

SUNDAY 19th MARCH 2023



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Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em

Back in the '70's, the sitcom 'Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em' was one of those programmes that everybody loved to watch. It was based around the antics of Frank Spencer (and his ever loving and patient wife Betty) who was hopelessly inept and accident-prone at absolutely everything.

Although the 'mother' in the title never appeared in the series, we can only assume that Frank was probably even more clumsy and foolish as a child. She must have had an awful lot to put up with! In fact, all mothers do – no matter how perfect (like me, obviously!) the child may be. So today we say thank you to all the mothers out there – for the sacrifices made, the care given, the words of advice, admonishment and encouragement, the meals prepared, the clearing up of our messes, the support both when times have been difficult and when they have been good, for ignoring our stupidity and our surly behaviour, for loving us unconditionally.

As we think of our mothers today (including those who have taken a motherly role in our lives), we also thank God for the gift that is 'Mother'.

Paul Heath

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CHILDREN'S CHURCH / YOUTH TODAY:

Please note that there will be no 7-11 group running at Children's Church on Sunday 19th March; however, the 3-6 age group will be meeting.

Also, the Youth will not be meeting today.

PEOPLE:

Roy continues to be very unwell and remains in Southmead Hospital, Gwen is still in Southmead and Jill, who is still extremely poorly, is in Gracefields, Downend. Mike is making good progress following his knee operation and it was good to see him on Tuesday at the Extra Slice Group. There are a number of people who are ill, some with COVID, so please take care of yourselves.



**Find comfort within the
loving arms of our Mother
Church**

Happy Mothers' Day

END OF FINANCIAL YEAR:

If you currently allow us to claim Gift Aid on your giving, please take a moment to check that this is still the valid. If you are unsure then have a quick chat with the Corps Treasurer, Gary, as he will soon be collating the Gift Aid returns for our Corps.

If you no longer pay enough Tax to claim Gift Aid, please let Gary know before the end of March 2023

If you don't currently Gift Aid but would like to, please ask the Treasurer or Corps Officers for a Gift Aid form

PETTY CASH RETURNS:

Please can all sections or individuals that have any reimbursements to claim do this by Monday 27th March. No claims will be actioned after this date to allow time to complete and sign off the 2022/23 financial year.

CONCERT IN BATH:

Did you enjoy listening to Naomi sing so beautifully at the Band League Festival? If you would like to hear more, 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:

<p>BATH CITADEL, GREEN PARK ROAD BA1 1XE</p> <p>Saturday 1 April, 6pm</p> <p>SPRING FESTIVAL</p> <p>South Western Fellowship Band, Bandmaster Norman Cassells, Soloist Naomi Blowers</p> <p>Tickets £5. Please call Major David Wise on 07518 111092</p>

FLOWERS:

Many thanks to Becky Gardner for sharing the flowers today at the front of the hall. They are, of course, for her mum Beryl on this Mothers' Day.

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.

STATISTICS GATHERING:

It's that time of year again where we count our attendance in every activity. Deb Hatcliffe is coordinating and numbers need to be recorded until Friday 5th May Remember, the number needs to include under 18s and over 18s separately. Thank you.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER:

Easter Trail:

From Saturday 1st April to Sunday 8th April there will be an Easter trail in our building – a creative way of engaging with the Easter story suitable for adults and children. Why not make time to come and see? It will be open during the following times:

- Saturday 1st 10am - 12pm
- Sunday 2nd 4pm – 4.45pm
- Tuesday 4th 10.30am – 12pm
- Wednesday 5th 8pm - 9pm
- Thursday 6th 9.30am – 11am & 12pm - 1.30pm
- Sunday 8th 8.30am – 10am



Sunday 2nd April:

- 10am Palm Sunday All Age Worship
- 4pm – 6pm Messy Church

Tuesday 4th April:

- 7:30pm ‘Come as you are’
An evening of musical reflection with the Songsters and Band

Thursday 6th April:

- 11:15am Easter Worship - *coffee from 11am*
- 7pm ‘Celebrating Passover’ Fellowship Meal
suitable for all ages, booking required

Good Friday, 7th April:

- 10am Good Friday Worship
- 11:30am Outreach in Fountain Square

Easter Sunday, 9th April:

- 8.30am Easter breakfast - *booking required*
- 10am Easter Sunday All Age Worship
- 12noon Easter March to Page Park
- 12.30pm Easter Band Concert
under the Clock tower in Page Park

IN THE MONTH AHEAD:

24th – 26th March	Territorial YP Workers weekend 'Shalom'
Monday 27th March	CAMEO
Saturday 1st April	Coffee Morning
Sunday 2nd April	Messy Church
2nd April – 9th April	Holy Week – see programme earlier in this bulletin
Monday 24th April	Mission Council Meeting CAMEO

SOME MORE KEY DATES THIS YEAR:

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 March: *Mothers' Day*

- 10am All Age Worship
- 11.30am-12:15pm Children Church (3-6 year old age group only)

Tuesday 21st March:

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

Wednesday 22nd March:

- 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 March:

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

Friday 24th March:

- 12noon-6pm Hall open for a *Warm Welcome*

Sunday 26th March:

- 10am All Age Worship
Hope: Our Human Longing for Home
(Last in the current Bible Series)
- 11.30am-12:15pm Children & Youth Activities

10 of our YP workers are attending a Territorial Youth and Children's Leaders Conference 24th – 26th March, please pray that they will have a great time, and learn a little too!