

SUNDAY 6th September 2026



Local ...
Lively ...
Loving

Back to School

Whether you look back on your years in education with fondness or a degree of loathing, you cannot deny that you learnt a huge amount whilst at school. This week, our children (and some of our adults) return to school to start a new academic year, and our thoughts and prayers go with them. May they all find themselves stimulated, surrounded by love and friendship, and with the desire and freedom to expand their minds to reach their full potential.

But learning is not restricted to our school years – our learning continues through life. Our private study of the Bible, our attendance at church, our discussions at extra slice groups and our conversations with each other all goes to feed our hungry minds with knowledge of higher and greater things: of Jesus, of God, of eternity and of service.

Teach me how to love thee,

Teach me how to pray,

Teach me how to serve thee

Better every day.

[The Song Book of the Salvation Army, No. 624]

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People

We continue to remember and pray for those in our fellowship who have recently been bereaved. The details for Yvonne's funeral are:

- Thursday 17th September at 10am at the Memorial Woodland, Earthcott Green, Near Thornbury.

Please pray for Dean, Louise, Marc and the extended family at this time.

After several weeks in the Heart Institute, Rob had his surgery on Thursday. We continue to remember Rob, Linda and their family, along with all those in our fellowship who are experiencing ill-health or difficulties at this time.

Jeovany is off to university in London on the 14th. He will hopefully be with us on Sunday 13th, for us to send him off. Over the coming weeks others will be returning to university and our thoughts are with them.

Salvation Army Music Streaming Service

The Salvation Army has launched a new music streaming service called [SAmusicplay](#), which brings together Salvation Army music recordings from over 100 years – band music, songster music, solos and contemporary worship – all full searchable on-line. Currently over 7,000 tracks and growing!

This is a subscription service costing £4.95 per month or £49.95 for a year, with a 30-day free trial.

Messy Church Needs You!

As I step into my new role as Messy Church Craft Team Leader, I'm really looking forward to developing our craft activities and working alongside our wonderful team!



Could you help us with a little plea?

For an upcoming Messy Church activity, we need empty plastic bottles (500ml or smaller) with screw-cap lids. If you have any at home, please give them a rinse, keep the lid, and bring them along to the Corps – we would be very grateful!

Could YOU be part of the Craft Team?

Whilst I take on the Craft Team Leader role, this is also a great opportunity to grow our team!

If you've ever found yourself wondering, "Could I help with Messy Church?", "Would I be any good at crafts?" or "Is there a place for me on the team?" – come and have a conversation with me!

You do not need to be particularly crafty or artistic. We need people who are willing to get involved, welcome families, help children with activities, prepare resources, make a bit of mess and share God's love through what we do.

Whether you could help regularly or just occasionally, come and chat with me – I'd love to have you involved!

Naomi Blowers

Welcome Team Ministry – Volunteers Needed!

The Welcome Team Ministry is one of the first things people notice when they arrive on a Sunday — a warm, steady welcome that helps everyone feel at home. As we start a new school year, we're looking for volunteers to join a rota, with roles to suit different personalities and strengths.

Areas of Service

- Door welcome — folding notices and greeting people at the door, offering a friendly hello as they arrive.
- Coffee preparation — helping prepare the drinks before and after the service.
- Washing up — supporting with the tidy-up of the trolleys afterwards.

If you are interested in the Door Welcome and Coffee ministries, you'll need to come for 9am on the days you are serving. The more volunteers we get, the easier it will be for everyone.

You can be a standing member of the rota or simply offer cover when someone is away — both are a real help to the team.

If you'd like to get involved, please speak to Gerry or Nicola.

New Employee

The advert for the position of Community Mission Coordinator is again live with a closing date of Tuesday 22nd September – please share the details with anyone who might be interested and pray that the right person for this role will be available.

Here's the link: <https://bit.ly/4zTqZTe>

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.

Page Park Praise

Our 2026 season of PPP's have been well supported, so thanks to all who have helped. This Sunday is our last PPP for 2026 and our theme is the Parable of the Sower. I've a couple of larger visual aids that need to go to the park - if you can help, please let me know. Also, if there are a couple of thespians that would like to help with the Bible presentation, that would be brilliant. If you can, again, please let me know.

Flowers

Mary & Nick Dunk are celebrating their 38th wedding anniversary, and have provided the flowers at the front of the hall today for all of us to enjoy. Thank you.

Harvest Giving

Morning Worship on Sunday 20th September &

Thursday Church on 24th September 2026

Ways to give your Harvest gift:

- By Harvest envelope

Please collect your named envelope from the table in the foyer to use with cash or cheques (made payable to The Salvation Army) There will be time during the Sunday and Thursday Church meetings to give your Harvest envelope.

- By online BACS payments using the details below:

Account Name: The Salvation Army

Sort Code: 60-01-73

Account No: 00130997

Using Ref: Harvest

- By Contactless Payment

There will be a card reader available before and after the Harvest service (but not during the service) in the foyer

Thank you for contributing to the mission of The Salvation Army in our area.

The Week Ahead

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

10am	All Age Worship led by Majors Colin & Nicola 'Frontline Fruitfulness'
	Colossians 1: v 1-2 & 15-20
11:30am-12:15pm	Children's Church & Youth activities
3pm	Page Park Praise – <i>last one of the year!</i>



Tuesday 8th September:

9am – 2pm	Employment Plus <i>with Thierry</i>
10am – 2pm	Open Doors <i>inc. homemade soup at 12.30pm</i>
10am	Fitness Club
11am-12noon	Extra Slice Group (leader: Kelvin) <i>at the hall</i>
From 6:30pm	YP Band Practice and Singing Company Practice
8pm	Songster Practice

Wednesday 9th September:

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 10th September:

10am-12noon	Open Doors
11:15am-12noon	Extra Slice Group <i>at the hall</i>
12:30pm	Lunch Club - <i>booking essential</i>
6:45pm-7:45pm	Extra Slice Group (leader Bethany/Colin & Nicola) <i>at the hall</i>
8pm-9pm	Extra Slice Group (leader Bethany/Colin & Nicola) <i>at Colin & Nicola's</i>
8pm	Senior Band Practice
8:15pm-9:15pm	Extra Slice Group (leaders: Ian & Rachel) <i>online</i>

Friday 11th September:

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

Next Weekend

Sunday 13th September:

Back to School Sunday

10am

All Age Worship *led by Majors Colin & Nicola*
'Frontline Fruitfulness: Modelling Godly Character'
[Colossians 3: 12-17](#)

11:30am-12:15pm

Children's Church & Youth activities

3pm

Messy Church Team Meeting

4pm-6pm

Messy Church



Dates for the Diary

Here are some other dates that are coming up soon:

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
Thursday 22 nd October	Thursday Church