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Over the last few days, before Stanborough News went to press, we were listening to reports from the rescue workers who were looking for the missing crew of the yacht Cheeki Rafiki. We listened to family members of the crew

plead for governments to continue the search for their loved ones. Recently we also listened, hoping for some good news about the missing Malaysian flight. Sadly there was none. That news story is no longer newsworthy. It has faded away unresolved, the families of the missing ones still waiting in hope. The news floods us with stories where hope seems to be in vain, but it is surprising how much of our lives we live by hope, and often hope triumphs. Just today the news came of two missing fishermen who were found hours after four lifeboats, two helicopters and a reconnaissance aircraft failed to find any trace of them and called off the search. The grandfather and grandson survived for two days in their open 16ft boat on two biscuits, a flask of tea and water.

James Reid and David Irvine's 16ft creel boat "Water-Rail" being pulled to safety



As a community of faith we pray for those who are grieving and hoping, and understand their longing for their hopes to be fulfilled. We don't pretend to understand the enigma of suffering and pain, yet we know that hope in Jesus Christ can give the gift of endurance through such times. Hope is not pointless, in our ordinary lives we hope for many things: the economy to improve, to catch the train, that our friends won't let us down,

the car won't run out of petrol, our loved ones will be safe... Real hope is based on trust and we must know who we can trust.

Philosophers are challenged by the question 'How can you live without hope?' Well, how can we? The Christian hope is based on witnesses to the life of Jesus that everyone could rely on. In a modern court of law their testimony would be cross-examined and found to be true. We believe it is meaningful to have hope in the person of Jesus Christ and his promise to eventually restore his creation.

When all your hope is gone and you feel your life is empty, understanding Jesus will restore meaning and purpose to you and give you a new sure hope.

Meriden Special

The offer of a free course to learn a musical instrument is still open.

If you live in the Meriden area we have an exciting offer for you. Contact the SP College of Music: spcmahn@gmail.com. We are very excited to offer expert tuition, from fully qualified musicians, to two children living in the Meriden area to learn to play a musical instrument during the coming year. The cost of the tuition will be covered by Stanborough Park Church.

It's Not What You Think

Our new Community Chaplaincy Services is up and running. But, it's not just chat and prayer. We will be calling at houses in our area with the intention of offering to help you in ways that you want and give you the support that you need wherever we can. So we hope you will be willing to at least say 'hello' and please don't hesitate to contact us if you need to.

You are always welcome to join us here and share your thoughts. Your needs are our concern so please contact us at the Pastoral office 01923 67 94 94.

Pastor Jacques Venter

Mission Spotlight

Long-standing

Stanborough Park Church member, Carolyn Guenin (nee Cooper) and her husband Etienne, have recently celebrated their first anniversary, an exciting time in every couple's life!

But that is not the end to their excitement. They are going to Africa!

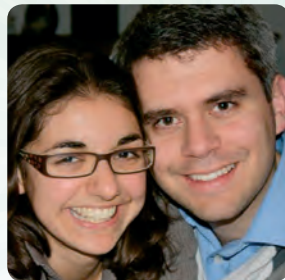
Late last year, they accepted a call, from Adventist Frontier Missions, to serve as missionaries on the Dendi Project in Benin, Africa. They will be joining the Bade family starting this September, and they will teach at the local school as well as help with the Inter-Faith Dialogue Centre, serving the local Muslim community.

Carolyn and Etienne have been blessed with the ways God has been leading in their young lives. They have especially been blessed with funds from friends, family and other kind donations to help reach their goal of \$21,000. This amount will go towards their training, living and project

expenses. They are leaving behind friends, family and jobs, as they volunteer their time and financial resources to help with this project. They have raised approximately 35% of the money needed through various fundraising opportunities. This month, they ran the 10k race in Bristol and both achieved very good times. Carolyn was very glad to cross the finish line alive, seeing that running is not her favourite activity!

In the next three months, they will continue to raise the rest of the funds towards the project, train in the USA, and prepare for their year abroad. We will be able to keep in touch via their blog and continue to pray for them and support them as they serve God together!

To follow their story, bookmark their blog: <http://guenin.blogspot.com> and keep reading our news as we will keep you updated!



Stanborough Park Summer Fete

Sunday July 6 2014

Come to the Stanborough Park Summer Fete and enjoy a great day out in our beautiful park. On Sunday July 6 2014, the annual summer fete returns. The gates open at 11 a.m. Entrance 50p per adult and 25p for children. Everybody is welcome.

Attractions will include live music by school pupils and church members, fun activities for the children such as pony rides, bouncy castle, face painting and a traditional crockery smash. Emergency Services on display for children to enjoy. A variety of refreshments will be on sale. We also plan a helium balloon race, with a prize for

the balloon that goes the furthest! This race has proved very popular in previous years with one balloon ending up in Holland!

The profits from the fete will benefit fund raising projects of the Stanborough Park organizations.

Check Facebook for Stanborough Park Summer Fete and get regular updates as more details for the day are confirmed.





Stanborough Park Church Development Project

It does not seem long ago since a new building appeared, with a bold but unpretentious look, along the vista of the St. Albans Road in Garston. This was necessitated by the devastating fire to the UK headquarters of our church in November 2008. A few years previously the Stanborough Centre had been added to the church building which also stands in the grounds of Stanborough Park. The Stanborough Centre is a popular venue that has had a positive impact within the local areas and within the church. Now the time has come to bring the church itself up to date.

Built in the 1920s the church is in urgent need to be fully refurbished and equipped for modern life including more comprehensive access for the disabled. Like many other Christian churches we are very focussed on becoming a greater force for good in the whole community and the refurbishment has been designed with that in mind. Necessary planning permission for

alterations was sought as far back as 2010 and we are at last within sight of beginning the work hopefully before the next issue of Stanborough News. Most of the work to be done is inside the present building, but there will be modest enlargement to the walls of the choir area which is on the left hand side of the church when viewed from the street. In fact there will be very little visual impact on the exterior of the church. We hope the church can still retain its old nickname of The Church in the Woods.

There is a lot to do and the work may take up to 40 weeks to complete. We can understand that some of our close neighbours will be concerned about how the building works will affect them. To ensure the least possible disturbance we have made it a condition of contract that noise and nuisance are factored in and must be kept to a minimum.



Some very good news is that the Stanborough Centre will function as normal everyday of the week for the whole duration of the building works. So please do continue to participate in the events of the community and the regular lectures, seminars and talks. Also our toddler club will continue as normal.

The biggest impact on us as a faith community of worshippers is that the worship area will be inaccessible for a lengthy period. We plan to provide alternative accommodation in a temporary worship space to be erected on Stanborough Park behind the administrative office block. This location should ensure that church life will carry on with as little as possible disruption to the normal lives of our neighbours.

You are welcome to come and view the building plans which will be on display in the Stanborough Centre once the project has begun. We will also endeavour to keep you up to date via our website, Facebook group and this newsletter. If you would

like to contact the Pastoral staff concerning the development project or for any other reason we are more than willing to talk to you. Contact details are on the back of this magazine.

The Church has come a long way already See picture below. Who remembers the church like this?



Messy Church or NEW Church?

Messy Church Is not just for children. It doesn't have to be messy! It's shaping up to become a whole new way of making friends with people who don't think they know everything about God but are willing to join in and find out a bit more. It's a family thing - a family made up of people and families! Children aged 0-13 years are specially catered for. There are activities like play, crafts based on bible themes, singing and action songs and finally a shared mealtime for all. If you want to come you have to book and children have to be accompanied by an adult. Email to



stanboroughparkmessychurch@gmail.com to book a place. Give the name/s and ages of children attending with the names of accompanying adults. The next Messy Church is on 21 June 2014. If you miss this date Messy Church is back after the summer on 20 Sept.

Messy Church: is Christ-centred, helps people encounter Jesus as Lord and Saviour, for adults and children to enjoy together, uses hands-on activities to explore Bible stories, to reflect a God of creativity and to give people a chance to play together, reflects a God of unconditional love and is a church for people outside church, providing an oasis of welcome and a safe space in which to thrive. Messy Church is about hospitality, expressed most evidently by eating together – whether it's a plate of sandwiches to share, or sausage and mash. It's about celebration, it reflects a God of joy who wants his people to have life in all its fullness.

Adventurer & Pathfinder Club



Stanborough Park Adventurer/Pathfinder Club is a church-centred spiritual-recreational-activity programme designed for the age group 6 to 15 years of age. It helps the children to engage in adventure, fun, learning, camaraderie, awareness, and awakening, and above all, a spirit of reverence and a Spirit of Service to God and man. The Club meets twice per month on Sundays from 9.45am to 12 noon and one Saturday afternoon from 4-6.00pm. For more information contact Florence Allen on 07533629479.

Fund Raising Concert



Fund Raising Concert Sponsored by the Stanborough Community Chaplaincy Service An Evening with PAUL LEE and Friends Saturday 7 June Starting at 7:30 p.m.

Featuring: The Levites, Michelle Boyd, Paul Lee. Light refreshments will be on sale at the close.

Diary Dates

Parenting Classes at 4pm

7 June Faith Begins At Home (Child care provided)
By Pr. Jacques Venter. Rooms: Oak, Beech, Larch Rooms.
13 July Father's Day Room: Cedar Sycamore.

Seniors Club at 2pm

2 June When is an Antique not an Antique - June Smith
16 June Disability & How to Deal with it - Heidi Buckle
30 June Sam Neves - My Story
14 July Summer Outing

Toddler club Wednesday and Thursdays

4 June Wednesday and 5 June Thursday
16 July Wednesday and 17 July Thursday

Health Talks at 8pm

26 June Talk by Daniel Edwards on Diabetes
31 July Talk by Dr H Comerasamy on The effect of stress on our health

Tuesday Talks

10 June at 8:00 p.m.
8 July at 8:00 p.m.

Big Summer Sale

15 June 12-2 p.m. Big Summer Sale - outside stalls including plant stall.

Messy Church

21 June 3:45 p.m.

Soup Run

Every Friday evening during June leaves church at 8:30 p.m. to go to help the homeless in London.

Creative Crafts - Wednesdays 1-3 p.m.

Musical Concert

5 July 7:30 p.m. Annual Concert by our church Choir and Musicians

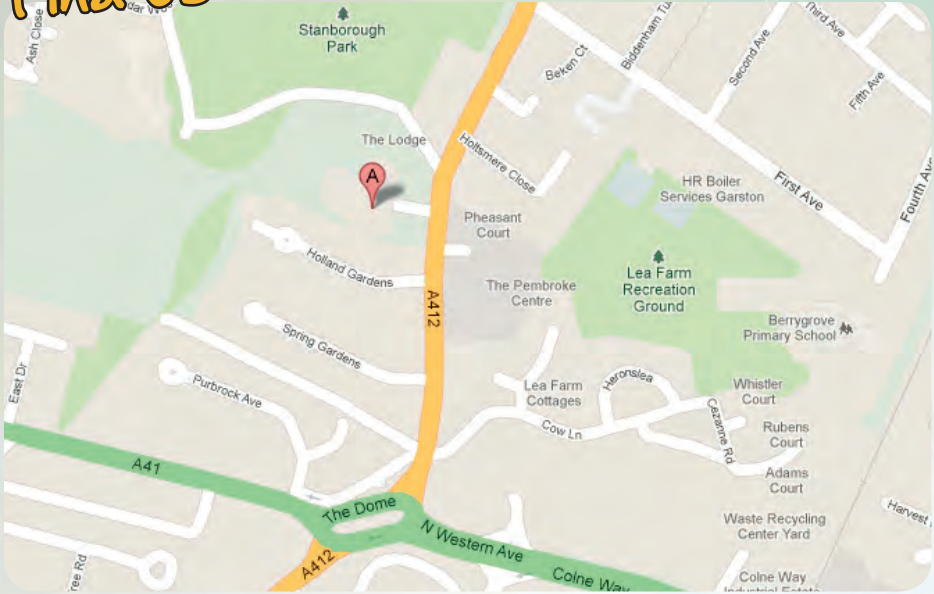
SP College of Music:

Holiday Music Fun - An excellent summer of musical fun lead by professional musicians and teachers from 28 July to 1 August. Morning and afternoon sessions.
For more info contact spcmahn@gmail.com

Fund Raising Concert for the Community Chaplaincy Service
An Evening with Paul Lee and Friends. **Saturday 7 June at 7:30 p.m.**

Badminton Club - Mondays & Wednesdays 5:30 p.m. at School Gym. £1.50 per person.

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