



The Sweetest Harvest

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit." John 15:5

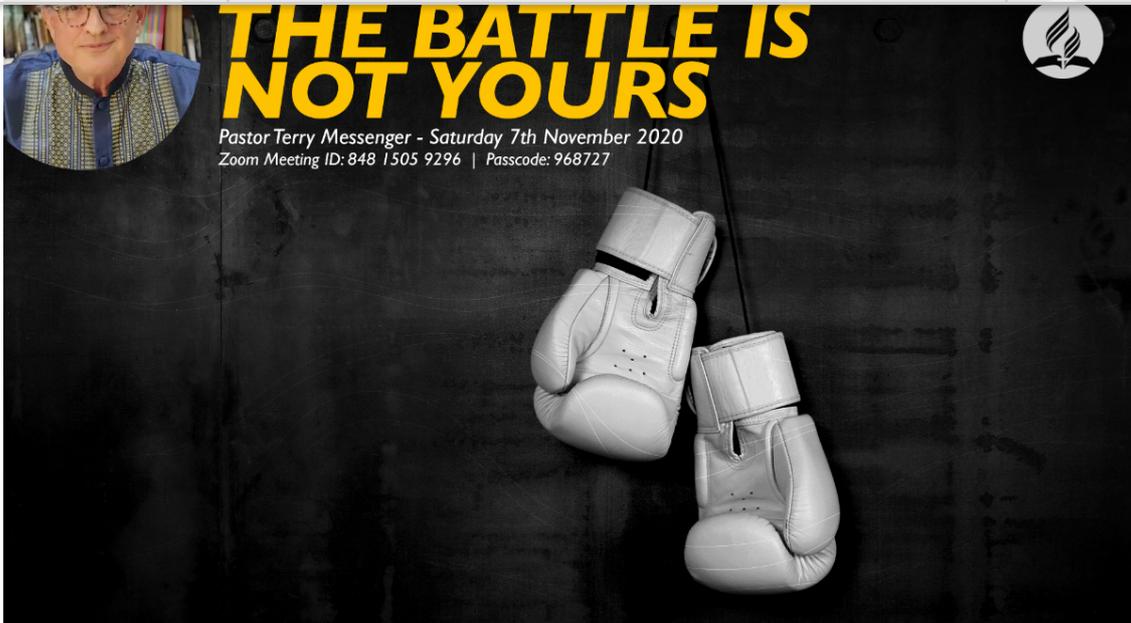
When we purchased our home, we inherited an established grapevine. As gardening novices, my family invested considerable time learning how to prune, water, and care for it. When our first harvest came, I popped a grape from the vine into my mouth—only to be disappointed with an unpleasant, sour taste.

The frustration I felt about painstakingly tending a grapevine, only to have a bitter harvest, echoes the tone of Isaiah 5. There we read an allegory of God's relationship to the nation of Israel. God, pictured as a farmer, had cleared the hillside of debris, planted good vines, built a watchtower for protection, and crafted a press to enjoy the results of His harvest (Isaiah 5:1–2). To the farmer's dismay, the vineyard, representing Israel, produced sour-tasting grapes of selfishness, injustice, and oppression (v. 7). Eventually, God reluctantly destroyed the vineyard while saving a remnant of vines that someday would produce a good harvest.

In the gospel of John, Jesus revisits the vineyard illustration, saying, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit" (John 15:5). In this parallel imagery, Jesus pictures believers in Him as grapevine branches connected to Him, the main vine. Now, as we remain connected to Jesus through prayerful reliance on His Spirit, we have direct access to the spiritual nourishment that will produce the sweetest fruit of all, love.

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Announcements / News

- **Our church doors have to close during the month of November**, but God's message of saving Grace will still be proclaimed via live streaming at 11am each Sabbath morning. We will continue with Hope Sabbath School at 10am and the 11am service will follow as normal, except that it will have been recorded. A new feature will be the opportunity to **join a Zoom discussion group ten minutes after the end of the service**. This week it will be hosted by our Pastor Terry Messenger. Zoom Meeting ID: 848 1505 9296 || Passcode: 968727

- **Parallel team** are inviting you to a scheduled Zoom service on Saturday 7th November at 11am. Meeting ID 83364811455, Password 755403. We look forward to seeing you.

- **Life Source Christian Bookshop** will remain open at the normal times over this second lock down as we are providing essential products i.e. health food/products. Our online platform (lifesourcebookshop.co.uk) will still provide a full service online for 24 hours every day.

- **Virtual Gift Box Appeal 2020** - Many children here in the UK have become disadvantaged because of the impact of COVID-19. Through our ADRA community hubs, we want to support such children and bring a little bit of happiness to them this year. [Your virtual gift box](#) will allow our hubs to respond and help. Each virtual box is valued at £10. [Please donate a virtual gift box today! www.adragiftbox.org.uk](http://www.adragiftbox.org.uk)

- **Prayer Meeting** on Wednesday 11th November at 7pm. Kish Podder would like to invite you to join him for prayer and worship on Zoom ID 86332812854, Password 063944

and support have been really important as we grieve the loss of our beloved Juliana. Our request is for us to keep on trusting firmly on our rock, our Lord and Saviour. *"You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You. Trust in the Lord forever, for in YAH, the Lord, is everlasting strength."* Isaiah 26:3-4 NKJV. We also ask for God's healing balm for our son Philipe, for him to hope and wait patiently on the Lord and for the Lord to be his portion. Lamentations 3:22-26

- For information about **Earliteen Sabbath School**, please email:

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- **The adult Bible study** is meeting on Sabbath at 3pm.

Young people's **baptismal class** will be Friday's 5:30-6:30pm from today, 15th September. If you would like to join in via Zoom, please email Pastor Terry at TMessenger@secadventist.org.uk to get details.

- **Cradle Roll Programme** Sabbath at 9:45am on [Youtube](#) and [Facebook](#).
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- **TOY SERVICE** We are still planning for our Toy Service to take place, one way or another, on Sabbath 12th December. Toys and gifts for children, teens, Mothers and Fathers are more needed than ever this year. Please, therefore, be ready to give your toys and gifts as soon as we can announce a date for you to bring them to the church. If you are unable to purchase gifts we are happy to do this for you on receipt of monetary donations. Thank you for your support.
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- **e-Week of Prayer for Teens and Youth coming soon!!**

8th to 14th November at 7pm For more details: youth@stanboroughchurch.org.

- **One Vision** is currently providing more than 4,000 hot meals and around 900 grocery bags per week and delivers to all Watford postcodes plus WD3, WD6, HP2, HP27 and AL10. It currently has almost 100 volunteers but **urgently needs new volunteer drivers to help distribute food to those in need**. Anyone interested will need to commit to one four-hour shift per week, Monday to Friday, from 12.30pm to 4.30pm. Please contact Elizabeth Burns, Enoch or email to ovp@stanboroughpark.org.
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- **Luther Blissett, Former England Footballer becomes patron and ambassador for One Vision.** [Read here](#)
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- **What Has One Vision Been Doing in October?** [Read here](#)
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The theme of the week is "The Journey Home"



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