

**Today:** After Worship this morning, we will be sharing a Harvest Ploughman's Lunch – you are welcome to join us. There will be no Worship at 5pm as we will all be in Bristol Cathedral with our colleague Salvationists from across the city, celebrating 150 years of the Salvation Army & 135 year's service in Bristol. It is a free public event, but you do need a ticket.

### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October

10.00am Gardening Club (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of month)  
6.00pm Rainbows  
6.30pm Brownies  
7.45pm Cell Group with Peter Belcher

### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October

9.30am Parent & Toddlers  
6.45pm YP Band Practice (Junior Band)  
8.00pm Senior Band Practice  
8.00pm Prayer

### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October

9.30am Baby Song  
3.30, 5.00 & 7.00pm Slimming World  
8.00pm Cell Group with Linda & Kelvin

### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October

12.30pm Luncheon Club  
2.00pm Senior Challenge  
6.45pm Singing Company Practice (Junior Choir)  
7.00pm Community Care Ministries (CCM) Meeting  
8.00pm Songster Practice (Senior Choir)

### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October

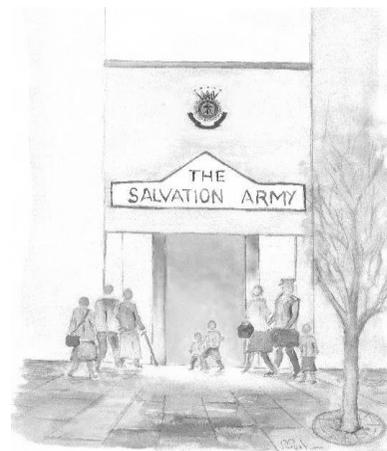
9.30 & 11.30am Slimming World  
6.00pm Junior Club

### Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October

10.00am-12.00pm Coffee Morning  
7.00pm Staple Hill Band Proms Concert at Bath Citadel

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October

9.45am Meetings for toddlers, children & teenagers  
11.00am Worship including the Dedication of Noah Roberts  
2.30pm CCM at Deerhurst with a Harvest theme  
5.00pm **Worship & the Word**



# The Weekly Bulletin of the Staple Hill Salvation Army

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## Harvest - "Gods Amazing Gifts"

I wonder what shape you are in after last weekend?

During the very first session on the S.H.A.P.E Retreat, Nicola reminded us that we are not alone in doing God's work but part of a team. I Corinthians chapter 12 was used as the theological basis as we explored our Spiritual gifts, our Heart for what we are passionate about, our Abilities, our various Personalities and our life Experiences.

As the week has progressed, there have been numerous examples already of how we can use our SHAPE as a team to achieve God's plan:

The Senior Band practicing together with Kingswood Band to provide the music at Bristol Cathedral on Sunday, retired musicians meeting on Friday morning to play at Staple Hill School then to Madge, Doreen, Jean & Owen plus those passing by, all those involved at the Table Top Sale raising £314 for the Big Collection plus everybody's efforts towards supporting the Kenya Trust and raising over £6,000 over the last 6 months towards the Big Collection. Not forgetting the team who have prepared the Harvest Ploughman's Lunch for you to enjoy today.

Celebrating Harvest after the S.H.A.P.E Retreat is perfectly timed as we consider Gods amazing gifts to us as individuals and as a Church.

*"All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above.  
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord  
For all His love"*

**Marc Willetts. Corps Sergeant Major (07808 730706)**

**S.H.A.P.E Retreat.** We do hope you enjoyed last weekend's Retreat in every sense of that word. And it doesn't end last week. Please continue to read, study and pray as you develop your S.H.A.P.E. As a Fellowship, we will be developing our own S.H.A.P.E. This will happen early next year with our Mission Development Plan, something you will all be involved in which our Leadership Team will then develop into a strategy.

**The S.H.A.P.E Retreat has to be financed.** Whilst the Finance Team apportioned some funds to support the Retreat, we who were part of the Retreat need to play, I mean pay our part. The Minchinhampton Baptist Church hire charge, food & refreshments provided, Barn Dance musicians employed, resources provided & breakfast on Sunday to name but a few expenses. We suggested £20 per adult for the weekend and a donation for just the Sunday. As we said before, finance should not have been a reason for you not to attend the Retreat. However, you may just have forgotten to pay. If so, I would be grateful if you could see Colin as soon as possible so that we can conclude the administration for the Retreat.

**The Buildings.** Continuing on from the excellent couple of weeks of decorating earlier in the year, the Annex project is nearing its completion. During the early part of this week, new flooring will be laid. Additionally, the "ripple" in the carpet at the rear of the main hall will also be corrected, some minor repairs to the Bradbury Hall floor & the matting at the main entrance. This will cause some minor disruptions especially at the main entrance on Tuesday afternoon. We will be planning another weeks decorating early next year to tackle the foyer and entrance. Then there will only be the main Hall to go!! We are also dealing with the toilet situation and hope to have that all sorted before we enter the busy Christmas programme when our suite of building will be extensively used.

**Brownies & Rainbows Church Parade** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 6.15pm. Everyone is welcome to come and join in with the girls and their families. PS: No Brownies & Rainbows on Mondays 26<sup>th</sup> October & 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

**Sunday Celebration: Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 5pm.** Special guest is Euphonium Soloist David Taylor from Birmingham Citadel.

**Light Party on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 6-7pm.** An alternative to Halloween for children. Surely something we should support - watch this space for more details.

**The Big Collection Duck Shoot.** The closing date for all entries is on 31<sup>st</sup> October. The social event to share all the photos and unusual circumstance they were taken in will be on Sunday evening 29<sup>th</sup> November. A fun way to share fellowship before the busy Christmas season.

**Christmas Shoe Boxes – Operation Christmas Child.** Leaflets are in the hallway explaining the operation and how you can help. Margaret does have some empty shoe boxes. If you are unable to fill a whole shoe box but still want to help, then perhaps you could contribute a few items to add to a shoe box. All contributions must be with Margaret Belcher by Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November.

**The Kenya Trust** presents *INTO Africa* at Bath Citadel on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 7pm featuring the South Western Divisional Fellowship Band & Youth Chorus with Cellist Lydia Stones-Fewings (Pat & Arnold's granddaughter). Tickets priced £5 available from Hilton & Lillian Baker.

# Our Fellowship

Our prayers and thoughts continue to be with Christine Kleinschmidt and the family. The funeral arrangements for Wilf are still unclear, but we will let you know as soon as they are known.

Mark Dickens is at home from work as he recovers from a major foot operation. You will see him around the Hall, but please do be careful of the metal pin still protruding from his toe!

Who else needs your prayers & support? Madge Rickards, Doreen Butland, Jean & Own Chappell, Brian & Margaret Smith to name but a few.

The "**Wish You were here Prayer List**" are people who we do not see at the Hall. Some of them are named above, but others are Irene Ackerman, Francis & Ruth Shepherd, Edna Heath, Valerie Scott, Tom & Ruth Cable, Joyce & Gwen Lear, Molly Angle, Shirley & David Noakes and others whom you miss week by week. We don't mean to forget them. But we all have busy lives with much that we have to do & God wants us to do. But as I've already said, we are a team – we cannot do it all on our own. So let us all remember the people we wish were here with us today.