

SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026



**Staple Hill Bulletin**



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

## In God's Image



Following the meeting this morning, the band and songsters will be gathering for a few photographs - an opportunity to record who are part of these musical sections in 2026. As we strike our very best poses, our images will be captured for posterity by the click of a camera. Those images will be stored digitally, perhaps printed out, framed, placed in photo albums and scrapbooks. A photograph, once taken, captures a moment in history. In fifty or a hundred years' time, someone may stumble on those photos and wonder who we were and what we did. Will we be recognised or remembered?

When God created the earth, there were no cameras available to capture this critical point in history. Instead, God used his skills to create mankind 'in his own image':

*So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.* [Genesis 1 verse 26](#)

We have photos, but God has us! I wonder how much God still recognises himself in what we have become!

*Paul Heath*

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## People

We are continuing to support Linda J and her family as they prepare for the funeral of her dad, Arthur, and Loraine and her family as they prepare for the funeral of her brother, Robert. The details of both funerals are:

- Robert Hicks, Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> April at 11am at Westerleigh Crematorium
- Arthur Goulding, Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm at Westerleigh Crematorium

Please remember our friends at this sad time.

As of writing, we are not aware of any of our fellowship being in hospital, although there are number of people recuperating from illness, whilst others are living with long-term health conditions, helping family members or coping with difficult circumstances. Please continue to pray for our fellowship at this time.

Many congratulations to Jessica Dickens this week as she celebrates her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday on Wednesday.

## Flowers

In celebration of their 9<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, the flowers at the front of the hall today have been given by Andy and Emily Elliott. Thank you.

## Casual Uniform

I am putting together another order for casual uniform so if you would like to order anything please can you speak to me (Deb) by Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April for your items to be included within this next order. Thanks.

# Staple Hill Community Expo

**Saturday 18th April 10am – 12pm**

Next Saturday, whilst Coffee Morning is taking place, the Parish Council will be holding their annual Community Expo in our main hall. If you didn't come last year – why not pop in to find out about everything that is happening in our local community. We will also have a stall to tell everyone about The Salvation Army, Staple Hill – this is a great opportunity for outreach so please pray that good conversations will take place.

## PARISH COUNCIL EXPO

STAPLE HILL SALVATION ARMY, BROAD STREET,  
SAT APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 10AM-12PM

CONNECT WITH YOUR  
NEIGHBOURS AND ENGAGE WITH  
LOCAL GROUPS, CHARITIES, AND  
ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE  
CENTRAL TO OUR COMMUNITY.



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(AN ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY EVENT)

[MORE INFO >>>](#)



## Dementia Awareness Event

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**6:30-8:30pm**

**At: Downend Health Group  
The Willows Surgery  
Hill House Road  
Downend BS16 5FJ**

Drop-in information session on dementia and memory loss with different local organisations, all in one place.  
For patients and carers of the Downend Health Group.



# The start of a new series

This Sunday sees the start of a new series “Called to be...” focusing on the life of Peter. This is an excellent time to think about joining an Extra Slice group if you don’t already. Please see group details below, or talk to Colin, Nicola, Linda or any of the group leaders (also a list of group members is on the noticeboard):

## Tuesday:

- 11am - 12pm Kelvin’s Group (in our building) (coffee from 10am)

## Wednesday:

- 3.30pm - 4.30pm Gerry’s Group (online);
- 8pm - 9pm Linda’s Group (Linda's house)
- 8.15pm - 9.15pm Beth’s Group (online)

## Thursday:

- 11.15am - 12pm Colin & Nicola’s Morning Group (weeks when Thursday church is not on, coffee from 10am)
- 8pm - 9pm Colin & Nicola’s Evening Group (Colin & Nicola's house)
- 8pm - 9pm Bethany’s Group (Bev & Jon's house)
- 8.15pm - 9.15pm Ian & Rachel’s Group (online)

# Wingwalk



After 2 years 8 months & 4 attempts of booking my Wingwalk to raise money for the Brainstrust Charity, I have finally done it! I would like to say a huge Thank you to all who have supported me with this by encouraging me, coming to make sure I did it & all who have sponsored me. I am so grateful & thankful to you all. The charity is one which is close to my heart as Shaun, my brother, was involved with this charity before he passed away from a brain tumour 9 years ago.

There is still time to sponsor me by either giving money to myself to donate or my *JustGiving* page My just giving link

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/bev-dickens-1709898362957?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/bev-dickens-1709898362957?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

I know any amount will be so important to them.

*Bev Dickens*

# All Children, Youth and parents please note:

The early bird for both the Summer Camp and Junior Camp is soon running out so make sure you have booked your place. The dates of the camps are as follows:

- Junior Camp – 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> August (ages 8-11)
- Summer Camp – 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> August (School year 7 – age 21)

(Please note: regarding the 18+ programme, it has been confirmed that everyone will be together this year in Summer Camp, with the 18+ group having their own accommodation, a selection of alternative activities, and opportunities to assist with leading if they wish)

FOR CHILDREN AGED 8-11 YEARS OLD

## JUNIOR CAMP

21ST-25TH AUGUST 2026  
HEATREE ACTIVITY CENTRE, DARTMOOR  
PRAYER FORCE

EARLY BIRD CLOSING  
30<sup>th</sup> APRIL - £170

IF BOOKED AFTER  
30<sup>th</sup> APRIL - £190

BOOKING DEADLINE:  
10<sup>th</sup> JULY

QR CODE

TO BOOK, VISIT  
[HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/E/GE63VAVUYH](https://forms.office.com/E/GE63VAVUYH)  
OR SCAN THE QR CODE

## South West Summer School 2026

8th-14<sup>th</sup> August at Taunton School  
For ages 11 (year 7) - 21

# storyline

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN!

Early bird - £180 if booked before the 30<sup>th</sup> April  
After that it is £200  
Bookings close on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July

To book on please visit <https://forms.office.com/e/8fYRMHbLQZ>  
or scan the QR code!

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# The Week Ahead

## TODAY – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April:

10am All Age Worship *led by Majors Colin & Nicola*  
*'Called to be ... a disciple'*  
[Luke 5: 1-11](#)  
*Includes enrolments of Grace, Jeovany & Jessica*  
*No Youth or Children's Church this week*

*Following the meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> April, some photos will be taken of our musical groups*

## Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April:

10am – 2pm *No Employment Plus*  
Open Doors *inc. homemade soup at 12.30pm*  
*No Fitness Club*  
11am Robert Hick's funeral *at Westerleigh Crematorium*  
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 15<sup>th</sup> April:

*No 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 16<sup>th</sup> April:

10am-12noon Open Doors  
11:15am-12noon Extra Slice Group *at the hall*  
12:30pm Lunch Club - *booking essential*  
2pm Arthur Goulding's funeral *at Westerleigh Crem.*  
8pm-9pm Extra Slice Group (leaders: Colin & Nicola) *at Qtrs*  
8pm-9pm Extra Slice Group (leader: Bethany) *at Bev & Jon's*  
8:15pm-9:15pm Extra Slice Group (leaders: Ian & Rachel) *online*

## The Week Ahead *[continued]*

### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April:

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

### Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April:

10am – 12noon Coffee Morning *coordinated by Mary White*  
& Staple Hill Community Expo *in our hall*



### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April:

10am All Age Worship *led by Naomi Blowers*  
'Called to be ... trusting'  
[Matthew 14: 22-34](#)

11:30am-12:15pm Children's Church and Youth  
5:30pm Pulse Youth Event *in our hall*



*Please pray for Jessica as she attends another Terrain weekend next  
Friday (17<sup>th</sup>) – if you don't know what that is, just ask her!*

## Dates for the Diary

Here are some other dates that are coming up soon:

Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Growing Young Leaders
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Messy Church
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	CAMEO Craft Group
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Candidate's Sunday Messy Church Pulse Youth Event at Bristol Citadel
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Mission Council meeting
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Thursday Church
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Coffee Morning