

SUNDAY 2nd February 2025



Local ...
Lively ...
Loving

February

Some people a little older than myself may be able to remember how February got its name, but I am too young! But with the help of a search engine, I found out that it comes from a Roman purification festival known as *Februa* that occurred around the middle of the month. February literally means 'month of cleansing'.

Outside of the church, cleansing is probably only every associated with skin products or perhaps detox clinics. We, however, know of a deeper cleansing that comes from within as the Holy Spirit enters into our lives and souls. We need to still claim that cleansing, to make it our own and gain a greater understanding of God through a purer self – and this month is as good a time to do that as any!

Purify my heart,

Cleanse me from within and make me holy.

Purify my heart,

Cleanse me from my sin, deep within.

[The Song Book of The Salvation Army, No. 517]

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People

Not too much has changed since last week, with Francis still in Skylark and Becky, Kay, Mary and Heather's dad all recovering from surgery. Nicks dad is still in hospital, we've heard that Arnold has been unwell, and there are a number of people poorly with the plethora of bugs that are around at the moment. Please stay well and continue to remember each other in prayer.

This coming week we understand that Joshua will be celebrating his 21st birthday. Happy Birthday!



Coat Hooks

As part of the Care & Repair week, a set of coats has been put in the corridor between the Worship Hall and the Bradbury Hall. They are just inside the door leading to the corridor and we would encourage you to use them.

Staple Hill & Mangotsfield Parish Newsletter

There are some copies in the entrance hall if you would like to take and read one. If you want to get involved in the Parish Council, the newsletter is advertising for a Parish Councillor for the Page Ward. Details of applying to fill this role are in the newsletter.

Flowers

Or thanks to Hilary Dickens for the flowers at the front of the hall today, given in celebration of various family birthdays.

West End Debut

Last Sunday saw Isobella's first West End performance, showcasing her musical theatre skills at His Majesty's Theatre in London. In a professionally produced production of *ACROSS THE LINE* (a musical designed for the Pauline Quirke Academies (PQA) of performing arts) the young people got to experience everything a West End theatre has to offer, from stage door entry ... to dressing rooms ... to performing on stage in front of a packed house!

Bella and her PQA team mates from Bristol, performed alongside young people from Basingstoke and Torbay, putting on a fantastic show where Bella didn't miss a note or a beat!

General Paul Rader, PTG

General Paul Rader (Rtd), The Salvation Army's 15th beloved international leader (1994-1999), was promoted to Glory on 18th January 2025.

General Rader's dynamic ministry and visionary leadership had a tremendous influence around the world. He will be remembered for his preaching, teaching and sterling example of Salvationism.



I am Mark

One man, one chair, one incredible true story. Join biblical storyteller and actor Stefan Smart as he draws a uniquely intimate and provocative portrait of the Son of God and breathes new life into the greatest story ever told. A dramatised reading of the gospel of St Mark at Christ Church Downend on Friday 7th March at 7:30pm.



I AM MARK



Friday 7th March 7.30pm
FREE for all the family
Christ Church Downend



The Week Ahead

TODAY - Sunday 2nd February:

- 10am All Age Worship – *led by Majors Colin & Nicola*
'Returning to 1 Corinthians': [1 Corinthians 10](#)
- 11:30am-12:15pm Children's & Youth Activities

Tuesday 4th February:

- 9:30am-2:30pm Employment Plus with Tyrone -*appointment needed*
- 10am-2pm Open Doors (*soup lunch available at 12:30pm*)
- 10am-11am Fitness Club
- 11am-12noon Extra Slice Group (leader: Kelvin) *at the hall*
- From 6:30pm YP Band Practice and Singing Company Practice
- 8pm Senior Band Practice

Wednesday 5th February:

- 9:30am-11am Tots on the Hill
- 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 6th February:

- 10am-12noon Open Doors
- 11:15am Thursday Church
- 12:30pm Lunch Club - *booking essential*
- 8pm-9pm ******Extra Slice Group (leader: Bethany) *at Bev & Jon's*
- 8:15pm-9:15pm Extra Slice Group (leaders: Ian & Rachel) *online*

*** This week, Colin & Nicola's Extra Slice Group will be joining with Bethany's group at Bev & Jon's.*

Friday 7th February:

- 7:30am-12noon Slimming World Groups
- 10am-12noon Open Doors
- 4pm Cleaning Hall

Next Weekend

Sunday 9th February:

10am

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

11:30am-12:15pm

Children's & Youth Activities

4pm-6pm

Messy Church

Dates for the Diary

Here are some other dates that are coming up soon:

Saturday 15 th February	Coffee Morning
Sunday 16 th February	Pulse Youth Event
Thursday 20 th February	Thursday Church
Monday 24 th February	CAMEO Craft Group
Friday 7 th March	World Day of Prayer
Sunday 9 th March	Generous Discipleship Pulse Youth Event