

SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024

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## **An Easter Reflection**

What a week we shared together last week! Every day during Holy Week, we were presented with challenges to both our thoughts and our senses.



On Good Friday morning, those of us who gathered for worship at the hall experienced one of the most poignant moments I think any of us have ever witnessed. At the end of the service and in complete silence, Colin slowly carried a body wrapped in a shroud representing the body of Jesus through the congregation

and placed it in the 'tomb' at the front of the hall. Nothing could have brought home the horror of the crucifixion more powerfully, nothing could have made the despair felt by Jesus' followers more real to us than we felt at that moment. But the story didn't end with Jesus' body laid in the tomb. On Easter Sunday, Jesus rose from the grave and brought us the promise of an eternal life with Him. Again, the Good News was presented to us by Colin and Nicola clearly and with further challenge.

We are so fortunate to have spiritual leaders in our church who are able to continually present the truths of the Bible in such imaginative ways.

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## People

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

- Aubrey Chappel. Aubrey's funeral will take place at Westerleigh Crematorium on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> April at 1pm.
- Tegwydd Jenkins. Our thoughts are with Les, Hywel, Delyth and their respective families.
- Diane Tapscott (maiden name Davidge, sister of Fay Mallet) - a previous Singing Company Leader in Staple Hill. Her funeral is at Westerleigh 17<sup>th</sup> April 1pm.

## Flowers

Sue and John Alcock have provided the flowers at the front of the hall today, remembering family and friends. Thank you.

## Special Occasions

If you or anyone you know in the corps is celebrating a special birthday, wedding anniversary or other event of special interest – please let me know so that we can mention it when the time is near. *Viv*



# Folding Glass Panels

Please do not attempt to pull the glass panels open or closed unless you have received specific instructions on how to do this safely without risking damage to the mechanism. Thank you.

## Dates for the Diary

Here are some dates that are coming up soon:

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Mission Council Meeting
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Messy Church
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	CAMEO Craft Group
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Majors Mel and Steve Smith Divisional Youth Section
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Mission Council Meeting
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Coffee Morning
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Pentecost Page Park Praise



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# The Week Ahead

## TODAY Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April:

10am All Age Worship led by Major Nicky Watson  
*No Children's & Youth Activities today*

## Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April:

All day Employment Plus with Tyrone  
*No Fitness Club*

11am-12noon Extra Slice Group (leader: Kelvin)

12:30pm-2:30pm Open Doors

6:30pm YP Band Practice

7:15pm Singing Company Practice

8pm Senior Band Practice

## Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April:

*No 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 11<sup>th</sup> April

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 12<sup>th</sup> April:

10am-12:30pm Open Doors

4pm Cleaning Hall

## Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April:

All Day First Aid Course

10am Coffee Morning

10am Youth Art Fest - *see Tash for details*

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

10am All Age Worship

11.30am-12:15pm Children's & Youth Activities

*Please confirm with your Extra Slice Group leader that your Extra Slice group is actually meeting this week at the times indicated above*