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A King Like No Other

As with most people now, I have gone through my whole life knowing only Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II as our ruling monarch. Irrespective of the arguments for and against a monarchy, few people could deny the grace with which the office has been held over the years of her reign. I sometimes wonder, however, how different it will be when Prince Charles eventually succeeds her to the throne – will he be regarded in the same way? Will he be a King that displays all the regal attributes of his mother, a king that the world admires and respects?

Today, Colin and Nicola begin a new series of meetings looking at the life of another king – Jesus. Without doubt, a king like no other in history ... in fact, a king that not only made history but continues to make it! A life full of contradictions between what we might think in earthly terms as kingly attributes and the reality of what Jesus was all about. I think we will be in for a fascinating few weeks; I can't wait to find out more!



**A KING LIKE
NO OTHER**

Paul Heath

PRAYER DIARY:

Over the next week, please pray for the following:

22nd	Laura & Neil B; Mark C; Aiden N; Charlie T; Daisy U; Brian & Pat U; David T; Jeanette N
23rd	Ruth & Ted B, Bev, Jon, Harry, Jessica and Emily D; Kelvin & Linda J; Malcolm & Mary W, Janine J & family
24th	Ruth & Elise B; Esther D; Phil & Tash J; Jen & Les P; John W; Karen R; Paul & Brenda C; Francis & Ruth S
25th	Bethany D; Elsie & Mike D; Bev W; Doris P; Geoff P; Glynn E; Beth E; Emma, Sam, Noah & Riley R
26th	Sarah & Tim B; Morag F; Esther K; Lynette P; Sophie & Kathleen C; Mary Br; Debra & Mark H; Sue M
27th	Derek & Margaret B; Yolanda, Jeovany & Maria K; Catherine R; Gary, Joanne, Jacob & Emily R; Nneka H
28th	Jon H; Joyce L; Sheila F; Paul & Heather C; Paul, Tracey, Victoria & Olivia H

ACROSS OUR FELLOWSHIP:

- Our thoughts and prayers are with Marcus, Haydn, Shona and all their families following the sudden Promotion to Glory of Cath Brown.
- There are so many in our fellowship now who are grieving the loss of loved ones over recent weeks and months - please be assured of our continued prayers.

FLOWERS:

Our flowers today would have been given by Margaret Boxell in memory of her mum.

PRAYER NETWORK:

In our prayers this past week:

- Wendy Webber, (Sharon Davis' sister) who was admitted to Hospital with breathing problems and has Covid
- Mike in Sheffield who is very unwell
- Tash has asked us to pray for Jeovany, Yolanda and Maria over the next few weeks
- Chris (Margaret Boxell's nephew) who is in a serious condition at home and waiting for surgery following a burst appendix
- Marcus, Haydn, Shona and their families following the sudden Promotion to Glory of Cath Brown
- Paul Cook who is unwell at the moment and undergoing investigations

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.

*And now the Corps
Sergeant Major will share
the announcements...*

[Ed. For any youngsters out there - this is a reference to a wonderful 80's sitcom called 'Allo 'Allo!]



**Listen very carefully,
I will say this only once!**

REFLECTIONS ON OUR RECENT MEETINGS:

I have enjoyed all aspects of the recent series of meetings 'Going forward together in God's Covenant' but the reading on 27th January reminded me of the promises I made in 1953 when I became a Senior Soldier. It was at a Divisional Event at the Nottingham Memorial Halls corps conducted by General Albert Orsborn. There were 10 of us, and it lives with me every day.



General Albert Orsborn was indeed a godly man, full of wisdom and understanding, and I felt greatly privileged. We each signed our Articles of War at the mercy seat, which to me was very sacred. I remember very clearly his words to us on this occasion. His advice was "If you want to be a good Christian – be like Christ in thought, word and deed". How simple it was to understand, how powerful and encouraging. I can honestly say, it still enhances my life.

I'm so pleased that we are still taught about "God's covenant" so I thank God today for those who teach us!! The promises of God are sure, so let us be like Christ in thought, word and deed each day.

Doris Pearce

[I thank Doris for sharing her thoughts with us again this week. I am always happy to receive any contributions that anyone would like to share – please send them to staplehillbulletin@gmail.com or post them to Colin. I can't promise that we will have the opportunity to use them all, but I always enjoy reading them!]

PAPERS THIS WEEK:

Unfortunately, the Salvation Army papers have not been delivered this week. Consequently, there is no mail drop this week – but we will include this week's papers in the mail drop next week.

THE WEEK AHEAD:

All activities within our buildings continue to be suspended until it is deemed safe.

TODAY Sunday 21st February

from 10am Lighthouse Club Session available online (ages 7-11)

10am Youth Group meets online (ages 11+)

‘A king like no other – obedience not power’

[Luke 4:1-13](#)

Tuesday 23rd February

11am - 12pm Food Parcels available at Hall

Wednesday 24th February

2pm Extra Slice Group online

3.30pm Extra Slice Group online

7pm Extra Slice Group online

8.15pm Extra Slice Group online

Thursday 25th February

11am - 12pm Food Parcels available at Hall

8.15pm Extra Slice Group online

Sunday 28th 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 - rejection not popularity’

[Luke 4:14-30](#)



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