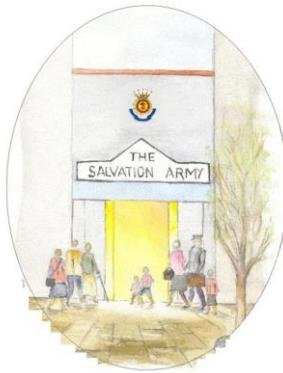




STAPLE DIET NOVEMBER 2015



Staple Hill Corps

- A Good NEWSS Corps for all people

(Nurture, Evangelism, Worship, Service to Corps, Service to Community)

Our Purpose is:

- To be a vibrant, worshipping Christian community actively introducing Jesus to the people of our area.
- To be a place where all can belong and grow in their relationship with Jesus.
- To serve the local community.

From the desk of the Editor

On a recent weekend away with Salvation Brass we were encouraged to think about people who have encouraged us.

For you, maybe it's family, friends, work colleagues or people you worship with. Whoever has encouraged you I am sure it has been just at the times you have needed it.

In our Christian faith we can turn to God for encouragement as 'God has our back' when times get hard. He gives us the strength we need when our strength is gone.

In 1 Thessalonians Ch 5 vs 11 it reads 'So speak encouraging words to one another. Build up hope so you'll all be together in this, No one left out, no one left behind. I know you're already doing this, just keep on doing it.'

Our church isn't a place where we go to worship, we are the church, without us there wouldn't be Staple Hill Salvation Army; so continue to support each other when times get difficult and God will 'have our back' in continuing to proclaim his message to the community of Staple Hill.

**'I can do all things
through Christ who gives me strength
But sometimes I wonder what he can do for me. No
great success to show, No glory of my own, yet in my
weakness he is there to let me know.**

***His Strength is perfect
when our strength is gone,
He'll carry us when we can't carry on,
Raised in his power the weak become strong,
His strength is perfect.'***

**Neil Baker
Editor - Staple Diet**

From The



Officer's Desk

Over the summer I spent all our available spare time decorating our dining and living rooms - a job which put the whole house in a state of flux for 6 weeks. My initial unrealistic projections were for 2 weeks, but we encountered some plastering issues which took a little resolving.

This week I have been tackling the main bedroom, which again has put us in a state of complete upheaval. This time we found that there was no skirting behind the wardrobes along with some dodgy electrics. Given that Nicola will blow an even big gasket if it takes longer than the 2 weeks promised, it will be a few even earlier mornings and late nights.

Why put ourselves through this stress in what was described as an adequate and functional quarters? Well for many of you who have moved house, there is a difference between living in a house to living in a home, and through this process it will allow us to unpack some of those more sentimental boxes, which have remained in the garage, and feel more settled.

In terms of our spiritual journey, Staple Hill Salvation Army can either be a church where we attend, a place which is adequate and functional, or it can be our spiritual home. A place where we come when there are no better offers or a place where we commit, unpack, relax and grow in the Lord's presence. Is Staple Hill Salvation Army just a church to you, or is it your Spiritual Home? Is it a place to go or a place to be? Is it a place of last resort or a place of first? My hope and prayer is that if you have not yet unpacked, that you commit to making Staple Hill Salvation Army your Spiritual Home.

Major Colin Hylton-Jones
Corps Officer

Sunday Celebration

22nd November 2015 - 5pm

Celebration of Young People

Featuring Staple Hill & Bristol Easton
Young People's Band & Singing Company

News about People

Those currently on the 'Wish you were here' prayer list are: Madge Rickards, Irene Ackerman, Francis & Ruth Shepherd, Edna Heath, Valerie Scott, Tom and Ruth Cable, Joyce Lear, Gwen Lear, Margaret Hatton.

THOSE AT UNIVERSITY: Natasha Bennett (Bristol Uni)

Our thoughts and prayers are with Owen Chappell with the Promotion to Glory of his wife Jean, We are also thinking of their daughter Gillian and family at this time of loss. May you feel God's Presence which you during this time.

The Dedication of Noah Jacob Samuel Roberts took place on Sunday 18th October. Proud Parents Emma & Sam were supported by Family and Friends. Major Colin conducted the ceremony.

Congratulations to Kirsty, Mark and Oliver Fielding on the birth of Freya Rebecca on Wednesday 28th October 2015 at 0826, weighing 7lb 9oz.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Peter & Mary Jackson and their family with the tragic and sudden passing of their son Paul who was attacked on his way home from a friend's birthday celebration in Dubai. He leaves a wife and 2 year old son. The future for his wife and son is uncertain due to nationality issues. Please remember Peter & Mary Jackson and family in your prayers.

Vivien Wallington

November Sundays

1 st	11am - Morning Worship	5pm - Sunday Supper
8 th	11am - Morning Worship	5pm - Festival of Remembrance
15 th	11am - Morning Worship	5pm - Worship & the Word
22 nd	11am - Morning Worship	5pm - Sunday Celebration with Staple Hill & Bristol Easton Young People
29 th	11am Morning Worship	5pm - Duck Celebration

Bristol's City Wait

On 15th October, Victoria Heath (age 16) attended a reception, at the Mansion House, given by the Lord Mayor of Bristol and the Guild of Guardians in order to be appointed to the office of 'City Wait'. This appointment is in recognition of her outstanding musical achievements and to reflect her commitment and involvement in music making within the city. Only 2 talented young musicians are appointed to the post of City Wait each year, so this is a tremendous honour for Victoria, reflecting the exceptionally high standard she has now achieved on the flute.



The post dates back to medieval times when the City retained the services of four minstrels to provide entertainment on municipal occasions. By 1540 they were officially known as 'City Waits'; the term 'wait' originating from the name of an early form of oboe that the original minstrels played. They were responsible for providing the music for state and civic processions. Their insignia was the common livery together with a collar and badge made of silver which can still be seen on display at the Council House; Victoria is pictured wearing her 'chain of office' in the above photograph (although it had to be returned as soon as the ceremony was over!). Although

the office was dispensed with in about 1834 as a money saving measure, it was revived in 1988 by the Guild of Guardians and is now accompanied by a small grant that Victoria is going to put towards a new instrument to help her in her future studies and musical career.

For the next year, Victoria will hold the official title of 'City Wait' and will be required to play at various municipal and civic occasions. Of course, she will also continue to play her flute each Sunday as part of our own worship band!

Paul Heath

Readers of Salvationist may have noticed that some revised Positional Statements have been published in recent editions. More will be coming in the next few months. These indicate the consensus and corporate view of The Salvation Army on a given topic as at the date of their issue. They set out Biblical values and principles by which Salvationists are encouraged to live. The recent titles are a sample of topics, namely Environment; Sabbath Keeping; Euthanasia, assisted suicide and living wills; and Alcohol. Their thoroughness is illustrated by the Alcohol PS which had over a page of footnotes with a note that expanded ones were available on the THQ website: - this also has a full schedule of current Positional Statements.

For the last four years I have been a member of the Moral and Social Issues Council (MASIC) at THQ. This is a small group which advises the Territorial leadership on current issues and prepares draft Positional Statements, sometimes going through many stages of discussion, spiritual reflection and redrafting. When it is finally agreed MASIC submits a recommended PS to the THQ Cabinet. When approved it goes to the International MASIC and ultimately to the General for final sign off. None of these steps is a rubber stamping exercise and we do get references back for reconsideration and/or clarification. Every PS is subject to periodic review; it can be a long process! John Gowans' words are very apt: - 'In a world of shifting values there are standards that remain'. We are challenged

to distinguish between the “shifting values” and the “standards that remain”.

A number of topics will be on the agenda of this month's MASIC Conference. These include a presentation on Gambling from two members who have been studying the subject in depth. The School and Colleges Unit at THQ have prepared a lesson plan on the Alcohol PS targeted for 14-16 year olds which we will also receive. It looks very good and it doesn't need the rigorous approval of a Positional Statement and I doubt we will want to change any of it. The Unit has also produced “Issues” covering six PS's to explain and explore where The Salvation Army stands. I have these two documents electronically and can copy these to anyone who would like them.

David James



“For goodness sake, can't you just sing
in the shower like everyone else?”

*The Kenya Trust
Presents*

INTO Africa 2015

**Bath Citadel Salvation Army
Saturday 21st November - 7pm**

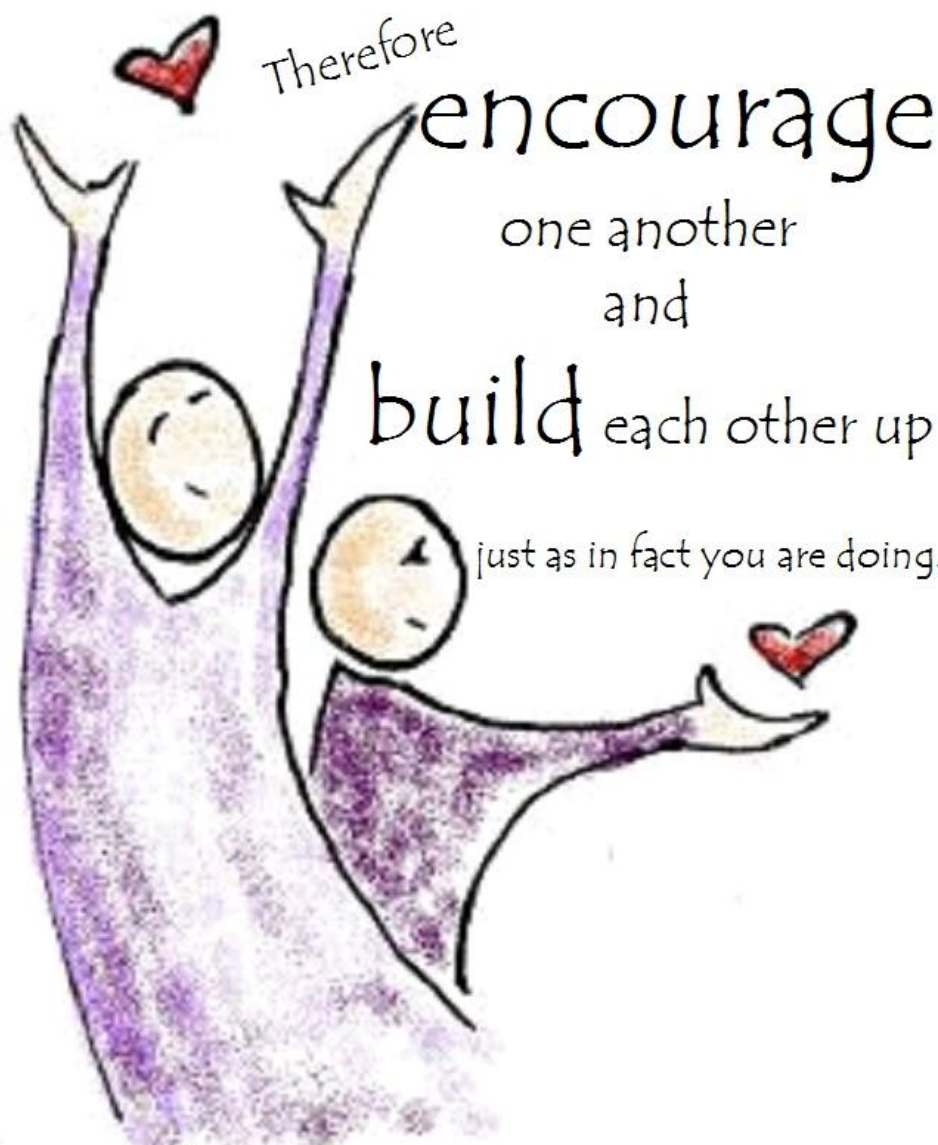
Featuring

Cellist Lydia Stone-Fewings
Birmingham Citadel

South-Western Fellowship Band
Bandmaster Norman Cassells

South-Western Youth Chorus
Songster Leader Susan Avison

Tickets £5 from Hilton Baker



Therefore
encourage
one another
and
build each other up
just as in fact you are doing.

1Thessalonians 5:11 NIV

Corps Weekly Activities

Monday

Greenfingers	10.30am (2 nd Monday of each month)
Home League Fellowship	2pm (3 rd Monday of each month)
Rainbows	6pm to 7pm
Brownies	6.30pm to 7.30pm
CAMEO	8.00pm (last of each month)

Tuesday

Tuesday Toddlers	from 9.30am
Young People's Band Practice	6.45pm to 7.45pm
Senior Band Practice	8pm to 10pm

Wednesday

Baby Song	from 9.30am
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Thursday

Lunch Club	12.30pm
Friendship Club	2pm to 3pm
Community Care Ministries	7pm (3 rd Thursday of each month)
Singing Company Practice	6.45pm to 7.45pm
Songster Practice	8pm to 9.30pm

Friday

Friday Club	6pm to 7.15pm
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Saturday

Coffee Morning	10am to 12pm
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Sunday

Primary, Lighthouse Club and Youth Group	9.45am - 10.45am
Morning Worship	11am
1 st Sunday - Sunday Supper	5pm
2 nd Sunday - Sunday Worship	5pm
3 rd Sunday - Worship & The Word	5pm
4 th Sunday - Sunday Celebration	5pm
5 th Sunday - Simply Sunday	5pm

Corps Programme (2015)

(Events in italics indicate other Corps, Divisional & Territorial Events)

NOVEMBER	
<i>Saturday 7th</i>	<i>Divisional AFM Fellowship Day</i>
Sunday 8th	Remembrance Sunday
Monday 9th	Leadership Team Meeting
<i>Saturday 14th</i>	<i>Singing Company and Songsters Visit to Street</i>
Monday 23rd	Family Christmas Crafts Evening
Sunday 29th	5th Sunday Special - Ducks
DECEMBER	
Saturday 5th	Christmas on the Hill

Date for 2016 - International Staff Band Visit 19th/20th March

The deadline for entry in
December's Newsletter is
Sunday 22nd November 2015,

Please email stapledietnewsletter@gmail.com

Please ensure you send to the above email address for entry into future issues to avoid any messages being mislaid if sent to my personal email or by hand. Thank You

Corps Leadership Team

Laura Baker, Tash Bennett, Margaret Bessex, Margaret Boxell, Liz Brewer, Mark Dickens, Linda Hall, Paul Heath, Majors Colin & Nicola Hylton-Jones, Nathan James, Les Palfreman, Marc Willetts.

Pastoral Care Council (PCC)

Margaret Bessex, Margaret Boxell, Liz Brewer, Linda Hall, Majors Colin & Nicola Hylton-Jones, Kelvin James, Rachael James, Hilary Sims, Marc Willetts, Gerry Wiltshire, Malcolm Wiltshire.

Worship Team

Michael Baker, Tash Bennett, Jon Dickens, Michelle Dickens, Nathan James, Les Palfreman (Leader), Jenny Palfreman (Sec), Viv Wallington, Kay Willetts.



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