



STANBOROUGH PARK CHURCH
REOPENING SABBATH
7TH NOVEMBER 2015





OUR HISTORY

On 14 November 1927 the foundation stone of the Stanborough Park Church was laid by the British Union President, Pastor W.H. Meredith. At that time Stanborough Park took in all of the area now occupied by the Kingswood Estate, North Watford Cemetery, Purbrock Avenue and Spring and Holland Gardens and extended beyond what is now the North Orbital Road as far as Leavesden High Road.

At that time the Park was home to the Stanborough Press, Granose Foods Ltd, Stanborough College (a theological college which later relocated to the midlands and the building eventually became home to Stanborough School), the Voice of Prophecy Bible School, the British Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists offices and Stanborough Hydro, a sanitarium.

It was Dr. Rubel of the sanitarium who was the driving force behind the building of the church. He led the band of members working with forks, spades, pickaxes, shovels, saws and hatchets as they cleared the ground for what would become

'The Church in the woods'. After the foundation stone was laid all who had paid a shilling to do so laid a brick.

The church was dedicated, free of debt, on July 22, 1928. Just three months later Herbert Barham was the first person to be baptised there and the first funeral to be conducted in the church was that of the first minister, Pastor McAvoy. The first wedding held there was that of Daisy Cash and Wilf Proudley on July 30, 1931 after the church was registered to hold weddings.

The church's Male Voice Choir won the shield at a large music festival in the Archway in London in 1938. In 1942 three members began a Sunday School in the church and in 1947 Master Guide classes were instituted.

Long-standing member Alf Kelly was the driving force behind the hospital visiting bands which were formed in 1955 and the following year he began services in residential homes in Watford. In 1960 he began Bible study groups in the





Nurses' Home at the Peace Memorial Hospital in Watford for the young Adventist women undertaking their nursing training there.

In 1961 the first Christmas Toy Service was held in the church, a tradition started by Alf Kelly which continues to the present day. Mr. Kelly was also involved in setting up many charitable schemes in the locality. He was awarded the MBE for his services to the people of Watford shortly before his death in 1996.

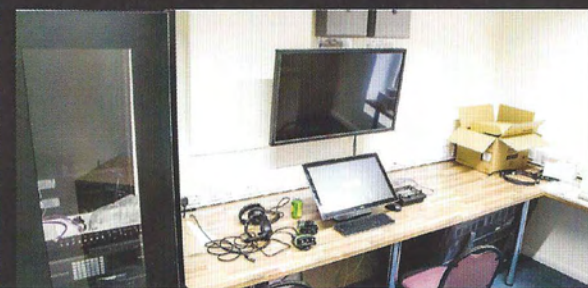
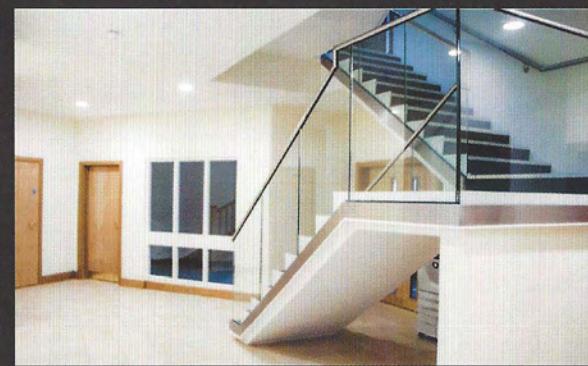
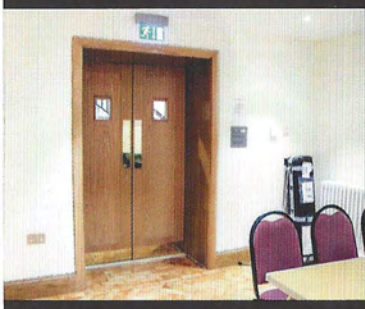
To meet the needs of the growing church an extension and galleries were added to the building and were dedicated on December 22, 1962. However, following the fire at the Stanborough Press on January 2, 1964 many members moved with the Press when it was re-located to Grantham in 1965. The demolition of the San and the relocation of Granose Foods further depleted the church congregation. However, Stanborough Park Church was still able to plant two other churches during the 1970's in St. Albans and Hemel Hempstead. In 1984

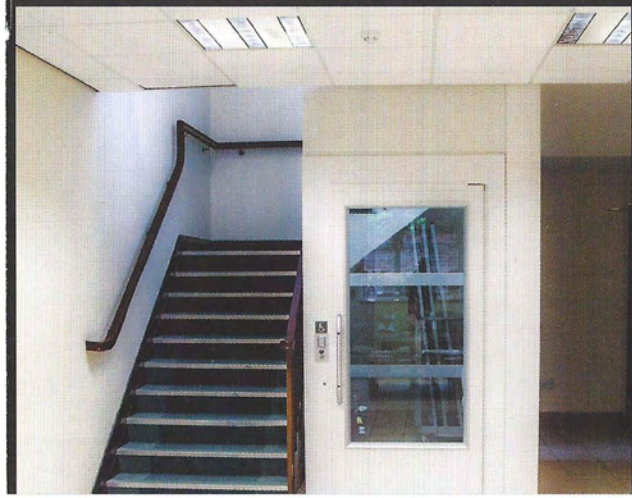
the Sabbath morning service was recorded by the BBC and broadcast on Radio 4 bringing the church to the attention of a wider audience.

Flower Festivals have been held in the church since 1981 and over the years have raised in excess of £40,000 for local charities and ADRA. The young people and Pathfinders have undertaken mission projects in Pakistan, Poland, Albania, Lithuania, India, and Derry. Members also serve at a Special Needs Camp every year.

With the membership growing ever larger additional space for church activities was needed. The new millennium saw the construction of the adjacent Stanborough Centre with its variety of rooms meeting not only the needs of the church but also of the local community. Finally, July 2014 saw the beginning of an ambitious project to extend and refurbish the church to meet the needs of the 21st century, which was finally completed in October 2015 with an official opening ceremony performed by the elected Mayor of Watford on November 6th.









PROGRAMME

BIBLE STUDY HOUR

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME ❀ PS JACQUES VENTER

HYMN: *"THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD"*

PRAYER ❀ PS MARY BARRETT

MISSION NEWS

BIBLE STUDY REFLECTION ❀ DR. DANIEL DUDA

MUSICAL ITEM:

"MY HEAVENLY FATHER LOVES ME" ❀ JIAE AHN AND MINYOUNG BAE

MISSION OFFERING AND PRAYER ❀ PS PAUL CLEE

HYMN: WE ARE MARCHING TO ZION





THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE	
PRAISE TIME	✦ HOW GREAT THOU ART ANCIENT WORDS HE IS EXALTED
MEDITATION: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY	✦ ORCHESTRA & CHOIR
INVOCATION	✦ PS SAM NEVES
READING	✦ PS ROY BURGESS
CONGREGATION HYMN: "PRAISE HIM"	
TITHES AND OFFERINGS	✦ PS PAUL CLEE
CHILDREN'S TIME	✦ PS JACQUES VENTER
MUSICAL ITEM	✦ JADER FELJO
CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER	✦ PS PATRICK BOYLE
CONGREGATION HYMN: "BLESSED ASSURANCE"	
SCRIPTURE READING	✦ PS AUDREY ANDERSON
MUSICAL ITEM	✦ CHOIR
SERMON	✦ PS RAAFAT KAMAL
MEDITATIVE RESPONSE	✦ CHOIR
CHARGE TO CONGREGATION	✦ PS PAUL LOCKHAM
HYMN: "GUIDE ME O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH"	
BENEDICTION	✦ PS RAAFAT KAMAL
POSTLUDE	✦ ORCHESTRA



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