

SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025

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**Staple  
Hill  
Bulletin**



**Local ...  
Lively ...  
Loving**

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## Without Love

Observant members of our congregation will have noticed that the crest has now been put back up in the entrance hall, and also that (after an absence of a couple of years) the leaflet rack has reappeared by the sofa. We would like to express our thanks to Mike Dickens for his handiwork for both of these jobs – and many others around the hall.



Whilst putting the leaflets back on to the rack, I discovered that we had plenty of stock except for one leaflet. We do not currently have any 'love' ... I'm sure the Bible has something to say about that:

*If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.*

[1 Corinthians 13](#)

*Paul Heath*

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## People

Francis is still recuperating in Skylarks, Yate, and both Paul & Heather and Mary & Nick are still supporting their respective fathers who are both poorly. Pat K is home following a stay in hospital and Kay & Becky seem to be recovering well after their knee operations. There are a number of people who are poorly with the seasonal bugs that are around at the moment - if this is you, then keep safe. Please remember our friends in your prayers, along with those in our fellowship who are living with long term health conditions.

This week is half-term and if you go to the cinema, you may see the film Dog Man (a DreamWorks animation). Stay for the credits, as Ada is credited for her work as an animator on the film!

Also, next week Jeovany is attending the Territorial Youth Band camp in Bournemouth - a week of music making with other young people. I'm sure our thoughts and prayers will be with him.

## Flowers

Morag and Linda have provided the flowers at the front of the hall in memory of Maureen. Thank you.

## SAVE THE DATE:

### Generous Heart, Generous Food

To celebrate our focus on 'The Generous Heart', we will be sharing together in an evening of food on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March – this will be an invitation only event (similar to our meal last year for our Celebration weekend) for all members of our congregation – look out for more details soon!

# World Day of Prayer

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2.30pm

We are hosting this event again this year – it's a wonderful opportunity for Christians from all over this part of Bristol to come together. In 2025, the event has been organised by Christian women living in the Cook Islands. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you would like to know more or offer to help then please speak to Nicola.

## Racial Justice Spotify Playlist

A very special playlist has been created on Spotify to celebrate Racial Justice Sunday - which features music from Caribbean and African UK artists. It's hoped that by embracing these songs, churches across Britain and Ireland can reflect the vibrant diversity of their congregations while fostering greater unity through worship. Why not take a look?

[RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 2025 Special Edition - 'Coat Of Many Colours' Playlist - playlist by SONGSHARE.CO.UK | Spotify](#)



**We celebrate our diversity ...  
but we still need to be singing off the same hymn sheet!**

## **Job Vacancies**

There are some job opportunities within our division including a 'Community Mission Manager' in Torquay and a 'Divisional Children's Worker' for our area. Please check out the following link for all vacancies.

<https://careers.salvationarmy.org.uk/vacancies/>

## **The Salvation Army's commitment to membership and belonging**

You may have been following this topic in the 'Salvationist' over recent months and be aware that there have been surveys/discussions taking place. In particular there has been a 'Membership Working Group' tackling this subject and they have now published their findings. A summary of this is on the noticeboard – please take a look. Also, I would encourage you to use the link to have your say. For those who are soldiers, Nicola would still encourage you to email her for the link to a survey that all soldiers are being encouraged to fill in. Any questions about any of this please speak to Nicola.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=mRKiDRnS9ka1902qDsBUBA4kUmSQPTdGtN-RCvoW89FUMEZCN01NMzNzT1EzVlo0SIE1Sk9DQVAzRC4u>

# Prayer Day 7<sup>th</sup> March and Prayer School '25

It was great to have Majors Alan & Carol Young worshipping with us last Sunday – they have established a Prayer Room in Bath and they are organising some events – anyone is welcome. Here's some more details:

*On the 7<sup>th</sup> March, we will be praying for any prayer requests received, if you have anything you would like us to pray for, please do get in touch. The Prayer School involves informal and relaxed sessions which are a mixture of on screen and in person teaching, discussion, prayer and fellowship designed to help people deepen their relationship with God and feel better able to serve others through praying for them.*



## Prayer Day 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025

### Drop in

to enjoy our Prayer Space  
anytime between  
10.00am and 5.30pm

### Pray Together

7.30pm - 9.00pm

Venue:  
37 Oolite Road BATH BA2 2UU

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An opportunity to engage in  
intercession and prayer for:

- local, national,  
international issues
- the mission of the  
worldwide church and  
the International  
Salvation Army
- requests that have  
been received



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Prayer School 2025

Bringing Personal Prayer to Life

### Sessions

Prayer & Personality	Saturday 15th Feb
Listening to God	Saturday 1st March
Prayer Rhythms	Saturday 15th March
Obstacles to Prayer	Saturday 29th March

at

Bath SA Prayer Room, 37 Oolite Road,  
Odd Down, Bath, BA2 2UU

10am - 12.00 noon

For more information contact Carol Young  
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Tel: 07506 507435

## EVERYONE WELCOME



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# International Staff Songsters in Gloucester

Gloucester Corps are looking forward to hosting the International Staff Songsters on 15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025. The ISS will share in a festival of music on the Saturday evening starting at 7pm, tickets are priced at £10. Tickets are available <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-salvation-army-gloucester>. The ISS will also lead Sunday morning meeting and the share in an afternoon praise meeting at 3pm.



 **Coming to**   
**Gloucester Salvation Army**

**The International Staff Songsters**  
**Saturday 15th March**  
**Concert 7.00pm**  
**Tickets £10.00**

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/  
the-salvation-army-gloucester](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-salvation-army-gloucester) 

Sunday 16th March Meetings at 10.30 am and 3.00pm  
Led by The International Staff Songsters

  
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# The Week Ahead

## TODAY - Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February: *Led by Majors Colin & Nicola*

- 10am All Age Worship  
*'The Generous Heart: Shout'*  
[Mark 10: 17-24](#)
- 11:30am-12:15pm Children's & Youth Activities
- 5:30pm Pulse Youth Event  
*Bristol South Salvation Army*



## Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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  
*No Kelvin's Extra Slice Group this week*  
*No YP Practices this week*
- 8pm Senior Band Practice

## Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February:

- No Tots on the Hill this week*
- 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 20<sup>th</sup> February:

- 10am-12noon Open Doors
- 11:15am Thursday Church
- 12:30pm Lunch Club - *booking essential*
- 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 21<sup>st</sup> February:

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

## Next Weekend

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February:** *Led by Majors Colin & Nicola*

10am

All Age Worship

*'The Generous Heart 2: Worship'*

*2 Kings 4: 8-17*

*No Children's Church this week*

11:30am-12:15pm Youth Activities

## Dates for the Diary

Here are some other dates that are coming up soon:

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	CAMEO Craft Group
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Day of Prayer
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Generous Discipleship Pulse Youth Event
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	<i>'The Generous Heart' meal</i>
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Thursday Church
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> to Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	CY Conference
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Coffee Morning
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Mothers' Day
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	CAMEO Craft Group