



# Staple Hill

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### *An Oak of Righteousness*

Last week, Doris reminded us of the 'Tree of Life', and I am going to continue with the tree theme this week. Back in the late 1980's, The Prudential ran a TV advert that became one of the most memorable ads of the decade - primarily due to the inclusion of a hippie standing within a field of corn saying the line "I want to be a tree".



At the start of Jesus' ministry, He went to preach in the synagogue at Nazareth and read from the start of [Isaiah 61](#) (see [Luke 4:16-21](#)). "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." The passage speaks of the characteristics of compassion that were central to His ministry and the transformation that only He brings to those in deepest need ... that they might be called oaks of righteousness - strong and enduring plants in the garden of God, in order that through them He might be glorified.

I also want to be a tree!

*Paul Heath*

## **FROM THE TREASURER:**

Hello folks

I trust you are all keeping well?

As you know in the past, I would write a quarterly letter to the corps regarding our income by the way of cartridge envelopes and open plate collections, and I'm sure many of you would like to know how we are doing financially during this pandemic. Well the good news is we are doing OK - while our income is down, so are some of our expenses. Overall, we are breaking even which is excellent in these troubled times.

We have managed this by your continued financial support, standing orders for monthly giving's, bulk arrivals of weekly cartridge envelopes which you have saved up, various donations for paper deliveries, food bank, Harvest (Big Collection donations are sent to THQ) and generous donations by both the corps members and general public. We have been truly amazed by people's generosity. So, a big 'Thank you' for supporting the work of Staple Hill Corps so far this year.

To Gift Aid or not to Gift Aid?

Do you pay income tax to HMRC? If like most taxpayers in the UK you are a 20% taxpayer, we can reclaim 20% of your donation back from HMRC, which in turn will increase your donation to us at no extra cost to yourself. All you need to do is complete a simple form which includes your name, address, post code, and a signature on the declaration stating that you are a taxpayer and we will do the rest. If you have not already completed a Gift Aid form and wish too, please let me know so that I can forward a form to you. If you can't remember if you have signed this form, again let me know and I can check for you.

Those people who have signed a Gift Aid form, please can I ask that you let me know if:

- You no longer pay income tax
- You no longer pay enough tax for us to reclaim your Gift Aid (you must make sure that you have paid enough income tax to HMRC in

the tax year in which you make your donation, at least equal to the amount that we will reclaim)

- You would like more information

If you have, or do move house a new form will need to be completed as your current address must be updated to meet HMRC regulations - again if you are not sure please get in touch.

Christmas will be a challenging time this year as we will still want to help in our community with the Christmas food parcels for the community and the elderly who would normally come to the hall on Christmas day for their lunch. Without our fundraising Christmas Concerts/carolling and Community Carol Services things will be much harder this year. I'm sure we will have God's blessing and he will see us through to continue his work this and future years.

Thank you

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Please note: Due to work commitments I may take a few days to get back to you.

## **FLOWERS:**

Today, we should have been blessed by some flowers given by Daisy Usher in memory of Irene, her sister in law.

# PRAYER DIARY:

This week, please pray for the following:

19 <sup>th</sup>	Helen, Michael, Gracey, Isabella, Joseph, Leonie & Thomas L&W; Clive & Pauline E; Jill Wh
20 <sup>th</sup>	Tom C; Olive M; Loraine B; Haydn & Trudi B; Hannah & Katie
21 <sup>st</sup>	Molly A; Ashayi. Moses, Junior & Eli C; Brenda H; Peter & Valerie S; David & Doreen S
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Laura & Neil B; Mark C; Aiden N; Charlie T; Daisy U; Brian & Pat U; David T; Jeanette N
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Ruth & Ted B, Bev, Jon, Harry, Jessica and Emily D; Kelvin & Linda J; Malcolm & Mary W, Janine J & family
24 <sup>th</sup>	Ruth & Elise B; Esther D; Phil & Tash J; Jen & Les P; John W; Karen R; Paul & Brenda C; Francis & Ruth S
25 <sup>th</sup>	Bethany D; Elsie & Mike D; Bev W; Doris P; Geoff P; Glynn E; Beth E; Emma, Sam, Noah & Riley R

**Do we have enough outtakes  
for a complete show yet?**



## **ACROSS OUR FELLOWSHIP:**

June Wallington has moved to a nursing home in Clevedon, which can offer her a higher level of care. Please contact Colin if you would like to know her new address.

We have heard that Charlie is in Southmead hospital following a gradual decline in his health. Please remember him in your prayers. There are number of people who have recently left hospital or who are undertaking treatment for on-going health matters, again, please remember them in your prayers.

This week in worship we are thinking about the story of Jesus bringing Lazarus back to life. Within this story we see that both Mary and Martha come to Jesus in their sorrow and that Jesus has compassion. He continues to have compassion for us and that we should have confidence in approaching the Throne of Grace. Claim that confidence in prayer today for our friends.

It is a special week this week for Harry Dickens who celebrates his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday on Monday. Happy birthday!



## PRAYER NETWORK:

This week, we have been praying for:

- Sheila (Brenda Cook's sister) who has sadly suffered two strokes and is very poorly
- Charlie Turnbull who has been admitted to Southmead Hospital
- A family involved in the fatal car accident in Oxfordshire. The Mum and two children lost their lives and Dad and baby are in a critical condition in Hospital.
- Our Salvationist friends who we help through the Kenya Trust.
- June Wallington who is now in a Care Home in Clevedon
- Georgina, Steve and Sophie. Sophie caught Covid 19 from School and brought it home. Steve is very high risk and very poorly in Hospital.

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

## ONLINE EVENTS:



**Light  
Life AND  
Live**

**Territorial Congress 2020**  
Saturday 24 October – 3 pm  
Sunday 25 October – 9 am

This online event can be viewed at  
[youtube.com/salvationarmyvideo](https://www.youtube.com/salvationarmyvideo)

With Chief of the Staff Commissioner  
Lyndon Buckingham and Commissioner  
Bronwyn Buckingham  
supported by Commissioners Anthony  
and Gill Cotterill

## **THE WEEK AHEAD:**

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

### **TODAY Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

from 10am Lighthouse Club Session available online (ages 7-11)  
10am Youth Group meets online (ages 11+)  
from 11am Sunday Worship – online  
Jesus wept - [John 11:35](#)

### **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

8pm Mission Council online

### **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

11am - 12pm Food Parcels available at Hall

### **Wednesday 21<sup>th</sup> October**

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

### **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

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

### **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October**

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

  
**ST COLUMBA UNITING CHURCH**

**THOU SHALT WEAR A MASK**

**HYGENESIS 20:20**

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