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The Lord is Risen!

Another Easter day dawns across the world. A day of celebration and wonder for all Christians. A day in which we can, and will, rejoice in the knowledge of a risen saviour!

Throughout my childhood, my family would always attend the Easter convention at Boscombe corps and watch the combined musical sections of Boscombe come together with a visiting band or songster brigade (or both) to march through the streets. It created an impact on us as a Salvationist family, so heaven knows the effect it had on members of the public seeing the Salvation Army for the first time! It had such an impact on us that my sister captured in an oil painting the scene as the parade passed by.



If the weather permits, we will also be holding our own march of witness after the meeting this morning. It will be on a smaller scale than those held at Boscombe in years gone by – but it is still sure to have an impact ... on us as well as all who see us pass by. An opportunity to let everyone know that the Lord is risen indeed.

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PEOPLE:

We were sad to learn that after a long illness Jill Welling was promoted to glory this week. Our thoughts are with Stephen, Jill's son, and his family. As we learn more about the funeral arrangements, we will let you know.

Roy has moved into Avon Lodge and we hope that he settles there. In leaving his home in Badmington Gardens, Pauline advises that they have a nearly new Fridge Freezer. If this is something of interest to you, please contact Pauline.

Happy Birthday to Jessica Dickens who turns 18 this coming Saturday.

FLOWERS:

The flowers today are given "for everyone" to enjoy this Easter!

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.

TAKING THE NEXT STEP:

If you've been coming to our church for a little while and feel like you're ready to take the next step then Kay is starting a weekly Sunday group from next Sunday 16th April after coffee (11.30am-12.30pm). This group is an opportunity for anyone over 18 to investigate more about the Christian faith and what it means to belong to The Salvation Army. Come along to the first one and see if it's something you want to continue with. If you're unable to make the 16th, but it's something you're interested in then please speak to Kay, Colin or Nicola.

CLEANING:

We are away this week, so in the absence of a cleaner, please help by tidying up.

EASTER THANKS:

Thanks to everyone who has helped during Holy Week. From musicians, to those who have helped with resources and those who have helped with catering. It has certainly been a team effort. Thank you.

THANKS:

Hilary & Mike would like to thank everyone for all the lovely cards, kind wishes & flowers which they received for their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. They really appreciated your thoughtfulness. Thank you so much.

Nicola and Colin would like to say a massive thank you for the kind gift, cards and best wishes that we received for our wedding anniversary. It was unexpected but very appreciated. Thank you for your kindness.



**Who completed the Risk
Assessment for last
Sunday?**

IN THE MONTH AHEAD:

Monday 24th April	Mission Council Meeting CAMEO
Sunday 30th April	Messy Church
Sunday 7th May	Page Park Coronation Event
Saturday 13th May	Coffee Morning
Sunday 14th May	Page Park Praise

SOME MORE KEY DATES THIS YEAR:

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 9th April: *Easter Sunday*

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| 8.30am | Easter breakfast (<i>booking required</i>) |
| <i>8.30am-10am</i> | <i>Easter trail open</i> |
| 10am | Easter Sunday All Age Worship
'The Easter Story in 6 Objects' |
| 12pm | Easter March to Page Park |
| 12.30pm | Easter Band Concert under Clock Tower in Page Park |



Tuesday 11th April:

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| 8pm | Songster Practice |
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Wednesday 12th April:

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| 9:30am-11am | Tots on the Hill |
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Thursday 13th April:

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| 12.30pm | Lunch Club |
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Sunday 16th April:

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| 10am | All Age Worship – <i>Led by Paul Heath</i>
'Heaven' – John 14 v 1-6 |
| 11.30am-12:15pm | Children & Youth Activities |
| 11:30am-12:30pm | Kay's Sunday Group |
| 4pm | Divisional Youth Rehearsals and Activities
in our hall |