

SUNDAY 1st March 2026



Local ...
Lively ...
Loving

Do the Little Things

As our neighbours from across the Bristol Channel celebrate St David's Day today, we are celebrating in worship with our Divisional Leaders, Majors Paul and Gill Billard. We shall also be giving in our Self Denial Altar Service towards the important work of the Salvation Army in other parts of the world. We have watched the videos over the past few weeks that have focussed on the Army's work in Estonia, but in the UK we will also be supporting the work in Denmark, Greenland, Finland, Ghana, Togo and Pakistan – and other countries too.

It is easy to think that what we are able to give just isn't enough, couldn't possibly make any difference ... but it really does! In Wales, there is a phrase still in common usage that is actually attributed to St David himself - "*Gwnewch y pethau bychain*", which translates as "*Do the little things*". It is part of the last ever sermon he preached: "Be joyful, keep the faith, and do the little things that you have heard and seen me do."

Through the 'little thing' that we do today in giving our monetary gifts in the Altar Service, a really big difference will be made to the Salvation Army's work in these countries, and to the communities and individuals who will be helped as a result. Thank you for your support.

Paul Heath

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People

We continue to remember those who have recently been bereaved. Currently we are planning for one funeral which is:

- David Leonard, taking place on Friday 27th March at 2.15pm at Westerleigh Crematorium. Our thoughts are with David's family at this sad time

Doris has now moved from Southmead to Gracefields Care Home in Downend, and Pat U to Avon Valley on Tennis Court Road. Please pray for Doris and Pat, along with all those who are living with long-term health condition.

Youth Retreat

Friday 6th to Sunday 8th March 2026

Next weekend our Young People are on retreat, so please remember them and the team in your prayers. Thank you to those who have supported this important event. It is still not too late to help - if you can pop some money in an envelope and give it to one of the team (BACS/Credit Card payments are accepted). However, we do appreciate that we are in the middle of the self-denial appeal and that many are living with financial difficulties, but thank you your consideration of this matter.

Flowers

Our thanks to Marion Richardson for the flowers today, placed in memory of Alan and daughter Sally.

Open meeting on our mission objective – “Serve others without discrimination”

Monday, 2nd March 2026 at 7pm

Over time we have had open meetings to discuss the different elements of our five mission objectives and to give opportunities for people to feed into the direction of the corps.

On Monday, 2nd March we are giving an opportunity for an open discussion about our community work as we strive to serve others without discrimination. If this is something which you are passionate about and have ideas and/or the motivation, time and energy to help with, then please come and join the discussion.

If you want more information, then please speak to Colin.

A message from Megan and Simon

2nd year cadets who are joining us this week for a week ...

Hello all! Simon and I are really looking forward to spending this week with you on our observation placement from William Booth College. We are Second Year Cadets, originally out of Reading Central, and have been married for three years. We love anything sport related and musical, so please feel free to come and talk to us. You will most likely find us with a cup of coffee or tea in hand at all times! Thank you for being so willing to show your ministry to us and we are so excited to see what God is doing at Staple Hill. Blessings, Megan and Simon Moore

Please make them feel welcome!

World Day of Prayer

Every year the World Day of Prayer takes place in churches across the world on the first Friday of March. This year, our area service will once again take place in our building on Friday 6th March at 2.30pm. This year Christian women from Nigeria have prepared the service and we will welcome others from many different churches across our area – so if you're free on a Friday why not come and join in. There will also be home-made cakes and drinks provided after the service. If you want to know any more, please speak to Nicola.

Self Denial Altar Service

TODAY & Thursday Church on 12th March

There will be an opportunity during our service this morning to present our gift envelopes for this year's Self Denial Appeal in support of the mission of the Salvation Army in our partner countries.

Alternatively, you can give in the following ways:

- **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.

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Competition Time:



Can anyone guess who came to the hall in their slippers this week?

The Week Ahead

TODAY - Sunday 1st March

10am All Age Worship *led by Divisional Leaders
Majors Gill & Paul Billard
(including the Self Denial Altar Service)*

11:30am-12:15pm Children's Church and Youth
5pm Messy Church

*We also have the visit of Charlotte Reid
(Divisional Children's Worker) with us all day today*



Monday 2nd March:

7pm Open meeting to discuss "Serve Others without Discrimination" - *at the hall*

Tuesday 3rd March:

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 Senior Band Practice

Wednesday 4th March:

9:30am-11am Tots on the Hill
3:30pm-4:30pm Extra Slice Group (leader: Gerry) *online*
8pm-9pm Extra Slice Group (leader: Linda) *at the hall*
8:15pm-9:15pm Extra Slice Group (leader: Beth) *online*

Thursday 5th March:

10am-12noon Open Doors
11:15am Extra Slice Group *at the hall*
12:30pm Lunch Club - *booking essential*
6:45pm Extra Slice Group (leaders: Colin & Nicola) *at Hall*
8pm-9pm Extra Slice Group (leader: Bethany) *at Bev & Jon's*
8:15pm-9:15pm Extra Slice Group (leaders: Ian & Rachel) *online*

The Week Ahead [continued]

Friday 6th March:

7:30am-12noon Slimming World Groups
10am-12noon Open Doors
2pm Cleaning Hall
2:30pm World Day of Prayer *in our hall, followed by refreshments*

Sunday 8th March:

10am All Age Worship *led by Majors Colin & Nicola*
'From Start to Finish: Jesus rejected at home'
[Luke 4: 14-30](#)
11:30am-12:15pm Children's Church and Youth

*Friday 27th February to Friday 6th March – Visit of Cadets
Megan & Simon Moore for week's placement*

Dates for the Diary

Here are some other dates that are coming up soon:

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)
Saturday 21 st March	Territorial Children's & Youth Conference
Sunday 22 nd March	Church2U
Saturday 28 th March	Divisional Design for Life for Children at Bristol Citadel
Sunday 29 th March	Palm Sunday Messy Church
Monday 30 th March	CAMEO Craft Group