

SUNDAY 20th October 2024

**Staple
Hill
Bulletin**



**Local ...
Lively ...
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Gone Fishin'

Over the past couple of months, I have taken to going out for a walk around Brinsham park and lake at lunchtime – mainly to ensure that I get a little more than 150 steps in during my typical working day. I am very lucky to have somewhere so beautiful literally on my doorstep. Every day as I walk around the lake, I see half a dozen or so anglers patiently waiting with their fishing rods – there are meant to be all sorts of different fish in the lake – but I never see any of them reeling in a catch. However, they all know it will eventually come, and that's what keeps them coming back day after day.



Jesus chose most of his disciples from amongst the fisherman on a different lake, lake Galilee. He told them that he would make them 'fishers of men'. Did they expect to make a catch straight away? I'm sure they didn't. They knew the virtue of patience.

As we try to follow in the footsteps of the disciples, we are also called to be 'fishers of men'. Our attempts to bring others into a knowledge of Christ requires the same level of patience and dedication as the anglers on the lake – we may not have instant success, but then one day

Paul Heath

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People

There are a number of people in our fellowship who are poorly including: Anne Lane, who is now home; Rob H, who is also home, but waiting for further cardiology treatment; Catherine who is still recovering from her fall and subsequent treatment; Andy S who is still poorly; Liz B, who is recuperating; Bryan is also now home. As of writing Mike Dyer is in hospital, and we are awaiting an update. In addition, there are a number of people who have seasonal colds, along with some who have had an adverse reaction to their Flu / COVID jabs. Please continue to pray and support each other at this time and please contact us if we can be of any assistance.

We have been asked to conduct the funeral of David Goldie, who has historical links with the Salvation Army in Scotland, including an aunt who was a Brigadier. This will take place on Thursday, 31st October 2024.

On Wednesday this week, 23rd October, Mary and Keith are celebrating their silver (25th) wedding anniversary. Many congratulations!

Stamps

If anyone is a stamp collector (or would like to become one), Jen Hollister has some stamps if you would like them - so please have a chat to her. If you don't know Jen, she is the lady who normally sits just behind Viv and Hilary in the morning meeting.

Flowers

We have 2 sets of flowers at the front of the hall today:

- One arrangement has been presented by Daisy Usher in memory of Irene Branch.
- The other arrangement has been given by John Wordley and Kirsten to mark the 10th anniversary of Anita's promotion to glory and what would have been their 55th (Emerald) wedding anniversary.

Thanks

Beryl and Spencer would like to thank everyone for the cards, thoughts and messages on their Emerald Wedding Anniversary last week.

Car Park

This week we heard back from the Salvation Army's legal team and property team concerning the carpark. They have suggested a couple of ways forward, which I will put on the notice board. It would be really helpful if those with a more forensic mind than mine could help push this forward. If this is you, please speak to me (Colin).

Summary of Mission Council minutes

The Mission Council met on Monday and the minutes are available on the noticeboard. Here is a summary of the main points:

- Safety issues were discussed including what to do if there was a person posing a threat inside or outside our building (lockdown policy – more about this shortly) and unaccompanied children in the gallery
- Discussions about increasing participation and leadership development continued
- The draft calendars for Christmas and 2025 are nearly ready and will be distributed shortly.
- Plans for 'Generous Discipleship' include 2 Sundays 9th & 16th March – please keep these free!
- An update on the car park situation was given
- Thursday 2nd January to Tuesday 7th January will be used as a time to undertake many practical jobs within the building including DIY, cleaning and sorting – so please come and join in
- The Mission Development Plan was confirmed and is available on the noticeboard

New opportunities to connect with people

The majority of our congregation attend a weekly Extra Slice group and find it a good way to connect with a small group of people, have fun and learn from each other at the same time. If you have yet to try one, we encourage you to give it a go. There are a number of groups at different times and in different places (including online groups) so there should be something to suit everyone. We also have a couple of new groups that have started (including a brand new one this week) so it means there's even more space for you to attend!

As a reminder here are the options (also take a look at the group lists on the noticeboard to see who is in which one):

- Tuesday 11am-12pm: Kelvin's group - *In the building*
- Wednesday 3.30pm-4.30pm: Gerry's group - *Online*
- Wednesday 8pm-9pm: Linda's group - *Linda & Kelvin's house*
- Wednesday 8.15pm-9.15pm: Beth's group - *Online*
- Thursday 11.15am-12pm: Thursday morning group - *In the building*
- Thursday 8pm-9pm: Colin & Nicola's group - *Colin & Nicola's House*
- Thursday 8pm-9pm: Bethany's group - *Bev & Jon's house*
- Thursday 8.15pm-9.15pm: Ian & Rachel's group - *Online*

M4 Road Closure

Just a reminder that this weekend the M4 will be closed in both directions between junctions 18 and 19. This will probably cause significant disruption on many of the roads we use to get to our building – please give yourself extra time to arrive for the morning meeting and Messy church this week.

For more details, please see:

<https://nationalhighways.co.uk/our-roads/south-west/a432-badminton-road-bridge-crossing-the-m4/>

Unaccompanied children

Just a reminder that in order to keep everyone safe, wherever there are young people who are under 18, there should always be at least 2 adults present in the room. If you find yourself with only one adult in any room (including the gallery) then please leave, or grab another adult! Thank you

Staple Hill Interactive Pianothon

I'd like to express a huge thank you to all who supported their SHIP (Staple Hill Interactive Pianothon) last Saturday.

- It was truly Interactive, with online views across the globe, along with requests and donations.
- I was never left to 'play alone' as there was always someone in the hall to listen and engage.
- To those behind the scenes, especially the tech team and the hospitality team, and to those who came along made their requests and donations.

The amount raised was far more than I had dared to hoped for, which is great, but the involvement and connection with the people is what it had always been about in my mind, and I'm so grateful to have been involved in this event.

The privilege to play songs that mean so much to so many people is not one I take lightly... and there were some very special moments through the day, that certainly helped me to 'keep going', and have provided memories that will last a lifetime.

The greatest thanks, of course, is to God for accepting my humble offering, taking it, blessing it and using it to reach the hearts of people in the church, the community and across the world... far more than I could have asked or imagined.

Michael Blowers

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RECRUITING NOW FOR Community Centre Manager



BATH CITADEL SALVATION ARMY

JOIN OUR TEAM...

Job Summary:

The Salvation Army has a community centre in Bath that includes a café, as well as a Charity Shop in Midsomer Norton. In this role, you will be responsible for the day-to-day management of the community centre, shop and café, working to make them welcoming and supportive places available for all. Supporting and facilitating the practical needs of any individual accessing our services signposting as required and offer pastoral and Christian support to staff, volunteers and any users of the centre, café and shop as required.

Working with the public means that no two days are the same; and as we are a small team, your willingness to be flexible and prepared to 'roll your sleeves up' is essential.

In this role, you will:

- Manage the services offered in the Salvation Army Community Centre, shop and Café in to ensure that they in line with local mission and are functioning effectively to meet the needs of customers and the community.
- Manage and oversee maintenance of the physical infrastructure of the Corps buildings and land to enable the delivery of programmes, activities and mission.
- Maximise the use of the Community Centre and manage the resulting administration and bookings.
- Support establishing links to the community and any relevant external agencies to maximise the effective delivery and promotion of programmes to the community, and to enable appropriate provision of advice, sign posting and facilitating referrals.
- Lead, manage and develop our team of employee and volunteer to deliver the Corps objectives.
- Attend meetings and report on progress of the programme to the Leadership Team and church congregation in order to keep these internal stakeholders updated and informed.

You will be able to demonstrate:

- A willingness to work within The Salvation Army Values and ethos.
- Experience of retail management and/or running various community programmes for a diverse range of participants.
- Proven administration skills and ability to work with finances.
- Good working knowledge of software, particularly MS Office and ability to work with bespoke programmes.
- The ability to work under your own initiative, prioritising your workload and that of the team as necessary.
- That you are a committed and practising Christian.

This role has an occupational requirement that the successful candidate must be a committed and practising Christian and will be in sympathy with the doctrines of, and supportive of, the purposes and the aims and objectives of The Salvation Army.

SALARY:

£29,051 - £32,702 Per Annum
(Depending on experience)

WORKING HOURS:

35 hours per week Tuesday to Saturday, with some evenings)

CONTRACT:

Permanent

DETAILS:

25 days annual leave + bank holidays (pro rata for part-time) a contributory pension scheme; family friendly policies, an employee assistance programme and onsite parking.

CLOSING DATE:

23:59, Wednesday 30 October 2024

INTERVIEW DATE:

8 November, 2024



As a disability confident scheme employer, we guarantee to interview all disabled applicants who meet the minimum criteria for the vacancy.

For further details and to apply please visit: <https://careers.salvationarmy.org.uk/>

Appointment subject to satisfactory references, proof of right to work in the UK and a satisfactory Enhanced DBS Disclosure check of the Adult Workforce and an Enhanced DBS with Barred List check of the Child Workforce.

CVs will not be accepted. Promoting equality in the workplace.

The Week Ahead

TODAY - Sunday 20th October:

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| 10am | All Age Worship <i>led by Majors Colin & Nicola</i> |
| 11.30am-12:15pm | Children's & Youth Activities |
| 4pm-6pm | Messy Church |
| 5:30pm-7pm | Youth Pulse Event <i>at Pill</i> |



Tuesday 22nd October:

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| All day | Employment Plus with Tyrone |
| 10am | Fitness Club |
| 11am-12noon | Extra Slice Group (leader: Kelvin) <i>at the hall</i> |
| 10am-2pm | Open Doors (<i>homemade soup available at 12:30pm</i>) |
| From 6:30pm | YP Band Practice and Singing Company Practice |
| 8pm | Senior Band Practice |

Wednesday 23rd October:

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| 9:30am | Tots on the Hill |
| 3:30pm-4:30pm | Extra Slice Group (leader: Gerry) <i>online</i> |
| 8pm-9pm | Extra Slice Group (leader: Linda) <i>at Kelvin & Linda's</i> |
| 8:15pm-9:15pm | Extra Slice Group (leader: Beth) <i>online</i> |

Thursday 24th October:

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| 10am-12noon | Open Doors |
| 11:15am-12pm | Thursday morning Extra Slice group <i>at the hall</i> |
| 12.30pm | Lunch Club |
| 8pm-9pm | Extra Slice Group <i>at Colin & Nicola's</i> |
| 8pm-9pm | Extra Slice Group (leader: Bethany) <i>at Bev & Jon's</i> |
| 8:15pm-9:15pm | Extra Slice Group (leaders: Ian & Rachel) <i>online</i> |

Friday 25th October:

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

Next Weekend

Sunday 27th October:

10am All Age Worship *led by Majors Colin & Nicola*
11.30am-12:15pm Children's & Youth Activities
12noon Church 2 U – *in Whitchurch and Badminton Gardens*

Clocks change (go back 1 hour) on Sunday 27th October

Dates for the Diary

Here are some dates that are coming up soon:

Monday 28 th October	CAMEO Craft Group
Saturday 9 th November	Coffee Morning
Sunday 10 th November	Remembrance Sunday
Monday 11 th November	Mission Council Meeting
Thursday 14 th November	Thursday Church
Saturday 16 th November	Our band in concert at Morriston
Sunday 17 th November	Messy Church Youth Pulse Event
Sunday 24 th November	Divisional Leaders leading our Sunday Worship