

SUNDAY 27th October 2024



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Front Line

I wonder how many of us still enjoy our 'Front Line' ministry?

Recently, we have had many hospital appointments. It has meant us using taxi transport because of parking difficulties. Bristol is known for traffic jams, so we spent much time in queues. One car in front of us had a notice in the back window saying "*This car is God's car*". Obviously, it was someone's 'front line'. An introduction to the Christian faith. A few days later, on the dash-board of another taxi it read this: "*May you enjoy your journey with God and may he provide you with travelling mercies*". Here again, someone with a Christian purpose. I was richly blessed.

My front line mission seems old fashioned. I have no computer, so I write letters which I still find acceptable today. God still needs the simple things to show his love to the whosoever. Whatever your front line – may you be God's messenger. May your gifts and talents be used for God too!

My Father doth not ask that I great gifts on Him bestow,

But only that I love Him too, and serve him here below.

[The Song Book of The Salvation Army, No. 25]

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Be a Star Christmas Appeal

It's that time of the year again! Last year we supported about 2,000 people across South Gloucestershire and Bristol. But we can only do that with your help. This year we're asking you to 'Be a Star', pick up a STAR and buy a gift for the person as indicated on the back. Gifts can be anything you choose. All gifts need to be brand new and unwrapped, please. See below for ideas of what gifts to buy.

Sunday morning 8th December, will be our Toy Service when you can bring your gifts and place them under our tree or you can bring them to the hall at any other time before this.

On behalf of the families we represent, thank you so much for your generosity - if you need any further information please don't hesitate to ask.

If you are unable to purchase a gift then you can also donate to our Christmas Appeal financially – by giving cash to Colin, Nicola or Gary, asking to use the card reader, or using the QR code:



Ideas for Gifts

0-2 years

Fabric/board books, shape sorters, interactive play mats, cot mobiles, Mega blocks sets, Dolls & cars.

3-5 years

Imaginative play toys, toy cars, books, duplo sets, board games, jigsaws, crayon sets, playdough sets.

Be a Star Christmas Appeal [Cont.]

5-7 years

Cars & dolls, Lego & construction sets, board games, art & craft sets, jigsaws, books.

7-9 years

Lego & construction sets, magic kits, science kits, board games, art & craft sets, jigsaws, books.

10-13 years

Construction kits, science kits, magic kits, art & craft sets, board games, stationery sets, footballs, books.

14-18 years

Art, craft & stationery sets, nail varnish sets, hairdryers, jewellery boxes, jewellery, watches, board games, footballs, books, adult colouring books with pens/pencils, comfy throws.

Adults

Toiletry sets for men and women, jewellery boxes, jewellery, watches, adult colouring sets with pens/pencils

PLEASE AVOID:

Anything that needs batteries

Anything that needs wifi/phone/computer

DVDs or CDs

Anything that contains food

Candles

2nd hand items

People

As of writing, those mentioned recently in our bulletin are making slow, but good progress in recovering from their respective illnesses. However, 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.

This week we were pleased to learn that Pauline has become a great grandmother for the second time. Elliot John was born on Wednesday 23rd to Rosie and Mitch. I sure that we would send the while family our love at this time, and surround them in prayer.

Flowers

Our flowers today are given by Mary and Keith Hitchcock, who celebrated their silver wedding anniversary during the past week.

Thanks

Susan Cole (Viv's sister) would like to say "Thank You" to those who have sent messages following her recent operation and for enquiries made in recent days. Your prayers have indeed meant a lot, not only to me but to my family also.



Car Park

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

Care for Creation

On Monday the 4th November, from 7pm to 8:30pm, Joe Saint will be hosting a meeting at the Corps centred around the mission objective “Care for Creation” looking at what we currently do, what areas we’d like to explore and some ideas for short term and long-term goals.


It’d be great to see you there.



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The Week Ahead

TODAY - Sunday 27th October: *NOTE: Clocks change today*

- 10am All Age Worship *led by Majors Colin & Nicola*
We are the church 2: We have the Holy Spirit
[1 Corinthians 2 vs 6-16](#)
- 11.30am-12:15pm Children's & Youth Activities
- 12noon Church 2 U – *in Whitchurch and Badminton Gardens*

Monday 28th October:

- 8pm CAMEO Craft Group

Tuesday 29th October:

- All day Employment Plus with Tyrone
No Fitness Club – half term
No Extra Slice Group (leader: Kelvin) – half term
- 10am-2pm Open Doors (*homemade soup available at 12:30pm*)
No YP practices – half term
- 8pm Songster Practice

Wednesday 30th October:

- No Tots on the Hill – half term*
- 3:30pm-4:30pm **Extra Slice Group (leader: Gerry) *online*
- 8pm-9pm **Extra Slice Group (leader: Linda) *at Kelvin & Linda's*
- 8:15pm-9:15pm **Extra Slice Group (leader: Beth) *online*

Thursday 31st October:

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

Friday 1st November:

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

*** As it is Half term this week, please check with your Extra Slice leaders about your group.*

Next Weekend

Sunday 3rd November:

- 10am All Age Worship *led by Majors Colin & Nicola*
We are the Church 3: We work together'
[1 Corinthians 3 vs 1-23](#)
- 11.30am-12:15pm Children's & Youth Activities

Dates for the Diary

Here are some dates that are coming up soon:

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
Monday 25 th November	CAMEO Craft Group