



Staple Hill

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Hug a Drummer Day

Believe it or not, the 10th October is apparently designated as 'Hug a Drummer Day' - a day celebrated all around the world to show appreciation for all the drummers sitting somewhere in the back of bands who, perhaps, do not always receive the recognition that they deserve compared to those more in the lime-light and centre stage.



It is hard to miss our drummer, Tim, at any time – and I am sure we all appreciate him tremendously. 'Hug a Drummer Day' may just seem like a bit of fun (and perhaps not to be taken too literally following all that we have learnt through COVID), but there is something serious behind it. We all need to feel loved and appreciated. We all need to know that we will be missed if we are not around in order to give us a sense of belonging. As a church, we identify as being 'Local, Lively and Loving' – so we need to start with each other! Let's make an extra effort to ensure we tell each other how much we appreciate what we do and who we are, and that those who are not able to attend for any reason know how much they are missed.

Paul Heath

THANKS:

- Mike Dyer would like to pass on his thanks for all those who sent cards or messages to mark both his 80th birthday and Mike and Elsie's wedding anniversary.
- On 18th September, Derek Boxell participated in Trekfest 21 which was a 25km trek across the Brecon Beacons including a climb to the summit of Pen Y Fan. In addition to being a personal challenge, the main aim was to raise money for the Corps and to support the local community. The trek took place in perfect weather conditions and out of 351 starters he was placed 49th in a time of 5hrs 42mins. With your support, Derek managed to collect £480 in sponsorship (excluding Gift Aid) which he is sure will be put to good use by the Corps. He wishes to thank all who sponsored him - your generosity made the trek much easier.

MISSING COATS:

When we were forced to suspend activities at the hall in March 2020 due to the pandemic, several coats were left on the coat rack in the corridor. There is one ladies formal uniform coat and a few Staple Hill reversible fleece jackets. None of the are named, but if you're missing a coat, please speak to either Viv or Jen who will look for you, thank you.

MONEY:

Some money was found in the foyer this week. If it was you, could you speak to Major Colin.

LOST PEN:

Has anyone picked up a black Cross pen? If you've accidentally picked it up from the offices, could you pop it back on the desk - thanks.

THANK TOBER:

Last Sunday we thanked those in our fellowship who, through the pandemic, have a leadership position within the corps, this included the Mission Council and the leaders of groups. If you weren't at the meeting last week and you are a leader, then please accept our sincere thanks.

This week we are going to thank those people who practically helped in taking out information and resources to all those connected to the corps.

CLIMATE SUMMIT:

We are all aware of the present climate chaos and of the COP 26 CLIMATE SUMMIT to be held in Glasgow in November. You may feel powerless believing that there is nothing you can do, but in fact you can help to make a difference. On the seats in the hall this weekend are postcards giving details of a petition organised by The Fairtrade Foundation.

Please take one, read it and sign it on line if you are able at: www.fairtrade.org.uk/cop26-be-fair-with-your-climate-promise

Marion Richardson

PRAYER DIARY:

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

11 th	Rita A; Wesley C; Keith, Mary, Victoria & Sophia H; Jay & Lydia M
12 th	Michael & Valerie B; 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

PRAYER FELLOWSHIP:

Since the last bulletin, we have been praying for:

- Nicola Jay and family

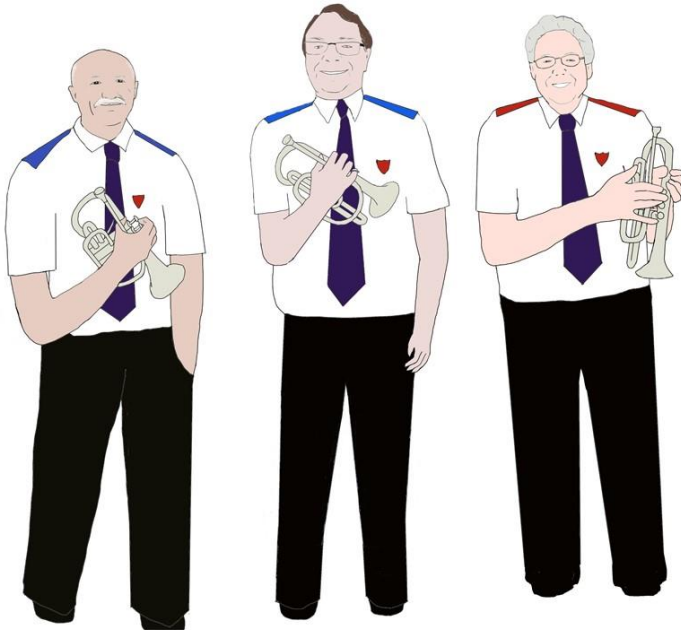
If you would like us to pray for something, then please drop us an email (a couple of sentences only, please) on staplehillprayers@gmail.com.

FLOWERS:

- The flowers today are for Elaine and Peter's golden wedding anniversary, from Bob and Pauline.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS:

- It was good to see Arnold at the hall on Tuesday
- Unfortunately, Iris is in hospital, so our thoughts are with both her and Ivan.
- We also continue to pray for Bob and Rita who are continuing to have tests and treatment
- We have just heard that Jason has been bereaved of his mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family at this sad time
- Other news from our fellowship is that John Wordley is planning to move to be closer to his daughter, Kirsten. Our thoughts and prayers are with John at this transitional time
- And finally - congratulations to Elaine and Peter who celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on the 16th October!



**You can never have too many Pauls
in the cornet section!**

THE WEEK AHEAD:

TODAY Sunday 10th October

10am	All Age Worship	‘Live in Harmony’ 1 Peter 1:22 - 2:10
	Followed by tea & coffee	
11:30am	Children’s and Youth Groups	
~12 noon	Worship – online	
4pm	Divisional Creative Arts Youth Event, Staple Hill (if booked online)	

Tuesday 12th October

10:30am	Extra Slice Group at the hall (Kelvin)
6:15pm	YP Band Practice
7pm	Singing Company Practice
8pm	Songster Practice

Wednesday 13th October

3.30pm	Extra Slice Group online (Gerry)
7pm	Extra Slice Group online (Linda)
8.15pm	Extra Slice Group online (Beth)

Thursday 14th October

12:30pm	Lunch Club
7:45pm	Extra Slice Group at Colin & Nicola’s
8.15pm	Extra Slice Group online (Ian & Rachel)

SUNDAY 17th October

10am	All Age Worship	‘Live Like Christ’ 1 Peter 2:11 - 3:7
	Followed by tea & coffee	
11:30am	Children’s and Youth Groups	
~12 noon	Worship – online	

FURTHER AHEAD:

Sunday 14th Nov. Remembrance Sunday