

The Week Ahead



TODAY Sunday 22nd September:

9.45am Meetings for toddlers, children & teenagers
11.00am **All-Age Worship** with Colin & Nicola
5.00pm **Go Forth in Worship** with Colin & Nicola

Monday 23rd September

6.00pm Rainbows
7.00pm Mission Council Meeting with THQ representatives

Tuesday 24th September

9.30am Parent & Toddlers
2.00pm Community Care Ministries in the Bradbury Hall
6.45pm Young People's Band Practice
8.00pm Senior Band Practice

Wednesday 25th September

3.30, 5.30 & 7.30pm Slimming World
7.45pm Cell Group at the Hall with Nicola
8.00pm Cell Group at the home of Linda & Kelvin James

Thursday 26th September

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

Friday 27th September

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

Saturday 28th September:

10.00am-12.00pm Coffee Morning

Sunday 29th September:

9.45am Meetings for toddlers, children & teenagers
11.00am **All-Age Worship** with Colin & Nicola
5.00pm **Music & Creative Celebration** featuring young people from Salvation Army Centres in the Bristol Area led by Dean Jones (Music & Creative Arts Specialist)



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The Weekly Bulletin for Sunday 22nd September 2019

At Wednesdays combined Cell Group, we considered Acts 4 and the subject of witnessing. Peter & John had been speaking to the people causing them to be arrested and put in prison. However, the result of their witnessing was that many who heard the message believed and the number of men grew to about 5 thousand. Peter & John had been bold in their actions and constantly prayed resulting in them being filled with the Holy Spirit.

Whilst we may strive to be as bold, we often believe we can have little impact in the world and resolve ourselves to our small corner, to start where we are and being bolder in small ways. However, since Wednesday, 2 events on national news on the global stage have caught my attention:

Burger King UK will no longer give away plastic toys with children's meals, and McDonald's said its customers would be able to choose between a toy and fruit amid pressure to reduce plastic waste. This came about after two Hampshire children Ella (aged 9) and Caitlin McEwan (aged 7) called for companies to "*think of the environment and stop giving plastic toys with their kids meals*". The petition has received more than half a million signatures.

On Friday, millions of people around the world joined global demonstrations demanding action on climate change. Inspired by Swedish schoolgirl Greta Thunberg, young people and adults were being urged to take to the streets to protest against global warming. In what was being billed as a 'global climate strike', thousands of people skipped school or work to call on the Government to make tackling climate change a priority.

Perhaps we underestimate the impact we can have on the world especially with God on our side as we do His will, in our small corner or further afield.

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You will have missed seeing Malcolm at the front door this morning. Having completed his first week of treatment, he is tired & exhausted. Please continue to remember Malcolm, Gerry & the family over the coming weeks.

We continue to pray and support Alan Tilling and his family, Marion Richardson continues to recover & June Wallington has now moved to Osborne Court, Stoke Gifford. Do also remember Brenda & Paul Cook who we hope to see with us this morning.

Mary Bateman, out Hall Cleaner, has been unwell for the last 2 weeks. If anyone can help with the cleaning this week, please see Colin or Nicola.

Mike & Elsie Dyer share today's flowers celebrating their Wedding Anniversary

A note from Colin & Nicola: *We are looking forward to our band concert on Saturday, 5th October, as I know that we will be treated and blessed by our band. As many of you will know, following this concert, Nathan will be relinquishing his role as bandmaster, after 10 years. We have certainly appreciated the commitment and the energy that he has brought to this role, along his invaluable contribution to the Mission Team. Since arriving 5 years ago we have seen the band grow in their musicality and value their gift to our worship. We are so grateful to Nathan for all that he has done. We are also grateful to the band leadership who will be covering the band leadership over the next couple of months until we appoint a new leader.*

For those of you who wear SA uniform, we return to wearing our tunics in full from Sunday, 6th October, subject to the weather. If you are anything like me (Colin) it gives 2 weeks to lose a little weight and have your uniform cleaned.

BUILDING DEVELOPMENTS BULLETIN: The Mission Council meet with the THQ representatives tomorrow evening at 7pm to discuss further the possibility of a large funding stream being made available to help develop our buildings. Your prayers while we meet can only help.

BIG COLLECTION BULLETIN: The Big Collection is progressing with one or two people engaging in fundraising activities. If you are able to help with some fund-raising as we push towards meeting our target of £7,000, please speak to Colin.

We have been given some produce for sale with proceeds towards The Big Collection. Please see our *Special Stall* in the Bradbury Hall after the meeting and during the week (but not during the Lighthouse Club!)

HARVEST BULLETIN:

Harvest Envelopes: It is not too late to give in this year's Harvest. If you have mislaid, forgotten or have not received an envelope, please see Colin, Nicola or one of the finance team. There are also envelopes in the foyer by the papers. The envelopes can be given in the basket offering during September

THREE SPECIAL OUTREACH EVENTS BULLETIN:

The next few weeks presents us with opportunities to invite people into the Staple Hill Salvation Army to experience the possibilities of the Kingdom of God. Please take hold of these opportunities given to us by God – no good praying for them if we don't do the practical bit.

The *Music & Creative Arts Celebration* & the *Renewal Choir* are at 5pm on Sundays so are free entry. However, you do require tickets for the Band Concert, so see Chris Painter or Brian Usher.

