

TODAY Sunday 19th January

9.45am Meetings for toddlers, children & teenagers
 11.00am **All-Age Worship** 'Infinitely More' with Colin & Nicola
 5.00pm **Word on the 3rd** Introduction to new series

Monday 20th January

6.00pm Rainbows
 8.00pm Mission Council Meeting in Bradbury Hall

Tuesday 21st January

9.30am Parent & Toddlers
 10.00am Cell Group at the Hall with Nicola
 6.45pm Young People's Band Practice
 8.00pm Senior Band Practice

Wednesday 22nd January

9.30am Baby Song
 3.30, 5.30 & 7.30pm Slimming World
 7.30pm Cell group at the Hall with Nicola

Thursday 23rd January

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

Friday 24th January

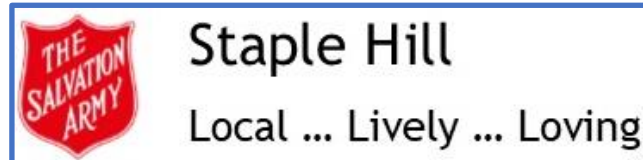
7.30, 9.30 & 11.30am Slimming World
 6.00pm Friday Club

Saturday 25th January

10.00am-12.00pm Coffee Morning
 7.00pm Big Collection Concert

Sunday 26th January

9.45am Meetings for toddlers, children & teenagers
 11.00am **All-Age Worship** with Colin & Nicola
VISION & COMMITMENT SUNDAY 'Infinitely More' Ephesians 3
 5.00pm **Go Forth in Worship**



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The Weekly Bulletin for Sunday 19th January 2020

Christmas seems a long time ago now doesn't it? But hopefully you still remember that our theme during that time was 'Christmas Light' and we reflected (pun intended!) on Jesus coming to earth as the Light of the World. It is my prayer that we will remember this in the dark days of January and as we do so, remember to pray for:

- All of those who we came into contact with over Christmas – now that Christmas is over, pray that something will remind them about God's Light and they will want to find out more.
- All our community groups that meet each week, pray that those that attend will see God's light in this place
- Opportunities this week to reflect God's light to those around us, by the things we say and the things we do

A Prayer:

Father, as we start 2020, we ask that this year we will carry your light into every place we go and share your good news with those we meet. May we walk & work in unity to reveal your love and goodness (John 8:12). Amen

We will shine a light (pun intended again!) on this theme during our Easter celebrations, so watch out for that.

BIG COLLECTION CONCERT THIS SATURDAY 25TH:

As the name suggests, this is an opportunity to raise money for the Big Collection, so all proceeds will go towards the social work of The Salvation Army within the UK. As well as buying a ticket, there will also be a collection, a home-made cake stall and lots of donated goodies from Lidl to purchase in return for a donation. Each year we commit to raising £7,000 so please give generously, thank you. (And try and sell a ticket or two this week!)



PRAYER 2020:

Many Christians across the UK are committing to pray during 2020. The idea is that we pray for 20 minutes at 20:20 (8.20pm) on the 20th of each month during 2020. And guess what – it's the 20th January tomorrow. It would be great if you wanted to join in – just pray where you are - on your own, or arrange to meet with others it's up to you. Maybe you could set a reminder on your phone so you don't forget! Pray about anything and don't worry if you can't manage 20 minutes. Powerful things can happen when we all pray together (even if we're apart at the time!)

See the prayer pointers on the front of this bulletin for ideas for prayer.

PLEASE HELP:

We still need help with cleaning duties – please see the rota on the noticeboard at the hall (or email us), and sign up if you're able to. Also, if everyone can remember to keep the place tidy by not leaving rubbish etc around, that would be appreciated – it makes the job a lot easier. Thank you.

WORD ON THE 3RD - TONIGHT:

After several requests we're going to be taking a look at **Christian Ethics** over the next few months in Word on the 3rd. As Christians in the 21st century, we come across many different issues and sometimes we find it difficult to know what to think and how to react. Together we will look at how we can approach these and what Jesus would do. Tonight will be an introduction to get us started, so don't miss it!

FELLOWSHIP BULLETIN: staplehillprayers@gmail.com

We were sad to learn last Sunday that Mavis Stone was Promoted to Glory, and our thoughts and prayers have been, and are with Helen, Michael, Thomas, Joseph, Isobella & Gracie, Kevin, Helen, Doris & Geoff. Mavis' funeral is on Monday, 10th February 2020. The service of thanksgiving is at 1.15pm followed by the committal at Westerleigh at 2.45pm.

Chris Claridge's funeral has also been confirmed for the following day, Tuesday, 11th February 2020. The details are: the committal service at Westerleigh at 12.15pm followed by the service of thanksgiving at 1.15pm.

Both Mavis and Chris were valuable members of our corps, and whilst we know that they have been Promoted to Glory, we will miss their influence on our fellowship. As you will appreciate there will be a number of practical things to help with, from cleaning to catering to welcoming to music making. If you are available to help on either of these days, please let me (Colin) know.

Many of you will remember Irene Ackerman. Irene will be celebrating her 100th birthday on 29th January, and we are hoping to take a small ensemble to play to her on this, her special day. Congratulations!

There are still a number of our fellowship who are poorly at the moment and we continue to remember them in our prayers. These include: Malcolm, Charmaine, Hazel Leonard, Elsie and June. If you are unwell or know of someone who is unwell, please let me know.

