



Staple Hill

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Idle Hands

It is said that the devil finds work for idle hands. Over the past year, many of us have had more spare time on our hands than ever before, so how have we been using that time? Many of us will have learnt new skills, or brushed up on old ones, or spent the time baking, decorating or gardening. Others will have been spending more time in contemplation and prayer. A few will have found themselves being the source of help and friendship to those within our local communities.

Joyce Lear certainly doesn't let her hands become idle, and has taken on a challenge (actually, she has been doing this for much, much longer than lockdown). Outside her front door, there is a shelf which she decorates each month with a different theme. This display is an expression of her faith and has become a feature of interest and encouragement to those who live around her - something they look forward to seeing. It is a personal witness within a public space, and one that fully embraces the challenge set out by Nicola during our Easter service last Sunday to "Go and tell - to share that good news with others".

Are our hands being creative for God's work, or sitting idle?

PRAYER DIARY:

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

12 th	Michael & Valerie B; Charmaine I; Shirley N; Arnold & Pat T; Sheila T; David & Doreen S
13 th	Janet B; David Ja; Valerie & Martyn P; Marion W; Jill W; Hazel & Tim S; Josie K
14 th	Margaret & Peter B; Adam D; Gerry W; Alan & Francine J; Rex & Jen H; Rita B
15 th	Aimee B; Brenda D; Matt, Ruth, Isabella & Amara A; Louise P & Natalie
16 th	Margaret Be; Hannah, Nick & Arthur F-B; Garry J; Bob & Pauline P; Josh D; Robert Hi
17 th	Becky G; Joe S, Martin & Amy S & Family; Sharon D; Iris & Ivan D; Bryan & Vera R
18 th	Derek & Liz B; Gwen L; Joan W; David, Rachel, Charlotte, Georgina & Harriet N

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

THANK YOU:

Majors Colin and Nicola would like to say a big thank you on behalf of the whole corps to all those people who helped with:

- The Easter Mailing
- The Holy Week daily readings
- and the Tech Team for producing all the additional meetings and resources.

Bob and Pauline would like to pass on their thanks for the many messages and cards they received to mark their diamond wedding anniversary. This has been very much appreciated. God Bless you all.



Friday 9 April 2021

Statement on the Death of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh

Commissioner Anthony Cotterill, Territorial Commander for The Salvation Army in the UK and Ireland said:

“I am deeply saddened to hear today of the death of His Royal Highness Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh.

“Our sincerest condolences and prayers go out to Her Majesty The Queen and all of the Royal Family at this extremely difficult time.

“Prince Philip has been an inspiration to us all and we give thanks for his long life and his living out of outstanding service to country and Commonwealth. We especially remember with gratitude and affection the occasions when he demonstrated his support for the frontline work of The Salvation Army.

“Over the years the Prince visited a number of our services working with the most vulnerable in society, including people battling drug addictions and homelessness. During these visits Prince Philip would take time to talk with individuals, always showing a great interest in their lives. On other occasions when Salvation Army bands have been privileged to play at Buckingham Palace and at other locations, Prince Philip has shown great encouragement and appreciation of the ministry of Christian music by The Salvation Army.

“I know that Salvationists throughout the United Kingdom, and beyond, will give thanks to God for his long life of service and devotion and will continue to pray for Her Majesty and the Royal family in these sad days.”

SELF DENIAL APPEAL 2021

Once again, the Staple Hill corps have shown great commitment as we have managed to collect a magnificent sum of **£6,340.00** to support the work of the Salvation Army around the world in this year's Self Denial Appeal.

PRAYER NETWORK:

In our prayers this week:

- Sarah (Mary Whites friend) who passed away. We are praying for her son and daughter.
- Continued prayers for Catalina who had to be readmitted to Hospital, but who is thankfully now home and doing well.
- Continued prayers for Francine whose test results showed a rare form of Lymphoma.
- Continued prayers for Chris Chadwick who is undergoing surgery on Monday to remove the remainder of an infected appendix.

Who is on the Lord's side?

Salvation Army Song Book No 992



Standing:

Discipleship Team Leader
(Linda James)

Pastoral Team Leader
(TBC)

Children's Team Leader
(Laura Baker)

Corps Treasurer
(Gary Matthews)

Youth Team Leader
(Tash James)

Comms. Team Leader
(Mark Dickens)

Seated:

Worship Team Leader
(Marc Willetts)

Corps Officer
(Major Nicola Hylton-Jones)

Corps Officer
(Major Colin Hylton-Jones)

Organisation Team Leader
(Myriam Selfe)

Outreach Team Leader
(Mark Hatcliffe)

THE WEEK AHEAD:

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

TODAY Sunday 11th 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 alive’ [John 20: 19-23](#)

Tuesday 13th April

- 11am - 12pm Food Parcels available at Hall

There are no Extra Slice Groups this week

Thursday 15th April

- 11am - 12pm Food Parcels available at Hall

Sunday 18th 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 to believe in’
[John 20:24-29](#)

