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Great Bible Best Bits



'But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, perseverance, gentleness, goodness and faith'. [Galatians 5:22](#)

As an 11 year old I was privileged to pass an exam to attend the 'Secondary Technical School for Textile Trades' in Nottingham. It taught me the techniques of knitting on machines, weaving on looms, lace making and sewing abilities. I enjoyed sewing lessons best so I began sewing for a living. Last Wednesday, I decided to get out my Overlock Machine, which I hadn't used for a long time. I had prepared an old sheet for dusters. Out came my machine, which needed three threads. One was broken (the needle one). This morning I sat one and a half hours trying to thread it to no avail. Thursday morning another attempt after one hour, no success!! I made some lunch and made my final effort. On doing so, I sorted an old magnifying glass out. I had to use my gammy hand to hold it and struggled with my left hand to secure holding the thread. Much to my amazement, Bingo!! A success. I came to the conclusion that I needed the right tools and a prayer!! Also I needed the qualities of Christ. Thus I found in my favourite verse 'patience' and 'perseverance'. Christ supplies us with all that we need. Let us exercise his teaching!

Doris Pearce

FLOWERS TODAY:

Today, Kelvin would have provided the flowers for our Altar table in celebration of Linda's Birthday. Happy birthday from all of us as well!

STAY CONNECTED:

It seems a long time ago now that we were last able to meet together for Sunday worship or other activities in our building. It's important we stay connected and a great way of doing that is to participate in an 'Extra Slice Group'. There are 5 different groups to choose from so there should be one at a suitable time for you. Each group takes a closer look at the 'Bible Best Bit' from the Sunday before and there's an opportunity to see each other and join in the chat if you want to (virtually of course). Please contact Nicola or Colin for details of how to log on.

PRAYER NETWORK: staplehillprayers@gmail.com

Our prayer network this week have been praying for:

- Rachel whose husband passed away, also the family
- The family of baby Cora who was laid to rest this week
- Linda Powell's daughter (Maria Wood) who has to visit Southmead this week for further investigations
- Brenda Cook who is having some new health issues at this time, also remember Paul and family.

EDITORIAL DEADLINE:

Please let me have any submissions for the newsletter by 6pm each Friday, either by e-mailing me at staplehillbulletin@gmail.com or simply by giving me a call.

Paul Heath

PENTECOST WITH OUR TERRITORIAL LEADERS:

Our territorial leaders have recorded Pentecost Sunday worship and this will be available on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/user/salvationarmyvideo> and on the territorial Facebook page from 9am on today.

Commissioner Anthony and Gill Cotterill write:

“It is a privilege for us to lead a virtual Territorial Pentecost Sunday meeting which naturally focuses upon this most holy of days, historically. It is our hope and prayer that this Pentecost Sunday, 2020, will be another truly holy day for The Church and The Salvation Army as we worship and as we invite the Holy Spirit to again fill us in order that we can be who we were called and shaped to be.

BACK TO CHURCH SURVEY COMING SOON:

As the government begins to lift restrictions on public spaces, our Mission Council again faces difficult decisions about coming back together again. There are a number of issues to consider and questions to ask. Whilst we will be led by government guidelines and health experts, we also want to understand the concerns you may have about this new change as it will help us make proper plans to welcome you back to our hall in due time.

We have prepared a survey that will run from 7th -14th June and we would encourage you to complete it when it becomes available. Thank you in advance!



Mrs. Jones got a little too used to watching online worship from home.

FELLOWSHIP BULLETIN:

As a church, we know how good it is to pray for each other. Colin has recently been reviewing and updating the corps prayer diary so that over the course of each month we can spend time praying for everyone in our fellowship. Starting tomorrow, we would invite you to pray for the following during this coming week:

1 st	Paul & Roz C; Peter H; Bill & Freda M; Elaine & Peter R; Margaret S
2 nd	Hilton & Lilian B; Alison & Steve C; Colin & Nicola H-J; Carys & Senan H; Alan T
3 rd	Jim & Pat B; Mary, Peter & James J; Chris P; Megan B; June W; Viv W, Graham & Julie W
4 th	Mary Ba; Mark & Michelle D; Jess, Matt, Charlie & Harry J; Kay & Marc W; Cath & Marcus B
5 th	Hilary & Mike D; Ruby J; Sally P; Rebecca M; Claire, Michael & Naomi B
6 th	Jon, Elli, Ellen & Will B; Kirsty, Mark, Oliver, Freya & Henry F; David Jo; Alison C
7 th	Beryl & Spence G; Margaret K; Jakub P; David & Hazel L; Andy, Emily, Grace & Archie

In addition to those mentioned above, please also remember this week those in our fellowship who have been isolated within care homes or hospital over recent times with all the inherent uncertainties arising from the current COVID situation:

Ruby J, Hazel L, June W, Brenda D and Malcolm W

And some news that I was meant to include last week!

- Ash & Moses' baby is due in the next 6 weeks. We will keep thinking of you and praying that all continues to go well
- Anne & Rob are going to be grandparents again, courtesy of Rebecca and Shaun. Congratulations to you all
- Brenda D has come home from a lengthy stay in hospital and convalescence. I'm sure she would love to hear from you.

THE WEEK AHEAD:

All activities in our buildings continue to be suspended in line with government advice, but the following activities continue:

TODAY Sunday 31st May - Pentecost

- from 10am Lighthouse Club Session available online (ages 7-11)
- 10am Youth Group meets online (ages 11+)
- from 11am Sunday Worship available online
[Acts 2:1-13](#): 'The coming of the Holy Spirit'
- 4.30pm Under 16s Youth House Group meets online

Monday 1st June

- 11am - 12pm Food Parcels available at Hall

Tuesday 2nd June

- 11am - 12pm Food Parcels available at Hall

Wednesday 3rd June

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

Thursday 4th June

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

Saturday 6th June

- 11am - 12pm Food Parcels available at Hall

Sunday 7th June

- from 10am Lighthouse Club Session available online (ages 7-11)
- 10am Youth Group meets online (ages 11+)
- from 11am Sunday Worship available online
Great Bible Best Bit - [Mark 6:30-44](#): 'Feeding 5,000'