SUNDAY 8th October 2023



Water of Quality

Water quality has been playing on my mind this week. Not the actions of the various water companies that have occupied many news broadcasts over recent weeks – although that is clearly a concern for all of us - but the quality of water in my fish tank. The filter pump in my tank failed earlier this week (for the 2nd time this year!) which meant the water started to become murky. A new filter quickly rectified the problem, but for a time the quality of the water threatened the lives of my little fishy friends.

Good water quality is essential for all life. We take for granted that the pipes to our houses will provide the high-quality supplies that we need. But the water we get through our taps will never be truly pure. It will always be tainted by minute traces of chemicals and minerals even though it may be safe for us to drink. For something that is truly pure, we need to go to a known, good source ...

Jesus said:

"Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." John 4 v 14

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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, Elsie is in hospital and is making progress, Olive is now at home, and Peter H is poorly. Brenda Hussey is far from well and we lift her and her family up in prayer. Our thoughts and prayers are with all our friends. If we have missed you, or you know someone who we've missed, please let us know.

Bryan & Vera pass on their thanks for all your kind messages following Bryan's fall. Thank you.

We have another significant wedding anniversary to celebrate this week – Dennis and Anne Lane celebrate 60 years together (diamond anniversary). Congratulations!

COMMUNITY EXPO – Saturday 14th October 2-4pm:

Next Saturday all the community groups in Staple Hill – including us! – are getting together to showcase everything that goes on in the local area. Why not pop-in to take a look and support our stall too?





he Band and Songsters went to Bath last night

UPCOMING EVENTS:



HARVEST COLLECTION:

It's not too late to make your contribution to the harvest collection. You can either place you envelop in the collection on Sunday or make a donation by BACS, please use the details below:

Account Name:The Salvation ArmySort Code:60-01-73Account No:00130997Using Ref:Harvest

Thank you for your Harvest offering.

And just in case you were wondering about all that lovely food that was donated last week, here's a little acknowledgement from the foodbank:



FLOWERS:

Thankyou to Beryl and Spencer for the flowers at the front of the hall this week, marking their wedding anniversary.

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Sunday 29 th October	4pm-6pm Messy Church
Sunday 12 th November	Remembrance Sunday
Sunday 26 th November	4pm-6pm Messy Church

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

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

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: <u>licc.org.uk/ourresources/prayer-</u> journeys/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).

THE WEEK AHEAD:

TODAY Sunday 8th October:

9:20am	Time of Prayer <i>at Page Hall</i>
10am	All Age Worship <i>at Page Hall</i>
	Ministering grace and love - <u>Luke 10:25-37</u>
11.30am-12:15pm	Children & Youth Activities at Page Hall
From 3pm	Youth Section 'Reloaded' - at Bristol Citadel
	- see earlier advert

Monday 9th October:

8pm	Mission Council Meeting at Colin & Nicola's house
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Tuesday 10th October:

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	Songster Practice at Kingswood Salvation Army

Wednesday 11th 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 12th 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 14th October:

Children's and youtl	n trip and celebration – please see leaders for details
2pm – 4pm	Community Expo at Page Hall

Sunday 15th October: Young People's Celebration Weekend

9:20am	Time of Prayer at Page Hall
10am	All Age Worship <i>at Page Hall</i>
11.30am-12:15pm	Children & Youth Activities at Page Hall