

SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023

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## Relaxation

The school term has come to an end (apologies to anyone who still has a few days to go!), which means that many people will now be heading off on their summer holidays – our own Corps Officers have already gone! Over the coming weeks, most of us will take a break at some point, and our Sunday worship may feel a little 'empty' at times as a result ... empty in terms of the number of people rather than substance.

We all benefit from a holiday – a time to get a some much needed rest and relaxation – no matter what happens with the weather. But going away isn't the only way to get refreshed. Jesus helps us bear the burden of everyday life, brings us a little bit of peace in a turbulent world. By coming to church today, we can actually feel more rested and better able to face the week ahead – so it is good to share fellowship together again today.

As a youth, I was part of a little worship group in my corps at Street. One of my favourite songs in our repertoire was a very old song that we adapted to a new tune:

*Art thou weary, art thou languid, art thou sort distressed?*

*Come to me, saith one, and coming be at rest!*

[1986 Ed. The Songbook of The Salvation Army, No 228]

*Paul Heath*

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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 remain with the family.

Olive Matthews has now left hospital and is currently in Little Heath rehabilitation centre. Olive would like to say thank you for the cards, messages and prayers over the last few weeks.

Kelvin James turns 70 on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July and Steve Selfe turns 60 on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July. Congratulations to you both on these birthday milestones!

## **SUMMER PICNIC:**

On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 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!

## **PAGE PARK PRAISE:**

### **6th August 2023 at 2pm**

It's been wonderful that we have been able to run each of the Page Park Praise (PPP) events this year. Thank you to all of you who have helped, attended or/and advertised these events so far! This summer, *The Friends of Page Park* have been working hard to get musical acts to play at the bandstand each Sunday at 2pm. And whilst we were asked to bring forward our July PPP to 2pm, they have also advertised our August PPP for 2pm on their poster.

Please make sure to update your diary: PPP 06/08/23 **at 2PM!**

# DIVISIONAL CELEBRATION:



South West  
Division

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE

## Divisional Celebration

11:00 am: time to be together as a Divisional family  
- Games, resource stalls, beach clean and more  
Bring a picnic, enjoy the company and the view

2:30 pm - Worship  
including the installation of Divisional Leaders  
Majors Gill & Paul Billard by Colonels Jenine & Paul Main

FEATURING  
Bristol Citadel Young People's Band,  
Devonport Morice Town Singing Group

Sunday | 10 September | from 11:00 am  
Exmouth Pavilion, Esplanade, Exmouth EX8 2AZ

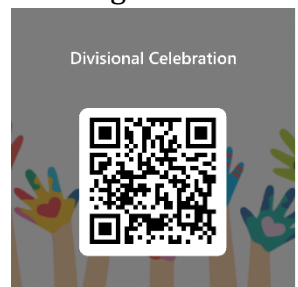


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During this year, due to a reorganisation, the Salvation Army division that we belong to has merged with another forming a larger division called the South West Division. To recognise this joining together, there is a Divisional Celebration planned on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September. This will bring together people connected to all kinds of Salvation Army expressions across the South West to worship and celebrate together.

The day starts at 11am, with a united worship meeting at 2.30pm all set on the Esplanade in

Exmouth. It would be good to share cars (always thinking about 'Care for Creation') so if you are planning on going for the 11am start or travelling down after our Meeting/YP activities to arrive for the 2.30pm meeting please fill in the online form (<https://forms.office.com/e/qxgs3mETmX>, or use QR code) or let Myriam know so that we can match cars with people.

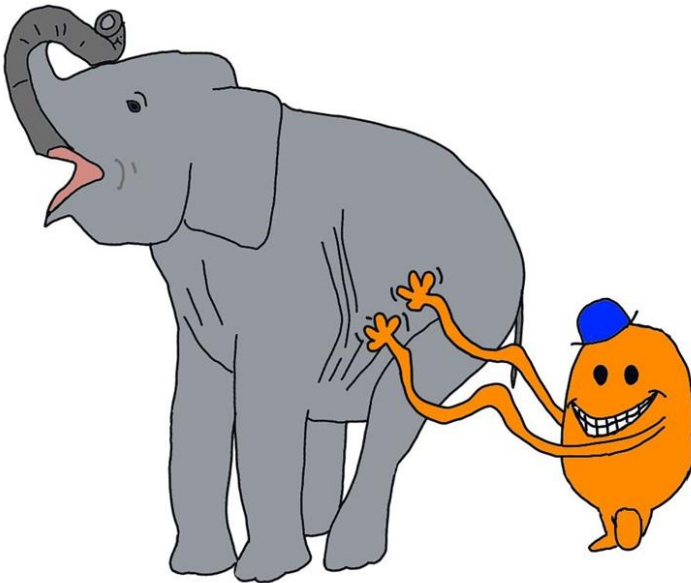


## **TREASURER'S LETTERS:**

Due to several reasons, there will not be a Treasurer's letter this 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of the financial year. Instead, this will be incorporated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and will be available in October. Should anyone wish to have details of their giving sooner, please speak to the Corps Treasurer Gary, Asst Treasurer Les or the Corps officers and arrangements will be made to have this available for you.

## **FLOWERS:**

Mary and Malcolm White are celebrating their wedding anniversary with the flowers at the front of the hall today. Thank you and congratulations!



**The elephant seems real enough,  
what about the Christians?**

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

## **DIARY DATES:**

<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July</b>	CAMEO
<b>5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Divisional Youth Camp (Ledbury)
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Page Park Praise <b>at 2pm</b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Divisional Children's Camp
<b>13<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Band visit to Weston-Super-Mare
<b>18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Divisional Youth Camp (Devon)
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Divisional Celebration
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Page Park Praise
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Messy Church

## THE WEEK AHEAD:

**TODAY Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](#)

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July:**

*No Keep Fit Class this week*  
8pm Last Songster Practice before summer break  
- *at Kingswood Salvation Army*

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July:**

12.30pm Lunch Club *at Staple Hill Methodist Church*  
- *please do not arrive before **12:15pm***

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July: *Led by Major Nicky Watson***  
***(Regional Chaplaincy Officer)***

9:20am Time of Prayer *at Page Hall*  
10am All Age Worship *at Page Hall*

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

*Please check with your Extra Slice Group leaders about group meets over the summer period.*