



# Staple Hill

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### *Upcycling*

I spent the bank holiday afternoon engaged in a bit of upcycling. Since as far back as I can remember, my parents owned an old, dark oak bureau, and it came into my possession earlier in the week whilst I was clearing out his house ready for selling. Dark oak furniture, though, is no longer fashionable, so I thought it needed a new lease of life. Last Monday I stripped off the old varnish with a view to changing the colour to something else (as yet undecided). Whilst taking the bureau apart, however, I found that it wasn't the first time this piece of furniture had been upcycled. The drawers were originally deeper, and the sides of the unit had clearly been made from some earlier piece of furniture!

Upcycling, though, is not a new idea. Jesus is fully dedicated to upcycling mankind into God's image, to take our old and broken selves and make us into something new, beautiful and fit for the future. Ready to be part of God's upcycling project?

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."* [2 Corinthians 5:17](#)

*Paul Heath*

## PRAYER DIARY:

This week, please pray for the following:

7 <sup>th</sup>	Beryl & Spence G; Margaret K; Jakub P; David & Hazel L; Andy, Emily, Grace & Archie
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>	Janet B; Valerie C; David Ja; Valerie & Martyn P; Marion W; Jill We; Gary W

## PRAYER NETWORK:

The prayer network ([staplehillprayers@gmail.com](mailto:staplehillprayers@gmail.com)) have been thinking and praying about the following:

- Kevin Sims as he enters hospital for major surgery
- Gerry has passed on her thanks for prayers on Malcolms behalf. Also she asked for prayers as he was having a further CT scan.

## FLOWERS:

Our flowers today would have been from Mark Dickens in celebration of Michelle's birthday.

## ACROSS OUR FELLOWSHIP:

- Louise is at home following an operation on her hand this week, Kevin Sims has also undergone surgery, so are our prayers are with both Louise and Kevin. Malcolm continues to progress well but continues to value the prayers and thoughts of the fellowship.
- This weekend, we have tried to deliver a Cream Tea to those who were part of our 'physical' congregation prior to the 'lock down' - unfortunately, the budget didn't allow us to take parcels to all our on-line congregation who live in exotic places such as America, Australia, Singapore and Canada. We hope that as you shared in this 'treat', it was encouraging as well as enjoyable. Thanks to those who have helped to bake, put together and distribute, without whom we wouldn't have been able to undertake this herculean task - nearly 600 scones were made and 150+ 'teas' distributed. Particular thanks to Lilian, Hilton, Mary and Myriam. In recent years we have organised a Cream Tea to support the Big Collection. If you would like to make a donation, there was a card with the 'Tea' with donation details.
- We do miss meeting together and hope and pray that it will not be too long before we can share fellowship again. However, we do continue to post worship on-line, and if you haven't signed-up to an extra slice mid-week Bible study group, then please get in touch.
- Sally Partington has moved house. If you would like her new address to update your corps directory – please phone or drop us an e-mail on [contactstaplehill@gmail.com](mailto:contactstaplehill@gmail.com). She does not currently have a land-line number, but can be contacted on her mobile.
- There are more celebrations this week:
  - Michelle celebrates her birthday
  - Hilton and Lillian celebrate their golden wedding anniversary this week on Saturday



## **EMERGENCY FOOD BANK:**

As I mentioned last week, we have reduced the number of days the Food Store is open to Tuesday and Thursday mornings. I also promised that I would give some figures on how many food parcels we have distributed. From the beginning of the pandemic until the end of August we supplied 391 food parcels, helping 547 adults and 98 children, which equates to thousands of meals for those in our community who have been struggling and are continuing to struggle during this difficult time.

I would like to say a massive thank you to all those who have been helping, in whatever capacity, in this initiative:

- If you volunteered, whether we were able to use you or not, it was reassuring and encouraging to know you were there - thank you
- To those who have and continue to support this initiative either financially or with practical donations - thank you
- To those who have gone shopping to plug the gaps - thank you
- To Morrisons and their 'shoppers' who have given a weekly donation of food - thank you
- To the Divisional Hub and the support they have given - thank you
- To my car, which has become a van for the last 5 months - may the suspension continue to hold - thank you
- To all those who have prayed - thank you

Thank you for all your help, the help you will continue to give, for your ongoing support and your encouragement.

*Colin*

## THANKS:

Thank you for the kind thoughts, emails, texts, messages and cards over the last couple of months. When Dad was taken into Hospital we didn't expect him to pass away just a couple of months later. He himself said he'd had a good life and in his 84 and half years, he'd only been ill those 2 months. Thank you to the Prayer Fellowship for supporting us during this difficult time especially with all the limitations caused by Covid-19. We really appreciated the Orchid from the Songsters, my favourite.

*Marc Willetts & family*



**Welcome to the Worship Band  
edition of Celebrity Squares!**

(One for us oldies)

## THE WEEK AHEAD:

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

### **TODAY Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September**

- from 10am Lighthouse Club Session available online (ages 7-11)
- 10am Youth Group meets online (ages 11+)
- from 11am Sunday Worship available online  
'Shine Like Stars' [Philippians 2:2-18](#)

### **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

- 11am - 12pm Food Parcels available at Hall

### **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

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

### **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September**

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

### **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September**

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