

SUNDAY 30th August 2026



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Get Engaged

A fortnight ago, Tracey and I travelled across the country to Sheringham to be present at a very special event. Our daughter, Victoria, and her partner James got engaged. Ever since, our extended household been filled with the excited chatter of wedding preparations – something that I am certain will continue throughout the next 12 months!



Getting engaged is an important and exciting part of anyone's life. It shows love and commitment. It provides a basis to plan a future and it forms a public seal on a relationship.

Becoming a Christian is just like getting engaged. Jesus loves us, and proposes a closer union. Each of us can either say 'yes' and enjoy all the excitement, and life-changing planning that comes with a commitment to Christ, or we can turn down the proposal and walk away, leaving a heartbroken Jesus in the shadows. Are you engaged?

"Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,

Calling for you and for me!"

[The Song Book of the Salvation Army, No. 436]

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People

We continue to remember those who have recently been bereaved. In particular we remember:

- Derek and his family as they prepare for the funeral of his father, Ron, which is to take place on: Wednesday, 2nd September at Mendip Crematorium at 11.30am.
- Geoff, Kevin, Helen and their respective families as they prepare for Doris' funeral on Saturday 5th September. The service of committal will take place at Westerleigh Crematorium at 1.00pm followed by a service of celebration and reception at the Salvation Army Staple Hill at 2.15pm

We were sad to learn that Yvonne W was promoted to glory this week. Please remember her family at this sad time (as of writing we do not have the funeral details).

There are a number of our friends who are poorly including Rob H who over the last couple of weeks has been in the Bristol Heart Institute and is awaiting surgery next week. Please pray for Rob, Linda and their family at this time.

We were pleased to learn that Victoria H and James have recently become engaged. Congregations to them both, and to the 'to be' parents of the bride, Paul and Tracey.

Extra Slice Groups

Extra Slice Groups are an important part of our fellowship and will be recommencing over the next week or two following the summer break. If you are not part of a group, then why not try one? This Thursday 3rd September we are holding an open group at the hall - 7.45pm for coffee / 8pm start. It would be good to see you. Alternatively, speak to Colin, Nicola or Linda J about the different mid-week options.

Saturday, 26th September

We try to plan a balanced programme, but occasionally things conspire to complicate the diary, and Saturday 26th September is one such occasion, with several events happening. This includes:

- Coffee Morning 10am - 12noon
- BS16 Prayer Walk starting at the URC in Mangotsfield at 10am and finishing at the Salvation Army at 12.30pm. This is an annual event organised by the local churches - please see attached 'flyer'
- Divisional Youth Event at Bridgewater

It would be good to support these events, so please keep the date free.



BS16 Churches Prayer Walk

Saturday 26th September
Stepping out to pray in solidarity
with our community

Everyone welcome!
Join in as you can to
walk, talk and pray.

10.00	Castle Green URC Mangotsfield
10.05	St James Mangotsfield
10.15	Emersons Green Baptist (Corner of Richmond Rd and EG Lane)
10.30	Resound
10.50	Badminton Road Methodist
11.00	St Augustine - Comfort break
11.30	Downend Baptist – Comfort break
11.50	The Well (outside their premises in Downend)
11.55	Christchurch
12.05	Pendennis Good News church
12.10	God's House International Centre
12.20	Staple Hill Methodist
12.30	Salvation Army – Bring lunch to share together

New Employee

We will be readvertising for the position of Community Mission Coordinator in this coming week – so please look out for details and share with anyone you think might be interested, thank you. Pray that the right person will be found to take up this exciting post.

Harvest Weekend (19th & 20th September) & Harvest Thursday Church (24th September)



We are looking forward to this special weekend which will begin on the Saturday with a Harvest Supper (Jackets & Crumble) and Quiz at 7pm. If you are planning on attending on the Saturday evening, please sign up using Churchsuite (Go into My Events and click on the 19th September and then on Harvest Supper – you can sign yourself and others in all at once). If you do not have the ChurchSuite app then please use the Signup sheet on the noticeboard.

Harvest is also a time to stock up our food store for those in need. Please bring any food donations to present during Harvest Sunday morning worship or Thursday Church Harvest. We are particularly in need of:

- tinned meat & fish
- long-life milk
- coffee, tea
- sugar
- pasta sauce jars
- rice
- breakfast cereal

It would be great if you could stick to this list of what we need, thank you. There will also be our usual Harvest Altar Service on the Sunday and the Thursday.

Harvest Envelopes

Please don't forget to pick up your named Harvest envelope in the foyer. You will also find some blank envelopes should one be needed.

Flowers

This bank holiday weekend, we are thankful to Pauline Perkins for providing the flowers at the front of the hall, remembering Roy Rodman.

Toddler Toy Clean

Wednesday, 2nd September, 9am - 12noon

Every year we clean all the toddler toys in time for the new academic year. It's always good fun, so if you would like to join us, please pop in on Wednesday morning (it always includes food!).

The Week Ahead

TODAY – 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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Tuesday 1st September:

9am – 2pm	Employment Plus <i>with Thierry</i>
10am – 2pm	Open Doors <i>inc. homemade soup at 12.30pm</i> <i>No Fitness Club</i>
11am-12noon	Extra Slice Group (leader: Kelvin) <i>at the hall</i>
8pm	Senior Band Practice

Wednesday 2nd September:

	<i>No Tots on the Hill, but see earlier in this bulletin regarding preparation for the new term</i>
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 3rd September:

10am-12noon	Open Doors
11:15am-12noon	Extra Slice Group <i>at the hall</i>
12:30pm	Lunch Club - <i>booking essential</i>
8pm	Open Extra Slice Group <i>at the hall</i> <i>everyone welcome (7:45pm for refreshments)</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 4th September:

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

I am not totally certain whether all the Extra Slice groups recommence this week – please check with you group leader to confirm!

Next Weekend

Saturday 5th September:

1pm Doris Pearce's Committal *at Westerleigh Crem.*
followed by Service of Celebration and reception at
the hall at 2:15pm

Sunday 6th September: **Back to School Sunday**

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

11:30am-12:15pm Children's Church/Youth activities recommence

3pm Page Park Praise – *last one of the year!*



Dates for the Diary

Here are some other dates that are coming up soon:

Sunday 13 th September	Messy Church
Saturday 19 th & Sunday 20 th September	Harvest Festival Weekend
Thursday 24 th September	Thursday Church
Saturday 26 th September	Youth Retreat Day in Bridgwater Prayer Walk Coffee Morning
Monday 28 th September	CAMEO Craft Group Mission Council Meeting
Sunday 4 th October	Messy Church
Sunday 10 th & 11 th October	Young People's Prizegiving weekend