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Teacher, Teacher

As the children return to school, there will be many mixed feelings. Some will be sad that the summer holidays are over, whilst others will be excited at the challenges of a new year, eager to see friends again, and to continue to 'grow up'. Some may feel a little scared as they start a new school, and there may even be some who are just desperate to see their favourite teacher! Whatever their feelings as they go back through the school gates, there is one thing is for sure – every child will learn something new this year.

As we grow older, our priorities change and we become burdened with our daily responsibilities. But that doesn't mean we shouldn't be open to learning new things. Jesus was addressed as 'Teacher' by a rich man wanting to understand what he should do to inherit eternal life. (Mark 10: 17-29). He learnt that wealth was not as important as he thought – but instead he was to act selflessly in order to gain treasure in heaven. A life-lesson learnt. We all still have much to learn in life, even though most of us have left our school years a long way behind.

Teach me how to love thee, teach me how to pray, teach me how to serve thee better every day.

[The Songbook of The Salvation Army, No. 624]

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WESTON SUPER MARE:

Report on the visit of Staple Hill Band

The Band spent Sunday 13th August at Weston Super Mare where they presented an open-air concert to hundreds of holiday makers, strolling along the promenade and centre gardens.

Half the band remained at Staple Hill to support worship there, while the other half travelled to Weston to lead their morning worship. The meeting centred around each individual being 'The apple of His eye' using Psalm 17 v 8, 'Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings', during which two members of the congregation knelt at the mercy seat in acts of renewal and rededication. The meeting concluded with timbrels, band and flag waving to celebrate the moving of the Holy Spirit.

The two halves of the band joined together for the afternoon's promenade concert where ministry to hundreds of people took place until the rain came right at the end of the last piece of music.



A most enjoyable day of sharing took place and much blessing coupled with many useful contacts was the worthwhile result.

WELCOME TO THE NEW INTERNATIONAL LEADERS:

Join The Salvation Army in welcoming new international leaders General Lyndon Buckingham and Commissioner Bronwyn Buckingham online today (3rd September) at 3.30pm from Regent Hall, London: https://www.salvationarmy.org/ihq/2023-welcome-international-leaders

BUILDING:

As you will be aware, there has been a delay in the refurbishment work due to the uncovering of three load bearing steel posts. We have been working with the construction company to find a way to remove these posts without compromising the internal structure of the building. A solution has been found, but as a result there is a delay in completing the project - we are now looking at early November. This is disappointing, but we are working tirelessly to resolve the project. Thank you for your patience during this time. Colin & Nicola

FLOWERS:

Michelle is celebrating another birthday, so the flowers today are from Mark especially for you!





LONDON TO BRIGHTON CHARITY BIKE RIDE 2023

The Salvation Army is more than just a church and as part of its belief, is very active in helping those in society who need support. There are many activities that the corps in Staple Hill undertake to try and make a difference including; luncheon clubs, youth activities, warm space in this energy crisis and provision of emergency food parcels.

These activities don't happen on their own and many volunteers give up their time to assist with the running and collation of the phenomenal generosity of the public and suppliers.

To this end, two of our Bandsmen from the Tuba section, Deputy Bandmaster Steve Selfe and Mark Hatcliffe, have decided to embark on a fund-raising project in aid of The Salvation Army in Staple Hill. So, they have registered to participate in this year's London to Brighton Charity Bike ride. In addition to this, Shaun Cronin, a prominent member of the Southwest Fellowship Band and bike enthusiast, is going to support Mark & Steve throughout the journey as the support vehicle.

When: The event takes place on Sunday 10th September 2023 and will run throughout the day starting at Clapham common running the 59 miles to Brighton.

The Route

Once out of London they will predominantly cycle along quiet lanes passing through Mitcham, Carshalton, Chipstead, Banstead and Haywards Heath before taking on the challenge that is Ditchling Beacon - a mile long climb to the top of the South Downs where they will be rewarded with amazing views and a water break! From there it's downhill for the last few miles onto Brighton Sea front! If you're nearby, come out and support all those on this tremendous journey.

How you can support

There are a few ways you can support, either through direct payment to Steve or Mark or through the Just Giving Page link below;

www.justgiving.com/SalvationArmy-Steve-Mark

(cut & paste into your browser)

In aid of The Salvation Army: Registered Charity No. 214779, Scotland SC009359 and Republic of Ireland: Registered Charity No. CHY6399



PEOPLE:

We continue to uphold those families in and attached to our fellowship who are grieving the loss of a loved one. There are now details for the following funerals:

- Joyce's funeral will take place on Tuesday, 19th September at Westerleigh Crematorium at 2pm. Our thoughts are with Dennis, Robert and Gwen, and the wider family.
- Yvonne's funeral will take place on Friday, 29th September.
 There will be a service at Staple Hill Methodist Church at 1.45pm,
 followed by the committal at Westerleigh Crematorium at
 3.15pm. Our thoughts are with Andrew and Claire, and their
 families at this time.

Apologies to those who came to Esme's funeral on Wednesday - the time was changed after the last bulletin, and it slipped my mind to announce it last week. I am sorry.

Schools and colleges are back this week, so please remember those who work in education and our children and young people.

Josie Keen was admitted to the Royal United Hospital in Bath during this week for tests and investigations, so we are thinking of her. Olive is recuperating well and hopefully home next week.

We are sure you will want to know that Pat and Arnold will be celebrating their Blue Sapphire (65th) wedding anniversary this week on the 6th September. What an achievement!



Who loves ya baby? (the answer is always Jesus)

NEW SERIES FOR THE AUTUMN:

Whatever we spend our time doing, God can and does work in and through us in our daily lives!



Next week (10th September) we will be starting a new series called 'Fruitfulness on the Frontline', which will build on the Frontline series we shared together last year. We will discover how we are fruitful for Jesus in our everyday places, making a real difference.

There are 2 things you can do to prepare for the start of this exciting new series:

- Buy the book that accompanies the series: 'Fruitfulness on the Frontline' by Mark Greene, published by IVP (ISBN 978-1-78359-125-1)
- Join an Extra Slice group if you haven't already, as this will really help you to be more fruitful - please ask for details - you have a week to think about it!

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Sunday 17 th September	3pm Page Park Praise
Sunday 24 th September	4pm-6pm Messy Church
Monday 25 th September	8pm CAMEO
30 th Sept/ 1 st Oct	Harvest weekend
Saturday 7 th October	Band & Songsters at Bath Citadel
14th/15 th October	YP Prizegiving weekend
Sunday 29 th October	4pm-6pm Messy Church
Sunday 12 th November	Remembrance Sunday
Sunday 26 th November	4pm-6pm Messy Church

DIVISIONAL CELEBRATION:



The day starts at 11am, with a united worship meeting at 2.30pm 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 or let Myriam know so that we can match cars with people.

https://forms.office.com/e/qxgs3mETmX, or use QR code

AFTER HOURS YOUTH NIGHT:

Join us for fun and food after the Divisional welcome at Exmouth Pavilion:

- 5pm Meet, greet and eat at the Pavilion
- 6.30pm 7.30pm Bowling at Ocean
- 8pm Parent/Carer pick up from Pavilion

To sign up for this youth event please email <u>SWD-DHQ@salvationarmy.org.uk</u> (closing date for signup is today 3rd September).

THE WEEK AHEAD:

TODAY Sunday 3rd September:

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

Rooted - Ephesians 3: 14-21

11.30am-12:15pm Children & Youth Activities at Page Hall

Tuesday 5th September:

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 or Singing Co Practice this week

8pm Senior Band Practice at Kingswood Salvation Army

Wednesday 6th September:

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 7th September:

No Tots on the Hill this week

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 10th September:

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

Fruitfulness on the Frontline: The Big Picture

Colossians 1:15-20

11.30am-12:15pm Children & Youth Activities at Page Hall

Divisional Celebration at Exmouth, followed by After Hours Youth Event (see earlier in this bulletin for details of both events)

All activities taking place in the alternative venues whilst building work is

being carried out in our own hall