

SUNDAY 22nd February 2026



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A Written Ministry

600th
Edition

This is the 600th edition of our weekly bulletin, representing a continuous print run dating back over 12 years to when Marc Willetts produced the very first weekly edition – but that itself was founded on a rich heritage of monthly newsletters dating back decades; Marc still beats me for the sheer number of editions that he produced, but I'm set to overhaul his record within the next couple of months! It doesn't seem that long and I wonder where all that time has gone. Hopefully, you still find this both a useful and an informative part of our regular worship together.

As I look back through all those years, I am thankful for all those words of wisdom and encouragement captured by the many past editors of the Staple Hill newsletters, for all the information imparted and for the hours spent at keyboards and typewriters to bring this important written ministry to life.

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

[Romans 15 v 4](#)

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People

We were sad to learn that David Leonard passed away on Thursday. Our thoughts are with his family at this sad time, along with all our friends who have recently been bereaved of loved ones. We will let you know of the funeral arrangements once they have been confirmed.

As of writing, Doris is still in Southmead, but there are plans for her move into nursing care.

Today, Sunday, Naomi is leading worship at Weston-Super-Mare. Please pray for Naomi as she undertakes this important ministry.

Youth Retreat

Friday 6th - Sunday, 8th March

Thank you to those who have supported this important event. It is still not too late to help - if you can pop some money in an envelope and give it to one of the team (BACS/Credit Card payments are accepted). However, we do appreciate that we are in the middle of the self-denial appeal and that many are living with financial difficulties, but thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Flowers

Our flowers at the front of the hall have been given by Viv Wallington today, in memory of her mum's passing 10 years ago.

World Day of Prayer

Every year the World Day of Prayer takes place in churches across the world on the first Friday of March. This year, our area service will once again take place in our building on Friday 6th March at 2.30pm. This year Christian women from Nigeria have prepared the service and we will welcome others from many different churches across our area – so if you're free on a Friday why not come and join in. There will also be home-made cakes and drinks provided after the service. If you want to know any more, please speak to Nicola.

Visit of Cadets from The Salvation Army Training College

Megan & Simon arrive with us on Friday, 27th February for a week. Please welcome them to the corps and if you have opportunity share your 'story' with them.

Pastoral Care Council

Monday, 23rd February 2026

The PCC meet several times a year to focus on the pastoral care of the corps. It is a confidential group and gives opportunity for us ensure that we are trying our best to support all members of the corps/church in their spiritual journey (it does not tend to include those who solely attend our community programme). It also gives opportunity for us to review our 'membership' role and move people between different stages of membership - soldiership, adherence, friend - to represent the commitment that are able to give.

Please pray for the group as we meet on Monday that God will give us wisdom and sensitivity in this important area of our corps life.

Self Denial Altar Service

Sunday Morning Worship on 1st March &

Thursday Church on 12th March

Please don't forget to collect your envelope in the foyer for this year's Self Denial Appeal.

Ways to give:

- **By Envelope:** There will be the opportunity to place your envelope on the Altar table during the Sunday service on 1st March and at Thursday Church on 12th March
 - If you are unable to attend those services, envelopes can be placed in the Sunday offering basket during February.
- **By Debit card:** The card reader will be available before and after the Sunday morning meeting.
- **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.

Food Store

Thanks for all those who help with the food store by buying a little extra and bringing to the hall. Currently our stock levels are high so we are not in need of donations. We will let you know when our stock levels are depleted again and we need more donations. Thank you for all your help with this ongoing ministry.

Open meeting on our mission objective – “Serve others without discrimination”

Monday, 2nd March 2026 at 7pm

Over time we have had open meetings to discuss the different elements of our five mission objectives and to give opportunities for people to feed into the direction of the corps.

On Monday, 2nd March we are giving an opportunity for an open discussion about our community work as we strive to serve others without discrimination. If this is something which you are passionate about and have ideas and/or the motivation, time and energy to help with, then please come and join the discussion.

If you want more information, then please speak to Colin.

Songs of Praise - Sunday 1st March 2026



Dear Salvation Army Staple Hill,

You are warmly invited to a Songs of Praise recording at John Wesley's New Room, Bristol, conducted by Simon Lole. All are welcome, so please join us!

Doors Open: 12:00

Recording: 13:00 – 17:30

Location: John Wesley's New Room, 36 The Horsefair, Bristol , BS1 3JE

[30-minute break included. Tea, coffee and cake will be provided]

We will be singing:

- *Love Divine, All Love Excelling (Blaenwern)*
- *And Can It Be (Sagina)*
- *Love's Redeeming Work Is Done (Savannah)*
- *Ye Servants of God (Laudate Dominum)*
- *For A Thousand Tongues To Sing (Lyngham)*
- *Christ Whose Glory Fills The Skies (Ratisbon)*

To book your free tickets, either scan the QR Code or follow this link to be taken to our congregation application form:



<https://forms.office.com/e/T66UB5nLqx?origin=lprLink>

If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact us at singwithus@ctvc.co.uk. This email is monitored during office hours, and we will reply swiftly.

Many thanks for your support; we look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Songs of Praise Team

The Week Ahead

TODAY – Sunday 22nd February:

- 10am All Age Worship *led by Majors Colin & Nicola*
'Jesus in the Wilderness'
[Matthew 4: 1-11](#)
- 11:30am-12:15pm Children's Church and Youth

Monday 23rd February:

- 7pm Pastoral Care Council (PCC) meeting *at the hall*
- 8pm CAMEO Craft Group



Tuesday 24th February:

- 9:30am-2:30pm Employment Plus
- 10am – 2pm Open Doors *inc. homemade soup 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 25th 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 26th February:

- 10am-12noon Open Doors
- 11:15am Extra Slice Group *at the hall*
- 12:30pm Lunch Club - *booking essential*
- 6:45pm Extra Slice Group (leaders: Colin & Nicola) *at Hall*
- 8pm-9pm Extra Slice Group (leader: Bethany) *at Bev & Jon's*
- 8:15pm-9:15pm Extra Slice Group (leaders: Ian & Rachel) *online*

Friday 27th February:

- 7:30am-12noon Slimming World Groups
- 10am-12noon Open Doors
- 2pm Cleaning Hall

*Friday 27th February to Friday 6th March – Visit of Cadets
Megan & Simon Moore for week's placement*

Next Weekend

Sunday 1st March:

10am All Age Worship *led by Divisional Leaders
Majors Gill & Paul Billard
(including the Self Denial Altar Service)*

11:30am-12:15pm Children's Church and Youth

5pm Messy Church



Dates for the Diary

Here are some other dates that are coming up soon:

Friday 6 th March	World Day of Prayer
Friday 6 th – Sunday 8 th March	Youth Retreat Weekend
Monday 9 th March	Mission Council
Thursday 12 th March	Thursday Church
Saturday 14 th March	Coffee Morning
Sunday 15 th March	Mothers' Day Pulse Youth Event (Bristol Easton)
Saturday 21 st March	Territorial Children's & Youth Conference