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Emmets and Gramfer Krugers

We have enjoyed a lovely few spring days this week, haven't we? A few warm, sunny days to cheer us up after the months of rain that we seem to have endured this year. But as the weather warms up, it starts to bring out of hibernation all those little pests that have been lurking in cracks and crevices around the house. Clouds of midges have begun hovering over the lawn, and a few ants and woodlice have found their way into the house (which has been the cause of much agitation for my wife) in search of food. My mother always called ants "emmets" and woodlice "gramfer krugers". I've never heard a single other person use these particular colloquialisms, but the map to the right shows she probably wasn't the only one using strange names for these little critters.



In [Proverbs 6](#) we read: *“Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise!”*. So rather than reaching for the insect spray – perhaps we should instead be welcoming them and watching their antics a little more closely!

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People

We are currently supporting three families as they prepare for the funerals of their loved ones. The details of which are as follows:

- David Leonord, Friday 27th March at 2.15pm at Westerleigh Crematorium
- Robert Hicks, Tuesday 14th April at 11am at Westerleigh Crematorium
- Arthur Goulding, Thursday 16th April at 2pm at Westerleigh Crematorium

Please remember David's, Robert's, and Arthur's families at this sad time.

Steve is home following a spell in the BRI, as is Bethany who also spent time in Southmead. Viv continues to convalesce at home, and I was able to pop in to see both Doris and Pat U this week, both of whom have settled into their respective care homes. I am aware that there are a number of people who are poorly, helping family members or coping with difficult circumstances. Without going into details, please pray for our fellowship at this time,

Fire Safety Audit: Tuesday 31st March 2026

The Avon Fire and Rescue Service are undertaking a Fire Safety Audit throughout our buildings on 31st March. To help us prepare for the Audit, we would be grateful if you would tidy up any areas within our building that you have responsibility for. However, could everyone be a little more tidy when in the building, ensure that corridors are kept clear and rubbish is tidied - that would be really helpful. Thanks

Flowers

The flowers today have been given by Margaret Boxell in memory of her parents, Majors Cyril and Ruby Chadwick.

Remember to sign up for Easter events

For two Easter events you need to sign up, please:

- Maundy Thursday – Passover Festival
- Easter Sunday – Breakfast

For those of you who have the Churchsuite app – you can do this on your phone!



- Click on 'My Events' in the menu
- Click on the specific event (either in the calendar or the list underneath)
- Click 'Sign up'
- Fill in the details required
- You can add additional people – sign up all the family at once – or someone who doesn't have the app
- You will receive an email confirmation
- Don't forget to sign up for the other event now!

For those who don't have the app – there will still be a sign-up sheet on the noticeboard

(We are trying to get everyone on the app as soon as possible!)

Annual Statistics

It's that time of year again when we need to count the number of people who attend each of our activities. This year we are counting from Saturday 28th March until Friday 22nd May. If you are someone who counts for a particular activity, please can you give Deb your numbers each week either in person, by email or message or by writing your numbers on your log sheet ... not forgetting to split the count between adults and under 18's, if applicable. Many thanks.

Annual Self Denial Appeal

Many thanks to all those who contributed towards this year's Self Denial Appeal. We raised **£6,839.95** towards the vital work of the Salvation Army in our partner countries.

General Farewell

The list of officers moving at the General Farewell in July has been published and we have placed a copy on the notice board.

Called to Serve

I'm really grateful to share that I am on my Officership journey, responding to God's call to become a Salvation Army Officer. It hasn't been a straight path - there have definitely been a few detours along the way - but God has been faithful through it all. I am hoping to begin training this September, or the following year, trusting in God's perfect timing.

Thank you so much for all your prayers, encouragement, and support so far - it truly means a lot! As I take these next steps in the process, I would really value more support and would like to invite you all to join with me in a fellowship evening on Saturday 11th April 18:30 - 20:30pm. There will be live acts, dancing, refreshments and most importantly... CAKE!!!

It would be lovely to see as many of you there as possible and all funds raised will go towards supporting my Officership journey and life at the Training College!

Thank you all for being part of this journey with me!



CALLED TO SERVE

SAT 11TH APRIL 2026
6:30PM-8:30PM

AN EVENING OF LIVE ACTS, DANCING, FELLOWSHIP, REFRESHMENTS AND MORE...

SUGGESTED MINIMUM DONATION ENTRY OF £5



DONATIONS CAN BE MADE VIA CASH, CARD OR QR CODE

STAPLE HILL SALVATION ARMY,
BROAD STREET

ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS NAOMI'S OFFICERSHIP JOURNEY



Naomi Blowers

The Week Ahead

TODAY - Sunday 22nd March:

- 10am All Age Worship *led by Majors Colin & Nicola*
'From Start to Finish: Jesus Calls Disciples'
[Matthew 4: 18-22](#)
- 11:30am-12:15pm Children's Church and Youth
- 12noon Church2U *in Downend and Kingswood*



Tuesday 24th March:

- 9:30am-2:30pm Employment Plus
- 10am Episode 5 of *The Chosen*
- 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 *with Senior Band*

Wednesday 25th March:

- 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 March:

- 10am-12noon Open Doors
- 10am Episode 6 of *The Chosen*
- 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 March:

- 7:30am-12noon Slimming World Groups
- 10am-12noon Open Doors
- 2pm Cleaning Hall
- 2:15pm David Leonard's funeral *at Westerleigh Crem.*

The Week Ahead *[continued]*

Saturday 28th March: Divisional 'Design for Life' for Children *at Bristol Citadel* (Luca, Lyle & Manna attending)

Sunday 29th March: **PALM SUNDAY**

10am All Age Worship *led by Majors Colin & Nicola*

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

4pm-6pm Easter Messy Church



Please remember to put your clocks forward 1 hour next Sunday!

Programme for Holy Week

Palm Sunday 29 th March	10am <i>Together we celebrate Palm Sunday, with palm leaves, music and teaching.</i> 4pm-6pm Easter Messy Church <i>An opportunity for the whole family to explore the Easter story in a 'messy' way! Cooked dinner included, no booking required and no charge.</i>	Palm Sunday All Age Worship
Monday 30 th March	8pm	CAMEO Craft Group
Tuesday 31 st March	7pm <i>A reflective journey from the road to Jerusalem to the empty tomb, featuring our musical groups. Free admission, refreshments afterwards.</i>	'Journey through Easter'

Programme for Holy Week *[continued]*

<p>Wednesday 1st April</p>	<p>2pm – 4pm ‘The Story Unlocked’ <i>and</i> 7pm – 9pm ‘The Story Unlocked’</p> <p><i>A Journey through the streets of Jerusalem, visiting the Temple, the Upper Room, Gethsemane and the Cross to gather clues to lead you to Easter Sunday. Free, refreshments included, drop in and stay for as long as you like.</i></p>
<p>Thursday 2nd April</p>	<p>11.15am Easter Thursday Church</p> <p><i>A relaxed, traditional worship to reflect and celebrate Easter. Refreshments from 10am.</i></p> <p>7pm – 9pm Passover Festival</p> <p><i>An opportunity to share together in remembering the first Holy week, booking essential, donations welcome</i></p>
<p>Good Friday 3rd April</p>	<p>10am Good Friday All Age Worship</p> <p><i>Our whole church family comes together to remember the first Good Friday, everyone welcome. Coffee and hot cross buns afterwards.</i></p> <p>11.30am Easter Music in Fountain Square</p> <p><i>Sharing the Easter message with our community.</i></p>
<p>Easter Sunday 5th April</p>	<p>8.30am Easter Breakfast</p> <p><i>Booking essential, donations welcome</i></p> <p>10am Easter Sunday All Age Worship</p> <p><i>We all come together to celebrate ‘He is Risen’.</i></p>