

# The Week Ahead

**TODAY** **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January**  
 9.45am Meetings for toddlers, children & teenagers  
 10.00am Band Ensemble playing to Irene Ackerman (99 this week)  
 11.00am **Sunday Worship** with the Nexus Youth Choir  
 2.30pm Community Care Ministries Group at Deerhurst  
 3.00pm Nexus Youth Choir singing **'In the Square'**  
 4.00pm **Go Forth in Worship** with the Nexus Youth Choir

## Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January

6.00pm Rainbows  
 8.00pm Young People's & Youth Workers Meeting  
 8.00pm CAMEO Craft Group making **SHAKER CARDS**  
 See Bob Perkins for more details – **all are welcome!**

## Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January

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

## Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January

9.30am Baby Song  
 3.30, 5.30 & 7.30pm Slimming World  
 7.45pm Both Wednesday Cell Groups at the Hall

## Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January

10.30am "Meet & Greet"  
 12.30pm Lunch Club  
 2.00pm Friendship Club  
 6.45pm Singing Company Practice  
 8.00pm Songster Practice

## Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February


7.30, 9.30 & 11.30am Slimming World  
 6.00pm Friday Club

## Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

10.00am-12.00pm Coffee Morning

## Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February **SELF DENIAL ALTER SERVICES**

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 27<sup>th</sup> January 2019

We welcome our special guests for the weekend, the Nexus Youth Choir! Thank you to them for raising money towards our Big Collection effort at last evenings concert and for leading us in worship today.



Nexus is an unusual name for a choir, I wonder what it means? So I googled the word Nexus to see what I could find: Nexus is the transport system for Tyne & Wear, Nexus is the host for hundreds of computer games, Nexus is the UKs largest supplier of rental vehicles, you can buy a Nexus door with hinges from IKEA, you can acquire a Nexus mobile phone from Google, a Nexus cooker from Rangemaster or a very luxurious range of Nexus car.

The dictionary says that Nexus is a connection or series of connections linking two or more things. Its origin is found in the mid 17th century from Latins 'a binding together'. The choirs Facebook page says: *'Nexus Youth Choir is so much more than a choir. The group offers the chance to be a part of a larger part of The Salvation Army and also enables the opportunity to connect with many other young people from around the division'* The choirs strapline is *'Connected to God, each other, The Salvation Army'*.

The common thread for NEXUS is connection. They have brought their enthusiasm & music, connected with us with the end result of helping us achieve for the first time or strengthening our connection with God.

It has caused me to think about us here at Staple Hill – are we a Nexus? Are we a place where people can be connected to God? I pray we are.

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## MISSION WEEK BULLETIN: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February

All meetings are at the Hall and start at 7.30pm finishing by 9.00pm.

- Monday 4th February: Pastoral Care Group (Hilary Sims)
- Tuesday 5th February: Worship Group (Nathan James)
- Wednesday 6th February: Discipleship Group (Linda James)
- Thursday 7th February: Outreach Group (Mark Hatcliffe)
- Thursday 7th February: Business & Organisation Group (Marc Willetts)

Colin & Nicola are pleased to announce a small 'cabinet reshuffle' in the Mission Council with Marc Willetts taking on the responsibility for leading the combined Business & Organisation Group. The Business & Organisation Group is there to enable our mission by ensuring effective resources, administration & logistical support. If that is an area you feel called to serve, then come along on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February and join Marc & the group.

## SPECIAL EVENTS BULLETIN:

9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> February IS .....

### CHILDREN'S WEEKEND

This is a special weekend to celebrate the Under 11's in our Church. There will be a 'Children's Party' on the Saturday at 3.30-5.30pm. They will meet as usual at 9.45am on the Sunday morning with worship at 11am led by Captains Rob & Clare Davis – Rob you will remember was one of our own Junior Soldiers who became a Salvation Army Officer from Staple Hill. And what better way to celebrate all our young people than to Worship at 5pm with Charlie Green!

**THANK YOU BULLETIN:** Thank you very much everyone who donated toys and gifts to our Angel Tree Christmas appeal. You will be pleased to know that we gave gifts to 556 children and adults which was an increase on last year (470 gifts in 2017). Also a massive thanks to everyone who helped on the Christmas reception, this gave us numerous opportunities to talk to people, accept gifts, answer questions and donations received in reception alone just during the month of December was a huge £1,130!

Thank You to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Shoeboxes Appeal. Our Shoe Boxes were taken to the Ukraine.



**FELLOWSHIP BULLETIN:** Doreen Roberts, David Banfield, Brenda Cook, Barbara Dixon, John Long, Sally Partington, Marion Richardson, Hazel Leonard. Malcolm Wiltshire's brother.

Irene Ackerman celebrates her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday this week and congratulations to Nicola who reached her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday on Friday – a mere whippersnapper!

## WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP BULLETIN:

At our recent '*Corps Lunch and Conversation*', Colin & Nicol prepared a list of some of the many tasks that need to be done. Here are some of those tasks:

Take an active part in a mission group, Make coffee or tea, Do washing up, Prepare vegetables, Moving tables and chairs, Setting up a room ready for a group to start, Making sure there's a fresh glass of water on the platform on a Sunday, Making occasional trips to the dump, Filling a spot on the coffee morning rota or the Sunday evening coffee rota, Photocopying, Tidying cupboards, Basic decorating or maintenance jobs, Distributing leaflets door to door, Writing risk assessments, In-putting data onto the computer, Counting money, Giving out leaflets to people at Page Park and other outreach events, Spring cleaning, Giving someone a lift to worship, Sending a card to say 'we missed you', Collecting at a supermarket collection for the Big Collection or collecting whilst carolling, Designing leaflets and posters, Taking an active part in the prayer network, Reading the Bible in worship, Saying the prayer after the offering, SA ambassadors at Page Park and other events, Teaching children or adults to learn an instrument, Offer your home as a venue for a Cell Group, A leader of a Cell Group, Helping set up and put away at Page Park and other events, Face Painting at Page Park and other outreach events, Talking to people at Toddlers/Baby Song, Working on reception, Organising a fundraising activity at work/school or with my friends to raise money for Big Collection, Welcoming people to worship, Coordinating Big Collection Appeal, Helping increase our online presence, Ensuring the welcome packs distributed in our community programme are kept up to date, Building relationships in our community activities, Type up the minutes in my mission group, Helping at any of our daytime community events, Lead an outreach meeting at a residential home/ prison or hospital, Putting the bins out each week, Being available for ad hoc requests for volunteering, Helping with the Toy and Food parcel sorting, Helping on Christmas Day, Making up goody bags for children at outreach events, Tech support in worship meetings, Open or close the hall for a group or worship, Tidy hall after worship – pick up litter and things left behind

**Take the time to get a form from the Foyer, fill in what you could do to help and hand them into Colin & Nicola by Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February.**