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Written in Red

Many of you know that Tracey and I are moving house soon, and this week marked one of the milestones on that journey. On Wednesday, we exchanged contracts! We are now fully committed to the move, as are everyone else within the chain. Removal companies have been booked, house insurance arranged and packing a life-time of clutter can now commence in earnest. The 'exchange of contracts' not only provides a legal statement of intent, but is financially binding. If anyone pulls out now, they will lose a lot of cash and that tends to keep the mind focused on the final goal.

As Christians, we have entered into a commitment with God. It isn't a written contract in the legal sense, but it is still binding. In the words of the song that the Songsters shared over the Easter period, it was 'Written in Red' on Calvary's Hill. God has promised to love us, and give us an eternal home with Him in exchange for our love and belief in Christ. And the contract was sealed by the blood that Jesus shed for us on Calvary.

I think we're are getting a pretty good deal!

Paul Heath

*I love you, I love you
That's what Calvary said
I love you, I love you
I love you, written... In Red*

CANDIDATES SUNDAY:

Today we will be financially supporting the new candidates. There are various ways to give today or during the week:

- Cash or cheque in the retiring collection at the end of today's service
- Contactless Card (We now accept credit/debit card payments Min £3.00) available at the end of the service
- Bank transfer using the details below
 - Account Name: The Salvation Army
 - Sort Code: 60-01-73
 - Account No: 00130997
 - Ref: CAND

On behalf of the candidates, Thank you.

FLOWERS:

The flowers at the front of the hall today are given by Beryl Gardner.

A MESSAGE FROM DHQ:

Our Divisional Leaders, Majors Ian & Jean Harris, are retiring in September and we would like to purchase a gift for them from the Severn & Somerset Division. If you would like to make a donation please hand this to your Corps Officer no later than Sunday 12th June. Thank you.

CORPS PROGRAMME DIARY – STATISTICS:

Leaders / secretaries please continue to send your numbers to Deb Hatcliffe each week until Friday 20th May. Not too many more weeks to go now!



♪ **There shall be showers of blessing** ♪
This is the promise of God ... ♪

PEOPLE:

Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with those of our fellowship who are poorly and for those who are or who have recently been in hospital. In particular, Geoff is still in the BRI awaiting surgery and this week Emily has had treatment in Southmead. Please pray and support our friends at this time.

COFFEE TIME:

Donna is going to make Hong Kong Tea this week for us to share during our coffee time. Please stay and try this delicacy. Tea and Coffee will also be available for those less adventurous!

OUTSIDE SPACE:

A thanks to all who helped tidy up outside, it is really appreciated. Hopefully, we will be able to use the space over the summer.

EXERCISE CLUB:

We have been asked to host an exercise club as part of an on-going initiative by the Staple Hill Community Hub. This will take place in the annexe on a Tuesday morning from 10-11.30am, cost £3.00. If you're interested, please see the flyer below.

Staple Hill Friendship & Exercise Club

at The Salvation Army, Staple Hill

NEW session every Tuesday at 1000-1130am



Come and join us for a weekly dose of exercise! We aim to improve your **strength**, **balance**, **posture**, and **flexibility** in a fun and friendly environment!

The session includes refreshments

To register your interest please contact Spencer Davies

Tel: 01172 440007 Email: info@sportingchance-csp.co.uk



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>



PAGE PARK PRAISE – HELP NEEDED PLEASE:

Following the Easter Sunday band concert, next Sunday 15th May will be our first Page Park Praise since 2019! We need lots of help to ensure this is a success. Some of us will be staying at the hall after the morning meeting to prepare – please feel free to join us (bring your own lunch). From 2pm we will be loading the cars with the equipment, so even if you don't stay for lunch but are able to help, please come to the hall for 2pm.

Obviously, we will also need help packing down afterwards too. Page Park Praise is only a success if we have people available to talk to members of the public, giving out leaflets, goody bags etc. If you're able to help in any way, please see Colin or Nicola. It is important that we pray for this venture and the opportunities it brings to engage with our local community. Thank you.

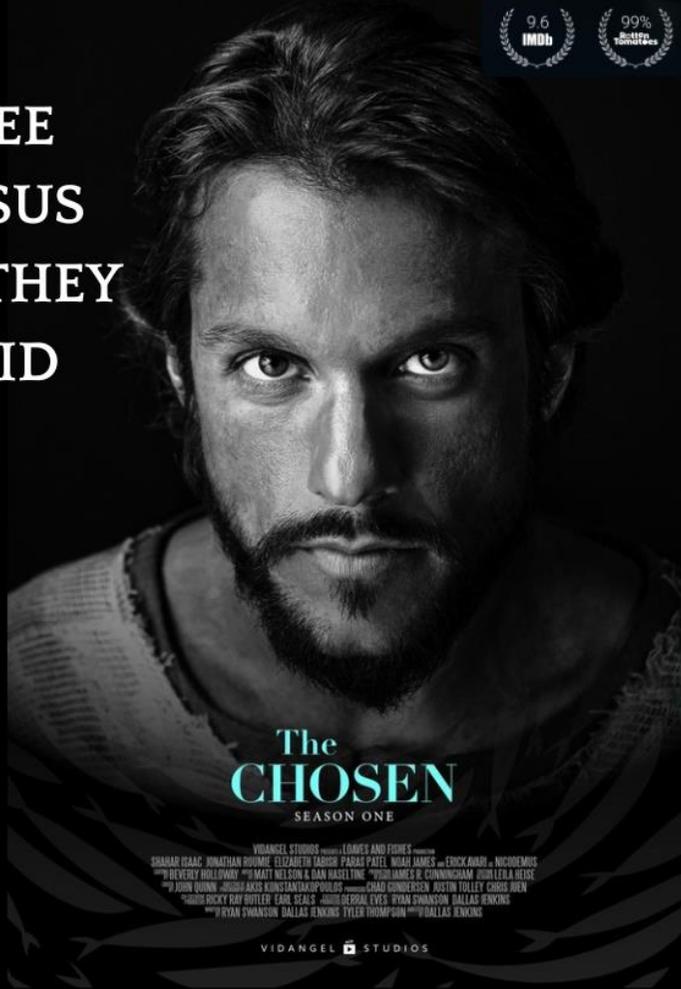
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Saturday 4th June	Jubilee Festival in Page Park (11am-5pm)
Sunday 12th June	Falklands 40 th Anniversary Service at Page Park
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)

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THE WEEK AHEAD:

TODAY 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](#)

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

11.30am -12:15pm Children & Youth Activities

Divisional Youth Band and Chorus rehearsals take place in Gloucester

Monday 9th May:

8pm Mission Council Meeting

Tuesday 10th May:

11am Extra Slice Group at the hall with Kelvin

6:15pm YP Band Practice

7:15pm Singing Company Practice

8pm Songster Practice

Wednesday 11th 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 12th May:

12.30pm Lunch Club

7.45pm Extra Slice Group at Colin & Nicola's

8.15pm Online Extra Slice Group with Rachel & Ian

Sunday 15th May:

10am All Age Worship - *at the hall and available online later*
'Encounters with the Risen Jesus: Seaside Encounter'
[John 21: 1-14](#)

11.30am -12:15pm Children & Youth Activities

3pm Page Park Praise