

The Week Ahead

TODAY Sunday 5th November:

- 9:20am Time of Prayer *at Page Hall*
- 10am All Age Worship *at Page Hall*
Fruitfulness on the Frontline: Mouthpiece for truth and justice - [2 Samuel 12:1-13](#)
- 11.30am-12:15pm Children & Youth Activities *at Page Hall*



Monday 6th November:

- 8pm Mission Council *at Colin & Nicola's house*

Tuesday 7th November:

- 10am Keep Fit Class *at Downend Baptist Church*
- 11am-12noon Extra Slice Group *at Downend Baptist Church*
- (leader: Kelvin) – 10:30am for coffee
- 6:30pm YP Band Practice *at Kingswood Salvation Army*
- 7:15pm Singing Co Practice *at Kingswood Salvation Army*
- 8pm Songster Practice *at Kingswood Salvation Army*

Wednesday 8th November:

- 9:30am-11am Tots on the Hill *at Staple Hill Methodist Church*
- 3:30pm-4:30pm Extra Slice Group online (leader: Gerry)
- 7:45pm-9pm Extra Slice Group at Linda's house
- 8:15pm-9:15pm Extra Slice Group online (leader: Beth)

Thursday 9th November:

- 12.30pm Lunch Club *at Staple Hill Methodist Church*
- 6:45pm Colin & Nicola's Extra Slice Group
- *at Kingswood Salvation Army*
- 8:15pm-9:15pm Extra Slice Group online (leaders: Ian & Rachel)
- 8pm Senior Band Practice *at Kingswood Salvation Army*

Sunday 12th November: Remembrance Sunday

- 9:20am Time of Prayer *at Page Hall*
- 10am All Age Worship *at Page Hall*
- 10am Parade to form up on Page Road to leave at 10:20am
- 3pm Youth Section at Bristol Citadel – see advert
- Due to Remembrance Day activities, there will be no Children's & Youth Activities during the morning on this day

SUNDAY 5th November 2023



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Remember, Remember

As bonfires are lit across the country, and the evening sky fills with the flashes and bangs of fireworks, we are all forced to remember the events of over 400 years ago as a group of conspirators plotted to blow up the Houses of Parliament. Our 'celebrations' date back to January 1606 when Parliament passed 'An Act for a Public Thanksgiving to Almighty God every Year on the Fifth Day of November', making it mandatory for every church in England to hold a special service to commemorate the foiling of this plot. The act was eventually repealed in 1859, but our bonfire night traditions still continue.

I find it a very strange and somewhat macabre thing to celebrate. However, giving thanks to God for major events affecting our lives has to be a good idea. Thanking God for lives being saved has to be the right thing to do. Thanking God for the democracy and liberty that we continue to enjoy is totally justified.

And we can also thank God for all the whizzes, fizzes, pops, bangs, sparkles, colours and fun that this night brings! Just make sure you remain safe.

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Celebration Weekend

We are all looking forward to returning to our building, hopefully by the end of November, but it would be good to celebrate our return and also the fact that The Salvation Army has been in Staple Hill for 140 years. With this in mind, we will be organising a Celebration Weekend on Friday 9th to Sunday 11th February 2024 so put the date in your diaries now! There are no firm plans yet, although lots of ideas, so if you have any ideas about how we should celebrate please let Colin or Nicola know.

Building Update

There's been real progress in our building this week as the steel structure for the gallery arrived! We are having discussions with the contractors about the exact procedure and timing for moving back in. We hope to have more news in the next few days so please keep an eye on your emails. In the meantime, there are some up-to-date photos attached to the bulletin email or on the screen after the meeting. Please do speak to Colin or Nicola if you have any questions. It will be great to get back home again, won't it?!

Christmas Day

We're all set to welcome people on Christmas Day again this year. The day is for anyone who would appreciate sharing Christmas dinner around the table with others in the community. The day includes a Christmas dinner, entertainment, lots of laughs and all sorts of goodies to take home. If you want to share with us or know of anyone who would like an invitation, then please ask Nicola or Deb.

We are also looking for people to help us on the day. We need people to help all day as Table Hosts - making people welcome, serving food and chatting with guests and helping in the kitchen. We're also looking for people to pick up guests to arrive by 10.30am and people to take them home again at 3pm. Please see Nicola if you can help in any way. Thank you!

People

We continue to uphold those families in and attached to our fellowship who are grieving the loss of a loved one. In particular we remember Brenda Hussey's family this week as they prepare for Brenda's funeral, the arrangements of which are:

Friday, 10th November 2023 - Staple Hill Methodist Church @ 12.30pm and then at Westerleigh Crematorium @ 2.00pm, followed by a reception in the hospitality suite.

We were also sad to learn with week that Beryl Gardner has been bereaved of her brother, who passed away on the morning of his 80th birthday.

We continue to remember Elsie who is making good progress and Sally, Marion's daughter, who is far from well. If you need our support at this time, please let us know.

Congratulations to Yanni who took part in a Table Tennis competition, run by the Table Tennis Academy in Birmingham and won 1st runner-up in the under 19 girls.



Harvest Collection

This year's Harvest collection amounted to a grand total of **£3286.89**

This is only £20.00 down from last year. Considering we only had the envelopes at short notice and we are not in our own building, this is a marvellous sum! These funds are used to support the mission of the Salvation Army – funding initiatives to help spread the gospel message. 75% of the money raised is retained within our corps, whilst the other 25% gets paid into the Mission Innovation Fund for our division.