

## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July

9.45am Meetings for toddlers, children & teenagers  
11.00am **Sunday Worship** including the dedication of Junior  
5.00pm **Word on the Third on the Second!**

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

10.00am Gardening Club Outing  
6.00pm Rainbows – **last session before the summer break**  
8.00pm Mission Council Meeting with the Divisional Commander

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

9.30am Parent & Toddlers – **last session before the summer break**  
6.45pm Young People's Band Practice  
8.00pm Senior Band Practice

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

9.30am Baby Song – **last session before the summer break**  
3.30, 5.30 & 7.30pm Slimming World  
7.45pm Cell Group at the Hall with Gerry & Malcolm Wiltshire  
8.00pm Cell Group with Linda & Kelvin James

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

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> July

9.30 & 11.30am Slimming World  
6.00pm Friday Club – **last session before the summer break**

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

10am-12pm Coffee Morning

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

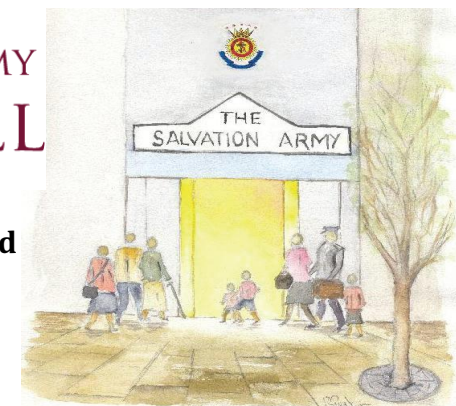
9.45am Meetings for toddlers, children & teenagers  
- **last sessions before the summer break**  
11.00am **Sunday Worship** led by the Divisional Commander  
Majors Ian & Jean Harris  
3.30pm **Page Park Praise** – see inside  
5.00pm **NO Worship or Meetings at the Hall**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July 8.00pm: Extra Mission Council Meeting



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

As I attempt to read the bible on one year (BIOY) with Nicky & Pippa Gumbel, I read the following on 1<sup>st</sup> July - an on-line survey suggesting the following are the qualities people expect from the 'perfect' pastor:

1. They preach for exactly 12 minutes
2. They are 28 years old but have preached 30 years
3. They work from 8am until midnight every day, but are also the caretaker
4. They frequently condemn sin, but never upset anyone
5. They wear good clothes, buy good books, drive a good car, give generously to the poor & have a low salary
6. They make 15 daily calls to parish families, visit the housebound & the hospitalised, spend all their time evangelising the un-churched & are always in the office when they are needed
7. They are also good looking!

We all know there is no such thing as the 'perfect pastor' or in our case the 'perfect officer'. However, I am sure that as Psalm 78:72 suggests, Colin & Nicola '*shepherd us with integrity of heart; with skilful hands they lead us*'.

David was a shepherd in the literal sense. God took him from the sheep pens tending the sheep. David used the following shepherding skills as he became the leader and pastor of God's people: Integrity of heart, skilful hands, love, service, sensitivity, compassion & prayer. Like David, these are characteristics constantly displayed by Colin & Nicola. May we never take them for granted and support them with our prayers & practical support as they pastor us & guide us to fulfil God's plan for each of us.

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## WORD ON THE THIRD ON THE SECOND BULLETIN:

Normally Word on the Third would be next week. However, we're at Page Park next week. Tonight's question: "How do we know the bible is true?"

## PAGE PARK PRAISE BULLETIN: Reaching Out to share Jesus

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July, (next Sunday)** will be our next Page Park Praise of the season. Unusually, it's on the third Sunday, not of our choosing but maybe it's Gods. What if England make it to the World Cup Final? We will cross that unlikely bridge if we get to it! Hundreds have come to our last two session. Not everyone loves football, so I'm sure we can expect a great crowd again.

We can **ALL** be involved - if you haven't been asked, just join in! 2pm: Loading at the Hall. 2.30pm: Set up at Page Park - get the chairs & deckchairs, set up the Gazebo & children's activities. The Band will play at 3pm to attract people to what we're doing - you'll already be there to welcome & chat to them. Colin will start at 3.30pm. Please don't all dash off straight afterwards, then we'll be able to chat to our visitors & help pack & put everything away.

Who knows what opportunity may arise - like the England football team, just grasp it when it comes your way!!

## BIG COLLECTION BULLETIN: Our target for 2018 is £6,700.00

### Car Boot Sale: A Saturday in August

We will be making our annual pilgrimage to Whitchurch on a Saturday very soon. Let me know if you have anything we could sell.

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

Brenda Cook is now in Intensive Care at the BRI. Although slowly improving, the situation is serious. Surround Brenda, Paul & the family with our prayers.

Continue to remember Helen & Michael Lyons, the children & Mavis Stone.

Arnold & Pat Tilling - Arnold now home from Hospital

Hayley & Mark Carter - both have been unwell & in Hospital this week

Christine Kleinschmidt - has been in Hospital

Alan Jefferies has been in Hospital with Pneumonia. Alan was Stephen Mortons brother-in-law & was on the same ward as Arnold.

Some may remember John Jackson who suddenly passed away this week.

Congratulations to our newest Grandparents, Hilton & Lilian Baker! Baby Clara Lily Melisa was born last Sunday morning to Jonathan & Naomi weighing in at 7lb 6oz. Not forgetting Uncle Neil & Auntie Laura of course!

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S OUTREACH SUMMER BULLETIN:

Karen Read is organising a special event during the summer that will allow us to keep in touch with our mid-week families over the summer break, talk a bit more about God with them & encourage them to access other activities we do - it may even attract new families. The details are as follows:

**Wednesday 29th August 10am - 12pm Theme: Noah's Ark**  
**Open to any families with children aged 7 and under**  
**(parents/carers will have to stay with their children)**

This really is an opportunity to do something a bit more overtly Christian as a one-off trial and so it can inform our discussions going forward in our mission thinking. All our mid-week activities finish for the summer next week, so we will be advertising it to these groups then. If you've got any questions please ask Nicola or Karen, I know we can count on your prayerful support and maybe support in other ways.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S BULLETIN:

What a great day we spent last Sunday with our young people. God constantly blesses us by them & through them. Seeing & hearing them brings us hope, not only for the future, but for here and now.

Still not too late to make a donation to help them attend the Summer Schools & Camps - see Colin or Nicola if you missed last week & would like to donate.

**A prayer from Tash:** "I would like to thank God for the wonderful young people we have at our Church. I pray that we care for them, disciple them and help them discover the purpose and plan God has for their lives".

## UKRAINE BULLETIN:

Margaret Boxell, Mary White, Mark & Debra Hatcliffe are joining the **Vision of Hope Mission to the Ukraine** with the Winton Salvation Army departing on the 20th July. They are requesting donations of craft materials to take with them - there is a box in the foyer. In addition to this, the Health Care Team desperately need sterile dressings and bandages. It doesn't matter if they're out of date - they would say 'an out of date dressing is better than no dressing!' Margaret checked a couple of drawers and her first aid box and found 5 dressings! She also checked her Dad's flat and found 16! Please look and see if you have anything or ask anyone you think may have a stock pile!

