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A Positive Start

Every day, it seems a little more difficult to get out of bed. It is still dark when my alarm goes off in the morning, and I will have been ‘at work’ for a good half an hour before dawn finally breaks. Even though I am a morning person, it is difficult to get going when it is so dark!

Although my day starts in darkness – the daylight soon breaks through to lift my spirits and fill me with encouragement and enthusiasm once again. And that’s the great thing about God ... no matter how dark our days may seem, He is always there to pick us up and put us on a more positive path, to restore our flagging spirits and banish the things that act to bring us down. God is good like that, isn’t He?

*You can't stop rain from falling down,
Prevent the sun from shining,
You can't stop spring from coming in,
Or winter from resigning,
Or still the waves or stay the winds,
Or keep the day from dawning,
You can't stop God from loving you,
His love is new each morning.
[Salvation Army Song Book No 72]*

Paul Heath

THANK TOBER:

As part of our season of thank you's, last Sunday we thanked those who practically helped in taking information out weekly and monthly over the last 18 months. If you were not at worship last Sunday and you were one of our 'deliverers', please accept our sincere thanks for every mile walked, every mile cycled and every mile driven.

This week we are going to welcome those who have joined our fellowship during 2020-21, and, after nearly 2 years of waiting enrol Myriam as our Corps Sergeant Major (CSM), Paul as our Assistant Corps Sergeant Major (ACSM) and Deb as our Corps Secretary (CS).

HARVEST CELEBRATION:

Thursday, 21st October 2021 at 11.00am

This Thursday, we are planning a Harvest Celebration for our Thursday Fellowship. Please support if you are able - a cup of tea or coffee will be served!

MORRISON'S FLAG DAY:

Thanks to all who helped with the Morrisons flag day. You will be pleased to learn that we collected the most excellent total of £621.34. As you will be aware, this is for the Big Collection. Unfortunately, due to COVID, we have been unable to fundraise as much as in previous years, so if you have any fundraising ideas, or would like to make a donation to this fund, then please speak to me (Colin).

PRAYER DIARY:

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

18 th	Derek & Liz B; Gwen L; Joan W; David, Rachel, Charlotte, Georgina & Harriet N
19 th	Helen & Michael L, Gracey, Isabella, Joseph, Thomas & Leonie; Clive & Pauline E
20 th	Tom C; Olive M; Loraine B; Haydn & Trudi B; Victoria H; Jill Wh; Carys H
21 st	Molly A; Ashayi, Moses, Junior & Eli K; Brenda H; Peter & Valerie S; Nneka H
22 nd	Laura & Neil B; Aidan N; Charlie T; Brian & Pat U; Barbara D; Malcolm & Mary W
23 rd	Ted B; Bev, Jon, Jessica & Emily D; Kelvin & Linda J; Janine & Hywel J
24 th	Ruth B; Phil & Tash J; Jen & Les P; John W; Karen R; Paul & Brenda C

PRAYER FELLOWSHIP:

Since the last bulletin, we have been praying for:

- Gwen who is far from well
- Bob, Pauline and the family
- Ivan, Ingrid and family following the passing of Iris

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 provided by Daisy Usher in memory of Irene



Taking up the collection can be harder than it looks!

FELLOWSHIP NEWS:

- In recent weeks we have been praying for several members of our fellowship. Sadly, earlier in the week we learnt of the bereavement of Iris Danford. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ivan and his family at this sad time.
- After tests, Bob met with the consultant this week. It wasn't good news, and they have advised that he is not well enough to have treatment. Our thoughts and prayers are with Bob, Pauline, Simon, Janine and their families.

THE WEEK AHEAD:

TODAY Sunday 17th October

- 10am All Age Worship
Followed by tea & coffee
- 11:30am Children's Church and Youth Groups
- ~12 noon Worship – online

[‘Live Like Christ’
1 Peter 2:11 - 3:7](#)

Tuesday 19th October

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

Wednesday 20th October

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

Thursday 21st October

- 11am Harvest Celebration (everyone welcome)
- 12:30pm Lunch Club
- 7:45pm Extra Slice Group at Colin & Nicola's
- 8.15pm Extra Slice Group online (Ian & Rachel)

[‘Live in Love’
1 Peter 3: 8-22](#)

SUNDAY 24th October

- 10am All Age Worship
Followed by tea & coffee
- 11:30am Children's Church and Youth Groups
- ~12 noon Worship – online

FURTHER AHEAD:

Sunday 14th Nov. Remembrance Sunday

- 10am Morning Worship in our hall
- 10:15am Remembrance Parade followed by service at Page Park
- 5pm Festival of Remembrance featuring our band (in hall)