

SUNDAY 21st April 2024



Local ...
Lively ...
Loving

Pebbles

This week I have managed to tidy a patch of pebbles which I thought necessary. The pebbles serve no other purpose other than to look tidy.

As I tackled it, I dreamed of knowing just how many pebbles lay there - I shall never know.

When I view crowds of people on TV, I question their purpose. Is it a football match, a crowded shopping centre or a protest march? There is always a reason for the crowd.

I particularly think of Zacchaeus ([Luke 19](#)) who wanted to see Jesus. Zacchaeus found it difficult because of the crowds, so he climbed a tree. We know Jesus spotted him within the crowd [*more on this particular story in our meeting next week*]. We are all known to God, every star in the sky and every grain of sand on the sea shore is known to Him. How are we known to Him? Hopefully not because we just tidy the pebbles, but because He lives in our hearts and enables us to honour Him in all things.

'In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths'
[Proverbs 3 v 6](#)

Doris Pearce

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People

We continue to support those connected to the corps who have experienced the loss of a loved one and are preparing for funerals:

- Tegwydd Jenkins. Our thoughts are with Les, Hywel, Delyth and their respective families. Her funeral will take place at Westerleigh on 24th April at 1.15pm, following which you are invited to stay at Westerleigh for refreshments.
- Our thoughts are with Bob Milsom's family who recently passed away. Due to family living away, Bob's funeral will not take place until 21st May at Westerleigh.

As of writing, Catherine Read's sister, Eva, is in hospital. Please remember Eva and Catherine and please continue to remember those in our fellowship who are poorly.

Last Sunday we were able to visit the latest arrival to the corps, baby Sukh Kauh, born to Kiran & Manjit (sister to Manna) on Saturday, 13th April. Mum and baby are doing well. Sukh's dedication is planned for Fathers' Day, so put the date in your diary.



SHAPE profiles

It would be great to have more completed SHAPE profiles, so if you haven't handed yours to Colin or Nicola yet, please do. There are blank forms available by the noticeboard, thank you.

Congratulations

Well done to those people who completed the 'Emergency First Aid at Work' course last Saturday: Kit Chow, Bev Dickens, Marie Godden, Mary Hitchcock, Carys Hylton, Senan Hylton, Linda James, Karen Read, Joe Saint, Gerry Wiltshire. A list of everyone who has a First Aid qualification is on the Health & Safety notice so you know who to call on if there is an incident.

Any questions?

If you have only started attending our church recently, then why not join us for one of the 'welcome' events to find out more and ask any questions you may have. There are two planned for this week Tuesday at 7.15pm and Thursday at 11.15am. Speak to Colin or Nicola if you want to find out more.

Exciting employment opportunities

The South West Division are excited to announce that they are recruiting Divisional Children's Workers to provide practical knowledge, expertise, and example of children's ministry across the South West.

With a large geographical area to cover, there are two roles available (both based from Exeter Headquarters with a minimum requirement to work there fortnightly):

- Divisional Childrens Worker North (with focus on Somerset, Wiltshire, Bristol and Gloucester): [Children's Worker - Exeter - Peripatetic \(salvationarmy.org.uk\)](https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/childrens-workers/north)
- Divisional Childrens Worker South (with focus on Cornwall, Devon and Somerset): [Children's Worker - Exeter - Peripatetic \(salvationarmy.org.uk\)](https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/childrens-workers/south)

Back door security

Please make sure that if you use the back door, or open it for someone else, that it is locked at all times. It is important that we keep our building secure, thank you.

Flowers

Our flowers today have been provided by Beryl Gardner for Becky's birthday. Thank you.

Dates for the Diary

Here are some dates that are coming up soon:

Monday 29 th April	CAMEO Craft Group
Sunday 12 th May	Majors Mel and Steve Smith Divisional Youth Section Messy Church
Monday 13 th May	Mission Council Meeting
Saturday 18 th May	Coffee Morning 'Come and Sing' with the Songsters
Sunday 19 th May	Pentecost Page Park Praise
Monday 27 th May	CAMEO Craft Group
Saturday 8 th / Sunday 9 th June	Band Weekend (Salt & Light concert on Saturday evening)

COME AND SING...

...WITH STAPLE HILL SONGSTERS
(CHOIR) OF THE SALVATION ARMY

SAT 18 MAY

10 - SINGING

10:45-11:30 - COFFEE AND CAKE

11:30-12:15 - MORE SINGING

ALL ARE WELCOME TO SING
OR TO LISTEN. WE WOULD
LOVE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS,
SPEAK TO PHIL, OR EMAIL:

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OF THE SALVATION ARMY



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AN EVENING OF CONTRASTING MUSIC
FEATURING

SATURDAY 8TH JUNE | 7PM

TICKETS £5



VOCALIST
LOULITA GILL



COMPOSER &
CONDUCTOR
MARK FELTWELL

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Week Ahead

TODAY Sunday 21st April:

10am	All Age Worship 10 Commandments: Love Family Matthew 15: 1-9
11.30am-12:15pm	Children's & Youth Activities
4pm-6pm	Messy Church

Tuesday 23rd April:

All day	Employment Plus with Tyrone
10am	Keep Fit Class
11am-12noon	Extra Slice Group (leader: Kelvin)
12pm-2:30pm	Open Doors
From 6:30pm	YP Band Practice & Singing Company Practice
7:15pm	Welcome Event
8pm	Senior Band Practice

Wednesday 24th April:

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

Thursday 25th April

11:15am	Welcome Event
12.30pm	Lunch Club
7:45pm-9pm	Extra Slice Group at Colin & Nicola's house
8:15pm-9:15pm	Extra Slice Group online (leaders: Ian & Rachel)

Friday 26th April:

10am-12:30pm	Open Doors
4pm	Cleaning Hall

Sunday 28th April:

10am	All Age Worship 10 Commandments: Love Others Luke 19: 1-10
11.30am-12:15pm	Children's & Youth Activities