

The Week Ahead

TODAY Sunday 5th January

- 9.45am Meetings for toddlers, children & teenagers
 11.00am **All-Age Worship** with Colin & Nicola
 12.30pm **Faith Lunch** - Even if you haven't brought anything, please stay, there'll be plenty for everyone!
 1.30pm **Put away, tidy up & clean up** involving everyone
 5.00pm NO WORSHIP – home to rest after a busy afternoon

Monday 6th January

- 6.00pm Rainbows

Tuesday 7th January

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

Wednesday 8th January

- 9.30am Baby Song
 3.30, 5.30 & 7.30pm Slimming World
 NO CELL GROUPS THIS WEEK

Thursday 9th January

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

Friday 10th January

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

Saturday 11th January

- 10.00am-12.00pm Coffee Morning

Sunday 12th January

- 9.45am Meetings for toddlers, children & teenagers
 11.00am **All-Age Worship** 'Infinitely More' with Colin & Nicola (some members of our band will be leading worship at Southmead this morning)
 5.00pm **Second Sunday Special** 'Songs of Praise'



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The Weekly Bulletin for Sunday 5th January 2020

New Year is an excuse for many to make a new start, to begin new things, to break old habits, to make New Year's resolutions and commit to certain changes in life. If any of these are to be successful they do require commitment, a strong desire to achieve and the will to carry it through. These often centre around our physical health and fitness, but it is vital we think about our spiritual health too.

It is always helpful that The Salvation Army designates a Sunday in January as 'Vision and Commitment' Sunday. A day when we can focus on our spiritual health and on renewing our commitment at the start of the New Year. This year's theme is 'Infinitely More' which is based on Paul's words to the church in Ephesus: "Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think" (Ephesians 3:20 NLT).

Imagine that – it is impossible for us to even think about something that God cannot do. So as we enter 2020, let's do so believing that God can do infinitely more – both in us as individuals and in us as a church, The Salvation Army, Staple Hill.

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Our new Series 'Infinitely More' will begin on Sunday 12th January (next week) when we will focus on Paul's letter to the Ephesians, using Sunday mornings and Cell groups to investigate what this small book in the Bible has to say to us at the start of 2020. On **Wednesday 15th January** we will have the opportunity to meet together at the hall for a United Cell group – anyone is welcome (even if you don't normally attend a cell group). It's an informal chance to get together, look at the Bible and share some great refreshments – why not give it a try? During the 'Infinitely More' series, we will also have an opportunity to fill in our 'Vision and Commitment' cards for 2020 – this will happen on **Sunday 26th January** – put the date in your diary now!

CLEANLINESS IS NEXT TO GODLINESS BULLETIN:

After the worship this morning, we will enjoy the lunch we have brought with us, then take down all the Christmas decorations & put them away, give the building a refreshing & early spring clean. Then we'll go home & enjoy the rest of the day.

THIS ISN'T A DAY FOR A FEW, IT'S A DAY FOR EVERYONE – please help!

As part of our New Year cleaning and sorting, we will be checking the inventory. If you have anything at home that should be at the hall, we would be grateful if you would return it so that our inventory is accurate. I am aware that the portable small electrical appliances tester has gone walkabout, so if you have it, please can it be returned. For those who use electrical appliances in the hall, we have our 5 yearly fixed wire testing this Tuesday. It may be that things will be disconnected after this test, so please allow time to check appliances are working before trying.

SECOND SUNDAY SPECIAL 12TH JANUARY 5PM:

Next week is our first 2nd Sunday Special of 2020. It will be 'Songs of Praise' – a great opportunity to invite your family and friends.

NEW YEAR, NEW STARTS:

This morning we welcome Marc Willetts as our new bandmaster and look forward to this new chapter in the band's history. As Marc takes on this new role, we cannot ignore the huge contribution he has made to our church over the last few years as Corps Sergeant Major. CSM is a very varied role and it's impossible to list all the different contributions Marc has made to our corps during this time. Suffice to say we all really appreciate your time, commitment and hard work, Colin and I (Nicola) particularly want to thank you for your support to us, personally. Thank you, Marc.

BIG COLLECTION CONCERT 25TH JANUARY 2020:



Tickets available from Viv, buy one for yourself and for your friends!

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Malcolm is still far from well, although making some progress. Both Mike and Elsie have been in hospital over Christmas, although Mike has been discharged. June is recovering from her hip replacement and is in Southmead. Mavis also spent Christmas and the New Year in hospital and is waiting for a care package to be put in place before coming home. We were sad to learn of the PTG of Chris Clarridge and our thoughts and prayers are with Brenda and Chris' family.