

SUNDAY 12th July 2026



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Welcome

When you ask people at our church the reason why they started coming to The Salvation Army in Staple Hill, there is one answer that comes up again and again. It is the warmth of the welcome that everyone receives. From the initial greeting on the pavement, through the handshakes in the foyer, to the buzz of happy conversation before and after the meeting - we are undoubtedly a very friendly and welcoming fellowship. And in weather like this, that welcome will be even warmer than normal! The signage at the end of the entrance corridor (see title) was well chosen.

However, a warm welcome is not always guaranteed in life. A couple of weeks ago, the Badminton Road bridge over the M4 finally reopened after 3 years of closure. Whereas the more direct route to church on a Sunday is appreciated, I can't help feeling that I am not quite so welcome in the village of Coalpit Heath ... they appear to have erected a sign especially in my honour! *Paul Heath*



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People

Please continue to think of those within our fellowship who are grieving, poorly, in hospital, awaiting test results or living with long term health conditions. During this past week, the prayer fellowship have been praying specifically for Sandra who is in hospital and for Barry Bray who has suffered a few setbacks during his recovery from his recent surgery.

Congratulations to Linda Isherwood who celebrates her 80th birthday today!

And more congratulations go to Karen and Aston who welcomed baby Avelie-Mai into the world on Friday of last week.

Cream Tea at the Campbell's

Heather Campbell and Mary White will be holding a Cream Tea event at Heather's house in Keynsham on Saturday 15th August to support Naomi with her fundraising to become a Salvation Army Officer. Further details will be provided soon, but it is worth adding a little note to your calendar so you don't miss it!

Flowers

Our sincerest thanks to Pauline Ewins for the flowers this week, remembering Clive's birthday.

General Move

On this coming Thursday, it will be the 'General Move' for those officers changing appointment. This is a time of great upheaval for all the families involved, for those corps who will be receiving new officers or being left without any officer. Please pray for all involved.

The Week Ahead

TODAY – Sunday 12th July:

10am	All Age Worship <i>led by Kelvin & Linda James</i> Ephesians 6: 10-18 & Psalm 119 (esp. v 105)
11:30am-12:15pm	Children's Church and Youth - <i>last Children's Church before summer break</i>
5:30pm	Pulse Youth Event <i>at Staple Hill</i>



Tuesday 14th July:

	<i>No Employment Plus</i>
10am – 2pm	Open Doors <i>inc. homemade soup at 12.30pm</i>
10am-11am	Fitness Club
11am-12noon	Extra Slice Group (leader: Kelvin) <i>at the hall</i>
From 6:30pm	Last YP Band Practice and Singing Company Practice before summer break
8pm	Songster Practice

Wednesday 15th July:

9:30am-11am	Tots on the Hill
3:30pm-4:30pm	Extra Slice Group (leader: Gerry) <i>online</i>
8pm-9pm	Extra Slice Group (leader: Linda) <i>at Kelvin & Linda's</i>
8:15pm-9:15pm	Extra Slice Group (leader: Beth) <i>online</i>

Thursday 16th July:

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

Friday 17th July:

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

The Week Ahead [continued]

Sunday 19th July:

10am

All Age Worship *led by Majors Colin & Nicola*

Elijah & Elisha: 'Ravens & Widow'

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4pm-6pm

Messy Church



Please note: Colin and Nicola are currently away on annual leave, returning on 14th July

Dates for the Diary

Here are some other dates that are coming up soon:

Monday 20 th July	Mission Council Meeting with the D.C.
Thursday 23 rd July	Thursday Church
Sunday 26 th July	Page Park Praise
Monday 27 th July	CAMEO Craft Group
Saturday 15 th August	Cream Tea at the Campbell's
Sunday 16 th August	Page Park Praise
Saturday 22 nd August	Coffee Morning

