SUNDAY 8th November 2026

Staple Hill Bulletin

THE SALVATION ARMY

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A Nation Prepares

A couple of weeks ago, the Prime Minister went on record to urge households to have three days' worth of bottled water and tinned food to deal with a crisis such as a war, an online attack or a natural disaster. This is coupled with further increases in spending on defence and a growing preparation and readiness for military conflict. It is a sobering reminder that we live in very uncertain times.

And yet today we have an opportunity to pause and consider what that means – to think about the direct consequences of war and its devastating impact on real people. An impact that lasts through generations. An impact that cannot be allowed to happen again.

So we need make a different kind of preparation. We need to bring this troubled world to God in prayer.



This is my Father's world,

O let me ne'er forget

That though the wrong seems oft so strong,

God is the ruler yet.

The Song Book of The Salvation Army, No. 66

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People

We continue to support a number of families who have been bereaved and who are preparing for funerals. Please remember Brian and his family as they prepare for Pat's funeral, which is to take place this week:

- Monday 9th November 2026. There will be a service of celebration at the hall at 10.30, followed by a committal at 12noon at Mangotsfield Cemetery, returning to the hall for a reception.

And also Dennis Lane and his family as they prepare for Anne's funeral, which is to take place on:

- Monday, 23rd November 2026 at 12.30pm at the Waterside Chapel, Westerleigh Crematorium, followed by a committal at 1.30pm at Mangotsfield Cemetery, returning to Westerleigh for a reception.

We also remember:

- Aimee, Claire and Jean and their family following the bereavement of Chris (Aimee's grandfather).
- Wesley Challenger following the bereavement of his brother Gordon.
- Mary & Nick and their family following the passing of their Auntie Margie.

As of writing, we have no friends in hospital with those mentioned last week now home, However, we continue to remember those of our fellowship who are recovering from hospital treatment including, including: Hilton, Mary Brown (who has been moved to Stanshawes Care Home in Yate), David Jones, Jenny Read, Kay and Becky, along with a number of people who are recuperating from illness, who include: Lilian, Rob and Helen. There are a number of different seasonal bugs and illness going around, so please stay safe.

Cleaning:

We are extremely grateful to the team of volunteers who help clean our church. Whilst we primarily clean on a Friday, there are areas of the building which can be cleaned at different times, and you don't have to commit to every week. If you feel that you could be part of this ministry, please speak to Colin.

Flowers

Today we are remembering Olive's birthday through the flower arrangement provided by Gary Matthew's. Thank you.

Flowers for 2027

Flowers for 2027 can now be booked on ChurchSuite. However, we will also continue to place a paper copy of the rota on the notice board. If you book through ChurchSuite, would you also kindly add your name to the notice board as well so that people can see that the date is already take? Any questions, please speak to Viv so we don't have any mix-ups.

Also, please let us know of any special dates (birthdays, wedding anniversaries, etc.) so that we can mention it within our weekly news bulletin.

Welcome!

After receiving all the necessary checks, Jess Dickens will start her role as Community Mission Coordinator this Tuesday 10th November. Her usual working days will be Tuesday to Friday looking after all our day-time community activities. We are really looking forward to Jess joining the team, please pray for her as she settles in.

Christmas Day

We're all set to welcome people on Christmas Day again this year. The day is for anyone who would otherwise be on their own and would appreciate sharing Christmas dinner around the table with others in the community. The day includes a Christmas dinner, entertainment, lots of laughs and all sorts of goodies to take home. If you want to share with us or know of anyone who would like an invitation, then please ask Nicola or Deb.

We are also looking for people to help us on the day. We need people to help all day as Table Hosts, making people welcome, serving food and chatting with guests. We're also looking for people to pick up guests to arrive by 10.30am and people to take them home again at 3.15pm. Please see Nicola if you can help in any way. Thank you!



Dates for the Diary

Please check your ChurchSuite app (My events) for an up-to-date calendar of all events including these:

Special Worship Events:

Major Amanda Lee Leads worship	Sunday 22nd Nov. 10am
Family Carol Service	Sunday 6th Dec. 10am
Gift Service	Sunday 13th Dec. 10am
Carol Service	Sunday 20th Dec. 5pm
Carols in the Square	Thursday 24th Dec. 5pm
Christmas Day Service	Friday 25th Dec. 11am

Monthly & Irregular Meetings:

CAMEO Craft Groups	Monday 30th Nov.
Church2U	Sunday 22nd Nov. 12pm
Messy Church	Sunday 29th Nov. 4pm-6pm
Thursday Church Carol Service	Thursday 10th Dec. 11:15am

Divisional Events:

Divisional Youth Praise Night	Sunday 22nd Nov. 5.30pm – 6.30pm

Christmas Events:

Christmas Reception	Tuesday 24th Nov. through to Christmas Eve 10am-12noon
Christmas On the Hill	Saturday 28th Nov. 10am onwards
Christmas Band Concert	Friday 4th Dec. at St Mary's church in Yate

The Week Ahead

TODAY – Sunday 8th November: ***Remembrance Sunday***

10am	All Age Worship *led Major Nicola* *'Frontline Fruitfulness: Being a mouthpiece for truth & justice'* *Colossians 1:9-14*

Worship will start with coffee at 10am – but don't worry there'll be coffee afterwards too!

10:20am	Remembrance Parade leaves from Page Road (supported by the Senior Band), followed by the Service of Remembrance in Page Park led by Major Colin
11:30am-12:15pm	Children's Church (Youth will be joining the service of Remembrance in the park)
4pm-6pm	Messy Church

Monday 9th November:

10.30am	Service of Celebration for Pat Usher - *at our hall* and 12noon Committal *at Mangotsfield Cemetery* followed by reception in our hall

Tuesday 10th November:

9am – 2pm	Employment Plus *with Thierry*
10am – 2pm	Open Doors *inc. homemade soup at 12.30pm*
10am	Fitness Club
10am – 1pm	Energy Help Desk
11am-12noon	Extra Slice Group (leader: Kelvin) *at the hall*
From 6:30pm	YP Band Practice and Singing Company Practice
8pm	Senior Band Practice

Wednesday 11h November:

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

The Week Ahead [continued]

Thursday 12th November:

10am-12noon	Open Doors
11:15am	Thursday Church – Remembrance Service
12:30pm	Lunch Club - *booking essential*
8pm-9pm	Extra Slice Group (leaders: Colin & Nicola) *at Colin & Nicola's*
8pm-9pm	Extra Slice Group (leader: Bethany) *at Bev & Jon's*
8:15pm-9:15pm	Extra Slice Group (leaders: Ian & Rachel) *online*

Friday 13th November:

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

Saturday 14th November:



10am-12noon	Coffee Morning
10am-4pm	Divisional Children's & Youth Leaders' Retreat Day

Sunday 15th November:

10am	All Age Worship *led Majors Colin & Nicola* *'Frontline Fruitfulness: The journey on'* *Colossians 2: 6-23*
11:30am-12:15pm	Children's Church & Youth activities

STAPLE HILL REMEMBRANCE DAY

SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER



The parade will start on Page Road at 10am.
At 10.20am the parade will march to the war Memorial in Page Park for a service of Remembrance.
For more information or to order a wreath, please contact:

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