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On Our Shoulders

This afternoon we will be holding another Page Park Praise. It is 3 years since we last went to Page Park for one of these events, but I am sure we will quickly get back into the groove of a well-oiled machine. There is no doubt that the hard work setting everything up, the professionalism of those leading and taking part, and the rapid packing away again at the end will be well worth it. God has blessed Staple Hill corps with this form of ministry, and we must grasp this opportunity with both hands.

But no matter how hard we work, or professional we may appear, it is not just a show. Yes, we do create a spectacle and many will be attracted to come over to just enjoy some free entertainment. We could just leave it at that, but that isn't what God requires of us ... we are called to evangelise, to spread the message of God. As Major Colin keeps reminding us at the moment – each one of us stands on the shoulders of those who came before us, whether family members or friends or strangers who personally took the initiative to invite us into the body of the church. Today, we have the chance to do the same and to extend a personal invitation to those we meet – and it is a responsibility that all of us must take seriously if our presence in the park is to have any meaning. It is why we go to Page Park. It is why we exist as a Salvation Army.

Paul Heath

PAGE PARK PRAISE – HELP NEEDED PLEASE:

Later on today, we're looking forward to sharing in Page Park Praise. 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. - thank you to those I know will offer to do this.



Many hands make light work for another Page Park Praise!

FLOWERS:

The flowers today are from Rita in memory of Harry, and also Viv in memory of Allan.

CANDIDATES FUND:

The total collected last Sunday for the Candidates amounted to £305.44 - the best we have ever collected! 😊

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



UPDATE ON THE SALVATION ARMY IN UKRAINE:

Lt. Colonel Ann Borrett (Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries & Secretary for Personnel Eastern Europe Territory) thanks us for our continued prayers and shared this news this week:

Sadly this week, every town where we have a corps was bombed overnight on Wednesday evening. These cities are not just in the east – they spread across the country. All our officers are safe. The officers of three corps have now decided to leave the area. Understandable but difficult for the corps folk. The humanitarian need is huge. 100s of displaced people turning up in all our countries/corps now. So the money raised in UK and other parts of the world is most definitely being used!

Please continue to pray for the situation in Ukraine and surrounding countries and in particular for The Salvation Army centres and personnel. If you want to donate to the Salvation Army in Ukraine you can do so via www.salvationarmy.org.uk or hand the donation to Gary or Colin. Thank you.

PEOPLE:

At the time of writing, none of our friends are in hospital, which is good. However, continue to remember our those of our fellowship who have been and continue to be poorly.

We are pleased to announce that Linda Sullivan has become engaged to Jim Isherwood - Congratulations. Plans are already afoot for the Happy Day/Weekend, and as they are finalised we will let you know.

On Friday John Wordley moved to Honiton to be closer to his daughter. Please speak to me (Colin) if you would like his contact details.

Please continue to support and pray for those who need our support, celebrate with those who are celebrating and encourage those who are experiencing a time of transition/difficulty.

THE REVIEW:

We are really grateful to those people who completed a survey, in total we received 95 which was an excellent response, thank you. Change is always difficult, and as expected, there were various opinions on all the topics. The Mission Council have analysed the results and have been working hard on the way forward. This is an ongoing process as we continue to listen to God's leading and we ensure we 'Love God and Love Others', but we can confirm:

- Sunday meeting will continue at 10am each week, followed by coffee – a large majority were happy with this
- Children's Church and Youth Group will continue to meet at 11.30am – it was felt that the quality of participation had improved particularly for older children and youth
- The Mission Council would like to build on the success of 'Family Crafts' events as a way of reaching unchurched families
- Extra Slice Groups will continue in their present form but we will continue to review to meet varying needs
- YP Band and Singing Company practices will continue on the same evening - the vast majority of families found this to be more convenient
- Songster and Band practices – there was less of an agreement regarding the timing of these groups, and so the Mission Council and leaders are working on a compromise which will include an additional band practice per month.

We continue to review the rest of our programme as we try to fulfil our God given mission. We are grateful for people's responses and they will inform our decision making as we develop our programme. If you have any questions or suggestions please speak to Colin and Nicola.

CORPS PROGRAMME DIARY – STATISTICS:

The final week at last! Leaders / secretaries please send your numbers to Deb Hatcliffe each week until Friday 20th May.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Thursday 2nd June

Jubilee Coffee Morning (10am-12 noon)

Saturday 4th June

Jubilee Festival in Page Park (11am-5pm)

Sunday 12th June

Falklands 40th Anniversary Service at Page Park

Sunday 26th June

Page Park Praise (at 3pm)

Sunday 17th July

Summer Family Crafts (at 4pm)

31st July – 5th August

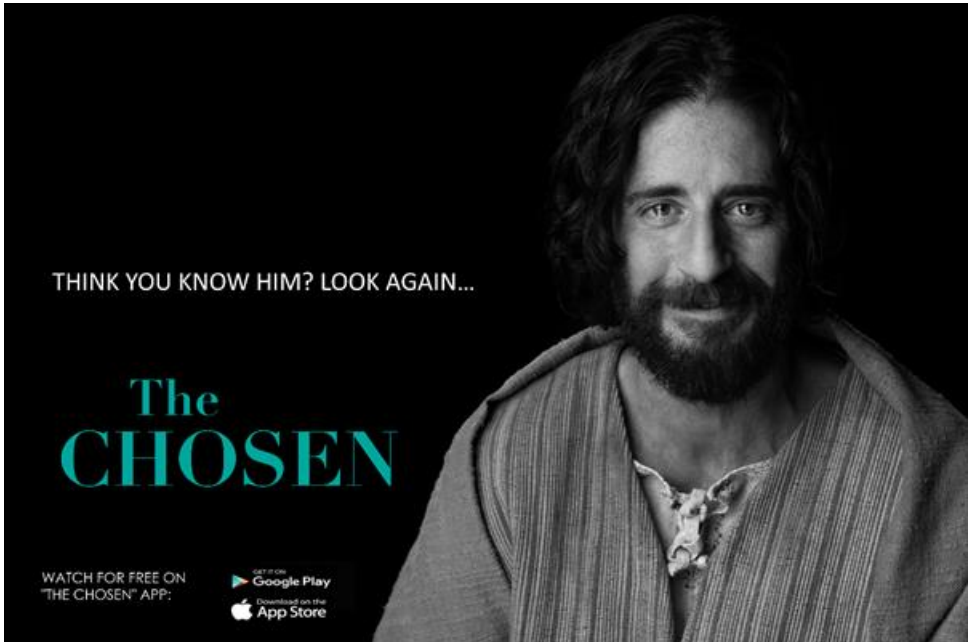
Severn & Somerset Junior Camp
(Application forms available from Laura)

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 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

Tuesday 17th 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 18th 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 19th May:

- 12.30pm Lunch Club
- 7pm Staple Hill Partnership meeting
- 7.45pm Extra Slice Group at Colin & Nicola's
- 8.15pm Online Extra Slice Group with Rachel & Ian

Sunday 22nd May:

- 10am All Age Worship - *at the hall and available online later*
'Encounters with the Risen Jesus: Mountain Encounter'
[Matthew 28 v 16-20](#)
- 11.30am -12:15pm Children & Youth Activities