



Staple Hill

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Palm Sunday

Almost 2000 years ago, a huge crowd gathered around Jerusalem to cheer the arrival of Jesus in to the city. A triumphal entrance, with a party atmosphere. A joyous occasion, heralded by the waving of palm leaves, full of expectation and hope. But before the age of mobile phones, or the internet, or even the printing of newspapers – how did they know that Jesus would be arriving on that particular day? Who did the organising?

Jesus said of the crowds: "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out". The people were brought out onto the streets by a force that was greater than even the largest media campaign could ever manage – they were compelled to come by God Himself. The vast majority in that crowd probably had no idea what they were even doing there – they just knew they *had* to be there. Something big was happening, and they wanted - or needed - to be a part of it.

What is the reason for our worship today? Are we also compelled to be part of something big that is still happening?

Paul Heath

PRAYER DIARY:

The corps prayer list has been reviewed and updated, so you will see a slightly different format from 1st April onwards. We have done our best to ensure this list is accurate. but if you notice any mistakes or omissions then please let Linda James know.

29 th	Staple Hill Corps
30 th	Staple Hill Community
31 st	National & International Issues
1 st	Paul & Roz C; Peter H; Bill & Freda M; Elaine & Peter R; Anne & Rob L
2 nd	Hilton & Lilian B; Alison & Steve C; Colin & Nicola H-J, Senan H; Alan T; Harry D
3 rd	Pat B; Peter & Mary J & James; June We; Viv W; Graham & Julie W; Linda P
4 th	Mary Ba; Mark & Michelle D; Jess, Matt, Charlie & Harry J; Kay & Marc W; Marcus B

“In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy” [Philippians 1: 4](#)



You were meant to just wave the leaves, not the whole plant!

PRAYER NETWORK:

Our prayers since the last bulletin was printed:

- For baby Calli who was undergoing cleft lip surgery which was successful. The family would like to thank everyone.
- For Catalina who entered hospital for open heart surgery. Also her mum, dad and family.
- On Tuesday time was taken to pray for all those who have lost their lives over the last year to Covid, also their family members.

Jess Cox would like to thank everyone for their prayers. When she entered hospital to have the cancer removed, it had disappeared - but she is still waiting for results of kidney scan.

When we pray in faith our prayers are answered!

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 of our fellowship who have recently been bereaved of loved ones. We are currently preparing for one funeral, that of Ruth Barber, which will take place on Wednesday, 7th April 2021 and our thoughts are with Ted and his family. Please continue to uphold each other in prayer during this difficult time.

Bob and Pauline are celebrating their diamond wedding anniversary on Thursday. Well done!



EASTER SPECIAL EVENTS:

Over this weekend you will be receiving your Easter mailing through your door. It will include a pack of readings one for each day from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. If you follow the instructions it will also provide an Easter decoration for your home. These readings will be read by different members of our congregation, published each day on [facebook](#) and sent out to those on our email list. We received lots of good feedback about our advent readings so hopefully you'll find these helpful too.

On Good Friday a message will be available online from 11am, but we are also meeting up on zoom at 7.30pm – an opportunity for a catch up and some fun so don't miss it. DHQ are also providing various online events over the Easter weekend so please see details below.



EASTER WITH THE SEVERN & SOMERSET DIVISION

Thursday 1 April – Maundy Thursday Feast
(Premiering on YouTube at 7.00pm)

Friday 2 April – Good Friday Thought
(Premiering on YouTube at 9.00am)

Saturday 3 April – Youth Concert
(Premiering on YouTube at 5.00pm)

Sunday 4 April – Easter Sunday Thought
(Premiering on YouTube at 9.00am)

YouTube Channel The Salvation Army S&S Division

FLOWERS:

If we were able to meet in the hall today, we would have been blessed by the flowers provided by Bob and Pauline to mark their diamond wedding anniversary.

THE WEEK AHEAD:

TODAY Sunday 28th March (Palm Sunday)

- 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 ‘Peaceful not warmaker’
[John 12: 12-19](#)

Tuesday 30th March

- 11am - 12pm Food Parcels available at Hall

Wednesday 31st March

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



Thursday 1st April

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

A KING LIKE
NO OTHER

Good Friday 2nd April

- 11am Good Friday – online
A King like no other ‘King of the Jews?’ [John 19: 17-30](#)
- 7:30pm ‘Easter Get Together’ – online
A chance for us to meet up over hot cross buns (please provide your own hot cross buns!)

Sunday 4th April (Easter Day)

- 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 ‘The King is risen’ [John 20:1-18](#)

Look out for a short thought each day on our [facebook](#) page from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday similar to what we did during Advent.