

SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> October 2024

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## Harvest Festival



Today we celebrate another harvest. Another year when we have been able to enjoy the bounty of the earth, the beauty of creation ... and another year when we have been blessed with a wealth of choice at supermarkets and shops. None of us will have gone hungry this year even though some may have experienced a few financial difficulties, so it is right that we take this opportunity to raise a song or two of praise to God once again. Traditionally, we would have brought only the very best produce from the land to the Lord at the harvest festival.

However, our harvest celebration has also become a reflection on how little some others have. We hold our celebrations today amongst tins and goods destined for the food bank; we give out of our relative wealth to support those in need – which is clearly the right thing for us to do in this day and age. But do we still give the best that we can?



*Paul Heath*

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## People

Rob Hall is in the BRI after he experienced chest pains and currently undergoing checks and tests. Our thoughts are with Rob, Linda and their family at this difficult time. We understand that Catherine has been moved from Southmead to continue her recuperation in Thornbury - as we have more information, we will let you know. Please continue to pray for and support those in our fellowship who are recovering from illness or living with long term health conditions.

This week as we celebrate the life of Tom Cable are thoughts and prayers are with Alison and Mark. If you are able to support them, the details are:

- Service of Committal at Westerleigh Crematorium on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 1pm.
- Service of Celebration at The Salvation Army, Staple Hill on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 2.30pm.

On Friday this week, Beryl and Spencer will be celebrating their 55<sup>th</sup> (Emerald) wedding anniversary. Many congratulations.



## Thank you

Thank you all so much for your cards, flowers, thoughtful emails and phone calls. It has meant so much to my family and I at this time.

*Liz Brewer*

## Flowers

Our thanks to Carley and family for the flowers at the front of the hall today, placed in memory of their uncle Paol

# Breakdown To Breakthrough

Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup> is my 10<sup>th</sup> sobriety anniversary – what a testimony of hope and transformation. I thank everyone at Staple Hill Salvation Army for the care, time, love and prayer. Today I am reminded of the 3<sup>rd</sup> verse of *The King Of Love My Shephard Is* –

*Perverse and Foolish oft I strayed,*

*But yet in love he sought me,*

*And on his shoulders gently laid*

*And home rejoicing bought me.*

*[The Song Book of The Salvation Army, No. 61]*

*Becky Gardner*

## Harvest Giving

As part of our harvest celebrations today, there will be an opportunity to place our harvest envelopes on the altar table. If you have forgotten to bring your envelope with you – no problem, just put it in the offering plate next week, or ask for a replacement envelope.

There are also other ways to give:

- **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

# Article in this week's Salvationist by Becky

## Hilary Sims

There are so many unsung heroes in every corps who so often do not know the profound effects their thoughts and actions have had on others. I would like to mention Hilary Sims, a lifelong Salvationist, formerly of Staple Hill.

I struggled for many years with alcoholism. Hilary constantly reached out to me, gave positivity and hope when I had none and showed me how God and the work of the Army could help me. It changed my life. I will never be able to thank Hilary enough for her unwavering thought and patience.

Through her faith, my own was restored and my life has been completely transformed. On the date of this magazine issue, I will be 10 years sober. At my soldier's enrolment ceremony in 2017, we sang 'I Believe That God the Father' (SASB34), which contains the line 'others may reject the weakling, I believe they can be strong'. This truly represents Hilary's actions, sharing of faith and influence, for which I shall be eternally grateful.

*Becky Gardner*

Thank you, Becky for these words and Hilary for her support and encouragement. It would be remiss not to mention that recently Andy has been unwell, so our thoughts are with both Hilary and Andy at this time,



# Staple Hill Interactive Pianothon

In aid of the building fund

Saturday 12th October  
5:30am - 8pm

The last session (6-8pm) is a  
Praise and Worship Session  
so come along and join in



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# Thursday Church

A brand new activity is starting this week - an opportunity to worship on a Thursday morning including singing, prayer and a short Bible message. This will be a monthly meeting starting this Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October (11.15am - 12pm) with a harvest celebration. Everyone is welcome and coffee and tea will be available from 10am too! Here are the dates for the rest of the year:

- Thursday 10th October (Harvest)
- Thursday 14th November (Remembrance)
- Thursday 5th December (Christmas)

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11.15am - 12pm on  
10th October  
14th November  
5th December



# The Week Ahead

## TODAY - Sunday 6th October:

10am Harvest Festival  
11.30am-12:15pm Children's & Youth Activities  
6.30pm Harvest Prayer event at Christ Church, Downend

## Monday 7th October:

7pm Pastoral Care Council

## Tuesday 8th October:

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 Senior Band Practice

## Wednesday 9th October:

9:30am Tots on the Hill  
1pm Tom Cable's funeral at Westerleigh Crematorium followed at 2:30pm at Staple Hill Salvation Army  
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 10th October:

10am-12noon Open Doors  
11:15am-12noon Thursday Church Harvest Festival  
12.30pm Lunch Club  
7:45pm-9pm Extra Slice Group at Colin & Nicola's house  
8pm Extra Senior Band Practice  
8:15pm-9:15pm Extra Slice Group online (leaders: Ian & Rachel)

## Friday 11th October:

10am-12noon Open Doors  
4pm Cleaning Hall





# Next Weekend

## Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October:

From 5:30am      Pianothon  
10am-12noon      Coffee Morning (coordinated by Rachel & Jo)  
YP Outing

## Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October:

10am                      Young People's Prize Giving  
*Including the enrolment of Luca as a Junior Soldier. Please note that the meeting may finish a little later this week.*  
11.30am-12:15pm      Children's & Youth Activities

# Dates for the Diary

Here are some dates that are coming up soon:

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
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Messy Church Youth Pulse Event
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Church 2 U – in Whitchurch and at Badminton Gardens <i>Clocks change</i>
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	CAMEO Craft Group
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Coffee Morning
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Sunday