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Be Different

During the past week, we heard the sad news that Captain Tom had died. Few people have had a bigger impact on the hearts and minds of a nation than Captain Tom. When he decided to do something different to raise a little money for the NHS by walking up and down his garden, he couldn't possibly imagine the millions he would raise, the encouragement he would give to others, the fame he would receive or the accolades he would be given. His impact in the twilight of his life has been immense.

What impact do we have on others? We probably think 'very little', but we don't often know, do we? A smile here, a kind word there, a small act of Christian love, a short word of witness – God can multiply our small acts to make a whole world of difference.

I dare to be different, I dare to believe;
I dare to be different, God's Spirit receive;
I dare to be different, my life sacrificed;
I dare to be different, by living like Christ.

[Salvation Army Song Book 321]

Paul Heath

SELF DENIAL APPEAL 2021:

The 2021 Appeal launches this Sunday, 7th February and we will be focussing on it over the next 5 Sundays. Please use this time to make a considered decision about your giving and maybe think about what you can give up in those weeks so that your giving can be increased. The Self Denial appeal is all about sacrificial giving and raises funds for Salvation Army projects across the world.

The theme for the appeal in 2021 is 'Rebuilding Hope and resilience together'. Every Sunday from now until 7th March, we will include a short video at the end of our online worship that will feature several different international projects. We hope you find these interesting and they will enable us to have an understanding of how our Altar Service money is spent.

Your altar service envelope will be included in February's monthly mailing (along with some treats!) which will be delivered to everyone next weekend. Altar Service Sunday is 7th March, usually this would be an opportunity for us all to bring our envelopes and place them on the Bible at the front of the hall. We will feature this in our online meeting that day, but obviously you will need to donate your money differently. You can do this either by dropping in the money to us, posting a cheque or online – details will be included with the mailing. Thank you in anticipation for your generosity.

FLOWERS:

In more normal times, the flowers on our altar table today would have been given by Phil and Tash.

PRAYER DIARY:

Over the next week, please pray for the following:

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
12 th	Charmaine I; Shirley N; Arnold & Pat T; Sheila T; Michael & Valerie B; Hayley & Mark C
13 th	Janet B; Valerie C; David Ja; Valerie & Martyn P; Marion W; Jill We; Gary W
14 th	Margaret & Peter B; Adam D; Nathan, Rachael, Poppy & Alice J; Gerry W

PRAYER NETWORK:

In our prayers this past week:

- Asha who had lengthy surgery last Friday and is currently in ICU
- Charmaine Iles is very unwell at the moment and requested prayers

Major Chris Kilpatrick has informed us that 21 residents from the St John residential Home are now out of isolation. Thank you for your prayers.

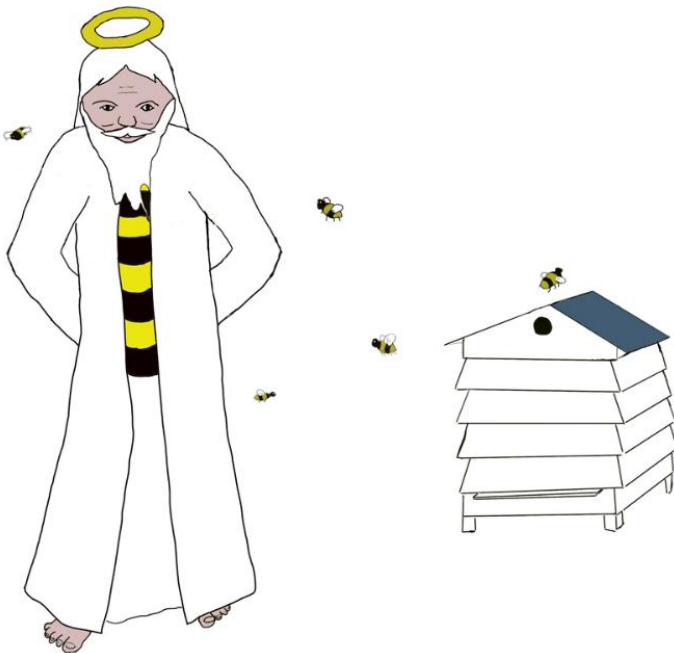
If you would like us to pray for something, then please drop us an email (a couple of sentences only, please) on staplehillprayers@gmail.com.

ACROSS OUR FELLOWSHIP:

We continue to remember those who are grieving the loss of loved ones
- please be assured of our prayers at this sad time.

Also remember and pray for those in our fellowship who are unwell or
struggling at the moment. These include: Charmain, Jill, Clive and Josie.

Please contact us, if you are poorly as we would like to try to help if we
can.



**God bee with you till we meet
again.**

THE WEEK AHEAD:

All activities within our buildings continue to be suspended until it is deemed safe, but the following activities will be taking place this week:

TODAY Sunday 7th February

- from 10am Lighthouse Club Session available online (ages 7-11)
- 10am Youth Group meets online (ages 11+)
- from 11am Sunday Worship – online
'God's Love, our love' [1 John 4: 7-21](#)

Tuesday 9th February

- 11am - 12pm Food Parcels available at Hall

Wednesday 10th February

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

Thursday 11th February

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

Sunday 14th February

- from 10am Lighthouse Club Session available online (ages 7-11)
- 10am Youth Group meets online (ages 11+)
- from 11am Sunday Worship – online
'Love in Action' [Romans 12: 9-21](#)