



Staple Hill

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Today, we celebrate harvest

Harvest is a unique festival in the Christian Church as it isn't celebrated on any particular date, but instead aligns (approximately) with the local farming calendar. It is also unique in that it is predominantly an outward facing festival, rather than focussed on set biblical events. And that makes harvest very special, indeed – a day not to be missed!

Today, we celebrate harvest

We give thanks to God for the gifts of food, of water and for the beauty of His creation. We give thanks for the changing seasons, His continued providential care, and for those entrusted to work the land. But we also are given the opportunity for think of those who are less fortunate than ourselves, who struggle to find enough to eat each day, for those living in poverty. And we look at our mission, and the call to 'sow the seed' of God's word and make a 'harvest of souls' for His Kingdom.

Today we celebrate harvest

*Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices.*

[The Song Book of the Salvation Army, No 45]

Paul Heath

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

CLEANING:

We continue to clean the hall at 2pm on a Friday afternoon - if you are able to help at this time, please speak with Colin - many hands make light work.

FLOWERS:

Our thanks to Morag and Linda for providing the flowers today on our altar table. They are in memory of Maureen's birthday.

PEOPLE:

Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with those who have been bereaved. We have a number of families who are preparing for funerals, Julie who was bereaved of her brother, Hilary who was bereaved of her sister, and Pauline, Beth and Carolyn who were bereaved of husband and father. I have had an opportunity to visit all of our friends this week, and I know that they are grateful for all the messages of support they have received. The funeral for Clive will be at Westerleigh Crematorium at 11.30am on Tuesday, 18th October, followed by a service of celebration at the hall.

As of writing, the only person I am aware of who is in hospital is Pearl. Please continue to pray for Pearl and those members of our fellowship who are unwell.

[Ed.] Colin is celebrating his birthday today- we hope you have a great day!



Living on the frontline

HOW DO I GIVE REGULARLY?

It was great to see Les receive his commission as the Assistant Corps Treasurer last week, we thank him and Gary (Corps Treasurer) for all they do each week. Giving is part of our worship, the Bible teaches us to give sacrificially and it's vital each of us prayerfully considers this. So here's a few things to think about:

- When was the last time you thought about increasing your regular giving?
- It's possible to set up a standing order for Sunday giving which makes it easier for you (and us!)
- It's possible to set up a standing order which also includes subscriptions to sections (e.g. Band, Songsters) - or you can add these to an existing SO
- For parents of children or youth, please support Children's Church or Youth Group by adding this to your standing order
- It is also possible to add a specific donation to your standing order e.g. for Messy Church or supporting the Young People – or anything you like!
- If you are able to Gift Aid your offering, please let us know, so that we can claim this at no extra cost to you or us.

If you don't yet give regularly then there are a few ways to do that:

- Set up a monthly standing order (easier for you and us!)
- Give a weekly or monthly envelope during the Sunday Collection
- Give freely in the offering basket

BIG COLLECTION FLAG DAYS – THIS WEEK:

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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)

MESSY CHURCH:

We are looking forward to our first Messy Church today. Thank you to all those who had volunteered to help in some way.

If you would like to be part of our network of people praying for this event and for the various situations that we are asked to pray for each and every week, or are aware of something that needs to be prayed for - then please just drop an email to staplehillprayers@gmail.com or have a chat with Rita. Prayer really does make a world of difference!

THE WEEK AHEAD:

TODAY, Sunday 25th September: **HARVEST**

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

Monday 26th September:

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| 8pm | Mission Council Meeting |
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Tuesday 27th September:

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

Wednesday 28th September:

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| 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 29th September:

[Collecting at Morrison's, Fishponds – please see sign-up sheet]

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| 12.30pm | Lunch Club |
| 7pm | Staple Hill Partnership Meeting |
| 6:45pm-7:45pm | Extra Slice Group at hall (leaders: Colin & Nicola) |
| 8:15pm-9:15pm | Extra Slice Group online (leaders: Ian & Rachel) |

Friday 30th September:

[Collecting at Morrison's, Fishponds – please see sign-up sheet]

Sunday 2nd October:

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| 10am | All Age Worship
Frontline: "Whoever we are"
Matthew 6:5-14 |
| 11.30am-12:15pm | Children & Youth Activities |