

SUNDAY 19th May 2024



Local ...
Lively ...
Loving

Love Wins

We were sat at Morrison's last week having a cuppa, and as I sat I saw a double-decker bus pull up at the traffic lights on the main road. It had an advert written on it, but all I could read was 'LOVE WINS'. I wasn't near enough to read anything else, but those words spoke to me.

Knowing Jesus for a long time, I can recall many experiences where I've proved those words to be true.

In the Bible we read of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego – 3 Hebrew boys ([Daniel 3](#)). They served God whole heartedly. They had refused to worship a golden image as King Nebuchadnezzar had demanded, and were thrown into a fiery furnace for their disobedience. They found strength in their faith and God protected them, and they experienced 'Love wins'.

I question would I have trusted God in those circumstances?

I'm reminded of the chorus:

*My God is so big, so strong and so mighty
There's nothing that he cannot do.*

Doris Pearce

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People

As of writing, we are not aware of anyone being in hospital, but please continue to pray for those in our fellowship who are poorly and those who are living with long-term health conditions.

This coming week sees the funeral of three friends who have been attached to our fellowship. These are:

- Monday, 20th May - a Service of Thanksgiving for Valerie Cuff at 12noon at the Salvation Army, Ivybridge. For those unable to attend, it will be broadcast on Zoom, the details of which are:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89661717665?pwd=QUdTRGQrZ1g1UVhHK0hNakc1cDIJZz09>

- Meeting ID: 896 6171 7665
- Passcode: 384719
- Tuesday, 21st May - Bob Milsom's funeral will take place at Westerleigh.
- Friday, 24th May - John Thomas' funeral will take place at Westerleigh at 1.15pm

Please remember the families of our friends at this time.

On a more cheerful note, we are pleased to announce the safe arrival of baby Oscar Andrew Elliott, born on Monday, 13th May, weighing in at 5lb 3oz. Oscar and Emily are doing well, as are Andy and Grace.



Flowers

Our heartfelt thanks to Viv Wallington this week for the flowers on our altar table in memory of Allan, and indeed for coordinating the flower rota week by week that continues to enhance our worship.

Page Park Praise – We Need You!

Today will be our first Page Park Praise of 2024 (weather permitting)! If you don't know, PPP is about us taking our church service out onto Page Park and provide activities for children too. It is another opportunity for us to be seen and heard, and for local people to hear the Good News.

We need lots of help to ensure this is a success.

- From 2pm we will be loading the cars with the equipment.
- We will also need helpers to be at the park (bandstand) for 2:15pm to set-up and dust off cobwebs from the deck chairs (come equipped!), put up the gazebos and obviously to help packing down afterwards too.

As this is the first Page Park Praise of the year, there will be a quick debrief meeting at the hall afterwards.

Page Park Praise is only a success if we have people available to talk to members of the public, give out leaflets, goody bags, etc. ... so if you're able to help in any way, please see Myriam.

It is also important that we pray for this venture and the opportunities it brings to engage with our local community.

THE SALVATION ARMY

SALT & LIGHT

AN EVENING OF CONTRASTING MUSIC FEATURING

SATURDAY 8TH JUNE | 7PM

TICKETS £5

VOCALIST LOULITA GILL

COMPOSER & CONDUCTOR MARK FELTWELL

STAPLE HILL BAND OF THE SALVATION ARMY

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Dates for the Diary

Here are some dates that are coming up soon:

Monday 27 th May	No CAMEO Craft Group
Saturday 8 th / Sunday 9 th June	Band Weekend (Salt & Light concert on Saturday evening)
Sunday 16 th June	Fathers' Day
Monday 17 th June	Mission Council Meeting
Saturday 22 nd June (note change of date)	Armed Forces Day <i>(we will not be taking part this year)</i>
Sunday 23 rd June	Page Park Praise
Monday 24 th June	CAMEO Craft Group
Saturday 29 th June	Coffee Morning



ON THE HILL
JUNE
SATURDAY 1ST
2024

HARDWARE STORE
GIFTS

CAKES
JEWELLERY
CRAFTS

FOUNTAIN SQUARE
10-4PM



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Love God...Love Others

Page Park Praise

INCLUDING LIVE MUSIC AND CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES FROM STAPLE HILL SALVATION ARMY

3pm on the following Sundays
19th May | 23rd June
14th July | 18th August
15th September

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More Baby News ...

We are also pleased to announce that Deb has entered the ranks of Grandparent, with the safe arrival of Ayla Madison Booth, to Hannah and George on Tuesday, 14th May 2024.

Week Ahead

TODAY Sunday 19th May: *Pentecost*

10am	All Age Worship Transformed by Pentecost: Peter Acts 2:1-8 & Acts 12-14
11.30am-12:15pm	Children's & Youth Activities
3pm	Page Park Praise - <i>weather permitting – please check facebook</i>

Tuesday 21st May:

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	Senior Band Practice

Wednesday 22nd May:

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 23rd May:

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 24th May:

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

Sunday 26th May:

10am	All Age Worship Transformed by Pentecost 2: Stephen Acts 6: 8-15 & Acts 7: 54-60
11.30am-12:15pm	Children's & Youth Activities
11:30am	Church 2U