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Love

On this most romantic of days, our thoughts obviously turn towards love. Perhaps this year, though, there may be somewhat fewer valentine cards dropping through the letter box or extravagant bunches of flowers left on the doorstep. But love is still all around us. Love is everywhere!

Love is a gift of God and is, perhaps, the human attribute that most reflects the true nature of God. Not just a human attribute, either, for we see clear expressions of love across the whole of the animal kingdom – a clear indication that love comes directly from God, something intentional and not randomly evolved.

Today, as we show our love to each other, let us also show our love to God – through joining together in worship and praise – for God is (and always has been) love.



Dear friends, we should love each other, because love comes from God. Everyone who loves has become God's child and knows God. [1 John 4:7-9](#)

Paul Heath

FLOWERS:

The flowers on our altar table today would have been given by Linda and Morag, in memory of Maureen.

PRAYER DIARY:

Over the next week, please pray for the following:

15 th	Claire B; Aimee B; Brenda D; Matt, Ruth, Isabella & Amara A; Louise, Karen & Natalie P; Josie K
16 th	Margaret B; Hannah, Nick & Arthur; Garry & Gill J; Bob & Pauline P; Josh D; Robert H
17 th	Ed Bowen, Becky G; Joe S; Martin, Amy S & family; Sharon D; Iris & Ivan D; Brian & Vera R
18 th	Derek & Liz B; Gwen L; Joan W; David, Rachel, Charlotte, Georgina, & Harriet N
19 th	Helen, Michael, Gracey, Isabella, Joseph, Leonie & Thomas L&W; Clive & Pauline E; Jill Wh
20 th	Tom C; Olive M; Loraine B; Haydn & Trudi B; Hannah & Katie
21 st	Molly A; Ashayi. Moses, Junior & Eli C; Brenda H; Peter & Valerie S; David & Doreen S

PRAYER NETWORK:

In our prayers this past week:

- Yvonne Faulkner's husband Malcolm has passed away. We have been praying for Yvonne and the family at this sad time. Yvonne is a member of Cameo Club

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.

A THANK YOU TO THE CORPS FELLOWSHIP:

With the sad passing of Doreen, mum to Neil and I, we as a family would like to say thank you to the Corps fellowship for the support and love shown to us. The many cards, wishes and prayers received brought us much comfort and strength at this time of loss and sadness.

Doreen was the daughter of Dan and Queenie Chappell. Born into a family Dairy business local to Downend. As a little girl, Doreen was often given jobs to do in the dairy and liked to get up to mischief with her brother Roger. This sense of fun and laughter never left her throughout her life and is something I'm sure you, as friends, will have memories of her infectious laughter.

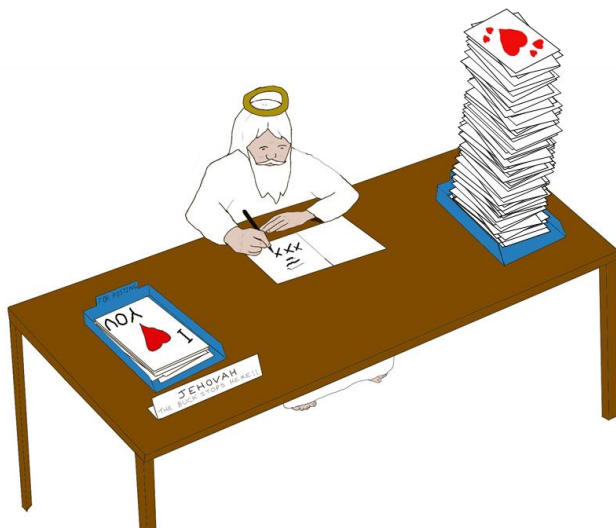
The Chappell family had roots in the Staple Hill Corps and Doreen from an early age became involved. Participation in the Corps Drama Group and Torchbearer club was remembered by her as special times. Doreen loved to sing and soon joined the musical sections eventually to become a member of the Staple Hill Corps Songster Brigade. She would often tell of her pride in carrying the Songster Colours [flag] and in particular at the Salvation Army Congress held in Crystal Palace. She held several local corps officer positions over the years including Junior Soldier Sergeant and always remained interested in supporting the young people of the Staple Hill Corps. As a member of the congregation, Doreen particularly enjoyed worship on a Sunday and attending weekday activities such as the Women's Fellowship, Gardening Club and in later years the Luncheon Club.

We as a Salvation Army have a way of expressing death as not a final act, but one that celebrates the promise of eternal life in heaven. Doreen was 'promoted to glory' on the 9th January 2021. Thank you all for your support and prayers at this time. God bless you mum, Amen.

Ian Roberts

ACROSS OUR FELLOWSHIP:

- Our thoughts and prayers are with Yvonne Faulker and family following the loss of Malcolm. We will let you know the funeral details once they have been planned. Our prayers continue to be with Sue Mason and her family this week as she prepares for funeral of her mum, Mrs Rosemary Parker, on Tuesday.
- There are a number of people in our fellowship who are poorly and we continue to uphold them in prayer, in particular we remember Clive and Charmaine.
- We're on a 'Staycation' next week and so there are no Extra Slice groups, but we look forward to recommencing on week commencing Monday, 22nd February 2021.
- Over the weekend you should have received the February mailing, which we hope is of interest. This is sent to those who were part of our pre-COVID congregation along with those who have subsequently joined us on-line and have requested it. We always prepare a couple of extra ones, so if yours doesn't arrive, or you would like one, please contact me, Colin, and we will try to get one to you.



**Only another 7.6 billion
cards to write!**

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 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](#)

Tuesday 16th February

- 11am - 12pm Food Parcels available at Hall

Thursday 18th February

- 11am - 12pm Food Parcels available at Hall

Sunday 21st February

- from 10am Lighthouse Club Session available online (ages 7-11)
- 10am Youth Group meets online (ages 11+)
- from 11am Sunday Worship – online
'A king like no other – obedience not power'
[Luke 4:1-13](#)

Please note: there are no Extra Slice groups this week