

SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025

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## Football

I spent Wednesday evening with work colleagues in a sports bar ... there were those within the group who desperately wanted to watch the football during our evening meal - an ardent supporter of Liverpool sat on one side of me, and another who supported Aston Villa on the other side, so a match between the two was always going to be an interesting affair. Couple that with being in the centre of Manchester whilst the Man. City vs Real Madrid game was being shown on another screen and you can tell it got quite noisy (although the Man. City supporters were uncharacteristically quiet for most of the game – they lost miserably!).

Football doesn't interest me much, so I remained fairly neutral - but I can appreciate the basics of the game. I know that whoever scores the most goals wins! (2-2 draw in the Liverpool game, so both my colleagues went away fairly happy). Paul wrote, *"Forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus,"* [[Philippians 3:13-14](#)]. The football team with the best focus on the field may eventually win a cup or a trophy, and many fans think this is the most important thing in the world. How much more important is a goal of an eternity with Christ Jesus in Heaven! We must maintain our focus and always press on towards the only goal that really matters.

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## People

Today, Sunday, sees two people in our fellowship celebrate milestone birthdays. Pat celebrates her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, and it was good to see some of her family last Sunday who had travelled from New York to be with her. We are hoping that other family members might join her today. Matt is 18 and we will be welcoming his extended family during worship today as well - congratulations Matt. Please make all our visitors welcome. Hannah Fortt-Brewer is also celebrating a special birthday this week.

Francis is now home, several people are recovering from surgery and accidents, and others are living with long term health conditions. Please continue to remember our friends in your prayers.

## 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!

## Flowers

Today's flowers are from Liz and Derek Brewer, celebrating Hannah's birthday on Wednesday.

# 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.

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# EXPLORING LEADERSHIP DAY 2025

THE SALVATION ARMY

SATURDAY 26TH APRIL 2025 9AM - 6PM

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PRINCIPAL - WILLIAM BOOTH COLLEGE

MAJORS MARK & ANDREA SAWYER  
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# COVID 19 Service of Reflection

**Sunday, 9th March - 12noon Fountain Square**

The Government has designated the above date as an opportunity for communities across the country to come together to remember loved ones and reflect on the impact of the pandemic.

To mark this occasion, we are planning a community act of remembrance in Fountain Square on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> March at 12noon (see poster). Please support as you are able. Thank you.

## **COVID-19 DAY OF REFLECTION 9 MARCH 2025**

An an opportunity to come together to remember those who lost their lives since the pandemic began and to honour the tireless work and acts of kindness shown during this unprecedented time.

**Fountain Square  
Staple Hill at 12 noon**



If weather is inclement,  
the service will be held in The  
Salvation Army on Broad Street.



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Love God...Love Others

# Self-Denial Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025

Named envelopes are now available for you to collect from the table in the foyer. Please do take a moment to collect these as you enter or leave on a Sunday. There are also some unnamed envelopes should you be unable to find yours. (We have tried to include everyone)

## Ways to give Self-Denial

- During the meeting on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, there will be time in the service to offer your Self-Denial gift.
- You can place your Self-Denial envelope in the collection basket if you wish, or any Sunday during March.
- The card reader which will be available after the Sunday morning meetings in March, or you may donate by BACS using the details below.

**Account Name:** The Salvation Army

**Sort Code:** 60-01-73

**Account No:** 00130997

**Please use ref:** SelfD

Thank you for supporting the work of The Salvation Army.

## House of David

For those who have Amazon Prime, there is a new series available to watch that seems promising: The House of David

<https://www.primevideo.com/detail/House-of-David/0PGUBDIDXTNZZ0JDLMRZWK608M>

# The Week Ahead

## TODAY - 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



## Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February:

- 8pm CAMEO Craft Group  
8pm Mission Council Meeting

## Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February:

- No Employment Plus this week*
- 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 Songster Practice

## Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> February:

- 10am-12noon Open Doors  
11:15am Extra Slice Group *at the hall*  
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 28<sup>th</sup> February:

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

## Next Weekend

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March:** *Led by Majors Colin & Nicola*

10am

All Age Worship

*'The Generous Heart 3: Know'*

[1 Samuel 25](#)

11:30am-12:15pm Children's & Youth Activities

Please Note: The Self Denial Altar Service will be taking place during the meeting this week



## Dates for the Diary

Here are some other dates that are coming up soon:

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| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March                             | World Day of Prayer          |
| Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> March                             | Pulse Youth Event            |
| Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> March                          | 'The Generous Heart' meal    |
| Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> March                            | Generous Heart Pledge Sunday |
| 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            |