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We are a nation in mourning this week following the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. We thank God for the many years of her reign, and pray that our new King's reign will be equally glorious and gracious.

As the news broke, I was suddenly struck by the words we have all sung on countless occasions – the words of the National Anthem – “God save our gracious Queen”. In all of the ceremonial pomp, it is also a prayer. It is an acknowledgement that even our monarch is subject to a higher authority and that was something she readily and humbly displayed for over 70 years. She often referred in her speeches and public appearances to the strength she found in her faith.

She was an example to us all – and truly was gracious and noble in all that she did. A servant of God every bit as much as the ruler of nations. She will be greatly missed, and we thank God for her life.

BIG COLLECTION FLAG DAYS:

Sign up sheet now available

Morrisons in Fishponds have kindly made 2 dates available for us to fundraise for the Big Collection - Thursday 29th and Friday 30th September. If you are able to collect for an hour or two on these dates that would be great – there is a sign-up sheet on the notice board.

We are doing well with the 2022 Big Collection, and are on target to reach our goal of raising at least £6,000 towards the Salvation Army's social work within the UK amongst the homeless and vulnerable.

Last Saturday's coffee morning raised £246.91 and Marc & Kay's car boot sale made £200 recently.

We now have a current total of **£5,004.08**.

HARVEST:

The summer is nearly over and so our minds turn to harvest celebrations. We are looking forward to sharing together on the weekend of 24th/25th September with the following activities:

- Saturday 7pm Harvest Supper and quiz
(ploughman's and apple crumble
please sign up - donations welcome)
- Sunday 10am Harvest celebration all age worship
- Sunday 4-6pm Harvest Messy Church

We will be collecting non-perishable food to restock our food store and are looking for the following items only please (and with a long date!): rice, pasta, breakfast cereal, tea bags, coffee, biscuits, and tins of potatoes, vegetables, fish, ham, chicken, luncheon meat, meatballs, steak, tomatoes, baked beans, custard, fruit, rice pudding and Fray Bentos pies.



Statement following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

8 September 2022

Commissioner Anthony Cotterill, Territorial Commander for The Salvation Army in the United Kingdom and Ireland said:

"We share the sorrow of the nation at the announcement of the death of Her Majesty The Queen Elizabeth II. It brings to an end a reign lasting more than 70 years. The Queen has remained steadfast in her Christian faith throughout the tremendous challenges and enormous changes the country has come through, in that time.

"Our sincerest condolences and prayers go out to The Queen's children and grandchildren, and all of the Royal Family, at this extremely difficult time.

"As head of the Royal Family, The Queen has been an inspiration to us all and we give thanks for her long reign and her outstanding service to country and Commonwealth. We especially remember with gratitude and affection the occasions when she demonstrated her support for the frontline work of The Salvation Army.

"Throughout her reign the Queen was a keen supporter of The Salvation Army and she visited our services all over the world. She graced us with her presence at our centenary celebrations in 1965 at the Royal Albert Hall, the opening of Booth House in 1968, and appeared on the cover of Salvation Army publications many times. She regularly visited our centres and met the people we look after, including those battling drug addictions and homelessness. She opened many of our facilities, including our home for women in 1980 and numerous others around the country, always taking time to meet and talk with individuals. Most recently, The Queen graciously welcomed my wife and I to Windsor Castle to thank The Salvation Army, other faith groups and charities for work during the pandemic. It was an honour to meet her and members of the Royal Family.

"I know that Salvationists throughout the United Kingdom, and beyond, will give thanks to God for her long life of service, devotion to God and people and will continue to pray for the Royal family."

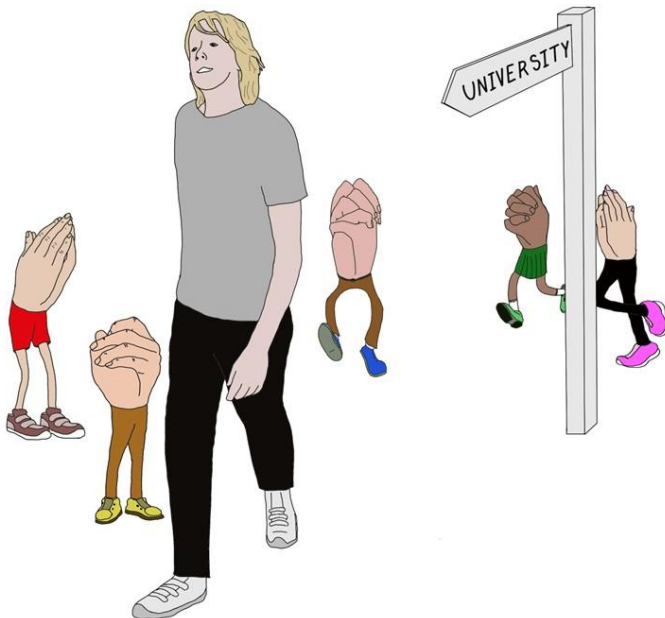
WINDOWS:

Can anyone help? Following a Windows update at the end of 2020, we have had difficulty connecting laptops to the photocopier. We have tried on numerous times to try and sort this out, but to no avail. Is there anyone out there who can help? If you can, have a chat with Colin.

PEOPLE:

We continue to remember those in our fellowship who have been bereaved and those who are living with serious health conditions. As of writing two members of our fellowship are in hospital, Rex and Pearl. Please remember them in your prayer.

We have a number of young people connected with our corps who will be going off to university for the first time this year. Today, we say goodbye to Jacob Risdale as he leaves to go to Reading University.



No matter where life takes you, our prayers go with you.

FLOWERS:

The flowers on the altar table this morning have been given by Laura and Neil in celebration of Lilian's and Hilton's wedding anniversary.

APPLES:

As we approach harvest, many will find that they have an abundance of apples on their trees. If you have a few more than you need –please pass them on to Margaret Boxell, who would like to use them for the Lunch Club.

PHONE DIRECTORY:

Have you moved or joined our church family these past months? If so, we are planning an update of the Corps Directory in the next few weeks.

Please send any changes by email to:

myriam.selfe@salvationarmy.org.uk or talk to Viv Wallington.

Remember, you need to be in it to have your copy of the directory!

STRUCTURE COORDINATION AND DESIGN PROJECT:

THQ have published a letter with an important update on the Structure Coordination and Design Project, including a reorganisation of Divisions which affects our division – Severn & Somerset. There is a copy of the letter on the noticeboard. You can see more details on the website: www.salvationist.org.uk/strengtheningourfuture and an article will also be published in next week's Salvationist. You can watch a message from The Chief Secretary via this link:

<https://vimeo.com/746923668/7258032cac>

We continue to pray for our leadership and in particular officers and employees who will be impacted by this news.

SALVATION ARMY HOUSING PROJECT IN BRISTOL:

An exciting new venture is in the pipeline to set up a modular housing project which will provide homes for people facing homelessness. It is hoped that eight purpose built homes will be available in the new year located in the St Georges area. An integral part of the support package is a programme of volunteer support for the tenants who will live in the homes and it is hoped these volunteers will come from within the SA corps in Bristol. If you are interested in finding out more there will be a meeting at Easton Salvation Army on Monday 3rd October at 7pm.

CHRISTMAS DATES:

We are busy working on the Christmas programme, please put these dates in your diary:

Saturday 26th November	Yate Switch-on 1 – 5pm
Sunday 27th November	Advent Worship 10am Messy Church 4 – 6pm
Saturday 3rd December	Christmas on the Hill
Sunday 4th December	Toy Service 10am Light Up a Life 5pm
Monday 5th December	Last Day for toy donations (Toy and Food parcel sorting 5 th – 9 th December)
Saturday 10th December	Carolling 10 - 12
Sunday 11th December	Advent Worship 10am Carol Service 5pm
Friday 16th December	Band Christmas Concert 7.30pm
Saturday 17th December	Carolling 10-12
Sunday 18th December	Family Carol Service 10am
Christmas Eve	Carols in the Square 5pm
Christmas Day	All Age Worship 11am

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Monday 19th September	PCC Meeting (at 7pm)
24th & 25th September	Harvest Weekend
Sunday 25th September	Messy Church (4pm to 6pm)
Monday 26th September	Mission Council Meeting (at 8pm)
29th & 30th September	Flag Days at Morrisons (Fishponds) in aid of The Big Collection
Saturday 8th October	Coffee Morning (Hosted by Lynette Price & Pauline Perkins – 10am to 12 noon)
Sunday 16th October	YP Annual Celebration Meeting (at 10am)
Sunday 16th October	Divisional Welcome to Divisional Leaders in our hall (at 4pm)
Monday 17th October	Mission Council Meeting (at 8pm)
Sunday 30th October	Messy Church (4pm to 6pm)
Saturday 5th November	Coffee Morning (Hosted by Jo Risdale & Rachel Wallis – 10am to 12 noon)
Monday 7th November	Mission Council Meeting (at 8pm)
Saturday 12th November	Kenya Trust Concert
Sunday 13th November	Remembrance Sunday
Sunday 27th November	Messy Church (4pm to 6pm)

THE WEEK AHEAD:

TODAY, Sunday 11th September:

- 10am All Age Worship
'Wherever we are'
[Genesis 28: 10-22](#)
- 11.30am-12:15pm Children & Youth Activities

CHANGES TO PROGRAMME TODAY FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

- 12noon **Time of Reflection in the square**
CANCELLED **Page Park Praise**

Tuesday 13th September:

- 11am-12noon Extra Slice Group at the Hall (leader: Kelvin)
- 6:30pm YP Band Practice
- 7:15pm Singing Company Practice
- 8pm Songster Practice

Wednesday 14th September:

- 9:30am-11am Tots on the Hill (no booking required)
- 3:30pm-4:30pm Extra Slice Group online (leader: Gerry)
- 7:45pm-9pm Extra Slice Group at the Hall (leader: Linda)
- 8:15pm-9:15pm Extra Slice Group online (leader: Beth)

Thursday 15th September:

- 12.30pm Lunch Club
- 7:45pm-9pm Extra Slice Group at Colin & Nicola's house
- 8:15pm-9:15pm Extra Slice Group online (leaders: Ian & Rachel)

Sunday 18th September:

- 10am All Age Worship
'Whatever we do'
[Colossians 3: 15-24](#)
- 11.30am-12:15pm Children & Youth Activities

*Our hall will be open for prayer and reflection Monday through to Friday
9am -12noon*