



# Staple Hill

## Local ... Lively ... Loving



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### *Great Bible Best Bits*

Alison Chivers has suggested [Philippians 4:10-20](#) as her Great Bible Best Bit. She comments: "Everyday when I talk to God and pray about all kinds of stuff including guidance about the day, I quote to myself 'I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength' (Philippians 4 v 13), and I believe it! Amen. Obviously, the whole chapter is uplifting as so many are .... there are so many 'best bits'".



Take the opportunity to read the full passage! Over the past couple of months where many of us have been isolated in our own homes, I am sure we have all received phone calls out of the blue from family and friends to check on how we are – and it has been both humbling and uplifting to realise just how many people really do care! When Paul wrote these words to the church in Philippi, he was clearly feeling exactly the same way having been isolated in a prison cell and yet richly blessed by his friends thinking about him, sending him gifts and asking how he was. As a church and as a nation, we seem to have re-learnt something important during this pandemic – how to show each other that we really do care – a lesson that we need to remember even after the current restrictions fade to a distant memory.

*Paul Heath*

## **PRAYER NETWORK:** [staplehillprayers@gmail.com](mailto:staplehillprayers@gmail.com)

This has been a quiet week for prayer requests, but we have been praying during this week for:

- Barbara Kingston who is experiencing some pain in her leg which is affecting her walking and may result in surgery

## **DON'T MISS OUT:**

The number of people involved with our Extra Slice groups continues to increase, this week we added another group. It's a great opportunity to see each other (albeit on a computer screen) and learn a little along the way. Don't miss out - if you want to know more, get in touch ([contactstaplehill@gmail.com](mailto:contactstaplehill@gmail.com) or phone/text Nicola or Colin.). There are groups at different times to suit you - daytime if you prefer, or after the kids have gone to bed at 8.15pm - you choose.

## **A VERY INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE:**



Interested in what the Salvation Army is doing across the world in response to the current pandemic? Follow this link to a great summary of some of the Salvation Army's current projects:

<https://mailchi.mp/salvationarmy.org/covid-19-responses-flex-to-changing-conditions?e=13756d5492>

## ON HOLY GROUND:

On Sunday of Spring Bank Holiday 2019 our Band were in my home town Teignmouth by the Pier and the words “we are standing on holy ground” came to my mind. For years the Salvation Army had held meetings on the beach several times each week from



May to September while many people watched from the very spot where our Band assembled. In 1963 I was a firmly committed Christian in a small Methodist Church and walking along the sea front I came across a meeting. I had no plans to leave my Church but all of a sudden one evening just before Christmas I felt the urge to join the Army which I did in mid-February. So here I was over 50 years later at the same place where I first encountered The Salvation Army.

Many years before on the same spot a young man on holiday was moved by the chorus “Can you wonder why it is I love him so?” He was already a Christian and vowed to join The Salvation Army when he returned home. Not only that but he became an Officer and in 1966 Major Larkham was at Staple Hill! Heaven only knows how many others were influenced on their Christian journey by this faithful witness by Teignmouth Corps.

It was an anxious time. Jan, my close friend for many years had been virtually housebound for 18 months. I had spent a lot of time with her getting in shopping and doing errands and hospital visits. She had carers twice a day and was as independent as possible looking after her meals and medication and enjoying phoning friends, reading and TV. Every morning she went through her extensive prayer list. One Friday she was admitted to hospital. A month later Jan who had given 14 years’ service as an Envoy and was active as possible in retirement at Basildon Corps, was promoted to glory. I chose the items for her funeral service and her family came into the packed crematorium to the words – “We are standing on holy ground”.

*David James*

## **THE WEEK AHEAD:**

Although all activities in our buildings continue to be suspended in line with government advice in the fight against the corona virus, that doesn't mean everything has stopped!

### **TODAY Sunday 24th May**

- from 10am Lighthouse Club Session available online (ages 7-11)
- 10am Youth Group meets online (ages 11+)
- from 11am Sunday Worship available online
- 4.30pm Under 16s Youth House Group meets online

### **Monday 25th May**

- 11am - 12pm Food Parcels available at Hall

### **Tuesday 26th May**

- 11am - 12pm Food Parcels available at Hall

### **Wednesday 27th May**

- 2pm Extra Slice Group online
- 3.30pm Extra Slice Group online
- 7pm Extra Slice Group online
- 8.15pm Extra Slice Group online

### **Thursday 28th May**

- 11am - 12pm Food Parcels available at Hall
- 8.15pm Extra Slice Group online

### **Saturday 30th May**

- 11am - 12pm Food Parcels available at Hall

### **Sunday 31st May**

- from 10am Lighthouse Club Session available online (ages 7-11)
- 10am Youth Group meets online (ages 11+)
- from 11am Pentecost Sunday Worship available online
- Great Bible Best Bit - Acts 2:1-41
- 'The coming of the Holy Spirit'