

SUNDAY 16th July 2023



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Messy Church

I had never attended this activity before, so out of interest and curiosity I decided to go to Messy Church the last time it was held. As a result, I was able to observe the nature and meaning of it all.

Frankly, I found it very interesting and well attended. It was a delight to see all the young children taking part and enjoying the activities and everyone engaging in what went on. It was very well supervised with lots of adults to provide encouragement. It couldn't have been better!

With being elderly and unable to really take part, I found myself unable to engage fully but I came away feeling that it was indeed a necessary activity. Therefore, my roll in it all is to constantly pray that God will honour all that's achieved and encourage people into His kingdom ... and I know that God is moving in our corps!

The scripture says "*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord*" [Colossians 3 v 23](#)

My memory recalls a singing company song:

Children arise, children arise, Praise and Glory give to God.

[Possibly from Gems of Songs for Young People, Issue 1]

Do you remember it?

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PEOPLE:

Joan Wallace's funeral has been planned for Wednesday, 16th August. There will be a service of remembrance at Kingswood Salvation Army hall at 12noon. The committal at Westerleigh Crematorium will follow this at 2pm after which there will a reception in the hospitality suite at Westerleigh. Our thoughts are with Steve as he plans the service, along with Jean who will be travelling over from Canada.

We continue to remember and pray for those our congregation who are grieving and who are poorly. In particular, Olive who remains in Southmead Hospital, John who is in Exeter Hospital and Margaret who is recovering from a broken shoulder. During the holiday period, when many people are away, it is not always easy to keep track of everyone. Please let us know if you are unwell or experiencing problems, so that we can, where possible, offer support.

On a more positive note, Valarie and Michael Baker are visiting the UK. We do hope that you have a lovely time visiting family and friends.

And congratulations to Sheila Farrall on the safe arrival this week of her grand-daughter Maisy-Ruth, daughter of Seb and Fran Farrall.

SUMMER PICNIC:

On Sunday 20th August we are planning to have a summer picnic in Page Park (weather permitting). Everyone is welcome to bring some food and a chair/blanket and we will meet at the park after our Sunday morning worship on that day – please put the date in your diary – especially if you're going on holiday between now and then!

THANKS:

Pauline, Simon, and Janine would like to express their heartfelt appreciation for all the thoughts and prayers following the promotion to glory of Roy and a big thank you to Colin for the support and help over the last couple of weeks, for conducting the special service and also to Marc and his bandsmen for their music at the service. Thank you all.

SUMMER CAMPS:

Over the summer, The Salvation Army organises various summer camps for young people and we are delighted that a number of people from Staple Hill are attending both as delegates and as staff. Please pray for these events as they can be life-changing. We will keep you informed as these dates approach, but the most immediate event to be aware of is:

Territorial Music School (22nd – 29th July): Attendee - Naomi

FLOWERS:

Many thanks to Janet Banfield for providing the flowers today. They are in memory of David.

DIARY DATES:

Monday 31st July	CAMEO
5th – 11th August	Divisional Youth Camp (Ledbury)
Sunday 6th August	Page Park Praise
12th – 17th August	Divisional Children's Camp
18th – 24th August	Divisional Youth Camp (Devon)
Sunday 10th September	Divisional Celebration
Sunday 17th September	Page Park Praise
Sunday 24th September	Messy Church

THE BULLETIN:

As people enjoy their summer holidays, many of the activities going on during the week will be curtailed during July and August. As a result, there will also be fewer editions of this newsletter.

- Sunday 30th July edition will also cover the weeks 6th and 13th August.
- Sunday 20th August edition will also cover the 27th August
- A normal weekly edition will be resumed from the start of September



All for one, and one for all!

THE WEEK AHEAD:

TODAY Sunday 16th July:

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| 9:20am | Time of Prayer <i>at Page Hall</i> |
| 10am | All Age Worship <i>at Page Hall</i>
<i>Christian Characteristics 4: Loving</i>
<u>Romans 12: 9-21</u> |
| 11.30am-12:15pm | Last Children's Churchy before summer break
- <i>at Page Hall</i> |
| 3pm-5pm | Messy Church <i>at Staple Hill Methodist Church</i> |

THE WEEK AHEAD [CONTINUED]:

Monday 17th July:

8pm Mission Council Meeting *at Colin & Nicola's house*

Tuesday 18th July:

10am Keep Fit Class *at Downend Baptist Church*

11am-12noon Extra Slice Group *at Downend Baptist Church*

- (leader: Kelvin) – *10:30am for coffee*

No YP Band Practice

7:15pm Last Singing Co Practice before summer break

- *at Kingswood Salvation Army*

8pm Senior Band Practice *at Kingswood Salvation Army*

Wednesday 19th July:

9:30am-11am Last Tots on the Hill before summer break

- *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 20th July:

12.30pm Lunch Club *at Staple Hill Methodist Church*

- *please do not arrive before 12:15pm*

6:45pm Extra Slice Group at Colin & Nicola's house

8:15pm-9:15pm Extra Slice Group online (leaders: Ian & Rachel)

Sunday 23rd July: *Led by Beth Ewins*

9:20am Time of Prayer *at Page Hall*

10am All Age Worship *at Page Hall*

[Mark 10:13-25](#) and [Hebrews 5:11-6:6,12](#)

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