

SUNDAY 25th FEBRUARY 2024



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Good Planning

A few weeks ago, my daughter decided that she wanted to move out of our family home again to live with a friend in Wolverhampton. But that has caused a problem – what to do with her 2 rabbits? She wants them to go with her, but she also wants their current house to remain ‘at home’ for when she comes back for work or to visit. The solution has involved joining together 2 old hutches into a new building that is big enough for both the rabbits together so that Olivia can take this new house with her. It has been an interesting challenge!

But designing the new double-hutch was only half the problem. I then had to deconstruct it again so that it can be flat packed, transported and then rebuilt in the new location, and that meant I had to generate step-by-step instructions for my daughter to rebuild it at the other end. It remains to be seen whether the instructions are good enough!

Having good instructions on how to do things is the key to success. The Bible is our step-by-step instruction on how to succeed in life. Our Sunday worship is like calling the help desk – giving us further advice and support to help understand the Biblical instruction manual – so I’m glad that Colin and Nicola, our Bible technical advisors, are there to explain it all so clearly. Having the plans in front of you is only useful if you can understand what they mean!

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People

On return from leave, we were sad to learn that David Nee's mum, Marlene, had died. Our thoughts are with David, his Dad, and their family at this sad time. Our thoughts continue to be with those who have recently been bereaved, including Nettie following the loss of her mum and Francis following the loss of his brother.

Olive has been unwell this week, as has Peter Henley who, as of writing, is in Southmead undergoing tests. Please remember our friends in your prayers.

Building

Over the coming 2 weeks the doors for the worship hall are being installed, which will mean a little more disruption. If you can help with moving chairs and cleaning etc, then that will be good. We are hoping that this will see the major parts of the refurbishment work completed, although there is 'snagging' work to be done, along with a growing list of general maintenance jobs. If you can help in anyway, please speak to Nicola.

Employment opportunity

The Salvation Army are looking to recruit a Regional Accounts Assistant in this area – if you are interested, please take a look at the advert on the noticeboard.

Celebration Weekend

Our thanks go to all those who helped make this weekend the success it was. It wouldn't have been possible without everyone pulling together and we are extremely grateful to all those who helped in whatever way. We hope that you felt it was a success.

We also wanted to say thank you for the card, flowers and gift (M&S gift voucher). It was not expected, but it is appreciated.

Whilst we had a great weekend, our celebrations had an impact in the 'local economy'. Unfortunately, for 2 evenings we took up most of the parking in Staple Hill, which resulted in the chip shop losing customers. If over the coming weeks, you fancy some fish 'n chips then pop in and see our friends - tell them Colin sent you (you won't get a discount, but it will mend some bridges). Thanks.

Flowers

Viv Wallington has provided the flowers for our hall today, in memory of her mum, Joyce.



Thanks

Marion and family would like to thank everyone for the prayers, love and support shown to us over the course of Sally's illness and her death. We needed and appreciated this so much.

World Day of Prayer this Friday (1st March) 2.30pm in our building

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome all Christians to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. Each year the local churches in our area join together for a special service of worship and prayer and the material for the service is prepared by a group of ecumenical Christians from a different country of the world. This year is particularly poignant as the resources have been prepared by Christians in Palestine. We also have the privilege of hosting our local service this year. Anyone is welcome to come along to this event and if you would like to help – including preparing the building, serving refreshments, welcoming people, etc. - Please see Nicola. Thank you.



The Salvation Army
21 Broad Street
Staple Hill
2.30pm



Dates for the Diary

Here are some dates that are coming up soon:

Sunday 10 th March	Mothers' Day Divisional Youth Section
Monday 18 th March	Pastoral Care Council Meeting
Sunday 24 th March	Palm Sunday Messy Church
Monday 25 th to Friday 29 th March	Holy Week & Good Friday
Sunday 31 st March	Easter Sunday Clocks change

The Week Ahead

TODAY Sunday 25th February:

- 10am All Age Worship
'Shaped for a Purpose: Personality & Experience'
- 11.30am-12:15pm Children's & Youth Activities
- 4pm-6pm Messy Church

Monday 26th February:

- 8pm CAMEO Craft group
- 8pm Mission Council Meeting

Tuesday 27th 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 Songster Practice

The Week Ahead [Continued]

Wednesday 28th February:

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| 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 29th February:

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| 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 1st March:

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| 2:30pm | Women's World Day of Prayer <i>in our building</i> |
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Saturday 2nd March:

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| 9am-4pm | First Aid Course <i>in our building</i> |
| 10am-12pm | Coffee Morning (coordinator: Pauline Ewins) |

Sunday 3rd March:

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| 10am | All Age Worship
<i>Including the Self Denial Altar Service</i>
<i>'Shaped for a Purpose: The shape of your gift'</i> |
| 11.30am-12:15pm | Children's & Youth Activities |
| 4pm | Youth Section Praise Party <i>at Bridgwater Corps</i> |