

The Week Ahead



TODAY

- 9.45am Meetings for toddlers, children & teenagers
10.00am Band Ensemble at Beaufort Court.
10.00am Band Ensemble at Cosham Gardens
Morning Worship with Colin & Nicola
5.00pm **Light up a Life** with St Peter's Hospice

Monday 10th December

- 12.00pm Gardening Club Christmas Dinner
12.30-2.30pm Toy Sorting
6.00pm Rainbows
6.30-8.30pm Toy Sorting & Parcel Preparing

Tuesday 11th December

- 7.30pm Songsters at Badminton Gardens

Wednesday 12th December

- 3.30, 5.30 & 7.30pm Slimming World

Thursday 13th December

- 10.30am *"Meet & Greet"*
12.30pm Lunch Club Christmas Lunch & Carols
2.00pm Friendship Club
6.00-8.00pm Bands Caroling at Tesco's Yate
6.00-9.00pm Band Caroling at the Mall

Friday 14th December

- 9.30 & 11.30am Slimming World
5.00pm Band Ensemble at 'Ring-O'Bells'

Saturday 15th December

- 10.00am-12.00pm Coffee Morning
11am-3pm Band Caroling at The Mall
2.00-3.00pm Band at Carols at the Clock Tower, Page Park

Sunday 16th December

- 9.45am Meeting for toddlers
10.00am Young People at Park View Court
10.00am Band Ensembles at Peache Court & Manor Cottage
Morning Worship with Colin & Nicola
2.30pm Community Care Ministries at Deerhurst for Carols
5.00pm **Family Carol Service** featuring all our young people



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The Weekly Bulletin for Sunday 9th December 2018

A few weeks ago when the Band were at Staines, Tim Bessex reminded us of the Parable of the Starfish. He spoke to us about how we can all make a difference. I have also used it many times at work when training new volunteers to make them aware of the significance of the time they give to St Peter's Hospice. There are many versions of it, but here is one:

The Parable of the Starfish. One day, an old man was walking along a beach that was littered with thousands of starfish that had been washed ashore by the high tide. As he walked he came upon a young boy who was eagerly throwing the starfish back into the ocean, one by one. Puzzled, the man looked at the boy and asked what he was doing. Without looking up from his task, the boy simply replied, *"I'm saving these starfish, Sir"*. The old man chuckled aloud, *"Son, there are thousands of starfish and only one of you. What difference can you make?"* The boy picked up a starfish, gently tossed it into the water and turning to the man, said, ***"I made a difference to that one!"***



We too can make a difference to the lives of other people. Sometimes this will be a very deliberate & intended action on our part, but very often it will be when we are unaware we are making a specific difference – by the way we act, by the way we speak. Particularly this Christmas, we may be unaware of the impact our music can have as we portray the real meaning of Christmas. I have a reputation at carolling for insisting we only play real carols, for I believe that could be the moment that our playing of the real meaning of Christmas could make a difference to the life of that person stood listening.

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CHRISTMAS BULLETIN: What are you expecting?

Sunday Morning (11am) Meetings in December: 'Great Expectations'

- Sunday 9th 'Hopeful Expectations' Isaiah 42:1-9 with Nicola
- Sunday 16th 'Promised Expectations' Jeremiah 31:31-34 with Nicola
- Sunday 23rd 'Future Expectations' Matthew 24:36-51 with Colin
- Christmas Day 'Expectations Fulfilled' Luke 2:1-7 with Nicola
- Sunday 30th 'Beyond Expectations' Luke 2:22-40 with Colin

Today: Sunday 9th December at 5pm:

Join us tonight for our special reflective remembrance service supported by all our musical groups as we welcome our friends from St Peter's Hospice

– for Patients, Families & Bristol.

"Keep your memories burning bright"

Some our guests will be wanting to view the names of their loved ones in the 'Books of Remembrance' in the Prayer Room. If asked, direct them to the Annex where Gerry Wiltshire & her team will look after them.

Following the Light up a Life Service & after our guests have left, we need to bring all the donated toys from the rooms behind the platform into the Bradbury Hall – many hands will make light work!

Tomorrow: Monday 10th December 12.30pm-2.30pm & 6.30- 8.30pm

We'll be sorting the donated toys and & preparing the Food Hampers. If you can help, please see Colin or Nicola or just turn up & help!

During the Week our musicians are out & about this week sharing the real meaning of Christmas through their music. If you can help support them by collecting & speaking to the general public, please see Chris Painter.

Next Sunday at 5pm is our **Family Carol Service**. It's going to be great as all our young people of all ages will be taking part. Why not bring your family, friends & neighbours & make their Christmas that extra bit special?

Internal Christmas Post: Last Post next Sunday 16th December

We still need volunteer drivers to help bring our guests to & from the Hall on Christmas Day. If you can help, please see David James

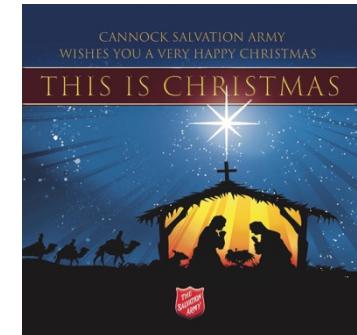


CHRISTMAS CD'S BULLETIN:



The Band still has its Christmas CD of traditional carols available at £5 (see Chris Painter). However, to compliment it, we now a CD made by Emily Elliott (Hall) and her friends at Cannock Salvation Army called 'This

is Christmas' at £3 each. If you would like a copy or two, see Neil Baker – I think he even has a special offer for you if you buy more than one!



RESOURCES BULLETIN:

We are blessed with a number of people who work tirelessly to maintain and improve our resources. Much of this is done behind the scenes and often goes unnoticed by many. However, it is very much appreciated. Hopefully, over the next couple of weeks you will appreciate further improvements that have been made this week to the sound system in our main hall. This includes additional speakers, a better lectern microphone and a new loop system. In addition, for the more observant, 4 microphones have been installed in the ceiling to improve our recording ability to those who listen to our meetings at home. Our thanks to the communication team who have been working over a number of months to enable this to happen.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION BULLETIN:

In the unlikely event of the need to evacuate the suite of buildings, all you need to do is to leave the building by your quickest route in a calm, orderly fashion & evacuate to the Square outside Iceland until told to do otherwise. The evacuation procedures are displayed on the main screen at every event. We have a month when the buildings will be full on many occasions with many people who are not regular attenders so we seek your co-operation.

FELLOWSHIP BULLETIN: staplehillprayers@gmail.com

Sick & Poorly: Brenda Cook, Hazel Leonard, Yvonne Tilling, Roy Rodman, Tim Scott, Martin Scott, Carron Croker (daughter of Mike & Elsie Dyer)

Wish You Were Here:

Irene Ackerman, Rita Adams, Molly Angle, Doreen Butland, Wesley Challenger, Chris Claridge, Brenda Driscoll, Margaret Hatton, Brenda Hussey, David Jones, Gwen Lear, Joyce Lear, Shirley Nokes, Sally Partington, Peter & Valerie Scott, Francis & Ruth Shepherd, John & Olive Sheppard.