



The Stanborough Park Seventh-day Adventist Church,  
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# *The Christmas Toy Service*



**GOLDEN JUBILEE**  
**1961 - 2011**

*And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need  
by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus:  
'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' quoted by Paul*

(Acts 20:35 New Living Translation)

10 December 2011

### **Stanborough Park Church Annual Toy Service Golden Jubilee**

Back in 1961 big-hearted church member Alf Kelly, whose tireless work for the local community was acknowledge with the award of an MBE in 1996, was sufficiently concerned that local children were missing out at Christmas time because their parents were unable to afford presents for them that he set about doing something to rectify the situation. He persuaded the members to enter into the true spirit of Christmas and donate toys for local needy children. Year-by-year Alf would decorate the church, displaying the toys and prominently featuring a gigantic Christmas tree for a special service on Sabbath morning a couple of weeks before Christmas to which the Mayor of Watford was invited – and usually attended.

Through his charity work, Alf knew where the local hardship cases were and usually distributed the toys himself before Christmas, often dressed for the part as Father Christmas. This was the part that he enjoyed most of all.

This tradition, once established, has continued every year since 1961. Following Alf's death in 1996 the service has been organised by his daughter Pat Walton who follows the same format and presents the toys herself to the Mayor of Watford. Now both the elected Mayor and Council Chair usually attend the event and the toys are distributed by professionals such as social workers and health visitors and by staff at the local Surestart Children's Centre and the Watford Women's Refuge.

The Toy Service has benefited many local families who have very little and are always extremely grateful for the gifts they receive to give to their children at Christmas. For some, it means the difference between the child receiving a present and having nothing. Receiving support from the Toy Service definitely makes a huge difference to their enjoyment of, and participation in, Christmas celebrations. ■

*We extend to each of you a very warm welcome to  
Stanborough Park Church this morning as we  
celebrate the 50th anniversary of our Toy Service.  
We are honoured to have with us as our special guests  
the Mayor of Watford, Dorothy Thornhill, and the  
Chairman of Watford Borough Council,  
Lindsey Scudder.  
May Jesus, the perfect Christmas gift, bless us with  
the gift of His perfect peace and a sense of His presence  
in our hearts today and every day.*

Stanborough Secondary School Carol Concert this Thursday, 15th December at 7pm in the church. Refreshments will be on sale after the concert. All welcome!

The speaker next Sabbath 17th December will be Paul Tompkins.

Parallel Christmas Cafe Saturday, 17th December, 7.30pm. A three-course meal, live music, quiz and a fun festive atmosphere! £7 per person (drinks not included), book 8 places and pay for 7 only. Non alcoholic bar. See Lydia Dean to book.

Christmas Gift Wrapping Service 2-6pm, Sunday 18th December in the Cedar-Sycamore Room. Bring your gifts to be beautifully wrapped for a donation to charity. Refreshments on sale.

The Youth Committee Christmas Tea Party for the over 60s will be held on Tuesday 20th December at 4.30pm. If you would like to attend, see Etienne Guenin or Rosemary Barham after the service today, or contact Etienne on 07860 152138 or eguenin@gmail.com by 11th December.

Carol Singing at ASDA Come and sing for the customers on 21st and 23rd December between 10am and 1pm. Meet by the cafeteria.

Deaconesses for 2012 There is a special meeting for you on Sunday, 8th January at 3pm.

## DIARY

Sun Senior Club Christmas Party, 1pm  
Mon Badminton Club, 5.30pm  
Tue Tuesday Talk, 8pm  
Wed Badminton Club, 5.30pm  
Baptismal class, 5pm  
Praying for the Holy Spirit, 7pm  
Prayer Meeting, 7.30pm  
Thu Pastor's Open Office, 6.30-9pm  
Stanborough School Carol Concert, 7pm  
Fri Christmas Soup Run, 8.30pm  
Sab Family Service, 11am: Paul Tompkins  
Elders: Terry Menkens & Barbara Clee  
Parallel Christmas Café, 7.30pm  
18 Dec Christmas Gift Wrapping, 2-6pm  
20 Dec Christmas Party for over 60s, 4.30pm  
21 Dec Carol Singing at ASDA, 10am-1pm  
23 Dec Carol Singing at ASDA, 10am-1pm  
Christmas Eve service, 7pm  
24 Dec Family Christmas Service, 11am  
8 Jan Food Hygiene Training, 9.30am  
Deaconesses' Meeting, 3pm

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DVD recordings of services are available  
to order from the desk after the service.

**BULLETIN ITEMS** Deadline Thursday 3pm  
email: bulletin@be-blue.org

*Sabbath, 10th December 2011*

## *Toy Service*

*But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.*  
Galatians 4:4-5

Congregation stands

Trumpet Fanfare

Pierre Guenin

Silent Prayer

Call to Worship: Hymn 96 verse 1

*It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all gracious King;  
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.*

Invocation

Neilson Roberts

Hymn 86

*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

Tithes and Offerings

*Who Would Imagine a King*

Amy, Ethan, Eva, Andreas, Jaris, Reuben and Alan

Scripture Reading: Matthew 7:7-11

Dorothy Thornhill, Elected Mayor of Watford

Prayer

Jim Huzzey with Charlotte and Eddie Cunningham

The children bring their toys and gifts

Presentation

Pat Walton

Response

Councillor Lindsey Scudder

Children's Song: *Mary's Boy Child*

with Tim and Chantal Alen

Meditation: *How Much More...*

*Pastor Paul Clee*

Hymn 181

*Joy to the World*

Benediction

Paul Clee



## Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With th'angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ the everlasting Lord;  
In the manger born a king,  
While adoring angels sing,  
"Peace on earth, to men good will,"  
Bid the trembling soul be still,  
Christ on earth has come to dwell,  
Jesus, our Immanuel!  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail! the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail! the Sun of Righteousness!  
Life and light to all he brings,  
Risen with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by,  
Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

## Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord will come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Lord will reign!  
Let men their songs employ;  
While fields, and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more shall sin and sorrow grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse is found.

Soon will He rule the earth with grace,  
And make the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, and wonders of His love.

## SABBATH SCHOOL 9.45am

Welcome – Kavita Shah  
Hymn 592: *Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee*  
Prayer – Misha Jordan  
Mission Spotlight  
*Silent Night* – Boys' Ensemble  
Bible Study Groups  
Mission Offering  
Hymn 415: *My Song Shall Be of Jesus*  
Benediction – Kavita Shah

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Many thanks to Neilson, Gordon and Andrew who put up and decorated the Christmas tree.

Membership Transfer First Reading Pastor Nathan Stickland, Pastor Aristotle Vontzalidis and Mrs Sophia Vontzalidis, from the SEC Church into Stanborough Park Church.

Do we have your correct address and telephone number? Please see the Pastor or Church Clerk so that we can update our records.

Family Prayer Basket Let us continue to pray for the Debique family this week.

The Singing Group visit to Rosslyn Court today has been cancelled.

Senior Club Our Christmas party will be held this coming Monday, 12th December. Unfortunately all places are now taken, but for those who have already booked, the festivities commence at 1pm and will end at 5pm. We look forward to an afternoon of food, fun and friendship. Our first programme of 2012 will be on Monday, 9th January, 2-4pm.

Praying for the Holy Spirit Come and join us as we pray for the Holy Spirit to work in our church and personal life. We meet on Wednesdays in the Maple Room, 7.00-7.25pm.

The Prayer Meeting takes place this Wednesday at 7.30pm.  
Pastor's Open Office this Thursday 15th December. Drop in any time between 6.30 and 9pm if you wish to talk or pray.

The Soup Run on Friday will be led by Pat Walton and the driver will be Adam Murphy. This will be the Christmas run when we will give out Christmas gifts. If you would like to donate chocolate bars, satsumas or mince pies, or wish to go on the Soup Run, please contact Pat on 01923 672500.

The next Tuesday Talk will be on 13th December. The speaker will be Dejan Stojković: *Who's Watching My Back?* Light supper served at 7pm, talk at 8pm. All welcome.

## SUNSET TIMES

Today: 3:52

Next Week: 3:52

**PRAYER CORNER** Let us pray for the homeless during these cold days and nights, and for those affected by the stormy weather in Scotland and northern England.