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# Harvest

You will be able to tell from my body shape that I do not go hungry .... ever! I have never known what it is like to have insufficient to eat, and am far more likely to feel the pains of excess rather than the pangs of want. If I am hungry, I can always go to the fridge or cupboard and instantly find a choice of tasty treats. Food is, therefore, something I tend to take for granted. I am so lucky.

Today, as we celebrate the harvest through our worship, we have a chance to finally stop, think and thank God for this most basic building block of life.

We thank thee, then, O Father,
For all things bright and good,
The seed time and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food.
[The Song Book of the Salvation Army, No. 70]

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# **PEOPLE:**

We continue to uphold those families in and attached to our fellowship who are grieving the loss of a loved one. It has been a season of loss, and we remember our friends at this time.

As of writing, we are not aware of anyone in hospital and you will be pleased to learn that Olive has returned home and making good progress. Bryan has had a bad fall, breaking his arm by his shoulder, along with some ribs. Our thoughts and prayers are with our friends. If we have missed you, or you know someone who we've missed, please let us know.

Tom Cable has now moved from Woodlands Court to Avon Valley Care Home on Tenniscourt Road. Our thoughts are with Tom as he settles into his new home.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/717441816787?aff=oddtdtcreator



# FRUITFULNESS ON THE FRONTLINE:

We hope you're enjoying our series about being fruitful. Here's the details about the prayer journey and book:

- Click on:

  licc.org.uk/ourresources/prayerjourneys/fruitfulness-on-the-frontline-prayer-journey/
  and sign up for a daily message sent to your email address.
- Use the Bible app on your phone (YouVersion). Click on plans at the bottom of the screen and search for 'Fruitfulness on the Frontline'
- The book that accompanies the series: 'Fruitfulness on the Frontline' by Mark Greene, published by IVP (ISBN 978-1-78359-125-1).

#### **FLOWERS:**

The flowers at the hall today are in memory of Olive's son, and Gary's brother, Michael.

# **MANY THANKS:**

Following their diamond wedding anniversary celebrations, Mike and Elsie would like to express their heartfelt thanks to everyone who passed on messages, cards, flowers and gifts to help make their day even more special.

Anne and Rob would also like to say thankyou to all those that passed on cards, gifts, messages and prayers after the promotion to glory of Joyce.

Olive has now finally got back home (Last Sunday). Olive would like to thank everybody who has been asking about her and praying over the last 3 months.

# **HARVEST SUNDAY 1st OCTOBER 2023:**

All donations of food will be taken to the Kingswood Food Bank directly after our meeting this morning, so unfortunately we will not be able to accept any donations after today. We would like to thank you for your generosity.

Apologies, again for the late distribution of the harvest envelopes, which we will collect this Sunday (they can be handed in later if you need more time). If you would like to make a donation by BACS, please use the details below:

**Account Name:** The Salvation Army

Sort Code: 60-01-73 Account No: 00130997 Using Ref: Harvest

These financial gifts are used to support the wider mission of the Salvation Army – funding initiatives to help spread the gospel message in order to provide a 'harvest of souls' for the Kingdom of God. 75% of the money given will be retained within our corps, whilst the other 25% gets paid into the Mission Innovation Fund for our division. Please pray that those charged with the administration of these funds will make wise decisions on how it is used.



All tinned produce from this year's harvest festival is being donated to the Bourne Food Bank





The Slate Conference Centre, Warwick University 26 - 28 January 2024

# Encounter Prayer Gathering 24: Ignition!

Cost: £220 per person

Online booking only - To book this event, please go to https://www.salvationist.org.uk/events/encounter-prayer-gathering

Booking queries: events@salvationarmy.org.uk

Other queries: saprayernetwork@salvationarmy.drg.uk

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# ANTI-TRAFFICKING & MODERN SLAVERY:

The Anti-Trafficking & Modern Slavery Department are holding an awareness raising event at Bristol Citadel on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October, 11am to 2pm. At the event, the team will talk about what Modern Slavery is, what the indicators of Modern Slavery are, how to spot the signs, and what we can do in our everyday lives to make a change. They'll also look at what The Salvation Army do across the contract and various projects including volunteer roles.





# ATMS-ROADSHOW

The ATMS Team are on the road! In 2023, we are visiting 9 different cities across the country! We are doing this to champion our volunteers, raise awareness of Modern Slavery and to create a space for change. Check out our dates below and book your ticket on our eventbrite page

Liverpool 8 SEPT Birmingham: 23 SEPT

Bristol: 7 OCT

Southampton: 4 NOV

Leeds: 18 NOV

Peterborough: 25 NOV

Our sessions include a volunteer celebration & a light lunch followed by a workshop looking at 'What is Modern Slavery?' more information to follow, tickets open now!





**JOIN US & BOOK NOW** 

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# **DATES FOR THE DIARY:**

14 <sup>th</sup> /15 <sup>th</sup> October	YP Prizegiving weekend
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	4pm-6pm Messy Church
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Sunday
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	4pm-6pm Messy Church

We're currently finalising our Christmas programme, but here are the main dates that you may want to put into your calendar and keep free:

Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	4-6pm Christmas Messy Church
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Christmas on the Hill
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Light up a Life with St Peter's Hospice
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	10am Family Carol Service
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Toy and Food Hamper sorting (all day)
December	
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	5pm Main Carol Service
Christmas Eve	5pm Carols in the Square



#### THE WEEK AHEAD:

TODAY Sunday 1st October: HARVEST

9:20am Time of Prayer at Page Hall 10am Harvest Festival at Page Hall

Including altar service and collection for food bank

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

Monday 2nd October:

7pm PCC Meeting at Colin & Nicola's house

Tuesday 3rd October:

10am Keep Fit Class at Downend Baptist Church
11am-12noon Extra Slice Group at Downend Baptist Chu

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

6:30pm YP Band Practice at Kingswood Salvation Army

No Singing Company

7:30pm Senior Band Practice at Kingswood Salvation Army

Wednesday 4th October:

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 5th October:

12.30pm Lunch Club *at Staple Hill Methodist Church*7:45pm-9pm Extra Slice Group at Colin & Nicola's house

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

Saturday 7th October:

7pm Band and Songsters at Bath Citadel - see earlier advert

Sunday 8th October:

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

Ministering grace and love - Luke 10:25-37

11.30am-12:15pm Children & Youth Activities *at Page Hall* From 3pm Youth Section 'Reloaded' – *at Bristol Citadel* 

- see earlier advert