

SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024

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Local ...  
Lively ...  
Loving

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## Our place on the Hill

For so long we had been looking forward to our Celebration weekend, and what a weekend it was! It was hard work, but one that will stay in our memory for many years to come. It was great to see so many people come into our building for the first time, and for the 1000<sup>th</sup> time, or returning to a spiritual home after many years away. But the celebrations have just acted to reinforce that we are part of an ongoing mission in Staple Hill – to be that shining beacon on the hill that can never be diminished.

God is leading us forward to ever greater things.

*All through the years his providence has led me,  
His abounding goodness has been all my song;  
All through the years I tell his love and mercy,  
Singing Ebenezer as the years roll on.  
[The Song Book of the Salvation Army, No. 826]*

*Note: Ebenezer is the name given to a stone erected by Samual in commemoration of God's help.*

*Paul Heath*

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## People

Please continue to remember those members of our fellowship who have recently been bereaved, along with those who are living with long-term health concerns.

We are grateful to Beth who will be leading worship this week whilst Colin and Nicola are on a much-deserved break for a few days. Thank you.

## Food Bank

Our store of food items for those in need is running short of a few items. As you will appreciate, food banks can be a lifeline to some people within our community, and so we want to continue to provide this important service. If you are able to purchase one or two items from the list below, it would be very much appreciated:

- Tinned Potatoes
- Fray Bentos pies
- Tinned meat e.g. stewed beef, ham, corned beef, etc
- Tinned tuna
- Long life milk
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned rice pudding
- Biscuits
- Tea
- Coffee

If you are unable to shop but would like to give a monetary donation instead, please see Gerry or Colin. Thankyou.

# Flowers

Margaret Boxel has kindly provided the flowers at the front of the hall today, in memory of her parents Majors Cyril and Ruby Chadwick.

## Dates for the Diary

Here are some dates that are coming up soon:

Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Mission Council Meeting CAMEO
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Women's World Day of Prayer
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Coffee Morning First Aid Training Course
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Self Denial Altar Service
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Mothers' Day Divisional Youth Section
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Pastoral Care Council Meeting
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Palm Sunday Messy Church

# The Week Ahead

## TODAY Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February:

- 10am All Age Worship – *Led by Beth Ewins*  
11.30am-12:15pm Children's & Youth Activities

## Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February:

- 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 21<sup>st</sup> February:

- 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 22<sup>nd</sup> February:

- 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 23<sup>rd</sup> February:

- 4pm Cleaning and Setting up hall

## Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February:

- 10am All Age Worship  
*'Shaped for a Purpose: The shape of your gift'*  
11.30am-12:15pm Children's & Youth Activities  
4pm-6pm Messy Church