

SUNDAY 22nd October 2023



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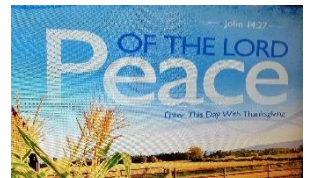
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In this quiet place

As it is the start of half-term week and with so many people away this weekend, our hall may seem a little quieter than usual. Normally, we are not a quiet church! Before our meeting starts on a Sunday morning, there is always a healthy babble as we greet each other and catch up on all the events of the week, and both our band and songster brigade are capable of creating a sound that could fill the largest auditorium let alone a small worship hall.



It was, therefore, a source of amusement to me when the band and songsters went to Bath Citadel a couple of weeks ago. The band finished the first half with one of the loudest and most exciting pieces possible. During the interval, I made my way out to the foyer area and was confronted by a sign in front of me inviting people in to 'enjoy the quietness'. Already chuckling to myself about that, I turned around and there was a biblical verse on the monitor concerning the 'peace of the Lord'.



It may seem as though peace and quiet is the last thing that you will find in the Salvation Army, but God does still bring peace into the hearts of those that believe in Him. Join us in this quiet place today!

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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. Brenda Hussey's funeral will be taking place on Friday, 10th November 2023 at 12.30pm in Staple Hill Methodist Church, followed by the committal at 2pm at Westerleigh Crematorium, with a reception afterwards in the hospitality suite.

Elsie remains in Southmead. I [Colin] visited last Monday, and they are hoping that she will either be moved onto 'rehab' or will be well enough to go home soon.

Tom has now returned to the care home and was also visited on Monday. Although making progress, he remains far from well.

Peter Jackson celebrates his 80th birthday on the 23rd October. Many happy returns!

Save the Date – 9th to 11th February 2024

We are all looking forward to returning to our building, hopefully by the end of November, but it would be good to celebrate our return and also the fact that The Salvation Army has been in Staple Hill for 140 years. With this in mind, we will be organising a Celebration Weekend on Friday 9th to Sunday 11th February 2024 so put the date in your diaries now! There are no firm plans yet, although lots of ideas, so if you have any ideas about how we should celebrate please let Colin or Nicola know.

Flowers

Our thanks to Jenny Andrew this week for sharing the flowers at the front of the hall to remember family and friends, and also Daisy Usher in remembrance of Irene Branch.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 30 th October	8pm CAMEO
Sunday 12 th November	Remembrance Sunday
Sunday 26 th November	4pm-6pm Messy Church

The following dates are still provisional at this time:

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 December	Toy and Food Hamper sorting (all day)
Sunday 17 th December	5pm Main Carol Service
Christmas Eve	5pm Carols in the Square
Friday 9 th – Sunday 11 th February 2024	Celebration Weekend

Fruitfulness on the Frontline

Here's the details about the prayer journey and book for the current series of meetings:

- Click on: licc.org.uk/ourresources/prayer-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 22nd October: Led by Kelvin & Linda James

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

Tuesday 24th October:

- 10am Keep Fit Class *at Downend Baptist Church*
8pm Songster Practice *at Kingswood Salvation Army*

Thursday 26th October:

- 12.30pm Lunch Club *at Staple Hill Methodist Church*

Sunday 29th October:

- 9:20am Time of Prayer *at Page Hall*
10am All Age Worship *at Page Hall*
Fruitfulness on the Frontline 4: Moulding Culture
[Matthew 5:13-16](#)
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As it's half term week, please check with your Extra Slice group leaders about your group

Please remember to change your clocks next Sunday (29th October).
The clocks go back an hour – so we get an extra hour in bed!