

SUNDAY 18th & SUNDAY 25th August 2024



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Sitting On the Green Grass

With the warm weather and occasional torrential downpours that we have enjoyed over the past few weeks, the grass in our garden is looking lush and thick – and it just invites us to sit on it to soak up the lovely sunshine.

It reminds me of the story of the feeding of the 5000. A huge crowd had followed Jesus to a quiet spot, and were enthralled by Jesus' teaching. But as the day wore on, Jesus realised that they were going to need feeding and told his disciples to "make all the people sit down in groups on the green grass" [see [Mark 6:30-44](#)]. With just 5 loaves and 2 fish, Jesus fed them all with food to spare.

In Page Park this afternoon, we are following Jesus' example (although, perhaps, on a slightly smaller scale ... but we never know!). There will be Christian teaching, music and entertainment and I am sure there will be many different groups sat around on the green grass enjoying picnics and taking in all that is going on. We don't know the impact this will have – but all we do is in the name of the Lord. We believe that there will be people in the park – on the grass, or seated around the bandstand – for whom this open-air witness will be of vital importance to them personally today. Please pray for an impact beyond our wildest imagining.

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People

Please continue to remember those of our friends who are unwell or living with/in difficult situations. If you need our support at this time, please contact us.

Congratulations to those who have received exam results this week. This includes Senan who, following his results, has been accepted at Plymouth University to study Marine Biology. We continue to remember those who will receive their GCSE results this coming Thursday.

It's good to welcome family and friends who are visiting. This week we are pleased to welcome John H, who is spending time with Mark & Deb. It's also good to receive messages from our on-line worshipping community. Bev and Kev have been in contact with the following:

- *We send our prayers from Australia:*
 - *We pray for your safety and the unrest in your country*
 - *We pray for your leaders to make the right decisions*
 - *We pray for all the members of your corps - may God bless you abundantly.*
- *It is lovely to see you both back from your holidays. Your members did a wonderful job running your meetings while you were away. Take care. God bless. Bev and Kev*

We were sad to learn that Pam Thomas was promoted to Glory this week. Our thoughts are with Glyn, who was also recently bereaved of his father, and the wider Thomas family who include Pam's sister Joyce.

Our apologies for a slightly belated birthday greeting to Dave Slator, who celebrated his 80th birthday last Sunday. We hope you had a great day! And another very special day coming up Deb Hatcliffe will be celebrating her 60th on Saturday 24th August.

Flowers

The flowers at the front of the hall on the 18th August are from Linda Isherwood as an anniversary remembrance.

And the flowers on the 25th August will be from Pauline Perkins in memory of Yvonne Faulkner.

Bulletin during the Summer

The next issue of this bulletin will be on 1st September when the normal, weekly bulletin will recommence.

Dates for the Diary

Here are some dates that are coming up soon:

Saturday 7 th September	Coffee Morning
Monday 9 th September	Mission Council Meeting
Sunday 15 th September	Page Park Praise Divisional Youth 'Pulse' Group
Saturday 21 st September	Band concert at Zion Church, Kingswood
Sunday 22 nd September	Messy Church
Sunday 29 th September	Church 2 U
Monday 30 th September	CAMEO



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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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The Fortnight Ahead

TODAY Sunday 18th August:

10am All Age Worship – *Led by Majors Colin & Nicola*
[Luke 9: 21-27](#) (*Note: a change to the advertised reading*)

3pm Page Park Praise

Tuesday 20th August:

No Employment Plus
No Keep Fit Class

12pm-2:30pm Open Doors

Thursday 21st August:

12.30pm Lunch Club

Friday 22nd August:

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

Sunday 25th August:

10am All Age Worship – *Led by Majors Colin & Nicola*
‘What Jesus said and did: Jesus heals 10 men’
[Luke 17 vs 11-19](#)

The Fortnight Ahead [Continued]

Tuesday 27th August:

No Employment Plus
No Keep Fit Class
12pm-2:30pm Open Doors
8pm Senior Band Practice

Thursday 29th August:

12.30pm Lunch Club

Friday 30th August:

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

Sunday 1st September:

10am All Age Worship – *Led by Majors Colin & Nicola*
'What Jesus said and did: The Pharisee and the Tax
Collector'
[Luke 18 v 9-14](#)

*Extra Slice Groups – please check with your leaders for meetings over the
summer period.*

*Children's church and youth activities have now stopped for the summer,
and will resume on Sunday 8th September.*