

SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025

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## The Daffodil

Our friends over the bridge will have been celebrating St David's Day this weekend ... daffodils and leeks proudly worn by everyone who claims any Welsh heritage. Over the last few days, I have seen the odd daffodil coming into flower in the hedgerows and gardens around Yate – although the ones in my own garden look to still be a week or so away from blooming.



The name Daffodil can be traced back to ancient Greek mythology, where the Greek goddess Persephone was abducted by the god of the underworld, and during her six-month stay in the realm of the dead, she would wander among the asphodel flowers (or affodill in middle-english) in the Elysian Fields - a place of outstanding beauty that only those blessed by the gods were allowed to visit.

Is it possible to look at a daffodil without smiling? It is such a joyous flower that heralds the promise of the coming spring, and we all need a bit of an uplift after the long, dark days of winter! The ancient Greek myths were right, a daffodil is surely a true blessing of God.

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. [Romans 15:13](#).*

*Paul Heath*

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## People

As of writing we are unaware of any one being in hospital or any new cases of people being poorly. Please continue to remember those in our fellowship who recovering from illness or operations, along with those who are living with long term health conditions.

## Recycling Bins

After months of discussion with the council, this week saw the delivery of our recycling bins. Over the coming week we will be placing smaller recycling bins around the building to use. Next week's bulletin will give some guidelines on what they can be used for.



## Flowers

There are 2 lovely flower arrangements at the front of the hall today:

- Ann Gerrish has provided an arrangement in celebration of her daughter's, Emily, 30<sup>th</sup> birthday yesterday
- Viv Wallington has presented flowers in memory of her mum, Joyce

## Mission Council Minutes (Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb.)

The Mission Council met last Monday – please see a copy of the minutes on the noticeboard. Discussion centred around:

- Leadership & participation
- Generous Discipleship programme
- Easter & Holy week programme

If you want to know more, please speak to any of the Mission Council members.

# The Generous Heart

Our theme at the moment is challenging us to reflect on everything God has given to us and how we respond with a Generous Heart. From today (Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March) everyone who is part of our Sunday or Thursday worshipping community will receive a pack which will help us as with this (as of writing the resources haven't arrived yet!). The information will also be available online for our online worshipping community next Sunday (9<sup>th</sup>). Please make the most of this opportunity and if you have any questions then speak to Colin or Nicola.

## Thanks

Some people were aware of this last Sunday, but we didn't want to say anything from the platform before having a few more details. Elise has passed on the following message:



'Phenomenal' Highland mountain rescue team hailed by fall victim

'I never gave up hope' says grateful fall victim whose rescue has sparked an outpouring of goodwill and vital

[www.ross-shirejournal.co.uk](http://www.ross-shirejournal.co.uk)

*Thank you so much everyone for your support, concern and prayers in the last week. And those who have given to the Mountain Rescue Team's donation page. God was very much with me on a spectacular day hiking in the Highlands, and definitely protecting me when I fell. After surgery on my right arm on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March, recovery is expected to take 4-6 weeks. Thank you for being my extended church family.*

*Elise Belcher.*

Please also see the following link for more details and for a link to the fundraising page that Elise mentions above.

<https://www.ross-shirejournal.co.uk/news/phenomenal-highland-mountain-rescue-team-hailed-by-fall-vi-375161/>

# 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.

# COVID 19 Service of Reflection

**Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> March - 12noon Fountain Square**

We are unsure how many people will attend, but if you were able to help with 'stewarding' etc., please speak to Colin.

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

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 Altar Service

**Today: Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025**

Ways to give your Self-Denial gift:

- 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.

# The Week Ahead

**TODAY – 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*



**Tuesday 4<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  
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 5<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 6<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 7<sup>th</sup> February:**

7:30am-12noon Slimming World Groups  
10am-12noon Open Doors  
2:30pm World Day of Prayer *in our hall*  
*Tea and cakes afterwards!*  
4pm Cleaning Hall

## Next Weekend

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March:** *Led by Majors Colin & Nicola*

10am

All Age Worship

*'The Generous Heart 4: Enter'*

*John 12: 1-11*

11:30am-12:15pm

Children's & Youth Activities

12noon

Covid-19 Day of Reflection – *Fountain Square*

5:30pm

Pulse Youth Event



## Dates for the Diary

Here are some other dates that are coming up soon:

Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	<i>'The Generous Heart' meal</i>
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Generous Heart Pledge Sunday Church 2 U
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
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Youth Pulse Event
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Coffee Morning Community Fair