

## Contentment

As I picked up my Salvation Army song book today, it happened to fall open at song 562:

*Yes, the Lord is my Shepherd, I have all that I need,*

*I rely on his kindness, I allow him to lead.*

*He gives rest, he gives quietness, he restores me within,*

*And he strengthens me daily if my life honours him.*

Not a song that I can recall singing for a very long time, so reading these words today gave me pause for thought. It was the phrase “I allow him to lead” that caught my attention. Could I sing or say those words truthfully? Sometimes, yes, but probably most of the time I will be forging ahead on my own path and leaving God to follow behind to pick up the pieces when I go wrong! Allowing Him to truly take the lead in all aspects of our lives is difficult, but unless we let that happen we will never really know the level of contentment described in the rest of that verse, contentment that only comes when our lives honour Him.

*‘Lord, please take the lead in my life today.’*

*Paul Heath*

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## People

As a fellowship we are mourning the loss of several corps members along with people attached to our fellowship. Currently, funerals have been arranged for:

- Bill Milsom - whose funeral will be on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> February, 11.15am at Westerleigh Crematorium. Please continue to remember Freda, Elaine and Mark in your prayers.
- Alan Chillcott (Ann Gerrish's father) - whose funeral is planned for Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> January, 1pm at Westerleigh Crematorium. Please remember Ann and her family in your prayers.
- Glynn Elcoat - a celebration of Glynn's life was on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January in Bolton. Our thoughts are with Rachael, Jenni & Georgie and their respective families.
- Olive Matthews - Olive's funeral has been planned for Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> February, 12 noon at Westerleigh Crematorium Woodlands Chapel. We continue to uphold Gary and his wider family in prayers.

Unfortunately, Doris was taken into hospital earlier in the week and is still quite poorly. She is in Southmead, as (at the time of writing) is Terry. Brian is making good progress at home and Pat continues to convalesce at Woodland Court, Winterbourne. We have also been contacted by David who lives in Glasgow and watches on-line. He has asked to be remembered in our prayers. Please uphold our friends in prayer, along with those in our fellowship who are poorly or living with long-term health conditions.

Naomi is away this morning leading worship at Hinkley. We are sure that God will bless her ministry.

## Flowers

Linda Powell has provided the flowers at the front of the hall today, remembering her two sons-in-law.

# Care for Creation

One of our Mission Objectives is to Care for Creation, and the team has been working towards an accreditation by registering the goals that we have achieved in this area. We completed the last goal on Monday, and have been awarded the Bronze Eco Church award. There is still work to be done, but thanks to Joe and the team for all you are doing to help with this important Mission objective.



And word appears to have already got out that we are now an Eco Church - this photo was taken on Friday afternoon in our 'wild garden'!

## This week

Nicola is part of the staff team delivering Growing Young Leaders this weekend and Vimbai and Bella are attending as delegates, whilst Naomi is leading worship at Hinckley corps this Sunday morning. I am sure we will remember them all in these ventures as we join together for worship. Colin and Nicola are on holiday from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> returning Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

# **Mission Council Minutes Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Jan.**

The Mission Council met this week and the minutes are available on the noticeboard, but here is a summary of what was discussed:

- Health & Safety – reminder that everyone needs to take responsibility for putting things away, especially ensuring corridors are kept clear (e.g. no chairs left in corridor)
- Events planned to celebrate Band Anniversary including Band weekend 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> June
- Christmas evaluation – acknowledged that we had a very successful Christmas
- Decision was made to not provide a Christmas card post box in 2026
- Planning for Easter 2026 – please let a Mission Council member know if you have any ideas
- Corps directory is being updated in the form of an app (MyChurchSuite) that will be available to all (printed copies will also be available for those unable to use an app) – more details to follow
- Next Mission Priority meeting planned for Monday evening 2<sup>nd</sup> March “Serve Others without Discrimination” – all welcome to attend

THE SALVATION ARMY

# Bath Prayer Room

# Prayer Day

## 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026

### Drop in

to enjoy our Prayer Space  
anytime between  
**10.00am and 5.30pm**

### Pray Together

**7.30pm - 9.00pm**

**Venue:**  
37 Oolite Road BATH BA2 2UU

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# The Week Ahead

## TODAY – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January:

10am	All Age Worship <i>led by Major Colin</i> <i>'Jesus at the Temple'</i> <u><a href="#">Luke 2: 41-52</a></u>
11:30am-12:15pm	Children's Church and Youth
4pm-6pm	Messy Church



## Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January:

8pm	CAMEO Craft Group
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## Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January:

9:30am-2:30pm	Employment Plus
10am – 2pm	Open Doors <i>inc. homemade soup at 12.30pm</i>
10am-11am	Fitness Club
11am-12noon	Extra Slice Group (leader: Kelvin) <i>at the hall</i>
From 6:30pm	YP Band Practice and Singing Company Practice
8pm	Songster Practice

## Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January:

9:30am-11am	Tots on the Hill
3:30pm-4:30pm	Extra Slice Group (leader: Gerry) <i>online</i>
8pm-9pm	Extra Slice Group (leader: Linda) <i>at Kelvin &amp; Linda's</i>
8:15pm-9:15pm	Extra Slice Group (leader: Beth) <i>online</i>

## Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January:

10am-12noon	Open Doors
11:15am	Extra Slice Group <i>at the hall</i>
12:30pm	Lunch Club - <i>booking essential</i>
8pm-9pm	Extra Slice Group (leader: Bethany) <i>at Bev &amp; Jon's</i> <i>Colin &amp; Nicola's group joining at Bev &amp; Jon's this week</i>
8:15pm-9:15pm	Extra Slice Group (leaders: Ian & Rachel) <i>online</i>

## Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January:

7:30am-12noon	Slimming World Groups
10am-12noon	Open Doors
2pm	Cleaning Hall

# Next Weekend

## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February:

10am All Age Worship *led by Paul Heath*  
*'The Fool on the Hill'*  
[Psalm 14](#)

11:30am-12:15pm Children's Church and Youth

## Dates for the Diary

Here are some other dates that are coming up soon:

Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February - Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Territorial Mission Conference
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Coffee Morning
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Pulse Youth Event at Bristol South
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	CAMEO Pastoral Care Council meeting
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Divisional Leaders with us SD Altar Service Messy Church
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Day of Prayer
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> - Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Youth Retreat Weekend