



## Uncharted Waters

*"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you." Isaiah 43:2*

The ball drops in New York's Times Square. The Big Ben chiming. Sydney Harbor erupts in fireworks. However your city marks it, there's something exciting about welcoming in a new year and the fresh start it brings. On New Year's Day we push out into new waters. What friendships and opportunities might we find?

For all its excitement, though, a new year can be unsettling. None of us knows the future or what storms it may hold. Many New Year's traditions reflect this: Fireworks were invented in China to supposedly ward off evil spirits and make a new season prosperous. And New Year's resolutions date back to the Babylonians who made vows to appease their gods. Such acts were an attempt to make an unknown future secure.

When they weren't making vows, the Babylonians were busy conquering people—including Israel. In time, God sent the enslaved Jews this message: **"Do not fear . . . When you pass through the waters, I will be with you"** (Isaiah 43:1–2). Later, Jesus said something similar when He and the disciples were caught sailing in a violent storm. "Why are you so afraid?" He told them before commanding the waters to be still (Matthew 8:23–27).

**Today we push out from the shore into new, uncharted waters. Whatever we face, He's with us—and He has the power to calm the waves.**

By: Sheridan Voysey from [odb.org](http://odb.org)



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

## Announcements / News

- **Online Prayer Meeting** on Wednesday at 7pm. Join us on Zoom.  
ID: 86332812854, Password: 063944

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- **It is with great sadness that we announce** the deaths this week of Pastor Patrick Boyle and Mr Ayo-Ipaye, the husband of Bukky and brother of Yetunde Bright. Let us keep these respective families in our prayers at this difficult time. We are assured of a better day in the Scriptures where there will be no more pain, sickness, illness or disease and even death itself will be wiped out.  
Even so – come Lord Jesus!, *Pr Terry Messenger*

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- **Women's Ministry** "We have come this far by Faith", is our theme for Sabbath 2nd January 2021 as Sister Lynette Messenger offers us words of encouragement. It is an afternoon of Praise, Testimonies, and Prayers.  
Zoom ID:2509665133; Password:243467

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- **Year-End Message from the TED President** [READ HERE](#)

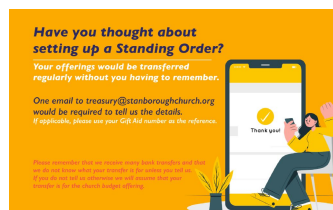
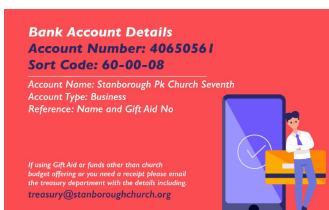
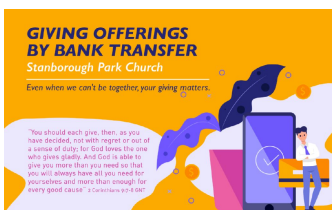
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- **DBS Checks and Update.** All those who require a DBS check should contact Uche Ademuyiwa by email ([db@stanboroughpark.org](mailto:db@stanboroughpark.org)) this can be completed virtually. ID checks will also be completed virtually.

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- **"Where do You want me to be next, God?"** [READ HERE](#)

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- For information about **Earliteen Sabbath School**, please email:  
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- **SPC children's Sabbath schools need help.** We need people who are willing to record a Bible story for the Cradle Roll Sabbath school programme that goes out on YouTube. We need more people to help with the zoom Sabbath school groups, especially Primary and Junior. This could be leading the programme, telling the story or preparing activities or quizzes. If you are willing to help in any way, please contact Yvonne Ishida at [ishida.yvonne@gmail.com](mailto:ishida.yvonne@gmail.com).
- **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](mailto:ovp@stanboroughpark.org).



Christmas Eve Service - 2020



Turmoil at Christmas



New Years Concert 2020



Cradle Roll Sabbath School - 4th Edition December 2020

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