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## **Relentless Love**

"Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3:1811

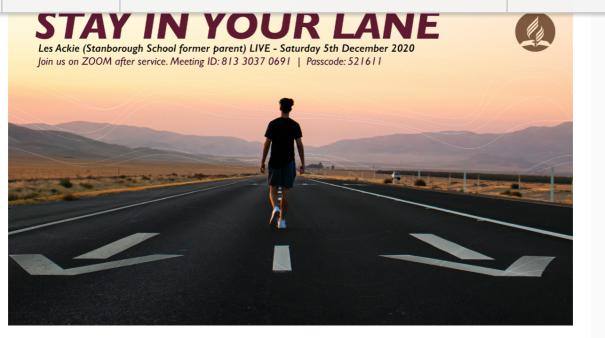
Heidi and Jeff came home from an overseas work assignment in a hot climate and settled for several months near family in the state of Michigan—just in time for winter. This would be the first time many of their ten children had seen the natural beauty of snow.

But winter weather in Michigan requires a lot of warm outerwear, including coats, mittens, and boots. For a large family, it would be quite an expensive undertaking just to outfit them for the bitterly cold months ahead. But God provided. First, a neighbor brought over footwear, then snow pants, then hats and gloves. Then, a friend urged others at her church to collect a variety of warm clothes in all twelve sizes for each member of the family. By the time the snow arrived, the family had exactly what they needed.

One of the ways we serve God is by serving those in need. First John 3:16–18 encourages us to help others from the abundance of our own possessions. Serving helps us to be more like Jesus as we begin to love and see people as He does.

God often uses His children to fulfill needs and to answer prayers. And as we serve others, our own hearts are encouraged as we encourage those we serve. As a result, our own faith will grow as God equips us for service in new ways (v. 18).

By: Cindy Hess Kasper from odb.org



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# **Announcements / News**

- The service on 5th December is taken by Stanborough Secondary School.
   A special welcome to Mr Kaz James, the Headteacher, students and staff. May God's name be glorified today! After the Traditional Service, you are invited to join in a Zoom fellowship time with the members and friends. Details of how to join in will be on screen at the end of the service. Or <u>click here</u>.
- Join us on this Saturday, 5th December for a Special Parallel's Advent Service.
   We will be worshipping together through readings and music, and prepare our hearts for Christmas and ultimately for Jesus's coming! Zoom <u>click here.</u>

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### everyone safe the toys and gifts will be received in the church car park on Sunday 6th December between 1pm - 3pm.

Your children will still be able to put their toys in the sacks in the car park and this event will be filmed for inclusion in the Worship service on 12th December. If you do NOT want your child to be filmed then please just let the organisers know. **Toys and gifts for children, teens, Mothers and Fathers are more needed than ever this year.** If you are unable to purchase gifts we are happy to do this for you on receipt of monetary donations. Please send to Pat or Audrey or leave in an envelope at church marked with their names.

This is a 55-year-old tradition which has long been attended by the Watford mayor and social service officers who then distribute toys to needy families under their care. **Let's make this the best Toy Service ever!** Thank you for your continued support. It is greatly appreciated.

- 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
- Children's Sing-Along on Christmas Eve from 2-2:30pm on Zoom. If you would like your child/children (or even yourself!!) to participate, please contact Ruth at <u>christmasevesingalong@yahoo.com</u> by the 30th November. Children and people of all ages are welcome.
- LOCKDOWN NEWS #8 <u>Read Here</u> | Lockdown news #8 <u>Download pdf version</u>.

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- Women's Ministry will be meeting Saturday 5th December from 3-5pm. Join us and Adriana Mahy, on Zoom ID: 2509665133 Password: 243467, as we learn about Hagar, another woman in the Bible.
- Cradle Roll Programme November Sabbath at 9:45am on <u>Youtube</u> and <u>Facebook</u>.
- 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

ovp@stanboroughpark.org.

• Christmas Eve service December 24th at 7pm. You are warmly invited to celebrate the *Hope of Christmas* through carols and readings.

As numbers are still limited we do need you to register with Audrey or Roger, please. abalderstone@btconnect.com or rt.murphyhotmail.co.uk

- **Stanborough Secondary School** is honoured to join hands with Stanborough Park Church, One Vision and Watford Youth Council in donating Christmas toys and food for the vulnerable families in our community. Students, parents and staff are all supporting this initiative as they reflect on Jesus' birth and the gift of giving.
- Stanborough Secondary School Christmas Carol service 2020. Our annual Carol service has been organised for 8th December at 7pm. The event will be livestreamed on YouTube. Join us as we celebrate 'Jesus, The Light of the World'!
- The Church will be open for Worshippers from December 5.
   If you would like to attend the service please register as before with Roger Murphy rt.murphy@hotmail.co.uk or Audrey Balderstone - abalderstone@btconnect.com
   Numbers are still restricted and all Covid 19 measures will still need to be complied with.





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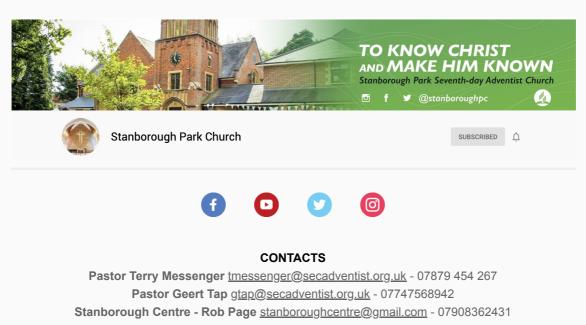
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