

SUNDAY 8th February 2026



Local ...
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Being more inclusive

As a church it is really important to us that we are inclusive and our leaders often discuss and implement ways we can improve, recognising that there is always more to do. As part of this, we are improving our provision on a Sunday morning as follows:

- Toy bag trolley now includes bags for under 3 year olds and 3-7 year olds
- Ear defenders and a variety of fidget toys are also available on this trolley
- An area is reserved at the back of the hall giving more space as needed during the meeting
- The Bradbury hall is available to anyone during Sunday morning worship with the worship relayed onto the large screen - activities and equipment available
- The Prayer room is open as a quiet space for anyone to use on a Sunday morning

All of this is available to anyone who would find it helpful

Please note: Under 18s remain the responsibility of their parent/carer and should not be left unaccompanied.

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People

As a fellowship we are mourning the loss of several corps members along with people attached to our fellowship. Please remember Gary, as we prepare for Olive's funeral which is planned to take place on:

- Olive Matthews - Monday, 16th February, 12 noon at Westerleigh Crematorium Woodlands Chapel. We continue to uphold Gary and his wider family in prayer. Please note, the Woodlands Chapel is quite small and so unfortunately only limited numbers can attend the service – it is expected to be completely full based on the numbers that have already made themselves known to Gary.

Doris remains in hospital and is still quite poorly. She is in Southmead, as (at the time of writing) is Peter J following a fall. Terry is now home, Brian is also home and making good progress and Pat continues to convalesce at Woodland Court, Winterbourne. 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 next Sunday leading worship at Kingswood. We are sure that God will bless her ministry.

Our apologies to Jamie for missing out his special birthday last week. We hope you enjoyed your 50th birthday celebrations.

Mission Conference

A number of our leaders (including Colin) are attending the Salvation Army's Mission Conference next weekend, please pray that it will be a productive and enjoyable time.

Greggs Cups

Good news - Greggs can now recycle their cups so please make sure you put empty cups in our green recycling bins please. Even better – why not bring a reuseable cup to play your part in ‘Care for Creation’.

Corps Placement Visit:

This week we had an opportunity to meet on-line with Megan and Simon Moore, second year cadets who will be joining us from Friday, 28th February - Friday 6th March 2026. They are looking forward to spending their week with us, as we are to host them. Please pray for Megan and Simon, that their placement will be of blessing and value to them,

Coffee Morning - Saturday, 14th February

Why not treat your beloved to a coffee and cake or bacon sandwich!

It is the beginning of half-term and there are a number of people away, including myself (Colin) who will be attending the THQ Mission Conference with some of our Mission Council. This leaves Nicola in charge of the kitchen! If you are able to help in any way, please speak to Nicola. Also, if you are able to bake a cake, that would be great.



Thanks

Ann Gerrish, Alun, Tom and Emily would like to thank the corps for all their cards, thoughts, prayers and messages of support over the past few weeks since the passing of Ann's father. It has been greatly appreciated.

Self Denial Altar Service

Sunday Morning Worship on 1st March &

Thursday Church on 12th March

Please don't forget to collect your envelope in the foyer for this year's Self Denial Appeal.

Ways to give:

- **By Envelope:** There will be the opportunity to place your envelope on the Altar table during the Sunday service on 1st March and at Thursday Church on 12th March
 - If you are unable to attend those services, envelopes can be placed in the Sunday offering basket during February.
- **By Debit card:** The card reader will be available before and after the Sunday morning meeting.
- **By BACS** using the details below:

Account Name: The Salvation Army

Sort Code: 60-01-73

Account No: 00130997

Please use ref: SelfD

Thank you for supporting the work of The Salvation Army.



New Corps Directory

For those of you who have been part of our church for a while, you will know that we have a 'Corps Directory' that includes people's contact details (if they consent) and is a valuable tool for people to keep in touch with each other. This has needed an update for a while, to better represent our congregation now. The Salvation Army across the UK are adopting a system called 'ChurchSuite' – which includes an app giving us instant access to contact details and the ability for all of us to update our own details whenever they change. We will be rolling this out in the next few weeks. Here's some details you may want to know, but please ask Nicola if you have any other questions:

- MyChurchsuite is an app that provides a 'directory' of contact details (email, phone, address) for anyone who is happy for their details to be shared with others in the congregation
- The app will only be made available to those who are part of our Sunday congregation, attends an Extra Slice group, or is on our 'Wish You Were Here' List

- There is no obligation to make your contact details available, you can choose what to share (e.g. just your email, or just your phone number or just your address or all of it!)
- You can change your details at any time (for example if you move house) - removing the need for a 'new edition' of the corps directory
- The app is safe and secure and fully compliant with Data Protection laws
- For those unable to use apps, we will make a printed copy available
- The app also includes the corps calendar – so you can easily check when the next Songster practice or Coffee morning is, or the date of Harvest!

'MyChurchSuite' is the app, but it is part of a much larger system called 'ChurchSuite' – this is a 'back office' system that will eventually replace many of our admin systems including:

- all mailing lists, all registers and rolls,
- how we contact members of a section or group,
- records of local officers/ volunteers including training and DBS checks etc,
- event planning and booking rooms, rotas/ signups and availability,
- YP consent forms,
- all PCC admin
- etc, etc, etc!

The first step is to get everyone on the app – we will do this gradually over the next few weeks – so look out for an email from ChurchSuite inviting you to download the app and check/ update your details (put as much detail as you can for office use – remember you can choose what is visible to others). For those who need extra help, don't worry we will have people to help you to do that.

The Week Ahead

TODAY – Sunday 8th February:

- 10am All Age Worship *led by Majors Colin & Nicola*
'John the Baptist'
[Matthew 3: 1-12](#)
- 11:30am-12:15pm Children's Church and Youth

Tuesday 10th February:

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

Wednesday 11th February:

- 9:30am-11am Tots on the Hill
- 3:30pm-4:30pm Extra Slice Group (leader: Gerry) *online*
- 11:15am Funeral of Bill Millsom *at Westerleigh Crematorium*
- 8pm-9pm Extra Slice Group (leader: Linda) *at Kelvin & Linda's*
- 8:15pm-9:15pm Extra Slice Group (leader: Beth) *online*

Thursday 12th February:

- 10am-12noon Open Doors
- 11:15am Thursday Church – *coffee from 10am*
Visit of Father Barnabas from St Augustine's church
- 12:30pm Lunch Club - *booking essential*
- 6:45pm Extra Slice Group (leaders: Colin & Nicola) *at Hall*
- 8pm Senior Band Practice – *130th birthday celebration*
- 8pm-9pm Extra Slice Group (leader: Bethany) *at Bev & Jon's*
- 8:15pm-9:15pm Extra Slice Group (leaders: Ian & Rachel) *online*



Friday 13th February:

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

Next Weekend

Saturday 14th February:

10am-12noon Coffee Morning



Sunday 15th February:

10am All Age Worship *led by Majors Colin & Nicola*
Jesus' Baptism
[Matthew 3: 13-17](#)

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

5:30pm Pulse Youth Event *at Bristol South*



Dates for the Diary

Here are some other dates that are coming up soon:

Monday 23 rd February	CAMEO Pastoral Care Council meeting
Sunday 1 st March	Divisional Leaders with us SD Altar Service Messy Church
Friday 6 th March	World Day of Prayer
Friday 6 th – Sunday 8 th March	Youth Retreat Weekend
Monday 9 th March	Mission Council
Thursday 12 th March	Thursday Church
Saturday 14 th March	Coffee Morning
Sunday 15 th March	Mothers' Day Pulse Youth Event (Bristol Easton)