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The Legacy of Outreach

'Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.' Hebrews 12: 14

Over the past few weeks, we have seen the media move on from reporting on acts of kindness, heroism and solidarity in the face of the coronavirus to the death of George Floyd, protests and counter-protests, riots and the oppression of democracy. Inhumanity towards our fellow man appears endemic to our 'normal' way of life and humankind doesn't appear to be able to live without it for very long!

We, however, are part of an army of salvation. Holiness is something that should be visible within our wake as our army moves across the world. Most of the time, we are unaware of the impact that we have – but I do believe we still make a positive difference. We may not be holding our normal summer outreach events in Page Park, or making contacts through our public house ministry, coffee mornings and lunch club, or any of the other normal things that we do – but perhaps that has just given us different opportunities for outreach. Outreach within the communities that we live, and outreach through the wider world of the internet. As we practice our faith, we demonstrate God's love, which in turn brings God's peace and holiness into the world.

Paul Heath

PRAYER NETWORK:

This week we have been ask to pray for the following situations:

- Charlie (Janet's cousin) admitted to Southampton Hospital for emergency neuro surgery and investigations
- Chris Cox, an Entertainer, who has had no income since lockdown with no sign of anything until next year
- For Ash and Moses, and the safe arrival of their new baby (see later in the bulletin for further details)

If you would like to join the prayer fellowship and receive notifications of prayer requests as they happen, please drop a note to:

staplehillprayers@gmail.com

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 during this coming week.

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
8 th	Orla B; Marcia G; Anne & Dennis L; Laura R; Alan & Marion R
9 th	Rita B; Linda & Rob H; Anne & Rob L; Ian & Rachel R; Myriam, Steve & Noah S; Olive & John S
10 th	Gary M; Roy R; Jason R; Christine K; Chris, Holly, Dylan, Oscar & Charlie S
11 th	Rita A; Wesley C; Keith, Mary, Dennis, Victoria & Sophia H; Hazel & Tim S; Jay & Lydia M
12 th	Charmaine I; Shirley N; Arnold & Pat T; Sheila T; Michael & Valerie B; Hayley & Mark C

If we have inadvertently missed someone off the prayer diary, please let us know and we will correct the omission for next month.

FELLOWSHIP BULLETIN:

Congratulations to Ash and Moses following the safe delivery of Eli this week. Eli weighed in at 3.28kgs, which converts to around 7lb 2oz. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with Ash, Moses, Eli and big brother, Junior.

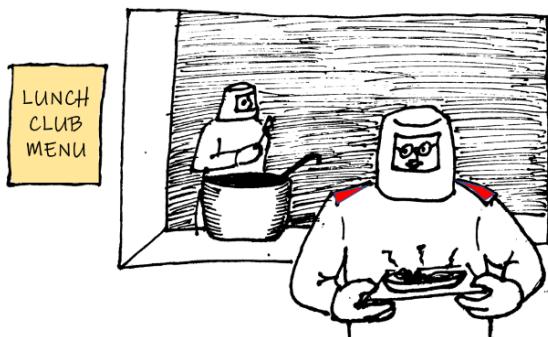
We think this week of Beryl Gardner who enters 2 weeks of isolation on Monday prior to a leg operation due on the 20th. This operation has already needed to be cancelled 3 times, so we pray that this time it will go ahead as planned.

We appreciate that there are some who like to focus their prayers with a name, but there are a number of people within our fellowship who are having treatment for serious health issues, but who, at this time, would prefer privacy. The Lord knows who they are, so could you pray believing for our friends, along with their families? Thank you.

Similarly, we know of three people who have lost their work due to the current health and economic situation we are facing. We also bring these people to God in prayer.

FLOWERS:

Congratulations to Anne & Rob Lear who would have been celebrating their wedding anniversary by placing flowers on our Altar table today.



The New Normal?

THE WEEK AHEAD:

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

TODAY Sunday 5th July

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| from 10am | Lighthouse Club Session available online (ages 7-11) |
| 10am | Youth Group meets online (ages 11+) |
| from 11am | Sunday Worship available online
'Baby Moses' Exodus 2:1-10 |
| 4.30pm | Under 16s Youth House Group meets online |

Monday 6th July

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| 11am - 12pm | Food Parcels available at Hall |
| 8pm | Mission Council Meeting on-line |

Tuesday 7th July

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| 11am - 12pm | Food Parcels available at Hall |
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Wednesday 8th July

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

Thursday 9th July

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

Saturday 11th July

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| 11am - 12pm | Food Parcels available at Hall |
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Sunday 12th July

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