

SUNDAY 21st January 2024



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Commitment

What's around the corner this year? Where will it take us? I listened to people in a care home as they were each asked "what is your new year's resolution"? One said to see a new baby. Another to be friendly. Another to lose weight. Another wrote to keep dancing (even though she couldn't get out of her chair). And one more said to live a day at a time.

Myself, I desire to keep my washing and ironing up to date, and keep the home tidy. Of course, as a Christian there are more important things to think about. My promise is to enjoy the fulness of God's love and His presence. I am reminded of the promises I have made over the years - the sunbeam promise I made to 'do right', or my wedding vows 'to love and to cherish' my husband. More so "to honour God", and "feed on His word daily". To keep these promises means to live constantly in obedience, which at times seems impossible.

What are your resolutions? I guess yours are the same as mine, for I believe:

*I'm in His hands,
Whate'er the future holds I'm in his hands.*
[The Songbook of The Salvation Army, No. 848]

Doris Pearce

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People

We continue to remember those in our fellowship who are mourning the loss of loved ones especially those who are preparing funerals. In particular we remember:

- The family of Barry Jenner, whose funeral in on: Monday, 22nd January at 11.30am at Westerleigh Crem.
- Mike, Ian, Carron and family following the promotion to glory of Elsie Dyer. Elsie's funeral will be on Friday, 2nd February at 2pm at hall, 3.30pm at Westerleigh after which there will be a reception at the hall.
- Marion and her family following the loss of her daughter Sally. The celebration of Sally's life will take place on Monday, 5th February (we will advise of the details as they are arranged).

With the weather becoming colder, please be careful.

We would like to take the opportunity this week to wish Senan Hylton a very happy 18th birthday for January 29th. We know it is a week early, but he will be away with the YP band next week and we didn't want him to miss out!

Band League

We thank our Band League members for their support in the last year and those who have already renewed membership this week. The Band League concert which you will have a ticket to as part of your membership will be on Saturday June 8th.

I am not here this week so if you wish to join or renew your membership of the Band League, please give your money to my Mum Beryl, or Jon Dickens.

Becky Gardner, Band League Secretary

Building

The balcony has been finished this week, and on Friday it was cleaned and furnished. Whilst we will not use it this Sunday, there will be an opportunity, after the meeting, to have a look. There are still works to be completed, including: the hand rail in the entrance hall and side corridor, and the sliding door partitions. There is still a problem with the heating, which we are trying to manage.

Hopefully you will appreciate that these delays bring an added level of stress, especially as we prepare for our celebration weekend. Anything that you can do to minimise the demands on Nicola and myself at this time would be really helpful.

During this state of 'flux' we will continue to change the seating.



Bradbury Hall

After the meeting every week our children are engaged in 'Children's Church' which is always exciting. However, the group is being disrupted by people trying to take a shortcut through to the kitchen or annexe. If you could avoid doing this it would be very much appreciated, Thank you.

Celebration Weekend (9th – 11th February)

We are looking forward to celebrating our new facilities and 140 years of the Salvation Army in the Staple Hill community at our Celebration Weekend. We are so grateful to God and to the many people who have participated in, or supported, our corps in this part of Bristol. Hopefully you have already prioritised this in your calendar, here's some more details of the programme:

Celebration Meal – Friday 9th (7pm)

A chance for our congregation to begin the celebrations with a meal together (invitation only)

Celebration Day @ The Salvation Army – Saturday 10th (10am-2pm)

Everyone is welcome to join in the celebrations which will include a café, table-top sale, art & craft activities, children's activities, live music, exhibitions, interactive activities, guided tours of our refurbished building and more.

Celebration Concert – Saturday 10th (7pm)

Our bands and singing groups are providing a musical concert, giving us an opportunity to celebrate 140 years and our newly refurbished building and thank those who have made it all possible.

Celebration Worship – Sunday 11th (10am)

A very special worship meeting for all ages led by Colin & Nicola.

Celebration March – Sunday 11th (11.45am)

Our band will lead us on a march through Staple Hill.

Celebration Lunch – Sunday 11th (12.30pm)

An opportunity to join together at lunchtime – please bring food to share, everyone welcome.

It's not too far away now – so if you haven't already, invite your friends and family to join us. For those of you who receive our bulletin, but don't usually attend or live far away – we'd love to see you – why not plan a visit?

It would be good to hear from those who watch our worship online but are unable to attend due to distance – please send us a message and we will put any messages on screen during the weekend, thank you.

Please pray for this event, that it will be a time of celebration but also an opportunity to reach out to our community.

Celebration Meal - Friday, 9th February 2024

We are looking forward to our Celebration weekend, which will start with our Celebration Meal on the Friday evening. It is our plan to send out invitations next weekend to everyone who regularly attends Sunday worship. It's a massive task and if you don't get one, it's not because we don't love you, it just us failing to get it completely right - just let us know. There is an RSVP by Sunday, 4th February as we need to know numbers for catering.

Welcome to new Territorial Leaders

The welcome to the new Territorial Leaders of the Salvation Army in the UK, Commissioners Jenine & Paul Main, is today (21st) at 3.30pm – watch the live stream or recording here:

[Welcome to the New Territorial Leaders | Salvationist](#)

Dates for the Diary

Here are some dates that are coming up soon:

Monday 30 th January	CAMEO
Friday 9 th – Sunday 11 th February	Celebration Weekend (Please see more details elsewhere in bulletin)
Sunday 11 th February	Divisional Youth Section
Sunday 25 th February	Messy Church
Monday 26 th February	Mission Council Meeting CAMEO
Friday 1 st March	Women's World Day of Prayer
Saturday 2 nd March	Coffee Morning First Aid Training Course
Sunday 3 rd March	Self Denial Altar Service

Flowers

We are very thankful to Claire Blowers for providing the flowers at the front of the hall today.



CELEBRATING UGANDA & HER NEIGHBOURS

SATURDAY 27th JANUARY 2024

BADMINTON ROAD METHODIST CHURCH DOWNEND BS16 6NU

Come and go between 1.30pm and 6pm

PROGRAMME:

1.30pm: Doors Open

2pm : Welcome by Rev Patrick Stonehewer

Methodist Deputy Superintendent

2.30pm: Presentation - AFRICAN PASTORS FELLOWSHIP

3pm : Video - Rev Teddy Kalongo interviewing Rev DANIEL

METHODIST MISSION PARTNER Uganda

3.30pm: Presentation - HOPE for LIFE KATANGA Uganda

4pm : An Update - BRISTOL/UGANDA Friendship Link.

4.30pm: Presentation - ALL WE CAN Uganda

5.00 pm to 6.00 pm (approx.): PRAYER & PRAISE with African Drums

Chat over a Cuppa & Cake

DISPLAYS:

Methodist Church in Uganda

Bristol/Uganda Friendship Link

African Pastors Fellowship - APF

Tools With A Mission - TWAM

Hope For Life KATANGA/UGANDA

Resound Church- Mutende Project/Zambia

Mission Direct/KUMI/ PORRIDGE FUND/UGANDA

Methodist- ALL WE CAN/UGANDA

PLEASE:- BRING any unwanted TOOLS eg Carpentry, Mechanics, Plumbing, Electrical etc. (not gardening), Sewing Machines, Threads & Dress Material etc. to donate to TOOLS WITH A MISSION

Donations towards a Tin Roof for a Church in Uganda be appreciated.

FOR SALE - ARTWORK by Bex 'Equestrian & Animal Art'
WOODEN BOWLS by Geoff, our own Wood Turner.

The Week Ahead

TODAY Sunday 21st January: *Christian Unity Sunday*

- 10am All Age Worship
Pulpit exchange – Gareth Matthews from Life Church to preach
[Hebrews 10: 19-25](#)
- 11.30am-12:15pm Children & Youth Activities
- 4pm-6pm Messy Church

Monday 22nd January:

- 11:30am Barry Jenner's funeral *at Westerleigh*

Tuesday 23rd January:

- 10am Keep Fit Class
- 11am-12noon Extra Slice Group
- (leader: Kelvin) – *10:30am for coffee*
- 6:30pm YP Band Practice
- 7:15pm Singing Company Practice
- 8pm Senior Band Practice

Wednesday 24th January:

- 9:30am-11am Tots on the Hill
- 3:30pm-4:30pm Extra Slice Group online (leader: Gerry)
- 7:45pm-9pm Extra Slice Group at Kelvin & Linda's house
- 8:15pm-9:15pm Extra Slice Group online (leader: Beth)

Thursday 25th January:

- 12.30pm Lunch Club
- 7:45pm-9pm Extra Slice Group at Colin & Nicola's house
- 8:15pm-9:15pm Extra Slice Group online (leaders: Ian & Rachel)

Friday 26th January:

- 4pm-6pm Cleaning and Setting up hall ready for Sunday

Sunday 28th January:

- 10am All Age Worship
'Shaped for a Purpose': Getting to the heart of it
- 11.30am-12:15pm Children & Youth Activities
{YP Band leading worship at Weston-Super-Mare this morning}