

SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023

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## Freedom

Last Sunday, I had the privilege of being part of a small group of musicians playing at Ashfield Prison to around 40 or 50 inmates. Although it was my first time there, I have previously played in the old Shepton Mallet prison through my time at Street corps. And listening to the conversations taking place around the band, I am guessing that between us we had been to almost a dozen different prisons through the various corps that we have been involved with. Multiply that up by all the Salvation Army bandmen throughout the years, and you start to realise what sort of impact this type of ministry will have had.

I said that I had the privilege of doing this, and I really do mean it. The men attending the service sang with tremendous gusto, and were clearly hanging off every word that Hylton said – eagerly soaking up the truths contained within the Bible. These are people who have been incarcerated due to the mistakes they have made in life, and I am sure they all dream of the freedom that will come when their sentences are complete.

We all make mistakes. We all fail God. We all become prisoners to the sins we have committed, so we are no different from those inside the prison. But Jesus sets us free.

*My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed thee.*  
[The Song Book of The Salvation Army, No 241] Paul Heath

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**Myriam gives directions to Page Hall**

## **PLEASE BRING THIS WITH YOU:**

One of our mission priorities is 'care for creation' and we can all do little things to make a difference. Over the next few months, washing up will not be as easy so **please bring your own reusable cup and water bottle** with you to all the different venues - this will save money and the environment as less disposables will be used. This includes Page Park - we do take bottles of water for an emergency - but if they all get used, we won't have any left for an emergency! Thank you.

## **FLOWERS:**

The flowers at the front of the hall today are especially for Elaine and Peter Russell. They have been given by Graham Wallis as part of Graham and Amanda's wedding anniversary celebrations and in thanks for all that Elaine and Peter have done for them both over the past 20 years!

## **TIME OF PRAYER:**

Last Sunday as we set up a new venue, we felt it was important to pray and ask God to bless our temporary place of worship - so a number of people gathered to pray at about 9.20am. Prayer is the foundation to all we do, so we will be continuing to do this each Sunday morning - anyone is very welcome to join in.

## **PRAYER NETWORK:**

Territorial Headquarters regularly produce a 'Prayer Matters' newsletter which provides daily guidance and topics for prayer. If you would like to access this please go to:

[www.salvationist.org.uk/resources/discipleship/prayer-matters](http://www.salvationist.org.uk/resources/discipleship/prayer-matters)

For more information on our own prayer fellowship or to ask us to pray for a specific situation, please talk to Rita Brooksbank or send an email to the address shown on the front page of this bulletin.

## **PEOPLE:**

We were sad to learn on Friday that Roy Rodman was promoted to Glory. Our thoughts go to his family, Pauline, Janine and Simon.

Margaret Boxell, whilst on holiday has broken her shoulder and has returned early for treatment.

Please keep an eye out for each other, especially whilst we are in temporary venues and we enter the holiday period. Please let Colin and Nicola know of any news, good or bad!

## **BUILDING FUND:**

Our building work commenced last Monday and is already making great progress ... we will keep you updated. This week we have been getting used to the 4 different temporary venues and it has been great to see everyone mucking in and lending a hand. The majority of the building project is being funded by the Harry Crook Foundation who gave us a generous gift in 2019. Obviously since that time the costs of our project have increased (due to price rises and additional work) and in order to complete the project we need a further £75,000. To this end we have commenced a 'Building fund', so please think of ways you can raise money to contribute - we can all do our bit. If you would like to make a personal donation, please speak to Gary Matthews. This week we will also be launching a Just Giving Page so please look out for that.

## **DIARY DATES:**

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| <b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August</b>     | Page Park Praise       |
| <b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September</b> | Divisional Celebration |
| <b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September</b> | Page Park Praise       |

**ALL AGE  
SUNDAY  
SERVICE**

**10  
AM**

PAGE HALL  
PAGE ROAD  
STAPLE HILL  
BS16 4NE

**SUNDAY**  
**11:30AM**

**CHILDREN'S  
CHURCH** 3-11 years old  
**YOUTH  
GROUP** 11+ years old

PAGE HALL, STAPLE HILL, BS16 4NE

*Tots on  
the Hill*

Small charge applies (£3)

**WEDNESDAY**  
**9:30AM**

STAPLE HILL METHODIST CHURCH  
131 BROAD STREET, BS16 5HQ

**Thursday  
lunch club**

**12:30PM**

**2 COURSE MEAL FOR £5**  
**BOOKING: 0117 956 9733**

STAPLE HILL METHODIST CHURCH  
131 BROAD STREET, BS16 5HQ

**3pm**

6th Aug  
17th Sept

**PAGE  
PARK  
PRAISE**



OUR HALL IS UNDER  
REFURBISHMENT UNTIL  
THE AUTUMN 2023.  
THANK YOU TO ALL THE  
VENUES ENABLING US TO  
CONTINUE OUR WEEKLY  
PROGRAMME

Subject to weather - check our Facebook page for more info

## THE WEEK AHEAD:

*All activities now taking place in the alternative venues whilst building work is being carried out in our own hall*

### TODAY Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July:

- 9:20am Time of Prayer  
10am All Age Worship *at Page Hall*  
*Christian Characteristics 2: Dedicated*  
[Romans 11:33-12:2](#)  
11.30am-12:15pm Children & Youth Activities *at Page Hall*  
**2pm** Page Park Praise – *note earlier start time this month*  
3.30pm - 7pm Youth Summer Social *at Tash & Phil's house*

### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July:

- 10am Keep Fit Class *at Downend Baptist Church*  
11am-12noon Extra Slice Group *at Downend Baptist Church*  
- (leader: Kelvin) – *10:30am for coffee*  
6:30pm YP Band Practice *at Kingswood Salvation Army*  
7:15pm Singing Co Practice *at Kingswood Salvation Army*  
8pm Senior Band Practice *at Kingswood Salvation Army*

### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July:

- 9:30am-11am Tots on the Hill *at Staple Hill Methodist Church*  
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 6<sup>th</sup> July:

- 12.30pm Lunch Club *at Staple Hill Methodist Church*  
- *please do not arrive before 12*  
6:45pm Extra Slice Group at Colin & Nicola's house  
8:15pm-9:15pm Extra Slice Group online (leaders: Ian & Rachel)

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July:

- 10am All Age Worship *at Page Hall*  
*Christian Characteristics 3: Generous*  
[Romans 12: 3-8, 13](#)  
11.30am-12:15pm Children & Youth Activities *at Page Hall*