The Week Ahead



TODAY Sunday 15th September: Harvest

9.45am Meetings for toddlers, children & teenagers

11.00am All-Age Worship with Colin & Nicola
2.30pm Community Care Ministries at Deerhurst
5.00pm Word on the Third with Colin & Nicola

Monday 16th September

6.00pm Rainbows

8.00pm Ad Hoc Mission Council Meeting at the Quarters

Tuesday 17th September

9.30am Parent & Toddlers

2.15pm Service of Celebration for Yvonne Tilling

(3.30pm at Westerleigh)

6.45pm Young People's Band Practice

8.00pm Senior Band Practice

Wednesday 18th September

3.30, 5.30 & 7.30pm Slimming World

7.30pm Combined Cell Group at the Hall

Thursday 19th September

10.30am "Meet & Greet" 12.30pm Lunch Club 2.00pm Friendship Club

6.45pm Singing Company Practice

7.30pm Songster Practice

Friday 20th September

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

Youth Band and Youth Chorus Rehearsals at Staple Hill

Saturday 21st September:

10.00am-12.00pm Coffee Morning

Sunday 22nd September:

9.45am Meetings for toddlers, children & teenagers

11.00am All-Age Worship with Colin & Nicola5.00pm Go Forth in Worship with Colin & Nicola

Monday 23rd September: Mission Council meet at 8pm



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The Weekly Bulletin for Sunday 15th September 2019

Harvest is a time for gathering in - gathering in is a lovely way to think about reflection. Pause for a few moments and gather in your thoughts about where you are right now and what path you are on.

You can't harvest if you don't plant seeds. Nothing grows without a seed. So in order for something to grow, you have to plant a seed. Then you need a little time for the seed to sprout and begin growing. Often we don't take the time to consciously think about which seeds we are planting in our lives or those of whom we meet. What seeds are you planting?

You reap what you sew. There are many versions of this saying. "What goes around, comes around" or "If you plant crab apples, don't count on harvesting Golden Delicious." They all remind us that our actions have consequences. Given your actions, what harvest can you expect?

Leave behind what is not useful. The combine machine separates the grain from the other less desirable parts of the crop. Taking time for reflection allows us to separate what's working and not working in our lives. When we don't separate what's useful in our lives from what is not, we end up wasting a lot of time. **What do you need to leave behind?**

Be grateful for the harvest. Sometimes the results of the harvest are out of our control. There might be too much or not enough rain. Some things are also out of our control in our lives. Circumstances sometimes create challenges. It's what we do with those challenges that counts.

Whatever has happened this past year, be grateful. Learn from the challenges. Embrace the opportunities. Decide which seeds to plant next.

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The Service of Celebration for Yvonne Tilling will take place at the Hall on Tuesday 17^{th} September at 2.15pm followed by the Committal at Westerleigh at 3.30pm. You are then invited to return to the Hall for refreshments.

We continue to pray and support Alan Tilling and his family at this sad time as well as Malcolm & Gerry Wiltshire, Margaret Kinsey & Marion Richardson

Welcome to Glyn Elcoat who has formally transferred to Staple Hill.

Thank you to Lyn Price who has shared the flowers with us today.

CHARITY BULLETIN:

A successful Harvest Supper last evening in aid of the Ukraine Vision of Hope 2020. Thank you to all who supported raising £940 in ticket sales.

Don't forget Chris Painters cycling challenge on 3rd & 4th October when he will be cycling 200 miles between Bristol, Birmingham & Stretford offices to raise money for Teenage Cancer Trust. He would really appreciate your support & hopefully gain some vital donations towards their fundraising goal of £2000. Please visit his JustGiving Page or speak to Chris.

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rac-cycling-team-3-office-challenge

BUILDING DEVELOPMENTS BULLETIN:

During the summer, Colin, Nicola & Marc met with a group from Territorial Headquarters of the Salvation Army (THQ) regarding the possibility of a large funding stream being made available to develop our buildings. This could help refurbish the main hall & develop the hallway, foyer & entrance in to the main hall. The next step is for the THQ representatives to meet with the Mission Council on Monday 23rd September. In preparation for that meeting, there is an ad hoc Mission Council meeting tomorrow evening Monday $16^{\rm th}$ September at 8pm at the Quarters to complete the necessary paperwork. Your prayers over the next few weeks would be most welcome!

KITCHEN BULLETIN:

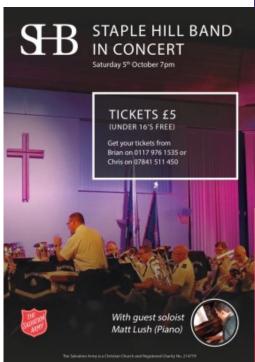
The kitchen was inspected this week and was given a 5 Star rating again - congratulations to Mary White and the Catering Team and our thanks!

HELP TONIGHT BULLETIN:

If you are free after Word on the Third tonight, we could do with your help to clear and tidy the Hall after our Harvest celebrations in preparation for the funeral on Tuesday. Thank you in anticipation.

SPECIAL OUTREACH EVENTS BULLETIN:

We pray for all those who heard us, saw us, joined in or had their faces painted at Page Park Praise last week and on other occasions during the summer. We ask God to bless our efforts and guide us as to what to do next, who to speak to next, who to invite next



The next few weeks present us with many more occasions to invite people into the Staple Hill Salvation Army to experience the possibilities of the Kingdom of God.

Please take hold of these God giving opportunities – no good praying for them if we don't do the practical bit



Who are you going to bring?

