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I will give you rest

This week sees the start of half term. Many will take the opportunity to spend a few days away with the family, to enjoy a little bit of escapism away from the humdrum of everyday life. And I am sure we wish them all an enjoyable and relaxing time, and pray that they will return to us safely in a week or so.

For the rest of us, we will continue to meet together as normal today in worship and praise ... but that doesn't mean that we miss out on the rest and relaxation! No matter what happens during the remainder of this week, Sunday is a time to meet with the Lord and enjoy fellowship with one another. Jesus said:

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest” [Matthew 11 v 28](#).

And I think that is especially true on a Sunday. Although I sometimes find myself getting caught up with the business of playing in the band, or helping to organise people and things - Sundays are predominantly a day where I can find rest, a day when I can just sit and let the Lord's presence wash over me and fill me with His peace.

Who needs a holiday when you have Christ in your life!

Paul Heath

THANK TOBER:

- As part of our season of thanking people, last Sunday we were pleased to welcome a number of people who have joined our fellowship since 2020. It was also good to acknowledge Myriam as our CSM, Paul as our ACSM and Deb as our CS, roles that they have been undertaking for over 18 months.
- This week our focus will be on those who helped with our emergency COVID food bank, along with other social activities. Additionally, I have been given a donation of a certain brand of chocolate, which we will be sharing!

PRAYER DIARY:

We invite you to pray for the following during the coming week:

25 th	Elsie & Mike D; Doris P; Geoff P; Glynn E; Beth E; Emma, Sam, Noah & Riley R
26 th	Tim & Sarah B; Morag F; Esther K; Lynette P; Sophie & Kathleen C; Mary Br; Naomi B
27 th	Derek & Margaret B; Yolanda K, Jeovany & Maria; Gary, Joanne, Jacob & Emily R
28 th	Jon H; Joyce L; Sheila F; Heather & Paul C; Paul & Tracey H; Sue M; Bev W
29 th	Staple Hill Corps
30 th	Staple Hill Community
31 st	National & International issues

FLOWERS:

- The flowers today are from Sheila and Michelle in memory of Gordon

PRAYER FELLOWSHIP:

Since the last bulletin, we have been praying for:

- Viv's neighbour Christine and her family as her husband, Graham, passed away suddenly whilst on holiday abroad
- Tim and Sarah Bessex and family as they come to terms with the sudden passing of a dear friend Roland, age 53, in California
- A friend of Myriam and Steve's from Plymouth Congress Hall, Tom Saunders, who is very ill in hospital with Covid
- Brenda Hussey whose Sister Roz passed away on Monday

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.

COLIN & NICOLA:

We are travelling to Harrogate for Territorial Officers Councils at the beginning of this week, after which we will be taking some days leave. Thanks to Paul for agreeing to lead our worship on Sunday 31st October.

It might also be helpful to know that Colin is leading worship at Kingswood this Sunday and will be leaving our worship at 10.30 to undertake this commitment.



The tech team are up against the clock to get the meeting online each week.

THANKS:

- Elaine and Peter Russell would like to pass on their thanks for all the cards, calls and flowers they received on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary a couple of weeks ago.
- Pauline and Bob would like to thank those friends who have sent messages, cards and flowers, and especially for their prayers over the past few weeks. Bob and Pauline have been greatly blessed.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS:

- We continue to remember Bob in our prayers along with Pauline and their family.
- We also remember Ivan and his family in our prayers as they prepare for the funeral of Iris. Her funeral will take place at 12:30pm on Friday 12th November at Westerleigh.
- There are a number of our fellowship who are poorly at the moment, so please continue to support and care each other.
- On Tuesday, Charlie Turnbull will be celebrating his 97th birthday. We hope you have a great day, Charlie!

SAFETY MEASURES:

As you will be aware, cases of COVID are rising. For your safety and the safety of others we would remind you that when entering and moving around the building you should be wearing facemasks, regularly sanitising your hands and being conscious not to get too close to one another. This should be for all activities that you attend within our facility. As the weather becomes colder, please wear an extra layer, as whilst we have just turned on the heating, we will continue to open the windows for improved ventilation. If you can help by complying to these guidelines, we would be grateful.

THE WEEK AHEAD:

TODAY Sunday 24th October

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

'Live in Love'
[1 Peter 3: 8-22](#)

Tuesday 26th October

10:30am Extra Slice Group at the hall (Kelvin)
8pm Songster Practice

Wednesday 27th October

As it is half term most Extra Slice groups are taking a week off, however some of the online groups are still meeting – please speak to your leader for more details.

Thursday 28th October

12:30pm Lunch Club

SUNDAY 31st October

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

'A whole life'
[Psalm 32](#)

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)