

SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023

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## Tempus Fugit

On this day when the clocks change again, I can't help wondering where the year has gone. It seems as though British Summer Time has been and gone in a blink of an eye. Winter is now just around the corner, and we will soon be taking our place in the remembrance parade, playing Christmas carols and celebrating another New Year!

As we get older, it is well known that the passage of time appears to speed up. As a child, a year seemed to go on forever, but now a year flashes by so quickly that it seems like we are in danger of hitting a new decade every time we close our eyes. In no time at all, this day will have become another distant memory.

We cannot influence in any way the passage of time – it just happens. We cannot change what happened yesterday (even though sometimes we might like to) and we don't know what tomorrow may hold. What we have is today – which, with the extra hour, is a slightly longer day than tomorrow will be and yesterday was. Today, however, is a gift from God to be shared and to be relished. Today is a day when we can worship, learn, change for the better, become more fruitful on our frontline. Let's make this day one that will be remembered!

*Paul Heath*

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## 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 9<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 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

We have two flower arrangements bringing God's beauty to our worship today. One is from Doris and Geoff, remembering Frank, and the other is from Sheila and Michelle in memory of Gordon.

## Be a Star Christmas Appeal

It's that time of the year again. Last year we supported about 2,000 people across South Gloucestershire and Bristol. But we can only do that with your help. This year we're asking you to 'Be a Star', pick up a postcard (instead of an angel tag) and buy a gift for the person as indicated on the back. Gifts can be anything you choose. All gifts need to be brand new and unwrapped, please. Please see enclosed sheet for ideas of gifts to buy.



Sunday morning 3<sup>rd</sup> December, will be our Toy Service when you can bring your gifts and place them under our tree or you can bring them to the hall at any other time before Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December (once we are finally back in the hall, of course). On behalf of the families we represent, thank you so much for your generosity - if you need any further information please don't hesitate to ask.

Please look out for more information about Christmas in next week's bulletin!

## Dates for the Diary

Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Sunday
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	4pm-6pm Messy Church

The following dates are still provisional at this time:

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

## 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, 10<sup>th</sup> 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 has now moved onto 'rehab' following her stay in hospital, so we continue to think of her and Mike as she continues to receive care.

Another special birthday to celebrate this week – Karen Read reaches her half century tomorrow!

# The Week Ahead

## TODAY Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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](#)  
11.30am-12:15pm Children & Youth Activities *at Page Hall*  
4pm-6pm Messy Church *at Staple Hill Methodist Church*



## Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October:

- 8pm CAMEO *at Staple Hill Methodist Church*

## Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> 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 Senior Band Practice *at Staple Hill Methodist Church*

## Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November:

- 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 2<sup>nd</sup> November:

- 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)

## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November:

- 9:20am Time of Prayer *at Page Hall*  
10am All Age Worship *at Page Hall*  
Fruitfulness on the Frontline: Mouthpiece for truth  
and justice - [2 Samuel 12:1-13](#)  
11.30am-12:15pm Children & Youth Activities *at Page Hall*

