

SUNDAY 19th FEBRUARY 2023

**Staple
Hill
Bulletin**



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God's Blessings

This has been a rather gloomy [*at time of writing*] and trying week - which we all experience at times: Geoff has been under stress with his health; the weather hasn't best suited us; I've had to purchase a hearing aid to help me enjoy the Extra Slice group more; my fingers and thumbs no longer work to my liking and I have to spend time picking up dropped things ... so life isn't always pleasant. But amidst the calamities I do find much joy. For instance, I was surprised to find daffodils in the supermarket, a joy I look forward to as daffodils speak of beauty. They were bought very tightly closed, but in giving them water they showed their perfect design and colour with trumpets blasting God's praises. How encouraging. How magnificent is God's creation. He shows his glory to mankind. His wonderful seasons speak to me constantly through the daffodils today. May the daffodil cheer you up too.



*I wandered lonely as a cloud that floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd, a host, of golden daffodils.*

[*William Wordsworth*]

Do you remember this?

Doris Pearce

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HELP MAKE SOUTH GLOS. A SAFER PLACE:

Please see the poster on the noticeboard or pick up a card, to learn how you can make South Gloucestershire a safer place for women and girls – scan the QR code and fill in the survey, thank you.

PEOPLE:

No specific news about anyone this week, but please continue to pray for our friends who have been recently bereaved, Brian Usher and Mary Jackson in particular, and for anyone you know who is unwell.

If you know of anyone who is poorly (including yourself), please let Colin know, so that we can offer support ... and remember, you can always drop a request through to the prayer fellowship (email address on front page) to get immediate prayer support for those who urgently need it! Want to know more about the Prayer Fellowship? Have a chat to Rita.

SELF-DENIAL 2023 APPEAL:

Picked up your giving envelope yet? This year's Self-Denial Appeal altar service will take place on Sunday 5th March 2023, so please take your envelope from the table in the foyer, if you haven't already.

FLOWERS:

Our flowers today have been placed on the altar table by Hilary Dickens for the whole family (there have been lots of family birthdays over recent days!)

Genesis 37 v 25



**As they sat down to eat their meal,
they looked up and saw a caravan of
Hyltonites coming from Gilead**

DON'T MISS OUT:

We're continuing with our Bible series this week – make sure you pick up the 'take home' sheet from the hall as this will help you dig deeper. In particular, included on the sheet are 7 short Bible readings and reflections to help you read the Bible at home every day.

The next Sunday meeting of this series will not be until 26th February – so you have some extra time to catch up if you've got a bit behind!

WE NEED YOUR HELP:

We'd like to put together a list of books/apps/websites/podcasts that people use to help them with their Bible reading. So, if you have used, or are using, something that you're finding really helpful please let either Nicola or Linda know. Thank you.



STAPLE HILL SALVATION ARMY
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**BAND LEAGUE
CONCERT**

SATURDAY 4TH MARCH | 7PM

Tickets £5 (Band League Members Free - Still need a ticket)
Contact Becky Gardner on 07510 653169 or
scan this QR code to book your tickets

  

STAPLE HILL BAND
OF THE SALVATION ARMY

IN THE MONTH AHEAD:

Monday 27th February	CAMEO
Friday 3rd March	Women's World Day of Prayer
Saturday 4th March	Staple Hill Band Concert
Sunday 5th March	Self Denial Altar Service
Monday 6th March	Mission Council Meeting
Friday 10th March	Divisional Youth Rehearsals
Sunday 12th March	YP Band & Singing Company at Stroud
24th – 26th March	Territorial YP Workers weekend 'Shalom'

SOME MORE KEY DATES THIS YEAR:

Sunday 9th April	Easter Sunday inc. Concert in Page Park
Sunday 7th May	Page Park Coronation Event
Sunday 14th May	Page Park Praise
Sunday 4th June	Page Park Praise
Saturday 17th June	Armed Forces Day in Page Park
Sunday 2nd July	Page Park Praise
Sunday 6th August	Page Park Praise
Sunday 17th September	Page Park Praise
30th Sept / 1st Oct	Harvest Weekend
14th / 15th October	YP Prizegiving Weekend

THE WEEK AHEAD:

TODAY Sunday 19th February:

- 10am All Age Worship led by Majors Paul & Liz Church
11.30am-12:15pm Children & Youth Activities

Monday 20th February:

- 8pm Pastoral Care Council meeting with the Divisional Commander

Tuesday 21st February:

- 11am-12noon Extra Slice Group at the Hall (leader: Kelvin)
12noon-6pm Hall open for a *Warm Welcome*
2pm *Invitation to find out more*
6:30pm YP Band Practice
7:15pm Singing Company Practice
8pm Songster Practice

Wednesday 22nd February:

- 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 23rd February:

- 12.30pm Lunch Club
6:45pm Colin & Nicola's Extra Slice Group at the hall
8pm Senior Band Practice
8:15pm-9:15pm Extra Slice Group online (leaders: Ian & Rachel)

Friday 24th February – Sunday 26th February:

Youth Retreat Weekend

Sunday 26th February:

- 10am All Age Worship
Messiah: Our human need for love
11.30am-12:15pm Children & Youth Activities
4pm-6pm Messy Church