



Staple Hill

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Harvest Supper

Hopefully on Saturday evening, we will be able to see many of our friends on-line as we share together in own homes a simple harvest supper. The annual harvest supper is one of the events that I most look forward to every year – and not just because I *really* like my food! It is because of the tradition that we have of singing as a complete congregation unaccompanied and in perfect harmony the chorus “All good gifts around us” as a grace before we eat. It gives me goosebumps!

It's a strange reaction that I don't get from other songs. Perhaps it is down to the raw beauty of human voices raised together in a heartfelt act of worship. Perhaps it is being together and being united in our thanks for 'our daily bread' Perhaps it is just brought on by hunger and the anticipation of having something to eat straight afterwards! Whatever the cause – I hope that we will be able to share singing this simple chorus again and in person very soon.

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. [James 1 v 17](#)

Paul Heath

FLOWERS:

Our flowers today would have been provided by Linda and Morag.

PRAYER DIARY:

This week, please pray for the following:

28 th	Jon & Peri H; Joyce L; Doreen R; Sheila F; Paul & Heather C; Paul, Tracey, Victoria & Olivia H
29 th	Staple Hill Corps
30 th	Staple Hill Community
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

BIG COLLECTION CREAM TEA:

A total of £1,331.62 has been raised from our recent home delivered cream tea that we enjoyed. This has made the current running total for the 2020 Big Collection as £5,871.24. Although this is down from last year and considering the current conditions we are living in, this is a magnificent sum.

A big thank you to everyone who over the last year have raised or giving funds to this cause.

HARVEST WEEKEND:

Our Harvest Weekend is Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th October 2020. Over the last couple months, we have distributed a monthly activity - in August a Prayer resource and September a cream tea. In October we are going to send out a Harvest Supper in a bag. It sounds very grand, but it will be fairly basic – a baked potato, a tin of beans and we are 90% sure - a homemade apple crumble!

The plan is to distribute them before (probably the Friday evening) for you to cook your potato and for us all to meet up on Zoom to share our harvest supper together – Saturday 3rd at 7.00pm. Now in Zoom we will break into small groups as we share our meal together and chat. A prize will be offered to the person who ‘pimps’ their potato the best / the best presented potato! If you can’t get on Zoom, why not ask one of your relatives to help?



Harvest Supper - the best presented (couch) potato

HARVEST OFFERING:

THQ haven't supplied any envelopes this year, but we will distribute our own envelopes with your harvest supper in a bag - details of how to donate on-line will be included.

HARVEST DISPLAY:

In previous years we have asked for donations of tinned food for our harvest display, which have been used throughout the year for food parcels. Currently, we are giving out between 20-30 food parcels a week and any support you can give would be gratefully received. However, we are able to access some 'basics' from the Salvation Army's divisional food hub and we are thankful for the ongoing support of Morrisons in Fishponds. If you would like to donate some tinned food any of the following would be excellent. We need: Tinned fruit; Custard and rice puddings; Biscuits; Fray Bentos pies; Shower gel and shampoo; Toilet paper; Instant coffee.

Don't stress about getting it to us for next weekend, as an on-going supply over the coming months would be appreciated.

HARVEST OUTREACH:

We know that there are a few people who are tuning in every week for worship who were not part of our pre-Covid congregation. If you know someone locally who is 'tuning in' and would like to join in our Harvest Supper please let me know and we'll try to include them.

PRAYER NETWORK:

In our prayers this week (staplehillprayers@gmail.com):

- Sally Partington who enters Southmead on Monday for an operation on her foot
- Joan Wallace who is in Southmead

KEEPING IN CONTACT:

Over the last 6 months we have been trying to keep in contact with everyone and I am grateful to everyone who has helped with this. One of the ways we have tried to remain in contact is by a weekly mail out. This has been to the members of the Light House Club and Primary, those who had previously ordered Salvation Army periodicals and those we felt might not be overly confident in accessing information on-line. We are committed to maintaining this service, but if you are receiving a weekly mailing and it is not helpful, then please let us know. Likewise, if you would like to be included, then please let me know. We will be changing the 'periodical' order next week, so if you could let me know by the 30th September, that would be good. Thanks.

ACROSS OUR FELLOWSHIP:

Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with Paul and his family following the promotion to glory of his father, Eric last week. Eric's funeral is at Street Salvation Army on Wednesday, 7th October at 11.00, followed by the committal at Wells Cemetery.

There are a number of people in our fellowship who are living with serious illnesses, so continue to remember them in your prayers. In particular we remember Joan who was taken into Southmead earlier this week.

ONLINE EVENTS:

- **Saturday 10th October:** NOT SUMMER CAMP ... as we know it



- **Friday 30th October – Sunday 1st November:** Design for Life by the Salvation Army Candidates Unit. This weekend gives you time and space to listen to God and explore His design for your life. Tickets £15. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/design-for-lifeonline-tickets-119216430553>



THE WEEK AHEAD:

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

TODAY Sunday 27th September

- from 10am Lighthouse Club Session available online (ages 7-11)
- 10am Youth Group meets online (ages 11+)
- from 11am Sunday Worship available online
Beatitudes ([Matthew 5:1-12](#))

Monday 28th September

- 8pm Mission Council Meeting online

Tuesday 29th September

- 11am - 12pm Food Parcels available at Hall

Wednesday 30th September

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

Thursday 1st October

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

Saturday 3rd October

- 7pm Harvest Supper at Home

Sunday 4th October – HARVEST

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