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Walk with me

I just can't get that song out of my head. It's been haunting me ever since I first heard it last week. You may have heard it as well because it was one of the hymns featured on the 'Celebrating the Salvation Army' edition of *Songs of Praise*, although it wasn't one I think I had ever heard before. It was a somewhat melancholic hymn with the simple words: "*I want Jesus to walk with me. All along my pilgrim journey, I want Jesus to walk with me.*"

The melody was in the form of an old spiritual and, to be honest, was quite dreary even though it was being sung with tremendous passion. In the middle, however, was a beautiful sax riff that set the hymn alight.

But it is the words that I can't stop thinking about. A statement of faith in its purest form. An echo of a deep longing within my very soul and a desire that is an overwhelming drive in my life. Yes, I also want Jesus to walk with me!

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
[Isaiah 41 v 10](#)

Paul Heath

PRAYER DIARY:

This week, please pray for the following:

31 st	National & International Issues
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; 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

PRAYER NETWORK:

The prayer network (staplehillprayers@gmail.com) have been praying this week for:

- Doreen Slator as Doreen's sister was laid to rest on Wednesday.

EMERGENCY FOOD BANK:

Since March we have been operating an emergency food bank four days a week. From the beginning of September we are going to reduce our opening to 2 days a week - Tuesdays and Thursday. In next week's bulletin we will give a report as to the number of people we have helped, along with the number meals this would equate to. We are so grateful to the support we have received from both the community and the corps, and are grateful for the support that you will continue to give.

FLOWERS:

Today, we would all have been blessed by flowers on our altar table placed in celebration of Roy Rodman's 93rd birthday, which is today.

CREAM TEA:

Next Saturday, 5th September, we are going to distribute a Cream Tea to all those who were part of our pre Covid 19 congregation. Whilst we share together in this treat by breaking the scone and drinking some tea (or coffee), we remember that we are joined together in the body of Christ. This is a free gift, which we hope that you will receive in the grace that it is given. However, if you feel that you would like to make a donation to the Salvation Army's Big Collection, which supports the social and community work of TSA, that would be extremely helpful - any donation will be match funded. Details of how to give will be sent out with the Cream Tea.

If you have some time around midday to help deliver, please contact me (Colin).

P.S. we are also going to distribute the Easter Eggs to the children and young people which I have been guarding since Easter!



**Where shall we go to church today?
The Living Room or the Conservatory?**

ACROSS OUR FELLOWSHIP:

- Our thoughts continue to be with those who have recently been bereaved - Catherine Read, Doreen Slator, Marc Willetts and family, Kelvin James and family, and Janet Banfield.
- We are thinking of all young people and children who are preparing to return to school over the coming weeks, along with those in our congregation who work in a school setting.
- We remember Laura's niece in our prayers who was involved in a serious road accident this week.
- Mary Brown would like to let everyone know that she moved house a short while ago. If you would like her new address to update your corps directory - please phone or drop us an e-mail on contactstaplehill@gmail.com. Her phone number remains the same.
- This is a week of celebrations:
 - Roy, is celebrating his birthday today - Roy is Number 1 on our corps role
 - Laura's mum is celebrating a special birthday
 - Rob H. is 60 on Monday
 - Jill is 80 on Wednesday
 - John and Jenny Read celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on Saturday



THE WEEK AHEAD:

All activities within our buildings continue to be suspended until it is deemed safe, but the following activities continue:

TODAY Sunday 30th August

- from 10am Lighthouse Club Session available online (ages 7-11)
- 10am Youth Group meets online (ages 11+)
- from 11am Sunday Worship available online
'The Good Samaritan' [Luke 10:25-37](#)

Tuesday 1st September

- 11am - 12pm Food Parcels available at Hall

Wednesday 2nd September

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

Thursday 3rd September

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

Sunday 6th September

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