

The Ultimate Healer

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When a medical treatment began to provide relief for a family member's severe food allergies, I became so excited that I talked about it all the time. I described the intense process and extolled the doctor who had created the program. Finally, some friends commented, "We think God should always get the credit for healing." Their statement made me pause. Had I taken my eyes off the Ultimate Healer and made the healing into an idol?

The nation of Israel fell into a similar trap when they began to burn incense to a bronze snake which God had used to heal them. They'd been performing this act of worship until Hezekiah identified it as idolatry and "broke into pieces the bronze snake Moses had made" (2 Kings 18:4).

Several centuries earlier, a group of venomous snakes had invaded the Israelite camp. The snakes bit the people and many died (Numbers 21:6). Although spiritual rebellion had caused the problem, the people cried out to God for help. Showing mercy, He directed Moses to sculpt a bronze snake, fasten it to a pole, and hold it up for everyone to see. When the people looked at it, they were healed (vv. 4–9).

Think of God's gifts to you. Have any of them become objects of praise instead of evidence of His mercy and grace? Only our holy God—the source of every good gift (James 1:17)—is worthy of worship.

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Watch the Traditional Service online with Pastor Jim Huzzey

Announcements / News

Dear Stanborough Park Church members,

The business meeting on 25th July 2021 was held to discuss potential changes to SPC worship services timings in order to help meet the broader objectives of church mission. The intention was to assimilate the feedback provided during the business meeting with individual emails and the response to the questionnaire sent to members earlier this year and consider how the feedback impacts the draft proposal.

A revised draft proposal was intended to be shared with you prior to having a follow-up business meeting on 5th September 2021. Unfortunately, progress on this has not been as quick as originally hoped as some of the feedback rests with the Pastors and is currently not accessible. With the unexpected, prolonged illness of our Senior Pastor, Terry Messenger, this re-draft has not yet been completed.

We are writing to you to inform you that this business meeting will **no longer be held on 5th September and will be scheduled for a later date** once the draft

proposal has been revised and shared. As we look to work through the next few weeks please continue to keep Pst Terry in your prayers. On behalf of SPC Board of Elders, Ben ☐ **The flowers today** are given from the Bright Family who write: From hearts overflowing with praise, we give thanks to God for another birthday in behalf of our daughter and sister, Olufikayo Opelenge Elin Bright, who is 22 today. So thankful for in all the Lord has brought us through as a family in the past year of life and living, we can say, "His compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness." □ Pastor Terry Messenger is off sick. Let's keep him and his family in our prayers. As pastor Geert is on his Sabbatical, if you need, please contact in the meantime one of the elders of our church or Pastor Nathan Stickland. Sheila and Roy Burgess would like to thank their personal and church family for the good wishes, prayers and beautiful flowers they received as they celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary. May God bless us all as we look forward longingly for that special day when we will celebrate together our Lord's return. □ Children's Sabbath School Prayer Request Presently we are running five different Sabbath school groups: Cradle Roll, Kindergarten, Primary, Junior and Earliteen. Unfortunately, there is no leader for either the Kindergarten or Junior Sabbath schools. Cradle Roll is 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 group

supporting Primary is dwindling and is almost non-existent. The team 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 Earliteen 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 School.

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.

There is NO Parallel Service tomorrow. It will be back on 4th September.

Adult Sabbath School has started meeting in person at church with two classes currently in the Maple Room and Armstrong Hall from 10am to 11am. The lessons will also be accessible via Zoom with the following links:

Armstrong Hall class: LINK Meeting ID: 874 5290 0223 | Passcode: 372915

Maple Class: LINK Meeting ID: 757 070 1887 || Passcode: 111000

(Or by phone: +44 203 481 5240)

□ ADRA ANNUAL APPEAL - great news!

A number of donations have been made to Audrey's JustGiving Page for ADRA in the last few days and they have boosted the total to over £14,000.00! We give praise and thanks to God. Audrey is continuing to donate to ADRA on the birthdays of her family and friends throughout the year.

If you would like to join her by acknowledging a birthday or to give thanks to God by donating to ADRA - please go to

https:justgiving.com/fundraising/Audrey-Balderstone1 Thank you.

Cradle Roll Programme August edition Sabbath at 9:45am on <u>Youtube</u> and <u>Facebook</u>.

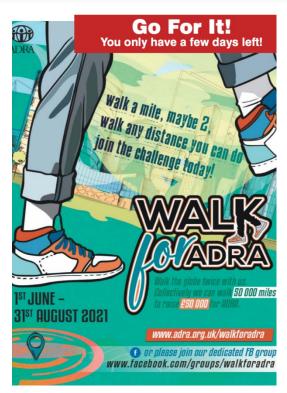
WALK FOR ADRA: As a global humanitarian agency, ADRA has felt the impact of COVID-19 in its projects around the world. Most of ADRA-UK's overseas projects are financially challenged by the onset of the novel coronavirus. Bert Smit, CEO, stated, 'We have made commitments to complete these projects and 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 <u>WALKFORADRA</u>.

- 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!

Traditional Worship Service - 28th August

Welcome and Announcements - David Burgess
Prelude - Angeline Jeyasundar
Invocation - David Burgess
Hymn 62: 'Come let us join our cheerful songs'
Tithes and offerings - David Burgess
Children's Story - Sandra Aguiar
First Bible reading: Luke 18: 35-42 (NIV) - Louis Guenin
Prayer - The Khetavath Family
Second Bible reading: Luke 19:1-10 (NIV) - Roslyn Guenin
Worship in music: 'Nearer still nearer' - Chiemi Ishida
Sermon 'Who on earth can be trusted?' - Ps Jim Huzzey

Hymn. 637: 'All the way my Saviour leads me' Benediction - Jim Huzzey Postlude- Angeline Jeyasundar













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Cradle Roll Sabbath School -August 2021

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