

SUNDAY 14th April 2024



Local ...
Lively ...
Loving

Understand?

For what seems like an eternity, I have been frustrated in my working life whilst trying to explain the obvious to my colleagues. At least, it seems obvious to me! I have tried using pictures, numbers, words and arm-waving arguments, but still they look at me as if I am from a different planet. A few have finally grasped what I mean, and so they are now adding their voices to the explanations – and slowly the penny appears to be dropping. No matter how clear I think things are, I have to rely on others to fully sell the vision that I see so clearly. I simply can't just rely on my own understanding of what appears to me to be blindingly obvious.

It also seems so obvious to me that God exists. Just looking around me I see unequivocal evidence of His guiding hand in everything, and yet there are many who just don't get it. Colin and Nicola do a fantastic job week in and week out trying to explain the reality of God and the love of Jesus from the platform and to those they meet, but there are still people who don't listen or can't appreciate the simplest of truths – so we need to work at this together and not rest on Colin and Nicola's platform prowess. A different voice or a different way of explaining things from you or I may be just what somebody needs to hear in order to make them finally understand.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. [Proverbs 3 v 5](#)

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People

We continue to support those connected to the corps who have experienced the loss of a loved one and are preparing for funerals:

- Aubrey Chappel. Aubrey's funeral will take place at Westerleigh Crematorium on Monday, 15th April at 1pm.
- Tegwydd Jenkins. Our thoughts are with Les, Hywel, Delyth and their respective families. Her funeral will take place at Westleigh on 24th April at 1.15pm, following which you are invited to stay at Westerleigh for refreshments.
- Diane Tapscott (maiden name Davidge, sister of Fay Mallet) - a previous Singing Company Leaders in Staple Hill. Her funeral is at Westerleigh on 17th April at 1pm.

As of writing I am unaware of anyone in hospital, although David C has been in contact to let us know that Carol is now home. However, there are a number of people within our corps who are poorly, so if you know anyone who is ill at the moment, please support them.

We are pleased to let you know that Majors Richard and Esther Knott have transferred to the corps, along with their two children, Ethan and Lydia. Due to health reasons, they will be joining us as part of our online worshipping community, but we welcome as part of our corps.

Flowers

The flowers this week have been provided by Andy & Emily in celebration of their 7th Wedding Anniversary.

Dates for the Diary

Here are some dates that are coming up soon:

Monday 30 th April	CAMEO Craft Group
Sunday 12 th May	Majors Mel and Steve Smith Divisional Youth Section
Monday 13 th May	Mission Council Meeting
Saturday 18 th May	Coffee Morning
Sunday 19 th May	Pentecost Page Park Praise



The Week Ahead

TODAY Sunday 14th April:

10am All Age Worship
10 Commandments: Love God
([Exodus 20: 1-11](#) & [Mark 12: 28-34](#))
11.30am-12:15pm Children's & Youth Activities
3pm Divisional Youth Section *at Staple Hill*

Monday 15th April:

8pm Mission Council Meeting

Tuesday 16th April:

All day Employment Plus with Tyrone
10am Keep Fit Class
11am-12noon Extra Slice Group (leader: Kelvin)
12pm-2:30pm Open Doors
From 6:30pm YP Band Practice & Singing Company Practice
8pm Songster Practice

Wednesday 17th April:

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 18th April

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 19th April:

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

Sunday 21st April:

10am All Age Worship
10 Commandments: Love Family
([Exodus 20: 12](#) & [14](#) & [Matthew 15: 1-9](#))
11.30am-12:15pm Children's & Youth Activities
4pm-6pm Messy Church