

SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023

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## PLANTING TREES

At the beginning of this year, we had a newsletter pushed through the door from the local community group for the estate where we live. Amongst a number of highly interesting and informative articles, there was a call for volunteers to help with the maintenance of the open spaces – so I duly put my name down. I may not be as green-fingered as some within our church, but I do know which end of a spade to hold!

Since then, this little gardening group have been busy planting trees. Fifty trees were planted a few weeks ago, and 50 more are due to be planted over the next couple of weeks. When I say trees, I actually mean the tiniest of sticks with no leaves or, indeed, any visible signs that they are actually alive. They are being planted with a good deal of faith that at least some will sprout into life as the days get longer and warmer. I am quite looking forward to watching them grow and mature over the years.

Much of what we do as a church is like that. We do our best to plant a tiny Christian thought in the heart of those we meet and we hope and pray that it will take root. Even though we may not see the results ourselves, there is always the potential for something wonderful to grow there in the fulness of time.

*Paul Heath*

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## **PEOPLE:**

Roy continues to be very unwell and remains in Southmead Hospital, Gwen has also been admitted. John is home and making progress and Jill, who is still extremely poorly, has been moved to Gracefields in Downend. Mike has had a knee operation this week but is hoping to be home over the weekend. There are a number of people who are ill, some with COVID, so please take care of yourselves.

Pauline has moved and is happy for you to have her new address - just ask.

## **GENERAL FAREWELL:**

Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> March is notification day for officers who will be moving in the summer. It can be an unsettling time for both officers and corps, so please uphold both in your prayers.

## **CLEANING:**

If anyone can help this week with the cleaning on Friday afternoon, that would be really helpful. Please let Colin know.

## **CONCERT IN BATH:**

Did you enjoy listening to Naomi sing so beautifully at the Band League Festival last week? If you did (and surely you will have), then you may be interested in joining her at the Spring Festival at Bath Citadel where she is the guest soloist - see below for details:

BATH CITADEL, GREEN PARK ROAD BA1 1XE

Saturday 1 April, 6pm

# **SPRING FESTIVAL**

South Western Fellowship Band,

Bandmaster Norman Cassells, Soloist Naomi Blowers

**Tickets £5. Please call Major David Wise on 07518 111092**

## THANKS:

Thanks to Hilton and the band for leading worship last week. We have been told by numerous people that it was a time of blessing and encouragement. Thank you.



**Put no trust in any brother,  
for every brother is a deceiver!  
Jeremiah 9 v 4**

## SELF DENIAL APPEAL:

Thank you to everyone who gave last weekend. However, if you still have hold of your envelope, you can still give to this appeal – just place your envelope in the offering basket alongside your weekly giving. Or just ask if you want to use the card machine or perform a bank transfer. It will be a couple of weeks before the totals are finalised.

## FLOWERS:

Clare and Michael Blowers have provided the flowers at the front of the hall today, in memory of Clare's mother. Thank you.

## GIVING ENVELOPES:

The new 'cartridge' envelopes are now available to collect for those who give their financial offering in this way. You should be able to find them on the table by the papers in the entrance hall, but if not they will be in a box upstairs in the office.

## **SOUTH WEST DIVISIONAL CELEBRATION:**

**Sunday 21st May**

Please put this new date into your diary – an event to celebrate our new division (please note the Messy Church that was planned for this date is now cancelled).



***South West Divisional  
Celebration***

**Sunday 21st May 2023**  
11am - Fellowship and family fun  
2pm - Divisional Celebration meeting  
led by Colonels Paul and Jenine Main  
@ Clyst St Mary Village Hall, Exeter EX5 1AA

***Join us in celebrating the beginning  
of the new South West Division.***

**Please bring a picnic, blankets and chairs to enjoy our  
time of fellowship. Tea and coffee will be provided.**

The Salvation Army 2023 The Salvation Army is a Christian church and registered charity in England (214779), Wales (214779), Scotland (SC009359) and the Republic of Ireland (CHY6399)

## **IN THE MONTH AHEAD:**

<b>24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Territorial YP Workers weekend 'Shalom'
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	CAMEO
<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	Coffee Morning
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	Palm Sunday Messy Church
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Holy Week
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Good Friday
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Easter Sunday inc. Concert in Page Park

## **SOME MORE KEY DATES THIS YEAR:**

<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Page Park Coronation Event
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Page Park Praise
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Page Park Praise
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Armed Forces Day in Page Park
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	Page Park Praise
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Page Park Praise
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Page Park Praise
<b>30<sup>th</sup> Sept / 1<sup>st</sup> Oct</b>	Harvest Weekend
<b>14<sup>th</sup> / 15<sup>th</sup> October</b>	YP Prizegiving Weekend

## THE WEEK AHEAD:

### TODAY Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March:

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| 10am            | All Age Worship<br>Spirit: Our Human Thirst for Community |
| 11.30am-12:15pm | Children & Youth Activities                               |
| 5pm             | YP Band & Singing Company at Stroud                       |

### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March:

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| 11am-12noon | Extra Slice Group at the Hall (leader: Kelvin) |
| 12noon-6pm  | Hall open for a <i>Warm Welcome</i>            |
| 6:30pm      | YP Band Practice                               |
| 7:15pm      | Singing Company Practice                       |
| 8pm         | Senior Band Practice                           |

### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March:

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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 16<sup>th</sup> March:

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

### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March:

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| 12noon-6pm | Hall open for a <i>Warm Welcome</i> |
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### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March: *Mothers' Day*

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| 10am            | All Age Worship             |
| 11.30am-12:15pm | Children & Youth Activities |