



Staple Hill

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Great Bible Best Bits

Dennis Lane would like to share with us his Bible Best Bit found in Matthew 22 verses 37-40.



Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Christian teaching in a nutshell??

In these few verses I think Jesus offers us complete guidance in our love of the Lord, and how we should behave towards each other. On the last point he reminds us "not more than, not less than, but the same as (we would treat ourselves)". Oh if the world could agree!!

Dennis Lane

Do you have a Bible Best Bit you would like to share? Either email: contactstaplehill@gmail.com or phone/text Nicola or Colin.

WEEKLY PROGRAMME:

All activities in our buildings are currently suspended in line with government advice in the fight against the corona virus.

FLOWERS TODAY:

In more normal times, we would have been blessed by flowers on our Altar table today from Alan Tilling in memory of Yvonne. they would have shared their wedding anniversary this week.

INFORMATION FROM AGE UK:



During this difficult time, Age UK South Gloucestershire wanted us to pass onto you their telephone advice line **01454 411707** open Monday to Friday 9.30am to 1.00pm for any older person wanting advice or help. Please use it if you need to.

DON'T MISS OUT:

It's great that technology allows us to view our worship each week online, but it's not the same as going to the 'Army' is it? We know lots of us are missing seeing each other and chatting together. If this is the case then why not join an 'Extra Slice' Group. Anyone with a computer, tablet or smart phone can join in and it means for an hour a week you can meet with others online to chat about life and learn more about the Bible Best Bit. You can join in as much as you like or just listen if you prefer. Extra people are joining each week, groups take place at different times and we're adding new groups as we need to, so there's sure to be one that suits you.

Why not give it a try? Either email: <mailto:contactstaplehill@gmail.com> or phone/text Nicola or Colin.

WE REMEMBER:

This week Colin was privileged to conduct the funeral service for David Jefferies, along with Marc who played the last post. David was a Normandy veteran, and during the service Colin was asked to read the 'Longest Day' poem by Rob Aitchison:

*Do not call me hero,
When you see the medals that I wear,
Medals maketh not the hero,
They just prove that I was there.*

*Do not call me hero,
Now that I am old and grey,
I left a lad, returned a man,
They stole my youth that day.*

*Do not call me hero,
When we ran the wall of hail,
The blood, the fears, the cries, the tears
We left them where they fell.*

*Do not call me hero,
Each night I stop and pray,
For all the friends I knew and lost,
I survived my longest day.*

*Do not call me hero,
In the years that pass,
For all the real true heroes,
Have crosses, lined up on the grass.*

This week we have celebrated VE day and recognised the personal sacrifice of those who gave their lives or who have lived with the scars of battle for our freedom. We will remember them. We also remember those who are currently working hard to keep us safe, those in the NHS and those who are supporting their work. We say thank you to them as well. Please remember to pray for those in our fellowship who helping to keep us safe.

PRAYER NETWORK: staplehillprayers@gmail.com

This week, we have been asked to pray for Steven who is terminally ill, and for his parents who have major health problems. His brother in law has also been very ill with COVID 19 but is now recovering. This family desperately need our prayers.

If not already a member of the Fellowship, you are welcome to join. Just send an email to staplehillprayers@gmail.com and your name will be added.

LINDA'S FUNDRAISING:

Linda Hall completed her Solo 10k run last Sunday with a personal best time of 1 hour 9 minutes. She would like to thank everyone for their generosity in donating to the youth work; however, her justgiving page will remain open until Sunday 17th May if anyone would still like to donate to this worthy cause. Once again, massive thanks.



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Tash also wanted to say a special thanks to Linda Hall on behalf of the youth. At the time of writing, she had already raised over £600 (but as mentioned above, there is still time to give) which is absolutely fantastic and the youth are going to think of how they can use that money to support both discipleship and mission around our church themes of Local, Lively and Loving! Also, many thanks to those from the corps who donated, it doesn't go unnoticed that the church support our young people so brilliantly!