



# Staple Hill

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### *Spreading the Infection*

After almost 2½ years of avoiding it, Tracey and I both finally succumbed to COVID last weekend. I am thankful that I didn't catch the virus during one of the earlier phases where the infection was more deadly or before I had been fully inoculated ... I really haven't enjoyed the experience much at all!

Although in this case, I would have preferred not to experience it, it did bring home to me the impact that real life experience has. I have read about the fevers, the fatigue, the coughing, the loss of taste and smell in the papers and on-line ... but I had no actual knowledge of what it was like - I couldn't fully understand without experiencing it for myself.

Over recent months, we have been challenged repeatedly to invite our family and friends to join us at various church services and events. Those friends may have pre-formed views of what worship at the Salvation Army is like, but without actually experiencing it – do they really know? Of course not! So we need to keep asking, keep inviting, and keep believing that eventually they will respond.

The joy of worship is infectious. As more people experience worship within our fellowship, more people will come to know God. That is one infection that will be well worth spreading!

*Paul Heath*

## **THANKS:**

Thank you to all those who helped last weekend. We had a really lovely Coffee Morning last Saturday, which was well attended, and on Sunday a great time of fellowship at the Barbeque. Neither of these events would not have been possible without a team of willing volunteers, so a big thank you to all those who helped.

## **BIG COLLECTION:**

A massive thanks to everyone who took part in our Big Collection Altar Service. With these donations along with fundraising events such as the recent band concert and several coffee mornings, we now stand at an impressive total of £4,257.67. However, we are still fundraising to achieve our target of £6,000, and so if you have any fundraising initiatives, please let us know. Our next scheduled events are .....

## **BIG COLLECTION FLAG DAYS:**

Morrisons in Fishponds have kindly made 2 dates available for us to fundraise for the Big Collection. The dates are Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> and Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September. If you are able to collect for an hour or 2 on these dates that would be great – we will put a sign-up sheet on the notice board at the beginning of September, but put the dates in your diary now please. Thank you.

## **JOSEPH SERIES OVER THE SUMMER:**

During the summer, each Sunday there will be a short take-home sheet for you to reflect on the week's theme – don't forget to pick yours up and if you want to, meet up with others to have a chat.

## **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.
- Naomi has been at Territorial Music School, Noah is currently at Junior camp and we have 18 young people preparing for Summer Camp next week. Please pray for our young people as they go or have been to camp, that they will be blessed and encouraged.
- Joice Pillinger from Kingswood Corps, known by some in Staple Hill, has been Promoted to Glory. Her funeral service will take place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August at 1pm at Kingswood Salvation Army, followed by an interment at Mangotsfield Cemetery at 2.15pm. The family invites anyone attending to remain at the Kingswood corps for refreshments when family members return from the cemetery.
- On a happier note - Andy Elliott will be celebrating his 30<sup>th</sup> birthday on the 7<sup>th</sup> August, so a very happy birthday to you!

## **FLOWERS:**

Our thanks to Charlotte and Gary for providing the flowers at the front of our hall today.

We still have a few dates in August available, should you wish to provide some flowers to enhance our Sunday worship. Please speak to Viv if you can help on any of these dates:

- August 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

- Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** Coffee Morning  
(Hosted by Mary & Nick Dunk)
- Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September** Page Park Praise
- 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> September** Harvest Weekend
- 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> September** Flag Days at Morrisons (Fishponds)  
in aid of The Big Collection
- Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October** Coffee Morning  
(Hosted by Lynette Price & Pauline Perkins)
- Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October** YP Annual Celebration Meeting  
(at 10am)
- Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October** Divisional Welcome to Divisional  
Leaders in our hall (at 4pm)
- Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November** Coffee Morning  
(Hosted by Jo Risdale & Rachel Wallis)
- Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November** Kenya Trust Concert
- Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November** Remembrance Sunday

## **BULLETIN:**

The next issue of this newsletter will be published on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August (covering 3 Sundays), and then there will not be another issue until the 4<sup>th</sup> September (when the weekly format will be resumed).

## THE WEEK AHEAD:

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

10am

All Age Worship

'Joseph the slave and the prisoner'

[Genesis 39 - 40](#)

Severn & Somerset Junior Camp starts

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August: Divisional Junior Camp

Please pray for Noah

### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August:

12.30pm

Lunch Club

### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August: Divisional Summer School

Please pray Jessica, Emily D, Harry, Jeovany,

Thomas, Isobella, Gracey, Victoria, Vimbai, Senan,

Karen, Natalie, Aston, Jacob R, Emily R, Matthew,

Joshua W, Joshua C. Staff: Tash, Phil & Joe

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August:

10am

All Age Worship

'Joseph the royal interpreter'

[Genesis 41](#)

### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August:

12.30pm

Lunch Club

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August:

10am

All Age Worship

'Joseph the long-lost brother'

[Genesis 42 to 45 v 15](#)

During August, please check with your Extra Slice group leaders as a few different things have been planned