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# A Changed World - Thank God!



A few weeks ago, whilst visiting our daughter in London, we went around an open-air art exhibition at the National Maritime Museum in Greenwich. It consisted of 36 enormous globes painted to depict *The World Reimagined* - essentially showing the stories of those trafficked to England during our rather murky past under the guise of the slave trade. And yes, one of the globes featured Bristol's role in all of that.

The advertising for the exhibition states "We are living in a key moment for racial justice and it calls on us to courageously face our shared history with honesty, empathy and grace so we can create a new future in which all can say: I am seen"

It seems incredible now that anyone would have ever considered the slave trade as acceptable. If only we could turn the clocks back! But although the 'trade' is no longer legal, it still goes on underground. As Salvationists, we have a responsibility to fight injustice wherever we see it – and I am enormously proud that the Salvation Army plays a key role in helping victims of Human Trafficking. Much in the world has changed, with God's help, but there is much more for us to do if we are prepared to act courageously. 'Courage, brother, do not stumble, though thy path be dark as night' [The Songbook of the Salvation Army, No. 488].

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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.

We continue to think and pray for poorly friends: Linda Isherwood's daughter, Olive, and John. During the holiday period, it is not always easy to keep track of everyone - so apologies if we have missed anyone.

#### **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!

#### **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. The upcoming events are:

Divisional Youth Camp (Ledbury) (5th – 11th August):

- Attendees: Aston, Emily D, Emily R, Gracey, Harry, Isobella, Jessica, Joshua W, Karen, Matthew, Natalie, Noah, Senan, Victoria, Vimbai
- Staff: Joe, Mary H, Phil, Tash

Divisional Children's Camp (12th -17th August):

• Attendee: Amber

Divisional Youth Camp (Devon) 18th - 24th August):

• Staff: Carys

### 2023 OUR HEALTH HEROES AWARDS:

We missed this at the time, but a few weeks ago there was an award ceremony for the NHS 'Health Heroes' at the Queen Elizabeth II Centre in London. Karen Read received the gold award\* in the "Skills for Health" section as "Clinical Support Worker of the Year" which was presented to her by Paul Sinha ("Sinnerman" of ITV's *The Chase*).



\*On their website the wording is "Karen Read, breast cancer support worker, Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust".

Well done, Karen!

#### **PAGE PARK PRAISE:**

### 6th August 2023 at 2pm

It's time for another Page Park Praise (PPP) on 6<sup>th</sup> August. Please note that the start time is earlier than originally advertised at 2pm. Let's make it another wonderful outreach event! Once again, we will need lots of help setting things up (from about 1:15pm at the park), packing things away again afterwards, talking to members of the public, giving out song sheets, and of course, praying that the outreach will be successful.

Please remember, we really want the deckchairs to encourage members of the public to come and join us – so if you are able to bring your own chair with you, it would be very much appreciated.

#### **DIVISIONAL CELEBRATION:**



During this year, due to a reorganisation, the Salvation Army division that we belong to has merged with another forming a larger division called South West Division. To recognise this joining together, there Divisional is Celebration planned on Sunday 10th 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.





#### **FLOWERS:**

Over the coming few weeks, we would like to thank:

- Tash and Phil James for the flowers at the front of the hall on the 30<sup>th</sup> July
- Claire and Mike Blowers for the flowers on the 6<sup>th</sup> August in memory of Harry
- And Lyn Price for the flowers on the 13<sup>th</sup> August

## THE BULLETIN:

The next edition of this newsletter will be published on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August, which will also cover the following week.

A normal weekly edition will be resumed from the start of September



Can daddy do that one next? And that one? And that one? And that one?

#### **DIARY DATES:**

**5**<sup>th</sup> **- 11**<sup>th</sup> **August** Divisional Youth Camp (Ledbury)

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August Page Park Praise at 2pm

**12**<sup>th</sup> – **17**<sup>th</sup> **August** Divisional Children's Camp

13<sup>th</sup> August Band visit to Weston-Super-Mare

**18**<sup>th</sup> **- 24**<sup>th</sup> **August** Divisional Youth Camp (Devon)

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

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

Sunday 24th September Messy Church

#### THE WEEKS AHEAD:

TODAY Sunday 30th July: Led by Major Nicky Watson

(Regional Chaplaincy Officer)

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

Monday 31st July:

8pm CAMEO at Staple Hill Methodist Church

**Tuesday 1st August:** 

10am Keep Fit Class at Downend Baptist Church

8pm Senior Band Practice at Kingswood Salvation Army

Thursday 3rd August:

12.30pm Lunch Club at Staple Hill Methodist Church

- please do not arrive before 12:15pm

Sunday 6th August:

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

Ruth: 'Sadness' (Ruth 1:1-22)

12noon (TBC) Remembrance Service at Page Park for Korea & Iraq

2pm Page Park Praise

# THE WEEKS AHEAD (CONTINUED):

Tuesday 8th August:

10am Keep Fit Class at Downend Baptist Church

8pm Senior Band Practice at Kingswood Salvation Army

Thursday 10th August:

12.30pm Lunch Club at Staple Hill Methodist Church

- please do not arrive before 12:15pm

Friday 11th August:

4pm – 6pm Summer Camp Fiesta (see poster earlier in bulletin)

Sunday 13th August:

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

*Ruth: 'Seeds'* (*Ruth 2:1-23*)

Senior Band leading worship (10:30am) and an afternoon concert on the sea

front (at 2pm) at Weston Super Mare

Tuesday 15th August:

10am Keep Fit Class at Downend Baptist Church

Wednesday 16th August:

12noon Funeral service for Joan Wallace at Kingswood S.A.

Followed at 2pm at Westerleigh Crematorium

Thursday 17th August:

12.30pm Lunch Club at Staple Hill Methodist Church

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

Sunday 13th August:

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

Ruth: 'Sandals' (Ruth 3-4)

Followed by 'picnic in the park'

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.