

**SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

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**Staple  
Hill  
Bulletin**



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## **Riding the Ups and Downs**

Yesterday, the 7<sup>th</sup> stage of the cycling Tour of Britain 2023 passed through Chipping Sodbury and Yate on a 179 mile round trip from Gloucester. These incredible athletes must possess some superhuman ability in endurance that helps them scale all the hills so effortlessly!



In a separate event, Steve Selfe and Mark Hatcliffe will be completing their 59 mile London to Brighton charity cycle ride today, raising funds for the Salvation Army in the process. For people who haven't spent years training in the saddle, this is going to be every bit as challenging and arduous as the professional event. The downhill bits will be great, but the uphill stretches are going to be really tough. We hope all goes well!

God doesn't promise us that life will all be a carefree downhill ride, there will be times when it feels more like a hard, uphill slog. But He does promise to be on that journey with us – and the way will become just that little bit easier with Him by our side.

*Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. [Luke 3 v 5](#)*

*Paul Heath*

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## FLOWERS:

Our thanks go to Mary and Nick Dunk today for sharing the flowers with us in celebration of their wedding anniversary.



**THE SALVATION ARMY**

# SPIRITUAL OUTREACH DAY

LED BY CAMEO GROUP AT BRIDGWATER CORPS

**FRIDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER**  
**9.30 TILL 2PM**

**PROGRAMME INCLUDES**  
SHORT BIBLE STUDY, SINGING BY HEART TASTER SESSION,  
INTERACTIVE CRAFTS, FAITH JOURNALING, QUIET PRAYER SPACE  
INCLUDES BRUNCH & REFRESHMENTS

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US,  
PLEASE CONTACT LIEUTENANT HEATHER CULSHAW

PLEASE NOTE: PLACES ARE LIMITED FOR THIS EVENT!

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**THE SALVATION ARMY**

Hereford Salvation Army invites you to...

# "Sing In"

**For an uplifting day of music making**  
**Led by Stephanie Lamplough,**  
**SA Assistant Director of Performing Arts**  
**(with Matthew Ruddock- Piano)**  
**On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November**  
**10am-4:45pm**  
**At Hereford Salvation Army**

To reserve a place, please contact Gwen  
Email: [qwenydd@talktalk.net](mailto:qwenydd@talktalk.net) Tel: 01432 264553

No cost, although donations welcome  
Packed lunch advised

## 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, 19<sup>th</sup> September at Westerleigh Crematorium at 2.45pm - **please note that this is a later time than was printed in last week's bulletin**. Our thoughts are with Dennis, Robert and Gwen, and the wider family.
- Yvonne's funeral will take place on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

As of writing, both Olive and Josie are in hospital at the RUH in Bath. We do pray that they both will make speedy recoveries. We have also heard that the mum of Dave Allen, who attends worship with his daughter Elizabeth, is poorly and in Gwent Hospital (Newport). Don't forget Peter who is still recuperating (and Elaine).

Congratulations to Vera and Brian Rosewell, who are celebrating their Emerald (55<sup>th</sup>) wedding anniversary on Thursday this week.

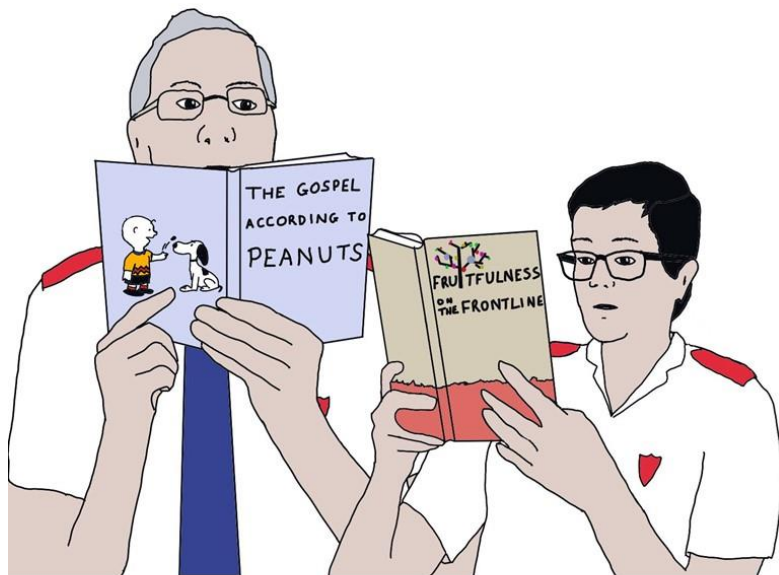
## MEMBERSHIP SURVEY:

THQ are undertaking a survey about membership and would like as many people as possible to participate. Please engage so that your voice is heard. This can be done on-line through the following link:



<https://www.salvationist.org.uk/articles/speak-up>

## QUICK SUMMARY OF LAST WEEK'S MEETING:



**Preparation for the Extra Slice  
Bible Study groups**

## FRUITFULNESS ON THE FRONTLINE:



This week we're 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. Here's a few things you can do to help you get the most out of it:

- Sign up to 40 days of Fruitfulness messages: <https://licc.org.uk/ourresources/prayer-journeys/fruitfulness-on-the-frontline-prayer-journey/> (it's free!). A daily message to help you build habits of fruitfulness – wherever we are. You can either sign up for a regular email or use the YouVersion app on your phone.
- 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.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY:

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

## THE WEEK AHEAD:

### TODAY Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 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*

### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September:

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

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September:

- 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 13<sup>th</sup> September:

- 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 14<sup>th</sup> September:

- 12.30pm Lunch Club *at Staple Hill Methodist Church*  
- *please do not arrive before 12:15pm*  
7:45pm-9pm Extra Slice Group at Colin & Nicola's house  
8:15pm-9:15pm Extra Slice Group online (leaders: Ian & Rachel)

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September:

- 9:20am Time of Prayer *at Page Hall*  
10am All Age Worship *at Page Hall*  
*Fruitfulness on the Frontline: Modelling Godly*  
*Character - [Galatians 5: 13-26](#)*  
11.30am-12:15pm Children & Youth Activities *at Page Hall*  
**3pm** Page Park Praise - *last one of the year*