

SUNDAY 10th March 2024



Local ...
Lively ...
Loving

No Barriers

With the glass doors almost having been installed at the back of the hall, it made me think about the solid barrier that these should form when shut. In less enlightened times, there was a lot of talk about 'glass ceilings' – an invisible level through which women, the disabled, people of colour or older people could not pass, in particular in relation to careers or pay.

Thankfully, those barriers are much less significant these days, although they certainly still do persist in some walks of life. But not, I would like to think, in our Corps of the Salvation Army! The glass partitions in our hall, when shut, may form a barrier – but one that can and will be opened to let anyone through regardless of background. Just as the cross on the wall will remain constantly visible through the glass, the way to the cross is open to all.

*Whoever will may come,
And who comes to him shall never
Disappointed turn away;
Praise the Lord! 'tis whosoever.*

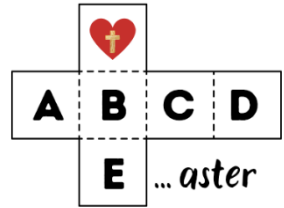
[The Song Book of the Salvation Army, No. 405]

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Easter programme

Easter is early this year so it is fast approaching. It's always a special time of the year so we look forward to everything that is planned:



- Sunday 24th March: Palm Sunday
 - 10am - All Age Worship
 - 4pm – 6pm Messy Church
- Tuesday 26th March
 - 7pm - An Evening of Easter Music
- Wednesday 27th March
 - 2pm – 4pm
 - 7pm – 9pm } Walk Through Easter (drop-in)
- Thursday 28th March
 - 11.15am - Easter Worship (anyone welcome)
 - 7pm - Fellowship Meal & Reflection
(sign-up sheet to book)
- Friday 29th March: Good Friday
 - 10am - All Age Worship
 - 11.30am - Band on the Square
- Sunday 31st March: Easter Sunday
 - 8.30am - Easter Breakfast (sign-up sheet to book)
 - 10am - All Age worship

Sign-up sheets for the Thursday evening meal and Sunday morning breakfast are on the notice-board – please add your details. There are also leaflets available if you want to take a few to give out on your Frontline!

Flowers

Clare Blowers has kindly provided the flowers on this Mothers' Day in memory of her mum.

Message from Lt Cols Ray & Joan Kirby

Some of you will remember the Kirbys, previous corps officers at Staple Hill – they continue to keep up with our recordings and bulletin and wanted to send this message to us all:

To the saints assembled on Staple Hill. Grace and peace be yours in fullest measure. We were wondering if Staple Hill holds the national record for the number of hall refurbishments and updates in 140 years. We recall we spent the first six months in 1989 with all activities in what was then called the YP Hall and annexe whilst engineers tried to prove that some foundational damage in the main hall was caused by the old coal mine workings. Unfortunately, there was not enough evidence to produce any compensation.

We would love to have the view from the gallery but then probably couldn't manage the stairs these days.

Enjoy the new look. We know you are all wise enough to avoid the danger of worshipping the hall as opposed to worshipping in the hall!!! We continue to enjoy worshipping with you via the regular recordings. Was there really life before technology?

Love and prayers, Ray and Joan Kirby

Dates for the Diary

Here are some dates that are coming up soon:

Monday 18 th March	Pastoral Care Council Meeting CAMEO Craft Group
Sunday 24 th March	Palm Sunday Messy Church
Monday 25 th to Friday 29 th March	Holy Week & Good Friday - see <i>earlier in Bulletin for details</i>
Sunday 31 st March	Easter Sunday Clocks change
Saturday 13 th April	Coffee Morning

People

Thanks to those who have been to see Peter. I popped in on Wednesday and he was sat up ready to be discharged. However, Carole is still poorly and remains in Southmead. We are also aware that Terry, who attends our Lunch Club, is very ill in hospital. Please remember him and his wife, Marlene, in your prayers.

We will have number of plants to go out to those in our fellowship who are poorly, so if you are able to deliver a Mother's Day gift, that would be really helpful. Please speak to Colin.

Self-Denial 2024

With all the busyness of the building work, moving back 'home' and the celebration weekend, this year's Self-Denial Appeal came upon us very quickly and even caught some people out!

Don't worry if you have not given yet as we can still accept donations until the end of March.

Ways to give:

You can still place your Self-Denial envelope in the collection basket, use the card reader which will be available after the Sunday morning meetings, or by BACS using the details below

- **Account Name:** The Salvation Army
- **Sort Code:** 60-01-73
- **Account No:** 00130997
- **Please use ref:** SelfD

Thank you for supporting the work of The Salvation Army

Cartridge offering envelopes

New Cartridge offering envelopes are now being distributed to members of the Corps. If you would like to start giving your offering by weekly/monthly envelope or standing order, please see the Corps Treasurer, Asst Corps Treasurer or the Corps Officers.

Building

We were hoping that the door installation would have been completed this week. Unfortunately, there were some problems both with the installation and the supply of all the 'bits'. We are actively trying to resolve these problems which are proving to be very frustrating and annoying. Your patience and support are appreciated.

End of the financial year and Gift Aid

For those who Gift Aid, it is important that the details we hold for you are still current and correct. Please take a moment to read the below regarding Gift Aid and that you let me know if

- You no longer pay income tax
- You no longer pay enough tax for us to reclaim your Gift Aid (You must make sure that you have paid enough income tax to HMRC in the tax year in which you make your donation, at least equal to the amount that we will reclaim)
- Or you would like more information

If you have, or do move house a new form will need to be completed as your current address must be updated to meet HMRC regulations.

The Week Ahead

TODAY Sunday 10th March: *Mothers' Day*

10am All Age Worship
No Children's or Youth activities today

Tuesday 12th March:

10am Keep Fit Class
11am-12noon Extra Slice Group
- (leader: Kelvin) – *10:30am for coffee*
12pm-2:30pm Open Doors
6:30pm YP Band Practice
7:15pm Singing Company Practice
8pm Songster Practice

Wednesday 13th March:

Divisional Officers Meeting *in our building*
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 14th March:

12.30pm Lunch Club
7pm Extra Slice Group at Colin & Nicola's
- *at the hall (Upper Room 2)*
8:15pm-9:15pm Extra Slice Group online (leaders: Ian & Rachel)
8pm Senior Band Practice

Friday 15th March:

10am-12:30pm Open Doors
4pm Cleaning Hall

Sunday 17th March:

10am All Age Worship
'Shaped for a Purpose: Using your Shape'
[1 Corinthians 13: 1-7](#)
11.30am-12:15pm Children's & Youth Activities