

SUNDAY 26th April 2026



Local ...
Lively ...
Loving

Catch a falling star

Have you been looking up into the night sky in the hope of seeing a shooting star? The Lyrid meteor shower has, by all accounts, given rise to some spectacular sights over the past few days – a celestial phenomenon that never fails to amaze and excite those who take the time to look up. And although not a great star gazer myself, I am always filled with awe when I do look up at the night sky and try to take in the thousands upon thousands of stars twinkling away at distances my mind cannot start to comprehend. How can God have created anything so vast, so amazing?

My God is so great, so strong and so mighty!

There's nothing my God cannot do! (clap, clap)

*The mountains are his, the rivers are his,
the stars are his handiwork too (plink, plonk).*

My God is so great, so strong and so mighty!

There's nothing my God cannot do!

Paul Heath

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People

We were sad to learn that Ivan Danford was promoted to glory last Sunday. The funeral arrangements have been planned for:

- Thursday, 28th May @ 11.30am at Westerleigh Crematorium. Please remember Ivan's family at this sad time.

We also remember the family of Terry Brittan who would be known to many, as they preparing for Terry's funeral, which will take place on Thursday, 7th May, 2.30pm at Winton Salvation Army.

We have a number of friends who have recently experienced bereavement, so please pray and support them at this time.

As of writing, we are not aware of any friends who are in hospital, but there are people who are poorly, living with long-term health conditions and/or coping with difficult personal situations. Again, please uphold our friends in prayer.

Divisional Celebration

For several reasons DHQ have been forced to make the decision to cancel the forthcoming Divisional Celebration on the 7th June so if you were planning on attending, please take note.

Flowers

The flowers today are from Beryl Gardner, celebrating Spencer's 80th birthday this week.

Generous Discipleship

Those who make a regular offering to the church, will receive a letter from our wonderful treasurer, Gary, today outlining their personal giving along with an update of the corps finances. For those who do not receive a letter, Gary writes:

As we end another financial year it has been a year since we held our Generous Discipleship Pledges, this along with new members of our Corps who have started to give, has amounted to an increase of over £16,000.00 for the last year. The Corps anticipated 3-year Pledge plan will be exceeded by £7,700.00 I'm sure you will agree that this is a fantastic piece of news.

I would like to personally thank you for supporting the Corps with your weekly/monthly giving.

We would also add our thanks to all those who financially support the mission of the Salvation Army in Staple Hill. However, It's not too late to make or fulfil a pledge if you haven't had an opportunity to do so. Giving is a spiritual discipline and part of our commitment to the church. If you do not make a regular offering to the church, we would encourage you to do so. If you need any further information, please speak to Gary, Nicola or myself [Colin].

Page Park Praise

Events like Page Park Praise, held outside our building, don't just happen—they rely on a great deal of preparation behind the scenes. This is only possible through the support of our whole church family. There are many important tasks on the day that are essential to the success of each event. These depend on a team of people working together, using their gifts in faithful stewardship of all that God has given us.

We will be holding an open meeting for anyone who would like to support this year's series of Page Park Praise events on Sunday 17th May at 12noon, in the front part of the Main Hall. Please note, attending this meeting does not commit you to every event—we hope to share responsibilities across all five Events.

We are also pleased to have new, lighter gazebos to support our outreach, and the meeting will include guidance on how to set these up.

If you are able to help with the practical aspects of these events, we would love you to come along. If you are unable to attend but would still like to be involved, please email me at Neil.baker@salvationarmy.org.uk

Thank you

Neil Baker

The Week Ahead

TODAY – Sunday 26th April:

- 10am All Age Worship *led by Major Colin*
'Called to be ... purposeful'
[Matthew 16: 13-20](#)
- 11:30am-12:15pm Children's Church and Youth
- 4pm-6pm Messy Church



Please pray for Bella & Vimbai as they attend their last Growing Young Leaders today (Nicola is also on the staff team)

Monday 27th April:

- 8pm CAMEO Craft Group



Tuesday 28th April:

- 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 29th April:

- 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 Kelvin & Linda's*
- 8:15pm-9:15pm Extra Slice Group (leader: Beth) *online*

Thursday 30th April:

- 10am-12noon Open Doors
- 11:15am-12noon Extra Slice Group *at the hall*
- 12:30pm Lunch Club - *booking essential*
- 8pm-9pm Extra Slice Group (leaders: Colin & Nicola) *at Qtrs*
- 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 1st May:

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

Sunday 3rd May:

10am All Age Worship *led by Majors Nicola & Colin*
'Called to be ... Forgiven'
[John 21: 15-19](#)
11:30am-12:15pm Children's Church and Youth

Dates for the Diary

Here are some other dates that are coming up soon:

Sunday 17 th May	Candidate's Sunday Messy Church Pulse Youth Event at Bristol Citadel
Monday 18 th May	Mission Council meeting
Thursday 21 st May	Thursday Church
Saturday 23 rd May	Coffee Morning
Sunday 24 th May	Pentecost Sunday
Sunday 31 st May	Page Park Praise
Sunday 7 th June	Messy Church
Thursday 11 th June	Thursday Church
Saturday 13 th – Sunday 14 th June	Band weekend