

SUNDAY 28th May 2023



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Pentecost

Have you ever tried to imagine what it would have been like during that first Pentecost? We are told that the house where the disciples and followers of Jesus were all staying was filled with a noise like a violent wind.

I remember clearly the 'hurricane' that hit the south of England in 1987. I was in my university digs in Guildford at the time and the noise through the night was horrendous. The power of the storm was unbelievable with an estimated 15 million trees uprooted. It really was terrifying – and yet something similar happened *INSIDE* a house on that first Pentecost. And that was before the tongues of fire started descending onto the heads of the believers!

Were they frightened? I am sure they would have been. But what an experience!!! Even if the Holy Spirit wasn't giving them words to speak in different languages – they would have been recounting that one event for the rest of their lives. Would they have preferred to have been somewhere else when it happened? Not a chance!

Another Pentecost could happen again today in our own church – so I wouldn't want to be anywhere else today, just in case. What about you?

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Does our insurance cover Acts of God?

PEOPLE:

At the time of writing, June Wallington is in hospital and extremely poorly. Our thoughts and prayers are with June, her son Robert and their family at this time. Our friends who have been in hospital are now home and we hope that it won't be too long before they are back to strength.

However, there are a number of our friends who are grieving a loved one - in particular we remember Louise and her family as they prepare for the funeral of Louise's nan.

This coming week is half-term, and many (including us) are taking some holiday. If you are away, then we hope that you will have a relaxing time. For those left holding the fort, thank you.

FLOWERS:

Jill Whitelaw has provided the flowers at the front of the hall today in remembrance of her mum's birthday. Thank you.



LONDON TO BRIGHTON CHARITY BIKE RIDE 2023

The Salvation Army is more than just a church and as part of its belief, is very active in helping those in society who need support. There are many activities that the corps in Staple Hill undertake to try and make a difference including; luncheon clubs, youth activities, warm space in this energy crisis and provision of emergency food parcels.

These activities don't happen on their own and many volunteers give up their time to assist with the running and collation of the phenomenal generosity of the public and suppliers.

To this end, two of our Bandsmen from the Tuba section, Deputy Bandmaster Steve Seife and Mark Hatcliffe, have decided to embark on a fund-raising project in aid of The Salvation Army in Staple Hill. So, they have registered to participate in this year's **London to Brighton** Charity Bike ride. In addition to this, Shaun Cronin, a prominent member of the Southwest Fellowship Band and bike enthusiast, is going to support Mark & Steve throughout the journey as the support vehicle.

When: The event takes place on **Sunday 10th September 2023** and will run throughout the day starting at Clapham common running the 59 miles to Brighton.

The Route

Once out of London they will predominantly cycle along quiet lanes passing through Mitcham, Carshalton, Chipstead, Banstead and Haywards Heath before taking on the challenge that is Ditchling Beacon - a mile long climb to the top of the South Downs where they will be rewarded with amazing views and a water break! From there it's downhill for the last few miles onto Brighton Sea front! If you're nearby, come out and support all those on this tremendous journey.

How you can support

There are a few ways you can support, either through direct payment to Steve or Mark or through the Just Giving Page link below;

www.justgiving.com/SalvationArmy-Steve-Mark

(cut & paste into your browser)



In aid of The Salvation Army: Registered Charity No. 214779, Scotland SC009359 and Republic of Ireland: Registered Charity No. CHY6399



BIG CLEAR OUT DAY:


Saturday 17th June

The property project is moving at quite a pace, many areas of the building are being tidied and cleared, and this will need to be ramped up from Saturday 17th June. On this day we will be in the building morning and afternoon - many hands make light work - so please put this date in your diary. In the days following this we will continue to clear areas as needed and as our activities move to other venues. We hope to give you more details next week. On 17th June we will also have our final coffee morning before we move out - so come and have a cake and then stay to help! (Please note this coffee morning has been postponed from 10th June).



*FREE Courses

Skills For work Toolkit – Employability course



This 6 week course is suitable for those wishing to develop their confidence and motivation to take the next step in finding the right job. The course would suit those who would benefit from additional support progressing into employment. The course will help you to:


- consider the skills employers are looking for
- find out how to research to help prepare for an interview
- identify skills to offer to an employer

When: Wednesdays, starting 7th June – 12th July 2023, 12 – 2pm
Where: Staple Hill library

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*For adults aged 19+ with few or no qualifications; or experiencing other barriers to work



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IN THE MONTH AHEAD:

Saturday 10th June	Senior Band Concert Westbury-on-Trym Methodist Church
Saturday 17th June	Coffee Morning Big Clear Out Day
Sunday 18th June	Fathers' Day
Monday 19th June	Pastoral Care Council Meeting
Sunday 25th June	Messy Church
Monday 26th June	Mission Council Meeting CAMEO

SOME MORE KEY DATES THIS YEAR:

Sunday 2nd July	Page Park Praise
Sunday 6th August	Page Park Praise
Sunday 10th September	Divisional Celebration
Sunday 17th September	Page Park Praise
30th Sept / 1st Oct	Harvest Weekend
14th / 15th October	YP Prizegiving Weekend

THE WEEK AHEAD:

As it is school holidays this week – please check with your Extra Slice leader for details of your group.

TODAY 28th May:

PENTECOST

10am

All Age Worship

'Three in One: The Holy Spirit with us'

[Acts 2: 1-13](#)

11.30am-12:15pm

Children & Youth Activities

Thursday 1st June:

12.30pm

Lunch Club

Sunday 4th June:

10am

All Age Worship

'Three in One: All Together Again'

[Acts 2: 14-41](#)

11.30am-12:15pm

Children & Youth Activities

3pm

Page Park Praise

2pm load up at hall, ~2-15pm set up in Page Park

Please note: Colin and Nicola are away on holiday from Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June.