



# Staple Hill

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### *A Great Artist*

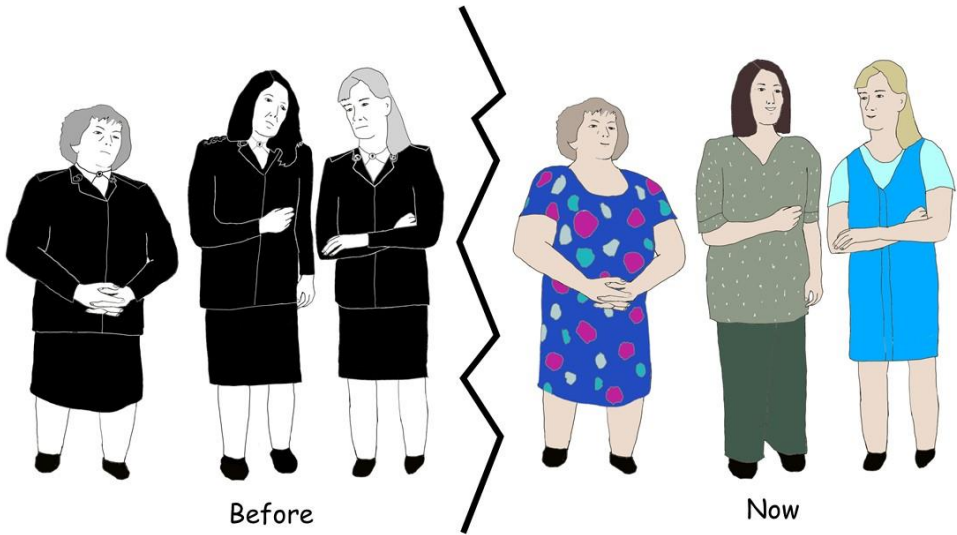
The colours of late summer are vibrant and intense: the deep reds, oranges and golden yellows within the flower borders urging the bees to collect the last vestiges of pollen before the autumn comes; the apples and plums ripening on the trees, full of promise of a rich harvest; blackberries dripping off every hedgerow to provide a welcome treat for any passing traveller. I like this time of year!

I can't even imagine what it would be like to be born without sight and to miss out on all the wonderful colours around us. Whilst growing up, one of my mother's favourite poems started with the words:



*Life without colour, how drab it would be!  
God the great artist of earth, sky and sea  
Makes the world lovely with shadow and light,  
Painting this picture in tones pale and bright.*

During a Sunday morning meeting a couple of weeks ago, I was struck by the idea that one of the benefits of COVID has been to bring colour into our services. Whereas we used to look around the hall and most people were wearing black and white uniforms – now a large proportion of us come to worship in our 'day clothes' – yellows, greens, reds, purples and blues. Let us pray that God the great artist will use this new colour palette to make our worship as vibrant and fresh as he does the world outside! *Paul Heath*



**Worship - In colour!**

**PRAYER DIARY:**

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

6th	Jon B; Kirsty, Mark, Oliver, Freya & Henry F; David Jo; Alison C; Karen P
7th	Beryl & Spence G; David L; Andy, Emily, Grace & Archie E
8th	Marcia G; Anne & Dennis L; Laura R; Marion R; Francis & Ruth S; Catherine R
9th	Linda & Rob H; Ian & Rachel R; Myriam, Steve & Noah S; John & Olive S; Margaret S
10th	Gary M; Roy R; Jason R; Holly, Chris, Dylan, Oscar & Charlie S; Christine K
11th	Rita A; Wesley C; Keith, Mary, Victoria & Sophia H; Jay & Lydia M
12th	Michael & Valerie B; Shirley N; Arnold & Pat T; Sheila T; David & Doreen S

## **FLOWERS:**

- The flowers on the altar table today are from Mark Dickens in celebration of Michelle's birthday

## **FELLOWSHIP NEWS:**

- We continue to pray for those in our fellowship who are unwell, recovering from treatment or undergoing tests. In particular, we remember Rita who is in Southmead following a planned operation.
- As we bounce forward, it had been our intention to recommence our Lunch Club and some Thursday activities. Unfortunately, earlier in the week Mary fell and broke her wrist. Please pray for Mary as she recovers from her fall, along with our plans to Reach Out to the older people in our local community.

## **TREKFEST 21 CHALLENGE:**

Derek Boxell is taking part in this year's Trekfest challenge on 18<sup>th</sup> September - covering a distance of 25km over the Brecon Beacons whilst raising funds for the Salvation Army.



If you would like to support Derek, please visit his JustGiving page by clicking on the link below, or add your name to the sponsorship form available in the foyer.

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/derek-boxell?utm\\_source=Sharethis&utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=derek-boxell&utm\\_campaign=pfp-email&utm\\_term=4e91e291d5e34c738b8cf2831be03f86](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/derek-boxell?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=derek-boxell&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=4e91e291d5e34c738b8cf2831be03f86).

## **WORSHIP NEXT WEEK:**

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

**Book-in** (*by 12 noon on Saturday*):

Use the online link on the covering e-mail with this bulletin, click on the picture to the left, or ring **0117 956 5232**

**Time** (*each meeting will last no longer than 45 minutes*):

Choose either 10am or 11.30am.

### **Book-in Details:**

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

### **COVID Alerts:**

If you attend worship at the hall this week and subsequently **test positive** or get 'pinged' through the NHS App, please contact our Corps Officers this week.

### **From Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>:**

There will be only 1 meeting at 10am, with children/youth groups and coffee at 11.30am. No booking will be required from Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> - just turn up! We will, however, continue with some of the Covid measures to ensure everyone feels safe.

## **PRAYER FELLOWSHIP:**

Since the last bulletin, we have been praying for:

- Nicola Jay
- Rita as she has had surgery

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](mailto:staplehillprayers@gmail.com).



## Divisional Prayer Morning

Saturday 11th Sept 2021

09.30—11.30am

### Guest Speaker:

**Major Jean Harris**

### Worship led by

**John & Ruth Bullock**

### (Worcester)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81617464326?pwd=QTN0OGFUZ09kZEtIRXdQZDhyUGw4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 816 1746 4326

Passcode: 224660



## Severn & Somerset Welcome and Candidates Farewell Meeting Sunday 12 September, 4.00pm

This is an online meeting and you will find it on our Divisional YouTube Channel [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCE-wViXf-tKvgUM\\_i9fhfZQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCE-wViXf-tKvgUM_i9fhfZQ)

Please join us online as we welcome the new officers to the Division

Majors Peter & Christa Beeldman – Bristol Citadel



Lieutenant Claire Mynott – Malvern



Lieutenants Jonathan & Heather Culshaw – Bridgwater



And say Farewell to Cadet Mathew Griffiths as he travels from Malvern where he was a Territorial Envoy to start his training at Willfam Booth College, London



## THE WEEK AHEAD:

### TODAY Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September

10am           Worship  
from 10am   Worship – online  
11:30am      Worship



Summer Psalms  
[Psalm 24](#)

### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September

6:45pm       YP Band Practice  
7:30pm       Senior Band Practice

### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September

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

### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September

8.15pm       Extra Slice Group online

### SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> September

11:30am      Children's and Youth Activities restart  
10am         Worship  
from 10am    Worship – online  
11:30am      Worship

## FURTHER AHEAD:

### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September

Singing Company and Songster Practices resume

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September

10am         Harvest Celebration

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October

7:30pm      'Friday Night is Music Night' - a free concert