

SUNDAYS 16th & 23rd August 2026



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THE WONDERS OF GOD'S PLANET

[Taken from the FaceBook page of Blackburn Salvation Army, Wednesday 12/8/26]

As we paused to witness the wonder of a solar eclipse on Wednesday, may we also have paused to remember the One who created the heavens and the earth. From the vastness of the skies to the depths of the oceans, from majestic mountains to the smallest creatures, creation continually points us beyond itself—to the greatness, creativity, and glory of our Creator.

“The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands.” [Psalm 19:1](#)

As the moon passed before the sun and day briefly gave way to darkness, it reminded us that we are part of something far greater than ourselves.

Look up ... Be in awe ... Give thanks ... Witness. Wonder. Worship.

May this eclipse have not only captured our eyes, but also turned our hearts toward God.

God's planet. Our home. His masterpiece.

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People

We were sad to learn that Derek's father passed away on Wednesday, and our thoughts are with Derek and his family at this time. We continue to remember Geoff, Kevin, Helen and the wider family as they prepare for Doris' funeral, which has been planned for:

- Saturday, 5th September 2026 @ 1pm at Westerleigh Crematorium after which there will be a service of celebration and reception at our hall.

Rob H is still unwell and remains in the Bristol Heart Institute and is awaiting an operation, and Yvonne W is in Southmead. Brian U has now moved to the rehabilitation centre in Yate. Please remember all our friends, including those not mentioned, in your prayers.

This Thursday 13th August is GCSE results day – please pray for those young people waiting for results and congratulations to those who received post 16 results this last week

Changes to Tesco Car Park

If you park in the Tesco car park in Staple Hill please take note of new signage which means that if you stay for over 30 minutes you will need to pay, or validate your tickets whilst shopping in Tesco.

A request

Jayan has been attending our Sunday morning meetings for a while now and as he continues his studies at UWE he is looking for somewhere to live – if you know of anywhere, please speak to Colin or Nicola.

Save the Dates!

Our Harvest celebrations are fast approaching on the weekend of 19th & 20th September. On the Saturday at 7pm we will be having a Harvest supper & quiz! Sign-up will soon be available but in the meantime, put it in your diary and invite your friends!

A reminder that there is a Divisional Youth Retreat Day on Saturday 26th September 10am – 4pm.

Flowers

Our thanks to Myriam for providing the flowers last Sunday whilst celebrating her birthday.

This week (16th) the flowers have been given by Linda Powell to mark what would have been Linda and Bryan's diamond wedding anniversary.

Next Sunday (23rd), the flowers will be provided by Anne and Rob Lear in memory of their mothers (Kath and Joyce).



Junior Camp

Friday 21st – Tuesday 25th August

Junior Camp starts this Friday and we hope Abigail, Luca, Lyle and Manna will have a great time along with Jess who is on the staff. Please pray for the week – here's some information to inform your prayers.

This year, we're stepping into the world of secret agents—with a twist! Our theme, "Prayer Force," will equip 8–11 year-olds to become powerful young intercessors. Through exciting sessions and activities, children will learn: What prayer is, How to intercede for themselves and others, How to contend for God's will, How to grow in relationship with the One who hears our prayers. This will be explored in main sessions, cell groups, evening prayers, and through everyday conversations throughout camp. Alongside our spiritual programme, campers will enjoy a huge variety of activities—games, crafts, evening entertainment, instructor-led sessions, and more! Each child will join a daytime group where they'll explore prayer, take part in creative and high-energy activities, and build friendships. Every morning we'll gather for main sessions, followed by small groups, which will be a great place to exercise the spiritual muscle and discipline of prayer, and evening reflection times.

Please pray:

- For Children and team to feel settled, welcomed and known
- For Children to know the truth that their prayers have power
- For energy and joy
- For good weather
- For safety, protection and fun
- That everyone would encounter God and be transformed
- For the children's prayers to transform their worlds, our division and the world.

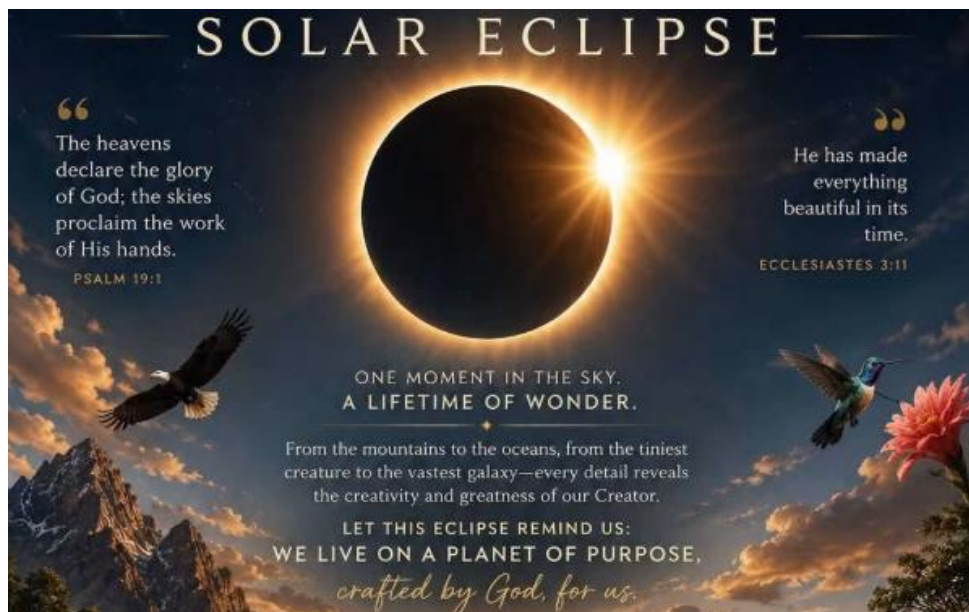
Dates for the Diary

Here are some other dates that are coming up soon:

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
Saturday 26 th September	Youth Retreat Day in Bridgwater
Monday 28 th September	CAMEO Craft Group Mission Council Meeting
Sunday 4 th October	Messy Church

Bulletin during the Summer

Please note that this edition covers 2 weeks. The next bulletin will be published on Sunday 30th August which will mark a return to our normal weekly edition.



The Weeks Ahead

TODAY – Sunday 16th August:

- 10am All Age Worship *led by Majors Colin & Nicola*
'Jars & Oil'
[2 Kings 4: 1-7](#)
- 3pm Page Park Praise



Tuesday 18th August:

- No 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*
- 8pm Senior Band Practice

Thursday 20th August:

- 10am-12noon Open Doors
- 11:15am Thursday Church *led by Naomi*
- 11:15am-12noon Extra Slice Group *at the hall*
- 12:30pm Lunch Club - *booking essential*



Friday 21st August:

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

Saturday 21st – Tuesday 25th August - Junior Camp

Saturday 22nd August:

- 10am to 12 noon Coffee Morning *coordinated by Tash & Phil*



Sunday 23rd August:

- 10am All Age Worship *led by Majors Colin & Nicola*
'Kindness & Son'
[2 Kings 4 : 3-37](#)

The Weeks Ahead [continued]

Tuesday 25th August:

9am – 2pm	Employment Plus <i>with Thierry</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>

Thursday 27th August:

10am-12noon	Open Doors
11:15am-12noon	Extra Slice Group <i>at the hall</i>
12:30pm	Lunch Club - <i>booking essential</i>

Friday 28th August:

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

Sunday 30th August:

10am	All Age Worship <i>led by Majors Colin & Nicola</i> 'Naaman & Leprosy' <u>2 Kings 5</u>
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*Many of our regular activities do not run during the summer holidays.
Please check with your leaders regarding Extra Slice groups meeting up.
However, the Thursday morning group will continue throughout the
summer.*