

SUNDAY 13th September 2026



Local ...
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Loving

Feeling Welcome

During this past week, I have had a new employee join my team at work. Being fresh into the company, I have been doing my best to introduce him to colleagues, explain how the company works, outline his specific duties and generally make him feel welcome. If he comes back again next week, I will consider my efforts to have been at least partially successful!

Last Sunday, we welcomed new people and visitors into our worship, and I was reminded of how Tracey and I felt on our first visit to the corps 30 years ago. I still remember the warmth of that welcome, the hand-shakes and the conversations with those who stood on the door, and those within the congregation. I have been reminded of how that first Sunday made us feel instantly 'at home', and filled us with a desire to be part of this fellowship.

I don't believe that welcome has diminished in any way over the years even though the faces may have changed ... it is embedded within the very culture of Staple Hill Corps.

Thankyou to all those who greet us each week, and those who take the time to chat, for the handshakes, the smiles and the interest. You make us all feel welcome. Your ministry is invaluable.

Paul Heath

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People

As of writing, I am unaware of any of our friends being in hospital, with Rob being discharged on Thursday following his heart surgery last week. We continue to pray for his recovery. We have been asked to pray for Kenneth, who is poorly. Kenneth and his sister, Margaret, are part of our on-line worship community.

We also 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.

We have a number of students returning to/going to university over the coming days, our thoughts and prayers go with them. Last Sunday, Jay attended worship, who is a student at UWE, so please make him feel welcome.

Page Park Praise

I [Colin] just wanted to say a massive thank you to everyone who helped during this season of Page Park Praise outreach events. Each month is a mammoth effort, which is not possible without your help and support. For whatever you did, thank you.

Flowers

This week, the flowers have been presented by Mary & Malcolm White. Thank you.

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 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

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.

Further to information already given in the bulletin over the last couple of weeks, please see this updated list of food needed for our food store. We are particularly in need of:

- Long Life milk
- Tea bags or coffee
- Breakfast cereal
- Pasta sauce jars
- Pasta/rice
- Tinned meat – meatball, Irish stew, chicken in sauce, etc.
- Tinned potatoes
- Biscuits
- Fray Bentos pies
- Tins of ham or corned beef
- Tomatoes
- Baked beans
- Or money

Please bring any food donations to present during Harvest Sunday morning worship or Thursday Church Harvest.

Help for Ukraine

I have a contact who is self-funded and travels 4 or 5 times a year to Ukraine to help and support wounded soldiers just 5 miles behind the front line. They are desperately in need of medical items that you may well dispose of when you no longer need them.

Would you be able to donate:

- Medication (no more than 6 months out of date)
- Wrapped dressings / bandages
- Or even larger items such as wheelchairs and walking frames, etc.

A financial contribution towards transport costs would also be greatly appreciated!

For more information, please talk to me.

Margaret Boxell

The Week Ahead

TODAY – Sunday 13th September:

10am	All Age Worship <i>led by Majors Colin & Nicola</i> '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



Tuesday 15th September:

	<i>No Employment Plus</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	Senior Band Practice

Wednesday 16th 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 17th September:

10am-12noon	Open Doors
10am	Funeral of Yvonne Willetts <i>at Memorial Woodlands</i>
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>
8:15pm-9:15pm	Extra Slice Group (leaders: Ian & Rachel) <i>online</i>

Friday 18th September:

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

Next Weekend

Saturday 19th September: *Harvest Weekend*

7pm

Harvest Supper & Quiz – *sign up on ChurchSuite*



Sunday 20th September: *Harvest Weekend*

10am

All Age Worship *led by Majors Colin & Nicola*
'Harvest Celebration'

*Includes Altar Service for our harvest monetary gifts and donations of
food to our harvest food store appeal*

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



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.

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| 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 |

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:

Harvest Celebrations	Saturday 19 th & Sunday 20 th Sept. Thursday 24 th Sept.
YP Prizegiving Day	Sunday 11 th Oct.
Remembrance Sunday	Sunday 8 th Nov.
Major Amanda Lee Leads worship	Sunday 22 nd Nov. 10am

Monthly & Irregular Meetings:

Coffee Morning	Saturdays 26 th Sept., 24 th Oct., 14 th Nov.
Mission Council	Monday 28 th Sept., 9 th Nov.
Messy Church	Sundays 13 th Sept., 4 th Oct., 8 th Nov.
CAMEO Craft Groups	Mondays 28 th Sept., 26 th Oct., 30 th Nov.
Thursday Church	Thursday 24 th Sept., 22 nd Oct., 12 th Nov.
Pastoral Care Council	Monday 26 th Oct. 7pm
Church2U	Sunday 27 th Sept., 22 nd Nov. 12pm

Divisional Events:

Divisional Youth Retreat Day	Saturday 26 th Sept. 10am-4pm
Divisional Children's Praise & Pizza Party	Friday 6 th Nov. 5pm-7pm
Divisional YP Leaders Day	Saturday 14 th Nov. 10am – 4pm
Divisional Youth Praise Night	Sunday 22 nd Nov. 5.30pm – 6.30pm

Other Activities and Events:

BS16 Churches Prayer Walk	Saturday 26 th Sept. 10am – 1pm
Children's Holiday Club	Monday 26 th , Tuesday 27 th , Wednesday 28 th Oct. 9.30am – 12pm (Primary School children)
Light Party	Friday 30 th Oct. 6.30pm – 8.30pm (Years 5-9)