

SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024

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## 'Judge not, lest ye be judged'

Matthew 7 vs 1

As Colin and Nicola continue their series this week on the different Judges of Israel, I can't get the above verse out of my mind. I am sure it will be familiar to almost everyone, and is surely one of the few verses that continues to resonate in the language of the old King James version of the Bible rather than any more modern translation.

Within popular culture, this verse is often used to justify a society in which anything goes, a call to tolerate another person's decisions or life-style choices whether or not they are good or right. But when Jesus spoke these words, it was more intended to emphasise that only God holds the complete perspective on any situation, so only God really has the power to judge. Our own judgements are tainted by our own experiences and prejudices, so can never be truly unbiased, and are therefore open to criticism and ridicule.

Would any of us actually want the responsibility of being a Judge? Especially a Judge whose actions and pronouncements would be scrutinised throughout the millennia by religious scholars, devout followers and interested bystanders alike. Were Samson's judgements just? I am sure we will find out in the sermon!

*Paul Heath*

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# People

We were sad to learn that Tom Cable was promoted to glory early on Friday morning. Our thoughts and prayers are with Alison and Mark at this sad time.

As of writing, we are unaware of anyone being in hospital, but please continue to pray for those who are poorly and/or living with long term health concerns.

On Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup>, we are grateful to Paul for leading the meeting, as we have been asked to lead Harvest worship at Swindon Citadel. Thank you Paul.

Next weekend Naomi is attending a Design For Life conference at the Training College in London. Please pray for Naomi as she spends time considering the next chapter in her life.

We have another important birthday celebration this week as Emily Risdale reaches the grand old age of 18 on this coming Saturday. Happy Birthday!



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# Page Park Praise

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14th July | 18th August  
**15th September**

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# Belongings

**5TH OCTOBER 7PM**

**The Princes Hall, Clevedon**

2 Princes Rd, Clevedon, BS21 7SZ

Tickets available on Ticketsource

Scan here:



Adults: £10  
18 and under: £5



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# Harvest Weekend 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> October

## Saturday Ceilidh

On the Saturday we have a professional band and caller to guide us in a relaxed and fun dance evening. Hotdogs served 6.45pm – 7.30pm, Dancing 7.30pm–9pm. Minimum Donation £5 each (Primary School age children free). Please sign your name on the noticeboard or email us so that we have numbers for catering (including any dietary requirements). All profits to the building fund so if you want to pay more, please do!

## Sunday Harvest Celebration 10am All Age worship

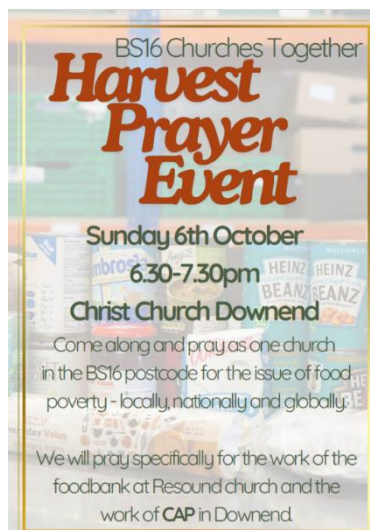
During our Sunday morning worship, we will have a collection of food for our food store and also an Altar Service collection (proceeds to Salvation Army Mission projects in Staple Hill and across the South West)

Please bring items from this list only, thank you:

- Tins of Fray Bentos pies, meat (including ham, corned beef, stewing steak, chicken etc), fish (e.g. Tuna, mackerel, sardines), potatoes, vegetables, baked beans, soup, tomatoes, beans/chickpeas
- Tins of fruit, rice pudding, custard
- Jars of pasta sauce, curry sauce
- Biscuits, crackers
- Pasta, rice, noodles (plain & flavoured)
- Tea, coffee, long-life milk
- Small packets of breakfast cereal

## Sunday Harvest prayer Event - 6.30pm at Christchurch Church

A united Church event to celebrate harvest together



# Harvest Giving

In readiness for this year's Harvest, please see the below information on the ways to give your gifts.

- **By Harvest envelope**

Please collect your named envelope from the table in the foyer to use with cash or cheques (made payable to The Salvation Army)

- **By online BACS payments** using the details below

Account Name: The Salvation Army

Sort Code: 60-01-73

Account No: 00130997

Using Ref: Harvest

- **By Contactless Payment**

There will be a card reader available before and after the Harvest service (but not during the service) in the foyer

Thank you for contributing to the mission of The Salvation Army in our area.

# Flowers

Our thanks today go to Sue and John Alcock for the flowers at the front of the hall ... to remember family and friends.



# Mission Council Meeting

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

The latest Mission Council meeting was held last Monday and a copy of the minutes is available on the noticeboard. Here are the main points for those who want a condensed version:

- The 'lockdown' policy was discussed ensuring we keep everyone as safe as possible in the event of someone in the vicinity, or within the building, displaying threatening behaviour
- Leadership and participation remains a focus using individual's SHAPE profiles
- One of our mission priorities, 'Care for Creation' will be the focus of our November Mission Council meeting and Joe Saint will organise an open meeting to feed into this
- Changes to our midweek community programme were discussed and ideas to increase the number of Extra Slice groups – to be announced soon!
- We discussed the calendar for the rest of 2024 and the main events for 2025 – the calendar for next year will be released very soon
- Property items were discussed including: snagging, solar panel installation and the car park
- Discussion about the filming of online worship

If you want to know more details then please see a copy of the minutes on the noticeboard.

# **Staple Hill Interactive Pianothon (S.H.I.P)**

**12th October 5.30am-8pm!**

**Presented by Michael Blowers**

14 hrs of piano playing (an hour for every decade of the Salvation Army in Staple Hill), celebrating the role of the piano in the Mission and Ministry of the corps.

It's not a 'performance' but an open opportunity for worship and fellowship, and all in aid of the corps building fund.

Interactive?? Yes, get involved.... get 'onboard' the S.H.I.P.

- Spread the word on your frontlines... and invite sponsorships!
- Come along, invite friends, family and work colleagues along, sing along, play along, make requests, make donations!!
- Each of the seven 'two-hour' sets will include hymns and songs from across the decades, choruses, songster songs, and songs from the (army) musicals... a real 'mixed bag'!

The last session (6pm-8pm) is intended to be a relaxed and informal time of 'Open PAWS' (Praise and Worship Songs) in a cafe style setup... bring a picnic, bring some friends, bring some money!!

More than that... please pray that the event will be successful, not only in its fundraising, but also in its ambition to be a source of ministry and mission!

# The Week Ahead

## TODAY 15<sup>th</sup> September:

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| 10am            | All Age Worship – <i>Led by Majors Colin &amp; Nicola</i><br>'Judge Number 2: Samson'   |
| 11.30am-12:15pm | Children's & Youth Activities   |
| 3pm             | Page Park Praise - <i>weather permitting</i><br><i>(please check our facebook page)</i> |
| 6pm-7:30pm      | Pulse Youth Event <i>at Bristol Easton</i>  |



## Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September:

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

## Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September:

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| 9:30am        | 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 19<sup>th</sup> September:

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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 20<sup>th</sup> September:

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| 10am-12noon | Open Doors    |
| 4pm         | Cleaning Hall |

## Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September:

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| 7pm | Senior Band in Concert <i>at Zion Church, Fishponds</i> |
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# Worship Next Sunday

## Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September:

10am	All Age Worship – <i>Led by Paul Heath</i> 'A Day of Rest' <a href="#">Genesis 2 vs 2-3</a> , <a href="#">Exodus 20 vs 8-11</a> , <a href="#">Matthew 11 vs 28-30</a>
11.30am-12:15pm	Children's & Youth Activities
4pm-6pm	Messy Church

## Dates for the Diary

Here are some dates that are coming up soon:

Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Band concert at Zion Church, Kingswood
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Messy Church
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Church 2 U – Wick and Deerhurst
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	CAMEO Craft Group
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Weekend
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Pastoral Care Council meeting
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Coffee Morning Staple Hill Interactive Pianothon
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Young People's Prizegiving Weekend
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Mission Council Meeting
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Divisional YP Worker's Retreat Weekend