

What's Your Name?

"I will also give that person a white stone with a new name written on it." Revelation 2:17

Someone said we go through life with three names: the name our parents gave us, the name others give us (our reputation), and the name we give ourselves (our character). The name others give us matters, as "a good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold" (Proverbs 22:1). But while reputation is important, character matters more.

There's yet another name that's even more important. Jesus told the Christians in Pergamum that though their reputation had suffered some well-deserved hits, He had a new name reserved in heaven for those who fight back and conquer temptation. "To the one who is victorious, I will give . . . a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to the one who receives it" (Revelation 2:17).

We aren't sure why Jesus promised a white stone. Is it an award for winning? A token for admission to the messianic banquet? Perhaps it's similar to what jurors once used to vote for acquittal. We simply don't know. Whatever it is, God promises our new name will wipe away our shame (see Isaiah 62:1–5).

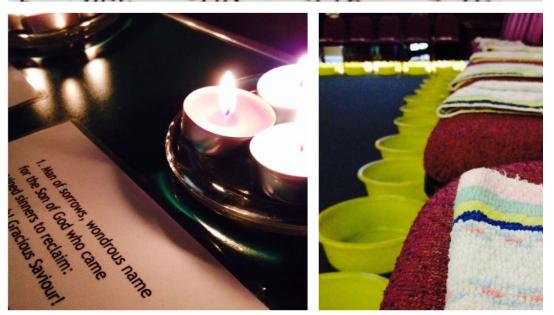
Our reputation may be tattered, and our character may be seemingly beyond repair. But neither name ultimately defines us. It's not what others call you nor even what you call yourself that matters. You are who Jesus says you are. Live into your new name.

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Watch the Traditional Service online with Pr Clifford Herman

¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, f that whoever elieves in him shall not perish but have rnal life. 17For God did not send h



Watch the Parallel Service online - Agape Service

Announcements / News

A heartfelt THANK YOU for your generosity in support of the Harvest Service last Sabbath. The beautiful displayed goods and flowers made it a very special celebration, even more so as so many are in need and appreciative of a helping hand. May God be praised! - From the Deaconesses ministry.
And for the children: Thank you so much for your contribution to the Harvest Service. We were able to distribute 40 boxes/bags with the harvest gifts you and your parents prepared. Those who received them were so happy and touched by

your kindness. Thank you for making others happy and for sharing, not only food, but most of all your love and care.

Parallel Service: This Saturday Parallel will organise an Agape service, with foot washing if anybody wants to do so. Many creative opportunities to connect with God and fellow brothers and sisters. At the Cedar Sycamore room, from 11 am. Bring your camping chairs or mats and any Middle Eastern food you'd like to nibble on. Grape juice and pitta bread will be provided.

- PEDAL FOR THE PEACE. A group of Stanborough Park Teens planned to join in the Peace Hospice initiative to raise much needed funds by cycling 'round the world' from static bikes at the front of the Hospice. Unfortunately, the leader had to self isolate so the teens have been asked to cycle remotely and donate. If you are able to sponsor them to reach their goal of £500.00 please follow the link and donate: <u>https://justgiving.com/fundraising/teens-department</u> Thank you!
- Prayer Meeting on Wednesday at 7pm. Please join us and be encouraged by a beautiful message and time of prayer. Zoom Meeting ID: 863 3281 2854 Password: 063944. LINK

Please pray for Simeon Vontzalidis who sustained a very complicated ankle injury. May God heal and restore him.

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:
Williams Hall class: LINK Meeting ID: 889 9648 4445 || Passcode: 175408

Maple Class: <u>LINK</u> 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 <u>https:justgiving.com/fundraising/Audrey-</u> <u>Balderstone1</u> Thank you.

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

Women Ministry. Join the women's ministry for a very informative programme this Saturday afternoon from 3pm to 5pm. The programme will be presented by Elder Florence Makinde, a health care professional. Theme - "Managing menopause for the 21st-century women". ZOOM Meeting ID - 7279659834 Passcode - WMmeeting

An Afternoon Tea event took place last Friday afternoon 24 September at Stanborough Park Church as part of the of the annual fund-raising campaign of Macmillan Cancer Support. It was a very happy and busy occasion which raised £538. We are very grateful to all the cheerful diners and helpers who supported the event.

The flowers at the church are given to celebrate Anna's birthday tomorrow. They express gratitude and thankfulness to God for His love and protection in her life.

Harvest Service - 2nd October

Welcome & Announcements - Dave Burgess Invocation - Dave Burgess Opening Hymn - 180 NAH - Crown Him With Many Crowns Children's Story - Pastor Clifford Herman Tithes and Offerings - Dave Burgess Dedication of Rheina Gengan - Pastor Clifford Herman Special Music - "As The Deer" - Krishtee, Reevka and Reeya Gengan Scripture Reading: Romans 8:16-25 - Gabrielle Levy Family Prayer - Bella Rajerasekeran **Sermon - "Family" - Pastor Clifford Herman** Closing Hymn - 437 NAH - O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go Benediction - Pastor Clifford Herman





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Cradle Roll Sabbath School -September



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