



Staple Hill

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Harvest Festival

"I do mind the time when I wanted a parsnip. I don't know why I wanted a parsnip, but I wanted a parsnip!" Those are the words that old Mr Chubb always used at the start of his 'harvest festival' testimony at Street Corps during my youth. He told the same story every year about how he desperately wanted his mother to buy him a parsnip at the auction of harvest produce and ended up getting a parsnip and nothing else in his Christmas stocking that year!

The harvest festival has changed significantly over the years – from the rural traditions of having a mountain of fresh fruit, vegetables, corn and harvest loaves, through a celebration in flowers, to the more altruistic gifts of cans and dried goods for use in the food bank. This year's harvest is another development along that theme – but will, I am sure, be no less thought provoking. Whether celebrating the bringing in of the harvest from the fields, the perfection of God's creation or the provision of our basic needs, we can all echo the hymn:

"Now thank we all our God, with hearts and hands and voices"

Paul Heath

FLOWERS:

Our flowers today would have been provided by Ian and Rachel, marking Rachel's birthday (a couple of weeks ago).

PRAYER DIARY:

This week, please pray for the following:

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
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

PRAYER NETWORK:

This week, we been praying for Roy Rodman who has been admitted to BRI for tests, and for Sally Partington and Joan Wallace who remain in Southmead.

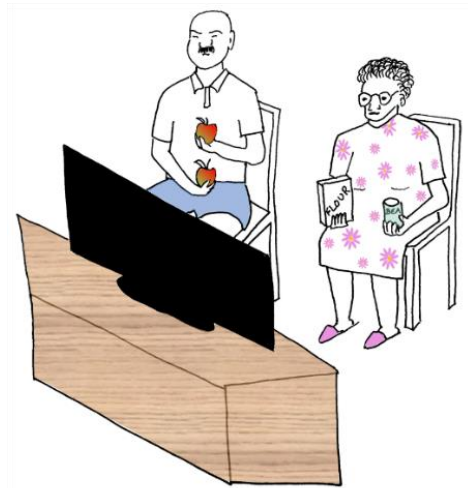
If you have a situation that you would like use to pray for, then please drop us an email on staplehillprayers@gmail.com.

HARVEST SUPPER:

Thanks to all those who helped with the Harvest Supper in a Bag. A bit of strange idea, but an opportunity for us to virtually join together in fellowship. For those unable to access the on-line supper, we hope that you were able to think of the fellowship whilst you were sharing your meal.

HARVEST CELEBRATION:

In our worship today we have looked back into the archives and found some recordings of some harvest songs, which we hope you will enjoy singing. We also have contributions from all our musical groups, which will be good. Harvest is an opportunity to give thanks for God's provision. Many of us are blessed, but we also have an opportunity to help and we are grateful to everyone who has helped in whatever way with the food bank.



**All ready for the harvest
festival**

ACROSS OUR FELLOWSHIP:

- We continue to remember Joan who is in Southmead and her sister Joyce who is in the BRI.
- Sally had an operation earlier in the week and is progressing well and will hopefully be home before the weekend.
- Paul and his family are in our thought and prayers this coming week as they prepare for the funeral of Paul's father, Eric which is taking place on Wednesday, 7th October at 11.00 at Street Salvation Army, followed by the committal at Wells Cemetery.
- Our thoughts and prayers are with Roy who was taken into the BRI on Thursday morning and is very poorly.

Please remember our friends in your prayers.

ONLINE EVENTS:



- **Friday 30th Oct. – Sunday 1st Nov.**
Design for Life by the Salvation Army
Candidates Unit. 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 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
[Ephesians 3:14-21](#)

Tuesday 6th October

- 11am - 12pm Food Parcels available at Hall

Wednesday 7th October

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

Thursday 8th October

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

Sunday 11th October

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