Adore, Celebrate, Silence, Thy Kingdom Come. Weekly Worship in the coming weeks will focus on prayer as will our musical practices, to which you can all attend. There will be displays as well as special events. Most notably is an exciting musical event on Saturday evening 19<sup>th</sup> May: '*Thy Kingdom Come - A musical celebration of the 11 days of prayer*'. Our band and songsters will use music to help us to celebrate and reflect on the 11 days of prayer – an event for everyone.

We pray that during the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, you will deepen your friendship with Jesus, bring others to know Jesus or know him better, and come to know that **every** aspect of your life is the stuff of prayer.

**Pray as an individual. Pray as a family. Pray as a Church.**

## FELLOWSHIP BULLETIN:

Always remember & pray for our fellowship. Particularly this week, focus on Ed Bowen, Jill Welling, David Nee, Bob Perkins & Orla Brake.

This week will be Karen Reads first week as our new 'Children's & Family Worker'. We are sure that God will bless Karen and use her to support Colin & Nicola in particular to develop the already successful Toddlers, Baby Song & Friday Club & build deeper relationships with the children & their families. Your prayers can only help her & those she is trying to reach & support.



## YOUTH BULLETIN:

**Galactic Games**

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>  
April

Blast off at  
18:30

Only £5  
Under 16s Free!

Enter the Galaxy with Staple Hill  
Youth...  
Fun  
Games  
Challenges  
Competition  
Refreshments

An evening that will be  
out of this world!

Similar to last year, there will be lots of little international space stations that you will move round through the night! Last year was great – this year will be even better! To buy your tickets, please see one of these .....

