

SUNDAY 26th July 2026



Local ...
Lively ...
Loving

The Commonwealth

As I went down for breakfast on Wednesday morning in a hotel in Manchester, I found myself surrounded by a number of very tall ladies all wearing matching tops bearing the famous New Zealand 'silver fern' logo. They were, I realised, the NZ Netball team on their way to the Commonwealth games opening ceremony.

The 'friendly games' are founded on four key principles:

- Humanity: Bringing people together in mutual respect
- Equality: Ensuring fair and accessible participation, highlighted by the full integration of able-bodied and para-athletes
- Destiny: Inspiring athletes and nations to build a cooperative and sustainable future together
- Fair Play: Promoting friendly rivalry and integrity

Although not Christian in origin, these principles align closely to those held in Christian churches throughout the world. It is not surprising, then, that the Salvation Army will have a strong presence this year both within the game's venues and in the surrounding city of Glasgow. Please pray for the outreach that will be performed over the next couple of weeks ... and keep your eyes open for 'Shieldy', the Salvation Army's mascot that visited Staple Hill a couple of years ago!

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People

You will be sad to learn that Doris passed away later Thursday and I'm sure that you will remember Geoff, Helen, Kevin, Noel and the family in your prayers. As of writing, Brian and Andrew are still in hospital and Hilton is recovering from his knee operation. Please remember them, along with those in the corps who are living with long-term health condition or are facing difficulties in your prayers.

This Sunday is 'welcome' Sunday for officers moving to new appointments. Debbie and Dominic Eaton, Majors, will be commencing their ministry at Bristol Citadel, so please remember them.

Territorial Music School started on Saturday with Naomi, Jeovany and Joshua W attending from Staple Hill. We pray that this will be a formative time for them.

Congratulations to:

- Rob Lear – Emergency First Aid at Work Level 3
- Jill Whitelaw - Food Safety Level 2
- Mary Dunk – Food Safety Level 2 & Food Allergens Awareness

Lost Property

As with last week, any lost property will be out for collection on Sunday on the coffee table by the sofa. Please have a look to see if anything is yours. After Sunday we will relocating any items that are left. Thanks.

Cleaning

We have a committed band of volunteer cleaners. If you would like to join our happy band, either on a casual or weekly basis, then please speak to Colin. We mainly clean on Friday afternoons, but there are 'jobs' that can be done at other times during the week. Thank you.

Flowers

What a lovely thing to be celebrating today – for the flowers are from Charlotte and Gary to mark 5 years of worshipping with us at Staple Hill. Congratulations and thank you!

What do you think?

The Children & Youth Department is working with independent researchers *Participation People* to better understand how children and young people are listened to, valued, and involved across different Salvation Army settings. All adults connected with The Salvation Army are invited to complete a 15–20-minute online survey to share their experiences and insights. Your feedback will help shape future developments and ensure the voices of children and young people are at the heart of everything we do.

Contact childrenyouth@salvationarmy.org.uk for help or more details.

Please follow this link to complete the survey:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/TSADiagnostic?dm_i=7D92,CWB6,109IM5,1S4J4,1,0,0,0

Opportunity for 18 to 25 year olds:

The International Youth Congress 2027, themed ‘Empowering a Generation’, will bring together 2,500 young adults from across the globe for a life-changing week of worship, discipleship, learning and connection. Hosted in Jakarta, Indonesia, the congress will feature inspiring teaching and leadership from General Lyndon Buckingham and Commissioner Bronwyn Buckingham, alongside international speakers, worship leaders and practitioners. If you are 18 to 25 and would like to have the opportunity to attend, please click on the link:

www.salvationist.org.uk/events/international-youth-congress-2027



Come and join us!

Did you know that your division has a
Fellowship Band?



The band is open to anyone **aged 18 or over** in the division
who plays an instrument to **any** standard and supports the ethos of
the Salvation Army

We practice every two or three weeks (depending on dates)
on Monday evenings at Pill SA hall from 7.30pm - 9.30pm
and usually carry out several engagements each year,
including festivals, Sunday meetings, outdoor events, and
Christmas carolling

We'd love to welcome you to fellowship, friendship, and music



For further information, please contact Bandmaster Marston Blake via

email TheSASWFB@gmail.com

or phone, text, or WhatsApp: 07921 546516

Update on Salvation Army Ebola response

The Salvation Army UK and Ireland Territory has contributed funding to support our response to the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Work focuses on prevention, hygiene promotion and protecting communities and healthcare workers in affected areas. Please pray for those affected, for healthcare workers and volunteers, and for Salvation Army teams responding to the outbreak. You can also support this work through the Emergency Response Fund - find details at Salvationist online in an article about the situation.

Please follow this link for more information:

www.salvationist.org.uk/articles/ebola-crisis-salvation-armys-response

Page Park Praise - Sunday, 26th July

This afternoon we will have our next Page Park Praise event, and we are aware that there are a number of people away. If you can come and support, it would be really helpful, as PPP is one of our major outreach events and it would be good to have you there.

We're Hiring! Closing Date: Monday 27th July

We're so excited to share the news about our brand new role (Community Mission Coordinator) at Staple Hill Salvation Army. We'd love to welcome to our team someone who is passionate, committed and ready to make a difference. Please click the link below for more information and share this with anyone you think might be interested. Please also share the relevant facebook post, thank you.

<https://bit.ly/4fd04Gq>

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'TRANSFORMING LIVES'
WITH A CAREER IN
THE SALVATION ARMY.



RECRUITING NOW

Community Mission Coordinator

STAPLE HILL, BRISTOL

JOIN OUR TEAM...

The Salvation Army is committed to serving others without discrimination and sharing the good news with them - these mission priorities will be at the centre of this new role. The Community Mission Coordinator will coordinate the existing busy programme with a strong team of volunteers and develop new initiatives.

Working specifically in Staple Hill, a diverse community, current programme includes: drop-ins, food store, Employment Plus, Bible study groups, mid-week worship, coffee morning, toddler group, lunch club and an extensive range of seasonal activities. The candidate will also have scope to develop new initiatives, identifying needs and utilising available resources.

We are looking for an enthusiastic, passionate and highly motivated person with strong organisational skills; able to lead activities, coordinate volunteers and employees, manage administration tasks and network with other local groups and agencies.

This role has an occupational requirement that the successful candidate must be a committed and practising Christian and will be in sympathy with the doctrines of, and supportive of, the purposes and the aims and objectives of The Salvation Army.

Appointment subject to satisfactory references; proof of right to work in the UK and an enhanced DBS Check (Child Workforce)

SALARY:
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WORKING HOURS:
35 hours per week; including one Saturday a month, otherwise some level of flexibility. 28 hours will also be considered.

CONTRACT:
2yr FTC

DETAILS:
25 days annual leave + bank holidays (pro rata for part-time); a contributory pension scheme; season ticket loan; an employee assistance programme

CLOSING DATE: 27th July

INTERVIEW DATE: 5th August
Please contact for more information or if this date is not possible.
Hopeful start date end of August.



For further details and to apply please visit: www.salvationarmy.org.uk/jobs

*Appointment subject to satisfactory references, proof of right to work in the UK and DBS/PVG Disclosure
CVs will not be accepted. Promoting equality in the workplace.*

The Week Ahead

TODAY – Sunday 26th July:

10am All Age Worship *led by Majors Colin & Nicola*
'Water & Fire'

[1 Kings 18](#)

3pm Page Park Praise



Monday 27th July:

8pm Closing date for Job Advert
CAMEO Craft Group



Tuesday 28th July:

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*

Thursday 30th July:

10am-12noon Open Doors
12:30pm Lunch Club - *booking essential*

Friday 31st July:

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

Sunday 2nd August:

10am All Age Worship *led by Majors Colin & Nicola*
'Despair & Whisper'
[1 Kings 19](#)
11:30am Open meeting to discuss possibility of Holiday
Clubs – *If you would like to help in any way, please stay!*

As it is now the summer period, many of our regular activities will not be running – if it isn't listed above then it has probably already stopped for the summer and won't restart until September!

Please check with your leaders regarding Extra Slice groups meeting up.

Dates for the Diary

Here are some other dates that are coming up soon:

Saturday 15 th August	Cream Tea at the Campbell's
Sunday 16 th August	Page Park Praise
Saturday 22 nd August	Coffee Morning
Sunday 6 th September	Back 2 School Sunday Children's Church restarts Page Park Praise
Sunday 13 th September	Messy Church
Saturday 19 th & Sunday 20 th September	Harvest Festival Weekend

Cream Tea

**COME & ENJOY A CREAM TEA IN THE GARDEN WITH
HEATHER & MARY**

To support Naomi with her fundraising to become a
Salvation Army Officer

No set charge - Entry by Donation

**Saturday 15 August 2026
3:00 PM**

*Hillside House, 14 St Ladoc Rd
Keynsham BS31 2DR*

Bulletin during the Summer

As many of our weekly activities take a break over the summer, we will again reduce the Bulletin to a bi-weekly format during the month of August. Therefore, please be aware that there will be no bulletins published on either the 9th or 23rd August.