



# Staple Hill

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### *A Model of Fatherhood*



Do you watch the TV programme 'Escape to the Chateau' with Dick and Angel? If you haven't watched it, it is all about a couple who bought an enormous, run-down mansion in France and are slowly renovating it room by room in their own, very unique style. The way they overcome the challenges of the building are fascinating enough on their own, but the whole programme also captures every aspect of their family life as well. The depth of the loving relationships shown between the members of that family is tremendous, and none more so than between Dick and his children! He comes across as a model, loving father.

God, however, is *the* model, loving father. No matter what we do ... God still loves us, and encourages us to do our best. He is always there to pick us up and throw His loving arms around us.

Happy Fathers' Day to all you Dads out there. We have quite a lot to live up to, don't we?

*Paul Heath*

## **WEEKLY DISTRIBUTION OF PAPERS:**

As more people are coming to worship, this weekend will be our last weekly mailing. This, along with our monthly mailing, has been invaluable in helping us to maintain contact during this difficult time. We are indebted to those who, through rain and shine, have popped the mailing through the door. From next Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> June, papers can be collected from the hall. If you are unable to collect, we will try our best to deliver at some point. We are reviewing the publications order, so if you want to receive the Salvationist / War Cry / Kids Alive / All the World, then please let me [Colin] know as soon as possible.

## **CANDIDATE SUNDAY 2021:**

A total of £672.00 has been sent to the Candidate fund from Staple Hill Corps. This year's total has seen a big increase in donations, so, on behalf of the candidates, a big thank you for your financial support

## **FLOWERS:**

The flowers at the hall today are providing by Neil and Laura in celebration of their 14<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary which they celebrated last Wednesday.



## CHURCH IN THE SANCTUARY:

The following article was posted by Cliff Matthews on Facebook during this week ...

As church attendance numbers fade across the nation and online services become very convenient (who doesn't love not getting ready in the morning or leaving the home?!), it's important to remember why church attendance for you and your family matters so much.

You can't serve from your sofa. You can't have community of faith on your sofa. You can't experience the power of a room full of believers worshipping together on your sofa.

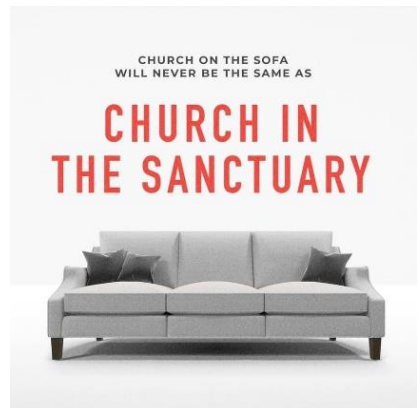
Christians aren't consumers either. We are contributors. We don't watch. We engage. We give. We sacrifice. We encourage. We do life together.

The church needs you.

And you need the church.

Wherever you are, find a local church where you and your family can be part of community and use your talents to advance the kingdom and reach others. To come alongside one another physically, not just through a screen. While I'm grateful for technology to keep people connected that can't physically come to a facility or need to be away, it's absolutely not like being in the building. Never will be.

Yes, church on the sofa is nice. But it'll never be the same as church in the sanctuary.



## FOOD BANK:

Thursday was the last day of our Emergency COVID relief food bank. We would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who has helped – to all the volunteers who have given of their time, along with all those who have supported practically. We will review this part of our ministry, so if you have any observations, please let me [Colin] know. Once we are able, we will calculate how many food parcels were distributed.

## GARY RISDALE AND THE NHS:

If you read the War Cry on 12<sup>th</sup> June, then you will have noticed that it featured our own Gary Risdale talking about his work in the NHS delivering the vaccination programme. We are so grateful for the work that both Gary and all his NHS colleagues have been doing over the past 18 months to help beat this pandemic.

If you haven't read the article and are reading this online – click on the picture and it will take you straight to the article.



## SUMMER CAMPS:

Each year, children and young people from Staple Hill attend the summer camps organised by our division in the Salvation Army. I know many of you are already booked in, but there are still spaces left so if you want any further information then please get in touch with Colin or Nicola.

- Junior Camp (ages 8-11) 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> August
- Youth Camp (ages 12-21) 7<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> August

## **PRAYER DIARY:**

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

21 <sup>st</sup>	Molly A; Ashayi, Moses, Junior & Eli K; Brenda H; Peter & Valerie S; Nneka H
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Laura & Neil B; Aidan N; Charlie T; Brian & Pat U; Barbara D; Malcolm & Mary W
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Ted B; Bev, Jon, Jessica & Emily D; Kelvin & Linda J; Janine & Hywel J
24 <sup>th</sup>	Ruth B; Phil & Tash J; Jen & Les P; John W; Karen R; Paul & Brenda C
25 <sup>th</sup>	Elsie & Mike D; Doris P; Geoff P; Glynn E; Beth E; Emma, Sam, Noah & Riley R
26 <sup>th</sup>	Tim & Sarah B; Morag F; Esther K; Lynette P; Sophie & Kathleen C; Mary Br; Naomi B
27 <sup>th</sup>	Derek & Margaret B; Yolanda K, Jeovany & Maria; Gary, Joanne, Jacob & Emily R

## **AROUND OUR FELLOWSHIP:**

- This week we remember Margaret's family as they prepare for Margaret's funeral on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June at Badminton Road Methodist Church. I [Colin] have been asked to participate in the service and because there are restricted numbers, I will represent the corps.
- We also remember Liz Church who has been bereaved of her father. Our thoughts and prayers are with Liz and her family, including Karen and Natalie.
- There are a number of people in or attached to our fellowship who are poorly or living with serious health conditions. These include Charmaine, Clive, Joyce, Beryl, Moira and Barbara – please pray and support our friends at this time.

## WORSHIP NEXT WEEK:

If you want to attend worship in the building on Sunday next week:



**Book-in:** Use the online link on the covering e-mail with this bulletin, or ring [0117 956 5232](tel:01179565232) *by 12 noon on Saturday*

**Time:** Choose either 10am or 11.30am (each meeting will last no longer than 45 minutes)

### Book-in Details:

We need your name, how many of your household are coming with you, your phone number and email address

### Things to know:

- Please wear a facemask unless you are exempt
- Unfortunately singing is not allowed at present
- Social distancing, extra cleaning & ventilation will help to keep you safe
- Come as you are – no need to wear uniform, unless you want to!
- Windows will be open, so it may be cold!
- Please do not use the back door – only the front entrance on Broad Street

Please get in touch if you have any questions.  
We look forward to seeing you.



## THE WEEK AHEAD:

### TODAY Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Fathers' Day

11:15–12:30pm Children and Youth under 18's meeting - in the hall

10am Worship – in the building

from 10am Worship – online

11:30am Worship – in the building

[Matthew 7: 7-12](#)

### Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

2pm Extra Slice Group online

3.30pm Extra Slice Group online

7pm Extra Slice Group online

8.15pm Extra Slice Group online

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[Haggai 2:10-23](#)



**The Primary children all seem to have grown up so much since they were last in the hall!**