

TODAY
9.45am Meetings for toddlers, children & teenagers
11.00am **Sunday Worship** "Our father, who art in Heaven"
2.30pm Community Care Ministries at Deerhurst
5.00pm **Word on the Third** "How & why do I Pray?"

Monday 18th February 6.00pm **NO** Rainbows (Half-term)

Tuesday 19th February
9.30am **NO** Parent & Toddlers
10.00am Cell Group with Pat & Arnold Tilling
2.00pm **NO** Community Care Group Meeting
6.45pm **NO** Young People's Band Practice (Half-term)
8.00pm Senior Band Practice

Wednesday 20th February
9.30am **NO** Baby Song (Half-term)
3.30, 5.30 & 7.30pm Slimming World
7.45pm **NO** Wednesday Cell Groups at the Hall (Half-term)

Thursday 21st February
10.30am "Meet & Greet"
12.30pm Lunch Club
2.00pm Friendship Club
6.45pm **NO** Singing Company Practice (Half-term)
8.00pm Songster Practice

Friday 22nd February
7.30, 9.30 & 11.30am Slimming World
6.00pm **NO** Friday Club (Half-term)

Saturday 23rd February
10.00am-12.00pm Coffee Morning

Sunday 24th February
9.45am Meetings for toddlers, children & teenagers
11.00am **Sunday Worship** "Hallowed be thy name"
5.00pm **Go Forth in Worship**
"Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven"

Monday 25th February
6.00pm Rainbows
8.00pm CAMEO Craft Club – see Bob Perkins for more info
8.00pm Mission Council Meeting



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The Weekly Bulletin for Sunday 17th February 2019

On Wednesday evening, we looked at Acts 3 where Peter in the name of Jesus Christ heals the crippled beggar. This led Margaret Belcher to pose the question: "What is a miracle?" Sheila Farrall instantly consulted Google: 'an extraordinary and welcome event that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore attributed to a divine agency'. **But what is a miracle?**

'When Christians talk about a miracle, they mean an event that is not 'normal' – that is, one that should not be able to happen according to the laws of nature. The Gospels describe 35 miracles that Jesus performed. Over half of these 35 are about Jesus healing sick people. Others describe Jesus casting out demons from people. On three occasions, Jesus brought dead people back to life. The rest of the stories show Jesus' power over things – changing water into wine, feeding a great crowd with very little food, walking on water, calming a storm. This is apparently just a snapshot. John writes at the end of his gospel, 'Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written'. Jesus isn't the only person in the Bible to perform miracles. In the Old Testament, God helps Moses part the Red Sea for the Israelites to cross and the prophet Elijah brought somebody back from the dead. In the New Testament the disciples are also recorded as healing people. In one story, Paul prayed over people's handkerchiefs and the people got well again! (Acts 19:12). These miracles are important for Christians. The gospel writers included them to help people believe that Jesus was more than just a man. But they are also there to help show people what God is like – what He cares about, what He chooses to do for people – and to show what He wants people to do in response. For Christians, miracles are recorded to show that God is at work in His world then and today, and to encourage people to believe in God for themselves'. (Taken from RE:quest.org.)

Do miracles happen today?

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SPECIAL EVENTS BULLETIN:

Saturday & Sunday 2nd & 3rd March.

The visit of Staines Salvation Army Band.

Chris Painter has tickets for the Saturday Evening Festival at 7pm priced at £5 - if you are a Band League Member, this is your FREE annual concert – see Brian Usher. Also, if you are able to ‘Billet’ members of the Band (give them supper, a bed over-night & breakfast), then also please see Chris Painter.

Don’t forget after lunch on the Sunday, we’ll be out playing at the streets we recently prayed for, ending up with an Outdoor Songs of Praise at the Clock Tower in Page Park. The musicians can play, but we need your support too giving out leaflets & speaking to those attracted to our musical sounds.

PRAYER BULLETIN: Bible texts for the next few Sundays:

| Date | Sunday AM | Sunday PM |
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| 17 th Feb | PRAYER 1: Matthew 6:5-8 “Our Father who art in Heaven” | Word on the Third ‘Why and How do I Pray?’ |
| 24 th Feb | PRAYER 2: Isaiah 6:1-8 “Hallowed be thy name” | PRAYER 3: “Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven” |
| 10 th Mar | PRAYER 4: Luke 12:22-34 “Give us this day our daily bread” | |
| 17 th Mar | PRAYER 5: Matthew 18:21-35: “Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us” | |
| 24 th Mar | PRAYER 6: “Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil” | PRAYER 7: “For thine is the kingdom the power and the glory for ever and ever Amen” |

COMING SOON

7th - 17th March **11 days of Prayer**

based on ‘The Lord’s Prayer’

including a Prayer Concert Saturday 16th March

CHILDREN’S TOY BAGS BULLETIN:

We now provide children’s toy bags at the back of the hall – we are blessed most weeks by a ‘Glory March’ of the young children and the percussion instruments! Whilst they are maintained and regularly cleaned, it would be helpful if you use them, to return them inside the bags and in a tidy fashion.

SCAFFOLDING BULLETIN:

You will have noticed that one of the main lights in our Worship Hall needs replacing – some of the others need some maintenance & cleaning. So, we have the use of a scaffolding tower for a day. We need your help especially if you have a head for heights and don’t mind taking your turn up the scaffolding ... or maybe you could be the ‘anchor man’ at the bottom ... or handing up the light bulbs. If you can help, see Colin or Marc.



BIG COLLECTION BULLETIN:

The next fundraising ventures are Standing Days – opportunities for us to collect money at local supermarkets. So far we are booked:

- Tesco Yate – Friday 1st March
- Morrisons Fishponds – Thursday 20th June & Friday 21st June
- Tesco Staple Hill – September (actual dates to be confirmed).

Tesco 1st March: We’ve been there at Christmas so I’m sure we will be welcome. Add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Foyer if you can help.

FELLOWSHIP BULLETIN: staplehillprayers@gmail.com

Please pray for: Malcolm & Gerry Wiltshire & his brother, David Banfield, Brenda & Paul Cook, Barbara Dixon, John Long, Sally Partington, Marion & Alan Richardson, Hazel & David Leonard, Chris Claridge & Brenda Hussey.

Congratulations to Jon Dickens who celebrates being 50 on Monday!

BEDMINSTER BULLETIN: “Dear Friends, I want to share with you that following an extensive period of conversation and a feasibility study, Bristol Bedminster Corps will be moving from our premises on Dean Lane to the Bristol Knowle West halls on Padstow Road. This decision has been bathed in prayer and springs from us reviewing and affirming our vision and values. This has been done in conjunction with DHQ and I thank them for their support throughout this whole process. Whilst we see this relocation as a new phase in our ministry we will continue to support and care for the homeless in Bedminster through a partnership with St Paul’s Church as well as seeking to reopen our Charity Shop and the weekly selling of SA periodicals on the High Street. This relocation will afford the fellowship fresh opportunity to work out our vision as a hub within the community of Knowle West through rebirthing an expression of The Salvation Army. As we prepare for this transition may I thank you in advance for your interest and prayerful support to us as a fellowship”. **Lieutenant Ben Ellis Bristol Bedminster Corps**