

# The Week Ahead



## TODAY

9.45am

11.00am

5.00pm

## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May

Meetings for toddlers, children & teenagers

**All-Age Worship** with Nicola

**Word on the Third** with Nicola

## Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May

6.00pm

7.30pm

## Mission Week

Rainbows

**Worship Group** with Nathan James

## Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May

9.30am

10.00am

6.45pm

8.00pm

Parent & Toddlers

Cell Group at the Hall with Pat & Arnold

Young People's Band Practice

Songster Practice

## Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

9.30am

3.30, 5.30 & 7.30pm

7.45pm

8.00pm

Baby Song

Slimming World

Cell Group at the Hall with Gerry & Malcolm

Cell Group at Linda & Kelvins

## Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

10.30am

12.30pm

2.00pm

6.45pm

7.30pm

"Meet & Greet"

Lunch Club

Friendship Club

Singing Company Practice

Band in Concert at St Stephen's Church, Soundwell

## Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

7.30, 9.30 & 11.30am

6.00pm

Slimming World

Junior Club

## Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May

10.00am-12.00pm

**NO** Coffee Morning (Bank Holiday Weekend)

## Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May

9.45am

11.00am

5.00pm

**NO** Meetings for toddlers, children & teenagers

**All-Age Worship** with Nicola

**NO** Worship (Bank Holiday Weekend)

**The Band will be away today at Newton Abbott & Teignmouth**



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## The Weekly Bulletin for Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019

**"The Son of God"** by Jeffrey Archer. *He was born in a barn, his father a carpenter, and his mother a decent woman, but they were of no significance, and certainly couldn't have afforded to give the boy a private education. And yet, as a teenager, he was arguing the toss with his elders and betters in the council chambers. He never got a proper job, just roamed around the countryside, un-shaven, and living off bread and water and the occasional fish, while offering his opinions to those who cared to listen. He became manager of a football team known as The Disciples, not one of them a star, in fact the twelfth man rather let the side down by accepting a transfer fee of thirty pieces of silver to play for the opposition. The authorities eventually arrested him as a rabble-rouser, but couldn't decide what to charge him with, other than the fact he claimed he was the Son of God. They strung him up with a couple of criminals, and when he finally gave up the ghost, rather assumed that would be the last they would hear of him. The Disciples were relegated at the end of the season, in fact the captain denied on more than one occasion that he'd ever been a member of His team. When He died at the age of thirty-three, there were no obituaries in the local press reporting his achievements, no glossy supplements highlighting his colourful career, no radio programmes to discuss his legacy, and no box sets recording any of his miracles. But then, He'd never relied on focus groups to advise him on current trends, or advertising gurus to spend millions promoting his brand, or spin doctors to sharpen his image, and he didn't require social media to keep his followers up to date, so you could be forgiven for assuming he'd be forgotten in a few days. So how can one explain that over two thousand years later, Jesus Christ is still the best-known celebrity on earth? **Could it just be that He was the Son of God?***

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

Harry Brooksbank was Promoted to Glory this week at the age of 99. We rejoice in those many years, but our prayers are with Rita & the family.

Continue to remember in your prayers: Ruby James (back at Southmead), Morag Fletcher (still in Southmead), June Wallington (Southmead), Mavis Stone, Brenda & Paul Cook and others prayed for by the Prayer Fellowship.

The flowers today are shared with us by Viv Wallington in memory of Allan.

My sincere thanks to those of you who keep me informed about people who are unwell or need special prayers or are celebrating special anniversaries & birthdays. If you think there are people who should be mentioned in this part of the Weekly Bulletin, please let me know.

Colin returns tomorrow from the International College for Officers. I'm sure he has had a wonderful time & we look for to the rewards of his studies over the coming weeks. **Thank You to Nicola** for her sterling work on her own over the last 6 weeks including sorting out the drains!

## MISSION WEEK BULLETIN:

Don't forget the **REACH UP & Worship Group** meet tomorrow night at 7.30pm

## BAND CONCERTS IN MAY BULLETIN:

The Band had a great evening last night with our special guests. Great to see so many people in our hall. During the next week, there are a couple of other opportunities for you to listen to the Band & maybe invite your family, friends & neighbours: one in our local neighbourhood & one by the sea.



**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** at 7.30pm. A Charity Concert at St Stephens Church organised by the Ladies Group. Tickets are available on the door priced £5 with all proceeds going towards the BBC Radio Alive Appeal. Some of the ladies came to Band Practice on Tuesday to meet Chris & listen to the Band – they stayed all evening! I'm sure it will be a great night.

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May** The Band will be at the Newton Abbott Salvation Army to support them for the day. They will be leading Worship at 10.30am followed by an Open Air Concert in the Town Centre at 12 noon. They will then be moving down to Teignmouth for a March of Witness through the Town Centre at 2.30pm followed by an Open Air Concert by Teignmouth Pier at 3.00pm. A busy day but a great opportunity for us to support our colleague Salvationists at Newton Abbot as they carry out their mission.

## MISSION ENABLING BULLETIN:

On Thursday evening, all the Mission Enabling Groups met together – Organisation, Business & Communications. We are working hard to make sure we are well organised, sound in the management of our resources and trying to be better communicators not just to those we have yet to meet, but to each other. All to be a better support to the Mission Groups. More information will be released over the next few weeks from all the groups. But there were a few matters of 'Housekeeping' that to bring to your attention:

**Activity Log:** This has been the case for all children's activities for a while, but now the leaders of every activity must complete the log at the end of every activity. For more information, please see Debbie Hatcliffe.

**Fire Exits:** It is vitally important that all our exits that could be used in an emergency evacuation are kept clear – that's the corridors as well as the actual doorways & escapes.

**Reporting of Building Defects:** If you find any part of our building that is damaged & in need of repair, please report it to Mike Dickens.

**Security of the Building:** The external door behind the platform should always be locked. If you exit the building by that door, you must ensure that somebody locks it behind you please. This doesn't always happen.

**Turning Lights off:** Garry Matthews informs us that our national contract with our power supply (gas and electric) has ended and we are now on a much more expensive tariff. If we could all be a bit energy saving conscious and turn off unwanted lights this would be appreciated. This is especially relevant to those of us who lock up the building – we need to be mindful that as well as making the building secure, we ensure all the lights are off.



I was driving to the Army from Downend to Staple when I stopped just short of the traffic lights. On this occasion I glanced to the left and the signposts jumped out at me! Perhaps it was because of the tree behind it. I know they've been up a while & you've probably all seen them but I hadn't looked for them. Sometimes you can't see what is right before you. We now have bigger signs to our buildings than we've ever had before – there's one

by Page Park too. **Thank you to Andy Sims for his perseverance.**