



Staple Hill

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Animal World

In our household, we enjoy watching all the animal programmes: The Yorkshire Vet, The Love of Dogs, Autumn and Spring Watch, etc. Last week we watched a film about tigers and we were amazed to learn that each tiger's coat is patterned differently - not one identical or of the same mould.

Recently, we scanned the Bible and found 18 different animals that were named (and no doubt there are many more that we didn't find). For example, Daniel was thrown into the lion's den and God rescued him because of his faithfulness, Noah built an ark to rescue people and animals from the floods, Abraham was asked by God to sacrifice his only son – Abraham too was a man of God and God honoured him and provided a Ram instead of Isaac. So animals have always been around, providing food but also comfort and companionship, love and obedience, and to be a friend therapeutically.

We serve a wise God, who understands each of us. [Genesis chapter 1 verses 24 and 25](#) (Good News Bible) says that God commanded on the 6th day:

“Let the earth produce all kinds of animal life: domestic and wild, large and small”—and it was done. So God made them all, and he was pleased with what he saw.

Doris Pearce.

BIG COLLECTION FLAG DAYS:

Sign up sheet now available

Morrison's 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.

HARVEST SUNDAY – WAYS TO GIVE:

Sunday 25th September 2022

By Harvest envelope:

Please collect your named envelope from the table in the foyer to use with cash or cheques (made payable to The Salvation Army)

Blank envelopes will be available during the harvest service should you require one.

By online BACS payments using the details below:

Account Name: The Salvation Army

Sort Code: 60-01-73

Account No: 00130997

Using Ref: Harvest

By Contactless Payment:

There will be a card reader available before and after the Harvest service (but not during the service) in the foyer

HELP WITH COMPUTER:

Colin is still looking for some help to sort out a computer problem following a Windows update at the end of 2020, where 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. Can you help?

THANKS:

- Olive Matthews would like to say 'Thank you' for all the cards, phone calls, flowers and prayers over the last few months while recovering from her hospital stay.
- Claire and Michael Blowers would like to express their heartfelt thanks for all the love and support shown by the people of the Corps. Whether it was phone calls, text messages, cards practical assistance or attendance at the funeral, we have really felt cared for by our Staple Hill family.

HARVEST:

The summer is nearly over and so our minds turn to harvest celebrations. We are looking forward to sharing together next week:

- 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.

PEOPLE:

Our thoughts and prayers are with Pauline, Beth and Carolyn following the promotion to glory of Clive. As we know more information for Clive's funeral, we will let you know. We also think of Julie and her family who have been bereaved of her brother David. We continue to remember those who have recently been bereaved, that they may know they are surround by your love.

At the time of writing, Pearl is still in hospital, but Rex has been discharged - Jenny has asked me to thank you for your prayers. We do remember those in our fellowship who are poorly.

To our friends off to university - Dennis, Jacob, Georgina and Thomas (hope I haven't missed anyone), along with those returning, our thoughts are with you. It was good to see Nneka on Sunday - congratulations on completing university!

VISIT FROM 85 CHILDREN:

It was brilliant to welcome the whole of Key stage 1 (infants) from Staple Hill School this Friday (16th) - 85 children plus their teachers. They wanted to learn more about what it means to be a Christian and how we worship at The Salvation Army. Please pray for these children as they reflect on their visit and let's all be encouraged to pray for our local schools.



Monday, 19th September 2022

10am - 1pm

If you don't want to watch the Queen's Funeral on your own then why not join with us and we'll watch it together?

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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.

FLOWERS:

We are blessed with 2 sets of flowers at the front of our hall today:

- From Christine Kleinschmidt in memory of Wilf
- From Sue and John Alcock remembering members of their family

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

**NOW LESS THAN
100 DAYS TO CHRISTMAS!**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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 18th September:

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

Monday 19th September:

- 10am to 1pm Hall open for watching the Queen's funeral
PCC meeting - *Cancelled*

Tuesday 20th September:

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

Wednesday 21st September:

- 9:30am-11am Tots on the Hill
- 3:30pm-4:30pm Extra Slice Group online (leader: Gerry)
- 7:45pm-9pm Extra Slice Group at Linda's house
- 8:15pm-9:15pm Extra Slice Group online (leader: Beth)

Thursday 22nd 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)

Saturday 24th September: *HARVEST WEEKEND*

- 7pm Harvest Supper and Quiz

Sunday 25th September: *HARVEST WEEKEND*

- 10am Harvest Celebration All Age Worship
- 11.30am-12:15pm Children & Youth Activities
- 4pm to 6pm Harvest Messy Church