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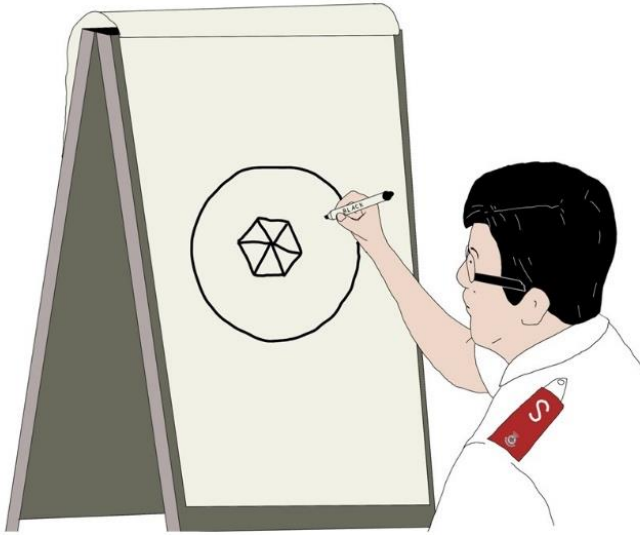
The Chosen

Have you been watching *The Chosen*? Since Myriam introduced the TV series to us a couple of weeks ago, I am sure that many people will have become hooked on this free-to-watch, multi-season series on the internet. I have now just finished watching the first season, and although there are things that I don't like about it (particularly the artistic licence taken over the chronology of events) – I have found it to be strangely compelling. As the characters developed and the scenarios became more familiar, it soon became essential viewing. In particular, the character of Nicodemus is an absolute delight and the series has been worth watching just for his story ... and he is just one of many wonderful biblical characters that are brought to life through this historical drama. It is well acted, well produced, well scripted and it really does bring a fresh dimension to those stories that we all know so well.

Unlike other dramatisations of Jesus' life, *The Chosen* allows the characters to develop and grow in their own spirituality and relationship with the Messiah. And as they change before our eyes, we are also changed as we relate intimately to the thought processes and feelings that are being portrayed. That is the power of the programme.

So would I recommend others to watch it? Definitely! If you haven't tuned in yet, then you really are missing out.

Paul Heath



**Can you tell what it is?
The bandstand from above when it is raining
for Page Park Praise!**

FLOWERS:

Our thanks go to Jen and Les this week for providing the flowers at the front of the hall, in celebration of their wedding anniversary last week.

NEW SALVATIONIST WEBSITE:

The Salvation Army has launched a new website for people linked to the Army: www.salvationist.org.uk

Dean Pallant says on his Facebook page:

"It's an exciting day for my team at work as we launch a new website aimed at members of The Salvation Army. This is just the start of what we hope will become the 'go to' site for people who are interested in becoming members or are already members of The Salvation Army. Everyone is welcome! Check it out."

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE:

Due to sickness from both the project manager and architect, there won't be a newsletter this week. We have however received the condition survey which we have started to review. More info to come when the full team is operational again!

CORPS PROGRAMME DIARY - STATISTICS:

The time for collecting statistics is now over (last date Friday 20th May). If you still have numbers to send to Deb Hatcliffe, please do this as soon as possible please. Thank you for all your help, it is much appreciated. Thanks go to Deb too!

PEOPLE:

- Ruth Sheppard was taken into Southmead hospital and is far from well. Mike, a close friend of Marcia, has had heart surgery this week and Emily and Lydia are recovering from surgery. Our friends, along with those who are living with long-term health matters, remain in our thoughts and prayers.
- Congratulations to Louise and Jim, who married yesterday - we look forward to seeing photo's.
- Following on from the announcement of Linda and Jim's (different Jim) engagement last week a little more information concerning their wedding. Their wedding will take place at Holy Trinity Church, Kingswood, on Saturday 20th August. Following this, there will be a wedding blessing during our morning worship on Sunday, 21st August.
- As we enter the exam period, we remember all those who are taking exams. If you know someone, take an opportunity to encourage them.
- Well done to Carys who travelled to Buckingham Palace on Friday (chaperoned by Colin) to collect her Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award.



MESSAGE FROM DORIS:

Please accept our appreciation for your sincere thoughts, prayers and blessings you showed to us during Geoff's illness. We felt God's love and kindness, presented to us, enabling us to feel comforted. Thank you!!

Doris Pearce

METHODIST CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL:

Staple Hill Methodist Church will be decorated with flower arrangements created by individual members of the church, Groups active in the Church and visitors from surrounding areas. The Flower Festival will be open on Friday and Saturday 3rd and 4th June from 10 am - 4pm and Sunday 5th June from 1 pm - 5pm. Refreshments throughout the day. Cream Teas on Sunday 5th in the afternoon. Sunday 6pm Flower Festival Songs of Praise - all welcome.



Staple Hill Methodist Church

Flower Festival



CELEBRATING THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE



LET US GIVE THANKS

Friday 3rd June and Saturday 4th June

10 am - 4 pm

Sunday 5th June

1 pm - 5 pm

Songs of Praise Service from 6 pm

Refreshments available everyday



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Thursday 2nd June

Jubilee Coffee Morning (10am-12 noon)

Saturday 4th June

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

Sunday 5th June

Pentecost celebration event on College Green (at 6:30pm) – an ecumenical event open to all

Sunday 12th June

Falklands 40th Anniversary Service at Page Park (at 12 noon)

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)



We have purchased a DVD of *The Chosen* for people who don't have access to the Internet.

Please contact Myriam if you would like to borrow it.

THE WEEK AHEAD:

TODAY 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

Tuesday 24th May:

- 11am Extra Slice Group at the hall with Kelvin
- 6:15pm YP Band Practice
- 7:15pm Singing Company Practice
- 8pm Songster Practice

Wednesday 25th 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 26th May:

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

Sunday 29th May: *Led by Linda and Kelvin James*

- 10am All Age Worship
- 11.30am -12:15pm Children & Youth Activities