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Happy Easter!

This is a day that I always look forward to, and probably the one day that I regret most that we cannot currently share together. I love the ritual exchanges ... *"He is risen indeed"* ... I love the uplifting songs ... *"Up from the grave he arose"* ..., I love taking part in a march of witness, and I love the joyous atmosphere.

But for another year, we will not be celebrating this day in the way most of us would like. We will, of course, be able to celebrate on-line once again and we will, I am sure, enjoy singing our favourite easter hymns in the privacy of our own homes. However, even though we are not able to meet together in person, we are still meeting in the virtual space, we are still witnessing as a church through what is now a considerable on-line presence, we are still sharing that good news about Jesus' life and resurrection. And why? Because Jesus didn't just die on the cross, but defeated death and rose to life once again on that first Easter day!

Paul Heath

[Easter is why we don't give up](#) Dr. David Jeremiah

PRAYER DIARY:

We invite you to pray for the following members of our fellowship during the coming week:

5 th	Hilary & Mike D; Sally P; Rebecca S; Claire & Michael B; Dennis H; Daisy U
6 th	Jon B; Kirsty, Mark, Oliver, Freya & Henry F; David Jo; Alison C; Karen P
7 th	Beryl & Spence G; Margaret K; David L; Andy, Emily, Grace & Archie E
8 th	Marcia G; Anne & Dennis L; Laura R; Marion R; Francis & Ruth S; Catherine R
9 th	Linda & Rob H; Ian & Rachel R; Myriam, Steve & Noah S; John & Olive S; Margaret S
10 th	Gary M; Roy R; Jason R; Holly, Chris, Dylan, Oscar & Charlie S; Christine K
11 th	Rita A; Wesley C; Keith, Mary, Victoria & Sophia H; Jay & Lydia M

“In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy”

[Philippians 1: 4](#)



**They found the stone rolled away from the tomb
Luke 24 v2**



GIFT AID CLAIMS 2020/21:

We now enter the next financial year and preparations are being made to claim Gift Aid for the past year

If you are a taxpayer and have completed our gift aid form to enable the Salvation Army to make a claim on behalf of Staple Hill Corps, please can I ask that you take a moment to check the following:

- Do you still pay tax?
- Do you pay enough tax for us to make a claim on your giving's / donations for the last year?
- If you give as a couple, can we claim for you both or just one of you?

If you can't remember whether we have a form from you or would simply like to check, please contact me ASAP.

Anyone who wishes to start gift aid can do so at any time by completed a declaration form. This will enable us to claim an extra 25p in every £1 you give at no cost to you! Ask me for a form if required

Thank you for your continued financial support to the corps.

C.T. Gary Matthews

FLOWERS:

The flowers that would have been placed in our hall today in more normal times would have been provided by Alison and Tom Cable in memory of Ruth.



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 at Avonview Cemetery. Our thoughts are with Ted and his family. Please continue to uphold each other in prayer during this difficult time.

We also continue to remember those in our fellowship who are living with serious health conditions - remember them in your prayers, and if you know someone then please ring or send them a card.

Marion and family send their heartfelt thanks for the love and prayer support shown to them following Alan's death. Please continue to remember them in your prayers.

PRAYER NETWORK:

We thank God for answered prayers ...

- Valerie Baker is now at home convalescing. The growths were found to be benign. Valerie would like to thank everyone for their prayers.
- Francine Jefferies is now recovering at home and would like to thank everyone for their 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.



THE WEEK AHEAD:

Activities within our hall remain suspended until it is deemed safe for us to re-commence.

TODAY 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](#)

Tuesday 6th April

- 11am - 12pm Food Parcels available at Hall

Wednesday 7th April

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

Thursday 8th April

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

Sunday 11th April

- 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 alive’ [John 20: 19-23](#)



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