



# Staple Hill

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### *Great Bible Best Bits*



Love is a safe place of shelter, for it never stops believing the best for others. Love never takes failure as defeat, for it never gives up. Love never stops loving. It extends beyond the gift of prophecy, which eventually fades away. It is more enduring than tongues, which will one day fall silent. Love remains long after words of knowledge are forgotten. [1 Corinthians 13:7-8](#)

Our Great Bible Best Bit this week has been suggested by Louise Parkes. This forms just a couple of verses of one of the best known and most loved chapters in the Bible, widely referred to as the 'Love chapter', and I've chosen the above wording from 'The Passion Translation' of the Bible.

There is a huge amount of love within our church – we have all felt that from the very first day that we walked through the front doors of our building – and I hope that we are all continuing to feel it whilst we remain safe within our own homes during the current crisis. It is love that binds us together into a fellowship rather than merely a collection of like minded people. It is love that keeps us worshipping together, and worshipping the one who first loved us.

*Paul Heath*

## BACK TO CHURCH SURVEY:

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 **confidential** survey which is running **now until the 14th June** and we would encourage you to complete it. If you have already completed the survey online, you don't need to do it again as the results will have been captured; if you'd rather complete the survey on paper or over the phone, please give us a call. Thank you very much.

*Myriam Selfe*



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## AN EXTRA SLICE:

Extra Slice groups are going well, and we have 5 groups meeting throughout the week. We are planning another group on Thursday evenings at 7.00, so there is a further opportunity to join a group if you would like. It's a good opportunity to catch up with people during the week, explore a little deeper the Bible Reading from Sunday's meeting and encourage one another during this difficult time. If you're a little nervous, don't be. Some people just come to listen, some people talk, some people don't have much Bible knowledge, some people do - we are a disparate group of people, and that's what makes it fun! In [Hebrews 10 verses 24-25](#) it says:

*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit*

of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

So why not give it a try?

For this week only, our Wednesday Extra Slice groups will be meeting on Tuesday.

## **FLOWERS TODAY:**

Yvonne Faulkner was to have provided the flowers for our Altar table today in memory of Joe and Audrey Hobbs

## **FELLOWSHIP BULLETIN:**

Please continue to think of those from our fellowship who are currently resident in care homes or have endured spells in hospital recently:

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

We were sad to learn this week that Arthur Gilbert was promoted to glory in April. Arthur had links with the Army when he was younger with his sisters Margaret and Cath. In recent years, when his health has allowed, he attended the morning meeting, Page Park Praise and our lunch club (Cath also comes to our lunch club). Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time, and we will let you know the funeral arrangements when confirmed.

We were also saddened by the news that Terry Nielson was also promoted to glory. Whilst a soldier at Easton, Terry his wife Moira would support events at Staple Hill and were well known to many in our fellowship. Our thoughts and prayers are with Moira and their family.



Carys is 18 on Wednesday and so we wish her a happy 'lockdown' birthday. As a result, our Wednesday Extra Slice groups will be meeting on Tuesday!

## PRAYER DIARY:

As a church, we know how important it is to uphold each other in prayer, so we invite you to pray for the following members of our fellowship during this coming week:

8 <sup>th</sup>	Orla B; Marcia G; Anne & Dennis L; Laura R; Alan & Marion R
9 <sup>th</sup>	Rita B; Linda & Rob H; Anne & Rob L; Ian & Rachel R; Myriam, Steve & Noah S; Olive & John S
10 <sup>th</sup>	Gary M; Roy R; Jason R; Christine K; Chris, Holly, Dylan, Oscar & Charlie S
11 <sup>th</sup>	Rita A; Wesley C; Keith, Mary, Dennis, Victoria & Sophia H; Hazel & Tim S; Jay & Lydia M
12 <sup>th</sup>	Charmaine I; Shirley N; Arnold & Pat T; Sheila T; Michael & Valerie B; Hayley & Mark C
13 <sup>th</sup>	David & Janet B; Valerie C; David Ja; Valerie & Martyn P; Marion W; Jill We; Gary W
14 <sup>th</sup>	Margaret & Peter B; Adam D; Nathan, Rachael, Poppy & Alice J; Gerry & Malcolm W

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

Our prayer network this week have been praying for:

- Teaching staff returning to schools, and the children they teach
- Charlotte Nee's best friend Elle who is was rushed to Hospital
  - Our prayers were answered, she is now home and doing well
- Moira Nielsen and family following Terry's promotion to glory
- The family of Jon as he was laid to rest
- Michael Lyon's daughter's best friend who was rushed to Hospital with heart failure and is in an induced coma.

Linda Powell would also like to thank everyone for the prayers on behalf of her daughter. Maria's results are all good. Our prayers answered once again

## THE WEEK AHEAD:

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

### **TODAY Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June**

- from 10am Lighthouse Club Session available online (ages 7-11)
- 10am Youth Group meets online (ages 11+)
- from 11am Sunday Worship available online  
[Mark 6:30-44](#): 'Feeding 5,000'
- 4.30pm Under 16s Youth House Group meets online

### **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June**

- 11am - 12pm Food Parcels available at Hall

### **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

- 11am - 12pm Food Parcels available at Hall
- This week only (normally on Wednesday):
- 2pm Extra Slice Group online
- 3.30pm Extra Slice Group online
- 7pm Extra Slice Group online
- 8.15pm Extra Slice Group online

### **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June**

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

### **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June**

- 11am - 12pm Food Parcels available at Hall

### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June**

- from 10am Lighthouse Club Session available online (ages 7-11)
- 10am Youth Group meets online (ages 11+)
- from 11am Sunday Worship available online