



# Staple Hill

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*Upright and True*

As the hot weather waned to something a little more tolerable, I finally got around to one of those jobs that I have been putting off since we moved in to our house – sorting out the rotary washing line. Up until now, the pole had been listing sharply to one side, and wobbled in the ground whenever a breeze stirred the sheets. Was it difficult to fix? No, it just took a few minutes with a big hammer and a little ingenuity. Now, our whirligig line proudly stands upright and true.

Standing upright and true is important for us as well as washing line poles! When we put on our uniforms or step into our church on a Sunday, we advertise ourselves as being Christians – we are perceived as being upright and true in our morals and faith, as pillars of the community who can be trusted. What we do and how we act will be watched and can be an influence (good or bad) in the lives of others ... even though we may be totally unaware of anyone seeing us. It is a big responsibility, and one that we must constantly be aware of. It is what we are, and what we must be.

*Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent? Who may live on your holy mountain? The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from their heart. [Psalm 15 v 1 & 2.](#)*

*Paul Heath*

## COFFEE MORNINGS:

A few Coffee Mornings have been planned for the Autumn period, so please support if you can by coming along or maybe providing a homemade cake (please speak to the coordinators to see if they need anything):

- Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September Mary & Nick Dunk
- Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October Lynette Price & Pauline Perkins
- Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November Jo Risdale & Rachel Wallis

## PEOPLE:

- We continue to remember Harry Dryden (Claire Blowers' father). Harry is very poorly and we pray both for him and his family at this time. Olive is making good progress and hopes to be home soon. There are a number in our fellowship who are poorly, living with serious health conditions and experiencing difficulties. We try and contact most, but during this holiday period, please let us know if you need our support.
- In this week's service, we will be acknowledging those who have or are celebrating a special occasion/event this year (2022). Mary has made a cake - thanks Mary, especially given that Mary and Malcolm are celebrating their Ruby wedding anniversary this weekend - so please stay for a piece after the meeting/BBQ.
- On Tuesday, Elaine Russell will be celebrating her birthday. Happy birthday from us all!

## PROPERTY:

Just to let you know that the rear shutter has now been repaired!

*I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart, I will enter His courts with praise! [Salvation Army Songbook No 337]*

## OPEN BAND PRACTICE:

This Tuesday (26<sup>th</sup>) will be an open band practice. Refreshments will be available from 7.30pm and we will start the rehearsal at 8pm. If you would like to join us to play or would just like to come along to listen, then you will be most welcome.

## SUMMER ACTIVITIES:

Over the next few weeks, many of our young people are attending summer activities provided by The Salvation Army. We know that they will all have a lot of fun, but there are also times that provide important opportunities for spiritual development and are remembered for a lifetime. So please pray for our young people and for those leaders who will share with them:

- Territorial Music School
- Junior Camp
- Summer School

23<sup>rd</sup> July – 30<sup>th</sup> July: *Naomi*

31<sup>st</sup> July – 5<sup>th</sup> August: *Noah*

6<sup>th</sup> August – 12<sup>th</sup> August:

Young people attending:

*Jessica, Emily D, Harry, Jeovany, Thomas, Isobella, Gracey, Victoria, Vimbai, Senan, Karen, Natalie, Aston, Jacob R, Emily R, Matthew, Joshua W.*

Staff: *Tash, Phil & Joe*

## BULLETIN:

Whilst the majority of people enjoy a summer break and activities within our buildings are curtailed, we shall also be reducing the number of issues of this newsletter. The next 2 issues will be published on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August. A weekly edition will resume on the 4<sup>th</sup> September.

## **FLOWERS:**

Today, Mary and Malcolm White are celebrating their ruby wedding anniversary – and so the flowers today are in celebration of that wonderful achievement.

If you would like to place flowers on the holiness table (it does not need to be for a special occasion) – there are still a few dates available:

- July 31<sup>st</sup>
- August 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>
- October 30<sup>th</sup>

Please speak to Viv for more details or if you would like to help.

## **JOSEPH SERIES OVER THE SUMMR:**

Extra Slice Groups won't be meeting regularly over the summer, so from next Sunday we will provide a short sheet of questions based on the week's theme that you can take home. It will help you to reflect on the Sunday's message on your own, but why not meet up with a friend and have a chat about it together. We hope it is helpful.

## **PAGE PARK PRAISE – DATE CHANGE:**

Due to a diary clash at Page Park, we have had to move our September Page Park Praise from 4<sup>th</sup> September to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September, so please add the new date to your diaries, thank you.



**Looking for our next leaders?**

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

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| <b>6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> August</b>     | Severn & Somerset Summer Camp                                 |
| <b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>           | Coffee Morning<br>(Hosted by Mary & Nick Dunk)                |
| <b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September</b>            | Page Park Praise  |
| <b>24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> September</b> | Harvest Weekend   |
| <b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October</b>             | Coffee Morning<br>(Hosted by Lynette Price & Pauline Perkins) |
| <b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>              | YP Annual Celebration Meeting<br>(at 10am)                    |
| <b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>              | Divisional Welcome to Divisional Leaders in our hall (at 4pm) |
| <b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November</b>            | Coffee Morning<br>(Hosted by Jo Risdale & Rachel Wallis)      |
| <b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November</b>           | Kenya Trust Concert   |
| <b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b>             | Remembrance Sunday  |



Visit Staple Hill library and become a Gadgeteer with the Summer Reading Challenge 2022 - it's FUN and FREE!

All children aged 4 – 11 are invited to take part! Children read books over the summer holiday and collect stickers (including some stinky ones!) to complete their special *Gadgeteers* poster and get a medal and certificate.

Join *Gadgeteers*, Summer Reading Challenge 2022 at a South Gloucestershire library from Saturday 9 July finishing by Saturday 10 September and **pick up your FREE bag of Gadgeteer Goodies\*** and see the **difference the Summer Reading Challenge makes to your child's reading:**

'...I'd like to do this every day of my entire life!' *Child, Staple Hill*

Children love taking part and there are lots of **awesome FREE activities**: Fizz Pop Science workshops and Gadgeteer themed crafts and Lego clubs.

Find out more at [www.southglos.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge) or like us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/sgloslibraries](https://www.facebook.com/sgloslibraries) for the latest updates.

\* Available whilst stocks last.



## THE WEEK AHEAD:

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July:

10am All Age Worship  
'Joseph the rejected brother'  
[Genesis 37: 12-36](#)

11.30am-12:15pm Final Youth before summer break  
Lunchtime Corps BBQ

### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July:

8pm Senior Band Practice – open practice

### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July:

12.30pm Lunch Club

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July:

10am All Age Worship  
'Joseph the slave and the prisoner'  
[Genesis 39 - 40](#)  
Severn & Somerset Junior Camp starts



**Corps BBQ after the meeting  
today - everyone welcome**