

SUNDAY 5th April 2026



Local ...
Lively ...
Loving

Who R U?

That is the question that Colin has been asking during the Palm Sunday and Good Friday services, and perhaps will be asking again during our service today. As we have looked again at the Easter story, we have been asked to identify with the characters in that story – and I have been struck by just how many people must have been involved in some way or other: Jesus, the disciples, supporters, bystanders, thrill seekers, Mary (3 of them!), Pharisees, Herod and Pontius Pilate, and even a donkey! Cheering crowds in Jerusalem waving the palm leaves, jeering crowds calling for Jesus' death outside the palace, bystanders at the crucifixion, roman soldiers, other prisoners and workers carrying out their daily duties. All told, there must have been literally hundreds of people caught up in these events in some way or other, hundreds touched by an event that ended up changing the whole world.

So have you made up your mind yet as to who you are in the Easter story? The choice is quite overwhelming, but all the characters had a part to play, and every single one of them must have been affected by those events in some way. So, perhaps, if you haven't made up your mind yet on a single character you should identify as one of those who simply witnessed those events. For we have re-lived those events during this week, and we have a wonderful story to tell as a result!

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People

We are continuing to support Linda J and her family as they prepare for the funeral of her dad, Arthur, and Loraine and her family as they prepare for the funeral of her brother, Robert. The details of both funerals are:

- Robert Hicks, Tuesday, 14th April at 11am at Westerleigh Crematorium
- Arthur Goulding, Thursday, 16th April at 2pm at Westerleigh Crematorium

Please remember our friends at this sad time.

As of writing, we are not aware of any of our fellowship being in hospital, although there are number of people recuperating from illness, including, Catherine, Steve, Bethany and Viv. Others are struggling with seasonal illnesses, whilst others are living with long-term health conditions, helping family members or coping with difficult circumstances. Please continue to pray for our fellowship at this time.

In addition to the flowers celebrating Paul and Liz's Golden Wedding Anniversary, as is our tradition there are vases of daffodils in the hall today (Sunday). After worship. it would nice if we could take these flowers out to members of our fellowship who are poorly or unable to share with us. If you are passing someone on your way home, would you be able to drop some flower off? Thanks for your help with this.

Holy Week Thanks

Thanks to everyone who has helped to create such a lovely week. There have been a number of highlights and we hope you have been blessed by the diverse programme of activities. For whatever you have contributed, thank you.

Fire Safety Audit: Tuesday, 31st March 2026

In addition to everything that has been happening this week, on Tuesday we had a Fire Safety Audit conducted by the Avon Fire and Rescue Service. You will be pleased to learn that we achieved a '1' rating (the ratings span from 1 - 5, with 1 being the highest). There are a couple of recommendations, which we will undertake over the next couple of weeks. Congratulations to the team for and their on-going hard work.

Unalterable: Reclaiming the Salvation Army's Unalterable Legacy of Women Who Lead

IHQ have produced a four-part podcast series exploring how women's roles in the Salvation Army have developed over time, and how women's ministries continue to shape it today and into the future. Produced collaboratively by the USA Southern Territory, the Canada and Bermuda Territory and Women's Ministries at IHQ the podcast features honest conversations, personal stories and thoughtful reflection.

Interested? The podcast series is available via: tsa.link/unalterable

Flowers

As already mentioned in this bulletin, the flowers today are in celebration of Paul and Liz Church's Golden Wedding anniversary.

All Children, Youth and parents please note:

The early bird for both the Summer Camp and Junior Camp is soon running out so make sure you have booked your place. The dates of the camps are as follows:

- Junior Camp – 21st – 25th August (ages 8-11)
- Summer Camp – 8th – 14th August (School year 7 – age 21)

(Please note: regarding the 18+ programme, it has been confirmed that everyone will be together this year in Summer Camp, with the 18+ group having their own accommodation, a selection of alternative activities, and opportunities to assist with leading if they wish)



South West Summer School 2026

8th-14th August at Taunton School

For ages 11 (year 7) - 21



BOOKINGS NOW OPEN!

Early bird - £180 if booked before the 30th April

After that it is £200

Bookings close on the 3rd July



To book on please visit <https://forms.office.com/e/8fYRMHbLQZ>
or scan the QR code!

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FOR CHILDREN AGED 8-11 YEARS OLD

JUNIOR CAMP

21ST-25TH AUGUST 2026
HEATREE ACTIVITY CENTRE, DARTMOOR

PRAYER FORCE

EARLY BIRD CLOSES
30TH APRIL - £170

IF BOOKED AFTER
30TH APRIL - £190

BOOKING DEADLINE:
10TH JULY



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CALLED TO SERVE

SAT 11TH APRIL 2026
6:30PM-8:30PM

**AN EVENING OF LIVE ACTS, DANCING,
FELLOWSHIP, REFRESHMENTS
AND MORE...**

SUGGESTED MINIMUM DONATION
ENTRY OF £5



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STAPLE HILL SALVATION ARMY,
BROAD STREET

**ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS
NAOMI'S OFFICERSHIP JOURNEY**



The Week Ahead

TODAY – Sunday 5th April : EASTER SUNDAY

- 8.30am–9.15am Easter Breakfast – *hopefully if you are coming, you have already signed up on the MyChurchSuite app!*
- 10am All Age Easter Worship *led by Majors Colin & Nicola*
No Youth or Children's Church this week

Tuesday 7th April:

- 9:30am-2:30pm Employment Plus
- 10am – 2pm Open Doors *inc. homemade soup at 12.30pm*
No Fitness Club
No YP practices
- 8pm Songster Practice

Wednesday 8th April:

No Tots on the Hill

Thursday 9th April:

- 10am-12noon Open Doors
- 11:15am Extra Slice Group *at the hall*
- 12:30pm Lunch Club - *booking essential*
- 8pm Extra Band Practice

Friday 10th April:

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

There are no Extra Slice groups or sheet this week – so why not catch up on 'The Chosen' season 5 alongside the booklet which is available.

Next Weekend

Saturday 11th April:

6:30pm

'Called to Serve' Fellowship Event

Sunday 12th April:

10am

All Age Worship *led by Majors Colin & Nicola*
'Called to be ... a disciple'

[Luke 5: 1-11](#)

Includes enrolments of Grace, Jeovany & Jessica

No Youth or Children's Church this week

Following the meeting on the 12th April, some photos will be taken of our musical groups

Dates for the Diary

Here are some other dates that are coming up soon:

Saturday 18 th April	Coffee Morning Staple Hill Community Expo
Sunday 19 th April	Pulse Youth Event at Pill
Friday 24 th – Sunday 26 th April	Growing Young Leaders
Sunday 26 th April	Messy Church
Monday 27 th April	CAMEO Craft Group
Sunday 17 th May	Candidate's Sunday Messy Church Pulse Youth Event at Bristol Citadel