

SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025

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## A New Year

All the Christmas decorations are packed away and our houses have been cleaned and tidied after the festivities with family and friends. Even our church buildings here in Staple Hill have been spruced up following all the hard work put in over the last few days as part of our Care and Repair week. Last year has well and truly been packed away and, like it or not, we are charging headlong into a new year!

So,

*Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? [Isaiah 43:18-19](#)*

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! [2 Corinthians 5:17](#)*

Trust in the Lord, and we will be in for another wonderful year!

*Paul Heath*

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## **People**

As of writing we are unaware of any of our friends being in hospital, but please continue to remember those in our fellowship who are experiencing long-term health conditions. As the weather becomes cold, please be careful, keep warm and if you are experiencing any problems, please us know.

## **New Chairs**

The more observant of you will have noticed that we have acquired some new chairs in the entrance hall. They were surplus to requirement at the DHQ Hub, which is closing.

## **Christmas income**

Christmas carolling at Tesco, Sainsburys and Morrisons raised a grand total of £7,374.02 with many people commenting on how nice it was to hear the band.

Another fantastic total for The Christmas Appeal, with financial donations received at our reception amounting to a staggering £7,966.60.

Thank you to all those who played, collected, manned the reception desk and counted the income.

# Care and Repair week

We have had a good couple of days and as of writing we are hoping to have painted all the walls in the Bradbury Hall, leaving the wood and metal work to be painted over the weekend and the early next week. Lots of people have been helping with this, along with tidying and cleaning. There is still much to do, so if you can help, please speak to either Nicola or Colin.

The rough timings for the remaining days are:

- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 1pm– 5pm
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am – 4pm
- Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am – 4pm

Due to the Care & Repair week, our usual weekly programme will restart on the following dates:

- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Fitness Club & Employment Plus only
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Tots on the Hill
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Open Doors, Morning Extra Slice group & Lunch Club
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Open Doors
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Open Doors & Soup lunch

# Thanks

Olive M would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and thank you for the Christmas cards, well wishes, prayers and calls received over the Christmas period.

# Dates for a new year

Copies of the 2025 calendar are still available if you haven't picked one up yet – or please see the attachment to your bulletin email. Make sure you enter all the dates into your calendar so you don't miss a thing! Next Sunday sees our first Messy Church of 2025 – here's the dates for the year:

- 12<sup>th</sup> January
- 9<sup>th</sup> February
- 9<sup>th</sup> March (accidentally missed from the calendar list)
- 13<sup>th</sup> April
- 11<sup>th</sup> May
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June
- 13<sup>th</sup> July
- 14<sup>th</sup> September
- 5<sup>th</sup> October
- 9<sup>th</sup> September
- 9<sup>th</sup> November
- December TBC

# The Week Ahead

## TODAY - Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025:

- 10am All Age Worship *led by Majors Colin & Nicola*  
*'The Promise to the Whole World'*  
([Matthew 2 vs 1-23](#))
- 1pm-5pm Care & Repair Week continues

## Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January:

- 9:30am-4pm Care & Repair Week continues

## Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January:

- All day Employment Plus with Tyrone
- 9:30am-4pm Care & Repair Week continues
- 10am Fitness Club

## Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January:

- 9:30am Tots on the Hill

## Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January:

- 10am-12noon Open Doors
- 11:15am-12pm Thursday morning Extra Slice group *at the hall*
- 12.30pm Lunch Club
- 8pm 'Open' Senior Band Practice

## Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January:

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

## Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January: **Covenant Sunday**

- 10am All Age Worship *led by Majors Colin & Nicola*
- 11.30am-12:15pm Children's & Youth Activities
- 4pm-6pm Messy Church

*Please check with your Extra Slice Leader as to when your group will recommence in the new year.*

## Dates for the Diary

Here are some other dates that are coming up soon:

Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday Church
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Coffee Morning
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Unity Sunday 'Pulse' Youth Meeting
24 <sup>th</sup> to 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Growing Young Leaders
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	CAMEO Craft Group
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Messy Church



**We would all like to  
wish you a very happy  
and 'elfy New Year**