



# Staple Hill

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*God Speaks to Me!*

In Bible Study last week, one of the questions was: *“How should we follow Christ’s example? Share something that has helped you.”*

Recently Geoff and I experienced something which cannot be easily discussed or even proved. It affects both our thinking and nature. I began to dust and polish around the house when I came across some crosses: one stuck in a plant, one on the wall, one on the mirror and one around my neck on a chain. It prompted me to think about myself. The crosses spoke to me saying “You represent Christ, what would He say?”

Jesus on the cross faced many enemies, He was about His father’s business and said “Father forgive them for they know not what they do!” As Christians, we too must forgive. So, my answer is “forgiveness”. I must follow Christ’s teachings. My whole attitude has a new meaning. It has brought happiness instead of bitterness. It has turned hate into joy.

What is your reaction to that question?

*God speaks to us in bird and song,  
In winds that drift the clouds along.  
Above the din and toil of wrong,  
A melody of love  
[Salvation Army Song Book No 21]*

Doris Pearce

## PRAYER DIARY:

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

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
28 <sup>th</sup>	Jon H; Joyce L; Sheila F; Heather & Paul C; Paul & Tracey H; Sue M; Bev W

## PRAYER FELLOWSHIP:

Since the last bulletin, we have been praying for:

- Carol Chadwick (Margaret Boxell's sister in law) who has been diagnosed with skin cancer and is awaiting tests. Please pray for David (Carols husband) and family at this times.
- John (a family friend of Margaret) who has been diagnosed with blood cancer, also his wife Frances

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).

## FLOWERS:

The flowers today are provided by Morag and Linda.

## **NEW ADHERENT:**

Today we have the pleasure of enrolling Jakub Pyman as an adherent, congratulations Jakub on the decision to make this next step on your faith journey. Please continue to support Jakub in prayer and in other ways.

## **HELP NEEDED PLEASE:**

We will be opening our Christmas reception again this year, from next Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November. There is a sheet on the noticeboard, so if you are able to cover any times please write your name on the list. We just need you to welcome people who come into the building to donate goods and money and answer any other enquiries as needed. Any questions please see Nicola.

As last year, we will need drivers to deliver Christmas dinner and other packages to people on Christmas day. Our Christmas day meeting is going ahead at 11am and deliveries will be made after that. If you are able to help please see Nicola or David.

## **CHRISTMAS CARDS TO CORPS MEMBERS:**

This year we will once again be using our post box for Christmas cards to corps members.

- Please only include cards for people who attend our church or people who are on our 'Wish You Were Here' List.
- Please write FULL names clearly on the envelopes
- The post box will only be available from Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

Donations for the 'postage' will be greatly received and used to fund our Youth Group. Thank you.

## **PASTORAL CARE COUNCIL:**

During the meeting today we will be welcoming our newly reorganized Pastoral Care Council. The PCC has the responsibility to oversee the pastoral care of everyone connected with our corps. I'm sure you will give them the prayerful support they need in this vital task. The members of the PCC are:

- Myriam Selfe (Corps Sergeant Major)
- Deb Hatcliffe (Corps Secretary)
- Kay Willetts (Membership Secretary)
- Gerry Wiltshire (Adherents Secretary)
- Michelle Dickens (represents all children and youth)
- Hilton & Lilian Baker (represents Band and Songster members and their families)
- David James (represents those on Wish You Were Here List)

As a corps, we will also be continuing Colin's 'Thank Tober' theme by saying a special 'thank you' to Colin and Nicola for their leadership, pastoral care and encouragement through the past couple of very challenging years.

## **PEOPLE:**

- Please continue to pray for Bob and Clive along with their respective families.
- We remember those families who have recently experienced bereavement. Pauline Nolan's family; Ivan and his family following the loss of Iris; Sarah and her family following the bereavement of her mother. Please uphold our friends in prayer and where possible send messages of support and encouragement.
- Pauline and Clive Ewins celebrated their Golden wedding anniversary on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November. Many congratulations to you both.

## CASUALWEAR - UPDATE:

Just to let you know, the polo shirts in size S. are currently out of stock.

Our next bulk order will be in a few months time, but we do have a few surplus items available if you would like to check first.

Invoice slips for the second delivery are now being distributed. There is now an option for you to pay by bank transfer (see details below) as well as cash or cheque. Details of all the payment options are on the invoices.

Sort code: 60-01-73  
Account number: 00130997  
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Reference: CASWR



**When Joe agreed to stand at the front, he never expected this ...**



**None of them did!**

## THE SALVATION ARMY NEED YOUR IDEAS!

Territorial Headquarters invites everyone linked to The Salvation Army (volunteer, employee, officer, member, friend) to have a say on what is needed for local mission to flourish. A survey is running online here;

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/G88DPLV>

and in *Salvationist* (6<sup>th</sup> November until 30<sup>th</sup> November).

You can also email comments to [transformation@salvationarmy.org.uk](mailto:transformation@salvationarmy.org.uk). We would encourage you to get involved – we want Staple Hill Salvation Army's voice to be heard!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY & HOW TO BOOK:

- Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov. 4pm-5.30pm **Family Crafts**
  - *booking required, helpers do not need to book:*
    - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/210703298237>
- Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10am-4pm **Christmas on the Hill**
  - *Take away refreshments served at our front door*
- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec. 5pm **'Light up a Life'**
  - *booking required, Senior Band do not need to book:*
    - <https://stpetershospice.enthuse.com/ps/event/LightupaLifeDec2021>
- Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10am **Family Carol Service**
- Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. 5pm **Carol Service**
  - *booking required, Senior Band/Songsters do not need to book:*
    - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christmas-carol-service-2021-tickets-212708846887>
- Christmas Eve 5pm **Carols in the Square**
- Christmas Day 11am **Christmas Day meeting**

If you are unable to book online, please phone Colin and Nicola instead.

## THE WEEK AHEAD:

### TODAY Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November

- 10am All Age Worship  
Followed by tea & coffee  
*Worship will be available online later in day*
- 11:30am Children's Church and Youth Activities

'Live in Heavenly  
Resistance'  
[1 Peter 5:1-14](#)

### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

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

### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November

- 9:30am & 11am Tots on the Hill (booking required)
- 3.30pm Extra Slice Group online (Gerry)
- 7:45pm Extra Slice Group at Linda's
- 8.15pm Extra Slice Group online (Beth)

### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November

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

### SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> November

- 10am All Age Worship  
Followed by tea & coffee  
*Worship will be available online later in day*
- 11:30am Children's Church and Youth Activities
- 4pm Family Crafts (booking required)

'A baby like no  
other. A baby  
who is God'  
[Phil. 2v5-11](#)