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### Lookback at the Month of May

What an eventful month May was - the Coronation, Eurovision and the bonus of an extra bank holiday!

I'm not a fan of Eurovision so didn't watch it, but I did watch the coronation on TV. Did you? Or perhaps you were actually there on the processional route. If so, were any of the events of the day especially memorable for you? For me, one was at the start of the ceremony when the King was greeted in the Abbey by a choirboy 'in the name of the King of Kings'. Another, by contrast, was the protests taking place outside. Not the protesters but the sentiment they expressed - 'NOT MY KING'. My first thought was, like it or not, accept him or deny him, if you are a British citizen (or a citizen of any of the 14 other sovereign states of which he is monarch), the fact is King Charles III is your King.

The thought then occurred to me that in this post-Christendom culture it is said we are living in, many (whether through action or indifference) are making the same statement about the King of Kings. Whoever we are, whatever we believe, the King of Kings does not change. His love for us is undiminished. As the Apostle Paul affirms in his letter to the church in Rome. '....neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.' (Romans 8 v 38-39)

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### **PEOPLE:**

We were saddened to hear that June Wallington was Promoted to Glory earlier this week. Our thoughts and prayers are with her son Robert and their family at this time.

There are others within our fellowship who are also continuing to grieve for loved ones, and those that are unwell. Please continue to uphold them in prayer as well.

On a more positive note, we send our congratulations to the members of Colin and Nicola's family celebrating special birthdays this week – Major Yvonne Jones (Nicola's mum) celebrates her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on the 8<sup>th</sup> and Carys celebrates her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **FLOWERS:**

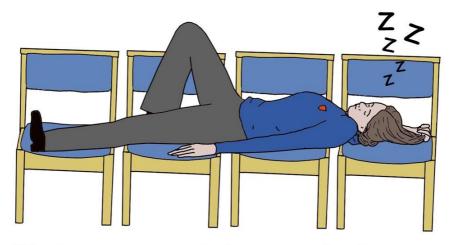
We would like to thank Louise Parkes for the flowers today. They are in honour of her nan (Margaret Nash), who was promoted to glory on 30th April, and whose funeral service/celebration of her life and committal took place earlier this week. The flowers are to remember and celebrate her life and service as a faithful and loving servant of God.

# **BAND CONCERT – WESTBURY METHODIST CHURCH** Saturday 10th June

Staple Hill Band of The Salvation Army are LIVE in concert at Westbury-On-Trym Methodist Church next Saturday evening, and we're really looking forward to it! Tickets are priced at £10, and are available from the Church directly. However, if you would like to go, you can also have a word with Jon Dickens who may be able to get some tickets for you or arrange to get your name added to a list so you can pay at the door.

## **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  $17^{\rm th}$  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  $17^{\rm th}$  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  $10^{\rm th}$  June).



What can you expect when you ask a teenager to turn and face a different part of the church to the direction they normally face, then close their eyes for prayer?

### IN THE MONTH AHEAD:

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June** Coffee Morning

Big Clear Out Day

**Sunday 18**th **June** Fathers' Day

Monday 19th June Pastoral Care Council Meeting

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June Messy Church

Monday 26th June Mission Council Meeting

**CAMEO** 

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

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** Page Park Praise

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August** Page Park Praise

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September** Divisional Celebration

**Sunday 17**th **September** Page Park Praise

30<sup>th</sup> Sept / 1<sup>st</sup> Oct Harvest Weekend

14<sup>th</sup> / 15<sup>th</sup> October YP Prizegiving Weekend

#### THE WEEK AHEAD:

**TODAY 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

Tuesday 6th June:

11am-12noon Extra Slice Group at the Hall (leader: Kelvin)

6:30pm YP Band Practice

7:15pm Singing Company Practice 7:30pm Senior Band Practice

Wednesday 7th June:

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 8th June:

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)

Saturday 10th June:

7pm Senior Band concert at Westbury-On-Trym

Methodist Church (tickets required)

Sunday 11th June: Led by Myriam & Steve Selfe

10am All Age Worship

John 15 v 1-8

11.30am-12:15pm Children & Youth Activities 11:30am-12:30pm Kay's Membership Group