

SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026



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## The Power of the Lord

As I drove home from band practice on Thursday evening, I found myself singing the chorus:

*Be bold! Be strong! For the Lord your God is with you.*

*I am not afraid, I am not dismayed,*

*Because I'm walking in faith and victory,*

*Come on and walk in faith and victory,*

*For the Lord, your God is with you.*

I'm not sure why – I don't think that tune came up in any of the music we had been playing. Then on Friday, Colin and Nicola sent through their contributions for this week's bulletin and I learnt that the Bible reading selected for today is taken from [Acts 4](#) - an account of how Peter and John turned a difficult interrogation before Sanhedrin into a powerful witness for Christ. We may not get quite this far in the verses selected for the meeting this morning, but in verse 29 we read:

*"Enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness".*

Peter and John – not afraid, not dismayed but instead walking the walk, talking the talk and being bold in their witness for the Lord.

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## People

Our prayers are with Derek's dad, Marie's brother and Dan's mum who are currently in hospital, along with those who have recently been discharged, including Emily, Peter, Lydia and Kev. Please pray for our friends as they continue their recovery, along with those in our fellowship who have recently been bereaved, poorly, living with long-term health conditions and/or coping with difficult personal situations.

At this time of the year our students return from university. Please make time to speak with and encourage them. It is also exam season, so remember those taking GCSE and A'level's at this time.

Please pray for Jess next weekend as she attends her final residential trip as part of the Terrain programme.

## Building Project

As part of our worship today, we will spend some time giving thanks to God for enabling the finance to be raised to pay for our recent building renovations. It will also give us opportunity to thank those who have enabled this to happen.

## Flowers

The flowers today are to celebrate Andy and Hilary's 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary – generously provided by Yolanda, Jeovany and Maria.

There are a few Sundays in July and August for which we currently have no-one lined up to provide flowers for the front of the hall. If anyone would like to place flowers on these weeks (it doesn't have to be for a special occasion), please add your name to the list on the notice board **AND** let Viv know as well. Thank you.

## Page Park Praise

Thanks to everyone who helped and participated on our outreach to Page Park last Sunday. Personally, I was encouraged by your presence, and as I looked out, was reminded of the verse from [Hebrews 12:1](#):

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.*

Thank you for your support.

Colin

## Band 140<sup>th</sup> Celebration Weekend

**13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

Following from a very successful & productive evening with the new International Staff Band Bandmaster Jonathan Evans putting the Band through their paces & adding some finishing touches, we are ready for our special weekend to celebrate 140 years of active & continued service. We have amazing guests for the weekend in Gavin & Stephanie Lamplough - you will have seen all the publicity & be aware of what high calibre musical guests they are. They will also be leading our worship on the Sunday morning. I know what the Band is playing as well as the solos of our guests so I know we are in for a great time & you won't want to miss it! There are a few tickets still available for Saturday evening at 7pm, so don't delay getting yours if you haven't already.

We are meeting on the Saturday afternoon at 3pm for an Open Rehearsal when a number of former bands persons will be joining us to play or listen and reminisce about their time in the Band at Staple Hill - we'll be following this with a 'Celebration Tea & Fellowship' when we can further catch up on the good old days - hopefully you'll see them at the evening concert.

Our focus for the weekend has been acknowledging & thanking God for the **PAST** - the current Band exists because of their service. We want to praise & thank God for the **PRESENT** - for the fantastic Band we have now that supports us every week in worship as well as out in the community. But we also want look forward to the **FUTURE** - for the exciting times ahead, for the Band as we know it now, but what it can become with the addition of our young people.

So on the Sunday afternoon, our young people will be getting together with Gavin & Stephanie to make music & share fellowship along with other young people from the area who have been invited. They will finish with tea together, then at 5pm, there will be a time of praise & fellowship, when they will present the music they have made together during the afternoon. You are warmly invited & encouraged to come along and support our young people - wouldn't it be great for them to see us there? No tickets or cost, just come along.

What a great way to finish this spectacular & wonderful weekend!

*Marc Willetts (Bandmaster)*



# The Week Ahead

## TODAY – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June:

- 10am All Age Worship *led by Majors Colin & Nicola*  
'Peter Questioned' – [Acts 4](#)
- 11:30am-12:15pm Children's Church and Youth
- 4pm-6pm Messy Church



## Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June:

- 9am – 2pm Employment Plus *with Thierry*
- 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 10<sup>th</sup> June:

- 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 11<sup>th</sup> June:

- 10am-12noon Open Doors
- 11:15am-12noon Thursday Church – *refreshments from 10am*
- 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*



## Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June:

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

# The Week Ahead [continued]



**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June:** **BAND WEEKEND**  
3pm Open Band Rehearsal  
4:30pm Celebration Tea and Fellowship  
7pm 140 Years Celebration Band Concert



**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June:** **BAND WEEKEND**  
10am All Age Worship *led by Gavin & Stephanie Lamplough*  
11:30am-12:15pm Children's Church and Youth  
Sunday afternoon Make Music & Share Fellowship for our Young People *with Gavin & Stephanie*  
5pm Praise & Fellowship *with the Young People*



## Dates for the Diary

Here are some other dates that are coming up soon:

Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Coffee Morning Armed Forces Day in Page Park
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Fathers' Day
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Page Park Praise
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Coffee Morning
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Pulse Youth Event – Staple Hill
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Messy Church
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Mission Council Meeting
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Thursday Church