



Staple Hill

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Using Your Talents!

I was privileged to attend one of the recent fund-raising coffee mornings at the Corps. What an event! On arriving, I discovered the hall buzzing and full of people - some unknown to me - so it was an amazing sight.

What fascinated me most was the beautiful display of cakes available to purchase. I would have loved to sample each one in turn, so it was a struggle to choose which to have with my cuppa!

My thoughts were around the many people who had spent time baking them.

Baking cakes is a gift - I have never achieved a presentable bake ever. But on that day, there was a display like no other, and my attempts at baking couldn't possibly have taken a place beside any of them.

Our gifts from God vary, but we are taught to use what talents we have. [1 Corinthians 10 v 31](#) says "*So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.*"

May your talent be used for the Glory of God always.

Doris Pearce

FLOWERS:

The flowers today are given by Jill Whitelaw in memory of her mother.



You can always tell when Aimee has arrived

CORPS PROGRAMME DIARY – STATISTICS:

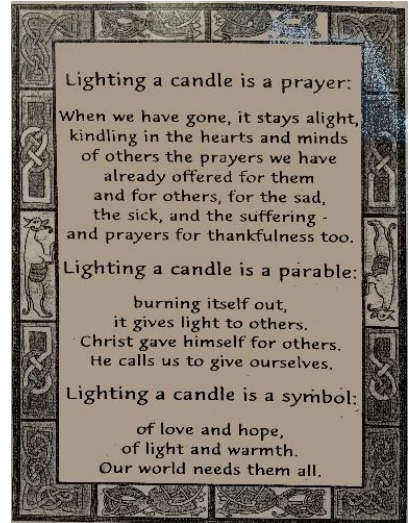
Leaders / secretaries please continue to send your numbers to Deb Hatcliffe each week until Friday 20th May.

PEOPLE:

Ruth Barber is now home following her stay in Southmead, but Geoff is still in the BRI awaiting treatment. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with Ruth and Geoff, along with those within our fellowship who are poorly. Please remain in contact with our friends.

Louise Parkes has been bereaved of her uncle, Nigel Nash on 27/04/22. He leaves his wife Helen and two children Elizabeth and Joanne, and a 3-year-old granddaughter, and his mother Margaret Nash, and sister Hazel. Please remember them all in your prayers.

Joy and Alan Campbell have also been bereaved of their sister-in-law, Helen Oakley. Please think of Helen's husband, Paul Oakley, Joy Campbell and their family at this time.



CLEANING:

Thanks for those who helped clean on Friday afternoon. Please continue to be respectful of our suite of buildings and where possible keep the spaces which you use tidy.

PROPERTY:

It's been a week of surveys and maintenance. Monday an Asbestos Survey, Tuesday our annual Gas Safety Survey and Wednesday and Thursday a overall Building Condition Survey. As reports come in we'll share any relevant information.

Also, please see letter from Chief Secretary available on the noticeboard regarding the recent press story about SA Property

WELCOME THE STRANGER: (free webinar)

Date & Time: Wednesday 11th May, 1pm to 2pm

Host: Louisa Lockwood, Editor, *Preach* magazine, LWPT

Webinar workshop contents:

- Session 1: how to lead and preach about welcoming strangers, with Q&A, led by **Rev Mark Nam**, Chinese Anglican priest in the Diocese of Bristol.
- Session 2: putting welcoming strangers into the current UK and global context, with Q&A. Led by **Dr Krish Kandiah**, Director of Sanctuary Foundation and a Global Ambassador for World Vision.
- Session 3: the practical application of how to welcome strangers well in churches and communities, with Q&A. Led by **Sue Butler**, joint CEO of Welcome Churches, with a case study from a church that has become a welcome church.

Register:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/welcome-the-stranger-webinar-workshop-hosted-by-preach-at-lwpt-tickets-315280962847>



OUTSIDE SPACE:

Can you help? It's that time of the year when everything is growing. We need some help to pull up the weeds growing outside. It would take less than an hour - is this something that you could help with? Let me (Colin) know.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Monday 9th May	Mission Council Meeting
Sunday 15th May	Page Park Praise (at 3pm)
Saturday 4th June	Jubilee Festival in Page Park (11am-5pm)
Sunday 26th June	Page Park Praise (at 3pm)
31st July – 5th August	Severn & Somerset Junior Camp (Application forms available from Laura)
6th – 12th August	Severn & Somerset Summer Camp (Application forms available from Tash)
Sunday 4th September	Page Park Praise (at 3pm)

THE WEEK AHEAD:

TODAY Sunday 1st May:

10am All Age Worship - *at the hall and available online later*
'Encounters with the Risen Jesus: Road Encounter'

[Luke 24:13-35](#)

11.30am -12:15pm Children & Youth Activities

Tuesday 3rd May:

11am Extra Slice Group at the hall with Kelvin

6:15pm YP Band Practice

7:15pm Singing Company Practice

8pm Senior Band Practice

Wednesday 4th May:

9.30am & 11am Tots on the Hill - *booking required*

3.30pm Online Extra Slice group with Gerry

7.45pm Extra Slice Group at Linda's

8.15pm Online Extra Slice Group with Beth

Thursday 5th May:

12.30pm Lunch Club

7.45pm Extra Slice Group at Colin & Nicola's

8.15pm Online Extra Slice Group with Rachel & Ian

Sunday 8th May: **CANDIDATES SUNDAY**

10am All Age Worship - *at the hall and available online later*
'Encounters with the Risen Jesus: Locked Room Encounter'

[John 20 v 24-29](#)

11.30am -12:15pm Children & Youth Activities

Sunday 8th May

There will be a retiring collection following the service in aid of
the Candidates' Fund

Divisional Youth Band and Chorus rehearsals take place in
Gloucester