



The Language of the Cross

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Romans 5:8

Pastor Tim Keller said, "Nobody ever learns who they are by being told. They must be shown." In a sense, it's one application of the adage, "Actions speak louder than words." Spouses show their mates that they're appreciated by listening to them and loving them. Parents show their children they're valued by lovingly caring for them. Coaches show athletes they have potential by investing in their development. And on it goes. By the same token, a different kind of action can show people painful things that communicate much darker messages.

Of all the action-based messages in the universe, there's one that matters most. When we want to be shown who we are in God's eyes, we need look no further than His actions on the cross. In Romans 5:8, Paul wrote, "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." The cross shows us who we are: those whom God so loved that He gave His one and only Son for us (John 3:16).

Against the mixed messages and confusing actions of broken people in a broken culture, the message of God's heart rings clear. Who are you? You're the one so loved by God that He gave His Son for Your rescue. Consider the price He paid for you and the wonderful reality that, to Him, you were always worth it.

By: Bill Crowder from odb.org



Watch the [Christmas Service](#) online with **Pastor Terry Messenger**

Join us on Zoom after service. ID: 797 018 2915 Passcode: 532965 [Click here](#)

Announcements / News

- **Parallel Service** is inviting you to join our service on Saturday 19th December at 11 am. Zoom ID: 826 1846 0289, Passcode: 623695 — or [click here](#).

- If you would like to attend the service please register as before with Roger Murphy - rt.murphy@hotmail.co.uk or Audrey - abalderstone@btconnect.com Numbers are still restricted and all Covid 19 measures will still need to be complied with.

- **Women's Ministry** programme on Saturday 19th December from 3-5pm. Join us for a presentation from Wumi Idowu — Zoom ID: 2509665133, Password: 243467. We look forward to seeing you there.

- **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

- **DBS Checks and Update.** All those who require a DBS check should contact Uche Ademuyiwa by email (dbs@stanboroughpark.org) this can be completed virtually. ID checks will also be completed virtually.

- **Christmas at Stanborough.** A new playlist has been created on the Church Youtube channel with Carols, special items, children's stories and Services related to Christmas season. [Click here to watch](#).

- For information about **Earliteen Sabbath School**, please email: Uchejbc@yahoo.co.uk

For information about **Junior Sabbath School**, please email:

hkbrown49@gmail.comFor information about **Kindergarten Sabbath School**, please email:ishida.yvonne@gmail.com

- **LifeSource Christian Bookshop** is open this week at the normal times (Mon - Thursday 12:30 -5.00pm and Friday 10am - 2.00pm). The shop will be open until December 23rd, we will be closed from 24th December - and will reopen in January. If you are unsure, please do not hesitate to call the store on +44(0)1923 893461.
- **Cradle Roll Programme December Sabbath** at 9:45am on [Youtube](#) and [Facebook](#).
- 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.
- **Online Prayer Meeting** on Wednesday at 7pm. Join us on Zoom. ID: 86332812854, Password: 063944



A Thrill of Hope
through Carols and readings

CHRISTMAS EVE

24 December at 7pm

PLACES ARE LIMITED. Book in advance with Audrey or Roger.

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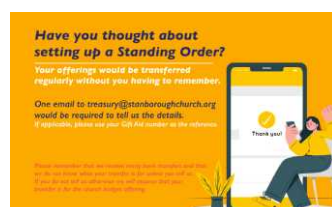


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**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
2018**



Christmas Story Through Carols 2019



A Christmas Medley, Junior Choir



The Three Trees - Children's Story



**Cradle Roll Sabbath School
- 2nd Edition December 2020**

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