



Overcoming Envy

"Saul has slain his thousands, and David his tens of thousands." 1 Samuel 18:7

In the film *Amadeus*, aging composer Antonio Salieri plays some of his music on the piano for a visiting priest. The embarrassed priest confesses he doesn't recognize the tunes. "What about this one?" Salieri says, playing an instantly familiar melody. "I didn't know you wrote that," the priest says. "I didn't," Salieri replies. "That was Mozart!" As viewers discover, Mozart's success had caused deep envy in Salieri—even leading him to play a part in Mozart's death.

A song lies at the heart of another envy story. After David's victory over Goliath, the Israelites heartily sing, "Saul has slain his thousands, and David his tens of thousands" (1 Samuel 18:7). The comparison doesn't sit well with King Saul. Envious of David's success and afraid of losing his throne (vv. 8–9), Saul begins a prolonged pursuit of David, trying to take his life.

Like Salieri with music or Saul with power, we're usually tempted to envy those with similar but greater gifts than we possess. And whether it's picking fault with their work or belittling their success, we too can seek to damage our "rivals."

Saul had been divinely chosen for his task (10:6–7, 24), a status that should've fostered security in him rather than envy. Since we each have unique callings too (Ephesians 2:10), maybe the best way to overcome envy is to quit comparing ourselves. Let's celebrate each other's successes instead.

By: Sheridan Voysey - Taken from odb.org



Watch the [Traditional Service](#) online with Pastor Geert Tap



The [Parallel Service](#) will be at the park 12pm

(No zoom will be available)

Announcements / News

- COVID 19 restrictions. **The church board have voted to follow these guidelines but have included the following caveats:**
 1. For worship services to increase the capacity of numbers attending to 200
 2. To recommend mask wearing, social distancing and use of hand sanitisers. (Congregational singing can occur with masks on)
 3. Sabbath schools and Parallel service to be able to set numbers according to the above guidance.Weddings and funerals to decide their own policies in accordance with legal guidelines.

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- **Women Ministries Programme** is held twice a month, the next programme will be held on Saturday 31st July. For all enquiries, please contact Mrs Wumi Idowu.

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- **Men's group launch** Have you ever felt overwhelmed by daily life and overall pressure? A new initiative is being launched named "Decompression Chamber", a men's group with a focus on brotherhood, spiritual growth mutual support, activities and some fun. For any information please contact Massimo 07501220238 or massimo.molteni@gmail.com

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- **Children's Sabbath Schools Prayer Request**

At present we are running five different Sabbath school groups: Cradle Roll, Kindergarten, Primary, Junior and Earlyteen. At present, there is no leader for either the Kindergarten or Junior Sabbath schools. Cradle Roll are in need of more people to support the team. The team of people supporting Kindergarten is very small (about 2 adults and a handful of young people). The team of people supporting Primary is dwindling and is currently almost non-existent. The team of people supporting Junior is also very small (less than 5 and some of these are irregular supporters.) Thank you to the great team of people that are

currently supporting Earlyteen Sabbath school.

It is not and will not be possible to continue running Sabbath school with this level of support. Please pray for our children's Sabbath schools. Please pray that God will provide the support we desperately need and please prayerfully consider whether you are able to offer support in some practical way.

Parallel Service: Weather permitting the Parallel will worship from 12 noon onwards in the park (Stanborough Park) on 31st July. People can bring garden chairs or mats and a picnic if they want. No Zoom will be available this week.

The nomination process for new officers to serve for 2022/23 has now begun. A recommendation committee has been voted as follows:

Sandra Aguiar
Audrey Balderstone
Jackson Bright
Alison Burgess
Bernell Bussue
Christine Cornwall
Richard Gayle
Daniel Guenin
Roger Murphy
Vanessa Pizzuto
Jean Marc Renard
Pat Swan
Pat Walton

This committee has the task of recommending the actual nominating committee to the church. Please keep this committee in your prayers

- **ADRA ANNUAL APPEAL**

Audrey is thankful to God for all the donations which have been sent to her Just

Giving Page for ADRA. These have been added to the donations Audrey is making on the birthdays of her family and friends throughout the year. The total raised is almost £10,000.00 - at the halfway point of the year. If you would like to acknowledge a birthday or give thanks to God by donating to ADRA please go to <https://justgiving.com/fundraising/Audrey-Balderstone1> Thank you

Cradle Roll Programme JULY edition Sabbath at 9:45am on [Youtube](#) and [Facebook](#).

WALK FOR ADRA: As a global humanitarian agency, ADRA has felt the impact of COVID-19 in its projects around the world. Most of ADRA-UK's overseas projects are financially challenged by the onset of the novel coronavirus. Bert Smit, CEO, stated, 'We have made commitments to complete these projects and to ease and eliminate the suffering of people in need. 'We need your help to fulfil these commitments'. As we commence this journey together, here's the process to follow in order to register to [WALKFORADRA](#).

1. Register using our online form at <https://adra.org.uk/walkforadra>
2. Create your Just Giving profile/page
3. Download the tracker, or use your phone health app/ watch to keep track of your miles walked then report your miles to us through our online form.
4. Remember to have fun, enjoy every moment while you WALK FOR ADRA!

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- Thank you for your prayers for Beth's surgery. Unfortunately, it has been postponed to 5th August. Please keep all this matter in your prayers. Annalisa and Massimo

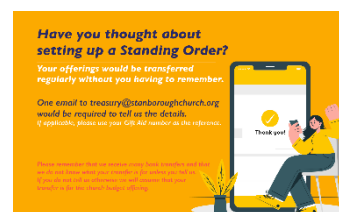
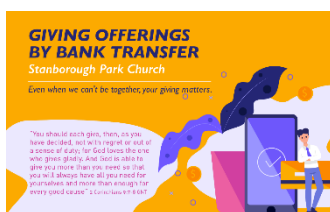
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- **The flowers today** are in celebration of tomorrow's wedding between Naomi Burgess and Michael Phillips, which will take place in this church at 1pm. The

church family is warmly invited to celebrate with the happy couple, either in person at the church or online via livestream.

- Please be advised that Pastor Geert will be taking his Sabbatical during the months of August to October inclusive. Pastor Terry will be on annual leave from 26th July to 8th August.
- **A regular business meeting** will be held on 15th August at 6pm. Departmental heads please prepare your reports for that meeting. There will be a further business meeting on 5th September to continue the discussion on the Sabbath morning worship format.

Traditional Worship Service - 31st July

Welcome & Announcements – Bheki T. Moyo
Invocation - Bheki T. Moyo
Opening Hymn – NAH 233 “O Worship The King”
Tithes & Offerings - Bheki T. Moyo
Scripture Reading – John 6:1-15 – Victoria Hall
Children’s Story – Charlotte Fidelia
Family Prayer – Eileen Hussey
Musical Item – Reuben Hall “This Is My Father’s World”
Sermon – “He’s Just A Boy” – Geert Tap
Closing Hymn – NAH 697 “Blessed Assurance”
Benediction – Geert Tap





Parallel Service - 24th July



As it was in the days of Noah

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