



Genuine Hope

"He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." 1 Peter 1:3

In the early 1960s, the US was filled with anticipation of a bright future. Youthful President John F. Kennedy had introduced the New Frontier, the Peace Corps, and the task of reaching the moon. A thriving economy caused many people to expect the future to simply "let the good times roll." Then the war in Vietnam escalated, national unrest unfolded, Kennedy was assassinated, and the accepted norms of that previously optimistic society were dismantled. Optimism simply wasn't enough, and in its wake, disillusionment prevailed.

Then, in 1967, theologian Jürgen Moltmann's *A Theology of Hope* pointed to a clearer vision. This path wasn't the way of optimism but the way of hope. The two aren't the same thing. Moltmann affirmed that optimism is based on the circumstances of the moment, but hope is rooted in God's faithfulness—regardless of our situation.

What's the source of this hope? Peter wrote, "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3). Our faithful God has conquered death through His Son, Jesus! The reality of this greatest of all victories lifts us beyond mere optimism to a strong, robust hope—every day and in every circumstance.

By: Bill Crowder - Taken from odb.org



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

Announcements / News

- **Tomorrow we will celebrate Communion together in a Covid-safe way.** Our thanks go to the deaconesses and their helpers for preparing the boxes in which are placed the bread and the wine. These boxes are given to attendees as they enter the church, so that everyone can join in partaking of the emblems during the service. The Ordinance of Humility is still suspended for the moment. If you are not able to attend church in person it is suggested that you have the emblems ready at home so that you too may join in the Communion service!



Teen Saturday Evening Meeting 8th January 2022 from 4–6pm in the Cedar Sycamore Room. The theme is "Stanborough Park Teen Vision for 2022". Snacks and drinks will be served.



Women's Ministry: Please join us from 3 pm to 5 pm on Saturday 8th January for an empowering programme to start off the year. We have invited a guest speaker from America to minister to us. The theme for today's programme is "unmute yourself" and will be presented

by Dr Augusta Olaore. We look forward to seeing you, God bless. Zoom ID: 7279659834 |
Passcode: WMmeeting

Parallel Service: Join us at 11am this Sabbath for Parallel's first service of 2022, where we will be listening to a message delivered by Costas Vaggas.

CSMC Notice: the site management committee welcomes new leaders and continuing leaders, acknowledging the sterling work done by many over the years to support our church and local community. One area we intend to seek better understanding of is who holds keys to the building so this can be properly recorded. The list we hold is dated showing people as key holders who are no longer in post and no longer attend Stanborough Park church. If this applies to you, please return your keys to the Centre Manager, Rob Page or to Bernell Bussue so the keys can be passed to those needing them. It would be appreciated if this could be done as quickly as possible. Thanks in advance and rich blessings for 2022.

In donating the flowers in the church Mick and Chari Lilley thank the Lord for 20 years of happy marriage. They pray that He will continue to help them grow in their love for God and love for each other. The church family congratulate Mick and Chari on their anniversary.

New Year's Concert 2021 Saturday 8th January at 7.30 pm. We all invite you, your friends and neighbours to start the new year with God's blessings. Come along to sing together. We look forward to seeing you then!

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- **Young Adults Sabbath School** is meeting every Sabbath in the Pine Room with Jackson and Tiwa leading the lesson. It is also possible to connect via Zoom.
Please join us in person or virtually. Topic: Young Adults Sabbath School **Meeting ID:** 519 552 6863 - **Passcode:** Sabbath

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

Oak Room class: [LINK](#) Meeting ID: 874 9750 4820 || Passcode: 7WKYBW

Maple Class: [LINK](#) Meeting ID: 757 070 1887 || Passcode: 111000

(Or by phone: +44 203 481 5240)

PLEASE PRAY FOR

- Sister Lola Gordon, whose treatment has been delayed.
- Terry Menkens, whose surgery is due on the 19th January 2022.
- Donna Wray, for complete healing.
- Ruth Read, for complete recovery and help.
- Richard Gayle, recovering from surgery.
- Everyone who is experiencing recent bereavement
- All the families who are struggling with the effects of COVID especially Long COVID.

The Prayer Box: If you have private Prayer Requests, please place them in the Prayer Box or you can email Florence Allen at lizalf@hotmail.com.

Communion Service - 8th January

Announcements - Dave Burgess

Call to Worship - SDAH 4 Praise My Soul the King of Heaven (1st verse only)

Invocation - Dave Burgess

Opening Hymn - My Maker and My King (SDAH 15)

Tithes and Offerings - Dave Burgess

Children's Story - Charlotte Fidelia

Family Prayer - Florence Allen

Scripture Reading: John 6:48-51 - Meghan Herman

Meditation in Music - Reuben Hall

Sermon - "Bread of Life" - Pastor Geert Tap

Communion Service

Closing Hymn - When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (SDAH 155)

Benediction - Geert Tap

Sabbath School from 9:45am

Welcome & Opening Prayer - Bella Rajasekaran

Opening Hymn: SDAH 478 - Sweet hour of prayer

Facilitator: Bheki T. Moyo

Panel: Wallacia Scott, Brian Davison, Bella Rajasekaran, Florence Allen

Fourth Partial Report of the Nominating Committee 8th January 2022

Deacons: Head Deacon: Eustace Anthony

Ushers: Ruby Kansere, Kristian Perry

Adult Sabbath School: Erna Herteliu

Youth Committee: Matt Marshall

Communication Team: Peter Walton, Beth Molteni

These names will be left with you for the week and will be voted on next Sabbath 15 January 2022. Should you wish to clarify a name, please contact Pst Terry, Pst Geert Tap or Dave Burgess. Should you wish to speak to the Nominating Committee about a concern please let Pst Terry, Pst Tap or Dave Burgess know and you can be invited to a Nominating Committee where your concern will be considered.



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Even when we can't be together your giving matters.

"You should each give, then, as you have decided, not with regret or out of a sense of duty, for God loves the one who gives gladly. And God is able to give you more than you need so that you will always have all you need for your needs and more than enough for every good cause." 2 Cor. 9:7-8

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Account Type: Business
Reference: Name and Gift Aid No

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Have you thought about setting up a Standing Order?

Your offerings would be transferred regularly without you having to remember.

One email to treasury@stanboroughchurch.org would be required to tell us the details. If applicable, please use your Gift Aid number as the reference.

These standing orders are made using bank transfers and will be the same as your regular giving. If you have any questions please contact the treasury department.



Family Service



**Cradle Roll Sabbath School -
January 2022**

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