To maintain a reverent atmosphere in the sanctuary we would respectfully remind everyone that the church has adopted a policy of no photography other than by the clearly identifiable official photographers. They will take photos of all performances and make them available to download from our Facebook page and website: http://stanboroughpark.adventistchurch.org.uk/photo_albums. Hiresolution photos can be obtained by emailing contact@stanboroughchurch.org or beatrice@stanboroughpark.org. DVD recordings of services can be ordered at the desk in the concourse. Your cooperation and understanding are appreciated.

Note: Photographs of the children with the Mayor will be sent for publication

Jared's Studies Jared and the pastoral team would like to thank everyone who has helped him to raise $\pounds6000$ towards his theology studies, but he is still $\pounds4,000$ short. Jared will return to South Africa on 21 December to complete his visa application. We would greatly appreciate it if you could help him raise the shortfall. The treasury team manages this fund, so please speak to Pam Robertson or Pastor Geert Tap if you would like to help Jared with a single donation or a monthly contribution.

Senior Club Christmas Party this Monday 12 December. If you have booked please be there by 12.45 for a 1pm start. We look forward to an afternoon of delicious food, fun, carols, and a Christmas message from Pastor Geert. See you there!

The Experience this Tuesday, 13 December at 7pm. Come and bring a friend for a light supper and The Experience.

Wednesday Prayer Meeting This week Barbara Hankin will share a special testimony with us. 7.30pm in the sanctuary.

The Soup Run on Friday 16 December will be led by Pat Walton and the driver is Les Dean. This will be the Christmas Soup Run, when we will give out Christmas bags to the homeless in London. If you wish to go on the Soup Run, or donate items for the bags (chocolate bars, men's toiletries, socks, etc), please contact Pat on 01923 672500. We urgently need blankets, sleeping bags and warm men's clothing.

Pot Luck Lunch for all deacons and deaconesses, Sabbath 17 December. Please email mick.lilley108@btinternet.com to let him know if you are coming and what you will bring.

Youth Christmas Banquet next Saturday, 17 December at 7pm. Open to all youth aged 13-30. Tickets £5, or £7 on the night. See youth team leaders for your ticket!

Church Business Meeting Sunday 18 December at 7pm in the Cedar-Sycamore Room. Agenda: 2017 Church Operating and Departmental Budget.

Let's Walk The last walk of 2016 will be on 31 December at 2.30pm. See Edward for details.

Adventurer & Pathfinder enrolment Sunday 8 January. New members aged 6-15 years welcome.

Prayer Corner Let us pray for the children of Watford, especially those who will receive a gift from today's service. Please also pray for the people of Aceh Province, Indonesia, where an earthquake this week has killed dozens and caused injury and widespread destruction.



TOY SERVICE – 11AM

Trumpet Fanfare Yumi Hinata and Carolyn Guenin

Call to Worship – Hymn 87 verse 1

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold, As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright, So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to Thee.

Invocation Paul Bellamy

Luke 1:26-33 Misha Jordan

Hymn 686 "Once in Royal David's City"

Verse 1 solo – Charlotte Fidelia Verses 2-5 – Congregation

Tithes and Offerings

"Angels We Have Heard on High" Junior Orchestra

Family Prayer The Fletcher-Bryan Family David, Donna, Semira and Ahyron

"O Come Little Children" Junior Choir

Children bring their gifts

Presentation Pat Walton with Stephanie Curtis and Seth Moser

Response Baroness Thornhill

"Go Tell It On the Mountain" Messy Church Praise Team

Matthew 18:1-7 Baroness Thornhill

Meditation "Redressing Value" Pastor Jacques Venter

Hymn 181 "Joy to the World"

Benediction

Postlude

Sunset Times: Today 3:52pm Next Friday: 3.52pm

SABBATH SCHOOL - 9.45AM

Welcome Ellen Philbert
Hymn 88 "O Come O Come Immanuel"
Prayer Terry Menkens
Mission Story Edward Hammond
"He is Born the Holy Child" Minami Matsumoto, Yumi Hinata and Clyde Arit
Lesson Study "Out of the Whirlwind"
Mission Offering Curtis Chang
Hymn 84 "There's a Song in the Air"
Closing Prayer Eustace Anthony



We welcome you all to the Toy Service today, a special date in our church calendar. We also welcome back Baroness Thornhill, Elected Mayor of Watford, who will receive our gifts on behalf of the children of Watford. As we give these gifts, let us also give thanks to God for the greatest Gift, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and in return give Him our love, adoration and praise.

This Christmas at Stanborough Park ...

Today 6pm My Christmas Story: An evening of testimonies and song. Join us for a special time of celebration as we reflect on how God has made a difference in our lives this past year.

Christmas Eve 11am Family Christmas Service.

Christmas Eve 6pm Candlelight Service of Nine Lessons and Carols.



We look forward to welcoming you, your friends and neighbours!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Family Ministries Prayer Basket is with Gabriela and Carmen Lupu and their families. Please pray for God's guidance, blessing and protection for them as they prepare to move to new homes and jobs in London soon.

Stanborough News There are still some copies to be distributed to homes around the church. Please take a bundle to give out this week.

The Welfare Department needs non-perishable foods – tins and jars, pasta, biscuits, etc.

Sabbath School Lesson Study Guides 2017, calendars and devotionals for the new year should be ordered from Lorraine **today**.

Church Clerk absence Pat Swan will be on holiday 5 December-26 January. You may still contact her by email but replies may take a little longer than usual.

The Singing Group will visit Riverside Court, Colne House WD28 6TQ at 3.30pm today, then on to Adina and Douglas.

Douglas and Adina Farrant appreciate the regular prayers, gifts of flowers from the church, visits, and the cheer and encouragement they receive from the singing group.