SUNDAY 11th June 2023





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Music

Shakespeare famously wrote "If music be the food of love, play on!"

I am writing this before the Senior Band's concert on Saturday evening, so I don't know whether that went well or not (but assume it will be as wonderful as ever!). We did, however, play through all the music at band practice on Tuesday – and once again I found myself overwhelmed by the beauty and majesty of what we were playing. From where I sat, the sound was awesome, uplifting, inspiring and, without any doubt, centred fully on God.

Music has always been used in worship as a means to bring ourselves closer to God. It isn't essential, of course, but I personally find it incredibly helpful and it has the power to move me like nothing else.

We are very fortunate to have both great musical sections and gifted individual musicians within our church. We are blessed by a wealth of music composed specially to reflect our love of the Lord. And through the music we share, others too can come to experience God in all His glory.

Lord – we thank you for bringing music into our lives.

Paul Heath

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PEOPLE:

We continue to remember Bob Wallington and his family following the promotion to glory of his mum, June. The funeral details have been arranged and these are:

Wednesday, 28th June, 2.45pm at Westerleigh Crematorium

June had left some notes about her funeral, one of which was not to wear black - so lighter, brighter colours would be appreciated. Following the service of celebration, refreshments will be served in the hospitality suite at Westerleigh.

There are a number of our fellowship who are poorly, living with long-term health conditions or recovering from operations. These include, Mary & Peter, Margaret, Shirley and Roy. Please remember our friends mentioned and those who you know (apologies to those I have missed).

And finally, John and Sue Alcock celebrate their golden (50^{th}) wedding anniversary on the 16^{th} June. Many congratulations.

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^{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^{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!

FLOWERS:

Many thanks to Jon Dickens for the flowers at the front of the hall today. They are for Bev to mark their Silver (25^{th}) Wedding Anniversary a little later on in this month.

Within the coming weeks, we will be moving out of our hall while work is carried out. Our Sunday worship at Page Hall will be different, but we would still like to have flowers each week to enhance our worship – so please continue to provide them during this period. Please also provide your own vases as their will be none at Page Hall that we can draw upon.

There are a few dates still available on the flower rota if you would like to add your name against a date – the rota can be found on the notice board.

Dates available at the time of writing:

- August 13th, 20th and 27th
- September 3rd
- November 5th and 12th

UPDATE ON PROPERTY PROJECT:

As you will be aware, we were given a substantial amount of money in 2019 to undertake improvements to our building in order to make it more flexible and increase capacity for our community activities. Although it has been a slow journey we are finally getting to the stage where we are ready to begin. Local contractors have been appointed (KP Wilton) and work will begin on Monday 26th June. This will necessitate us vacating our building for approximately 14 weeks. We are keen to keep our programme as normal as possible during this time and are in the process of confirming different venues for different activities. As far as possible, we will ensure these venues are local and easily accessible. We have confirmed our Sunday morning venue as Page Hall on Page Road (BS16 4NE).

We have Saturday 17^{th} booked as a 'Big Clear Out Day' but over the next 2-3 weeks there will be lots of practical things to be done so please offer to help as you can.

Saturday 17th June: Big Clear Out Day – Lots of help

needed from 10am

Sunday 18th **June:** Last Sunday in our building

Monday 19th to Last week of midweek activities in

Thursday 22nd June: our building

Thursday 22nd to Moving of remaining equipment

Sunday 25th **June**: into Bradbury Hall

Sunday 25th **June:** First Sunday in Page Hall

Monday 26th June: Handover to Contractors

From Monday 26th June: All activities to take place in

temporary venues to be

confirmed

During our time in the temporary venues, we will need a team of volunteers to store and transport equipment, set up the venues, and tidy up afterwards - so please don't wait to be asked.

Next Sunday (18^{th}) will be our last Sunday in this building and after the meeting there will be an opportunity to have guided tour to explain exactly the work that is being undertaken. So, if you are interested please take advantage of this.

SALVATION ARMY CAPS:

It has been recognised at recent outdoor events that there is a need for a hat to be worn, especially for our health. Therefore, we are arranging a bulk order of navy baseball caps incorporating the Salvation Army's shield.



The cost of these is a maximum of £8.99 each. However, we have negotiated a deal with SP&S that if we order 20 or more we can get them for £8.50 - therefore it will be pay on collection once the full order quantity is known.

The last day for ordering will be Tuesday 20th June and the caps should be available on Tuesday 27th June.

If you want to take advantage of this (and gain free postage), please place your order with Neil Baker by the above date.





Bristol Easton

[Hassell Drive. BS2 0AN]

Tuesday 27th June 2023: 14:30 - 20:00

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Wednesday 28th June 2023: 09:00 - 13:00

Pre-Order by - 'Wednesday 21st June

VISIT THE SP&S ROADSHOW

Carrying a selection of stock including uniforms, casual clothing, CDs and books.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

IN THE MONTH AHEAD:

Monday 19th June Pastoral Care Council Meeting

Sunday 25th June Messy Church

Monday 26th June Mission Council Meeting

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Sunday 2nd July Page Park Praise (at **2pm**, not 3pm)

SOME MORE KEY DATES THIS YEAR:

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:

TODAY 11th June: Led by Myriam & Steve Selfe

10am All Age Worship

<u>Iohn 15 v 1-8</u>

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

Tuesday 13th June:

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

6:30pm YP Band Practice

7:15pm Singing Company Practice

7:30pm Songster Practice

Wednesday 14th 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 15th 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 17th June:

10am Coffee Morning (coordinated by Linda James)
10am and into afternoon Big Clear Out Day – lots of help needed

Sunday 18th June: Fathers' Day

10am All Age Worship

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