



Never Too Sinful

"You are a forgiving God . . . abounding in love." Nehemiah 9:17

"If I touched a Bible, it would catch fire in my hands," said my community college English professor. My heart sank. The novel we'd been reading that morning referenced a Bible verse, and when I pulled out my Bible to look it up, she noticed and commented. My professor seemed to think she was too sinful to be forgiven. Yet I wasn't bold enough to tell her about God's love—and that the Bible tells us we can always seek God's forgiveness.

There's an example of repentance and forgiveness in Nehemiah. The Israelites had been exiled because of their sin, but now they were allowed to return to Jerusalem. When they'd "settled in," Ezra the scribe read the law to them (Nehemiah 7:73–8:3). They confessed their sins, remembering that despite their sin God "did not desert" or "abandon them" (9:17, 19). He "heard them" when they cried out; and in compassion and mercy, He was patient with them (vv. 27–31).

In a similar way, God is patient with us. He won't abandon us if we choose to confess our sin and turn to Him. I wish I could go back and tell my professor that, no matter her past, Jesus loves her and wants her to be part of His family. He feels the same way about you and me. We can approach Him seeking forgiveness—and He will give it!

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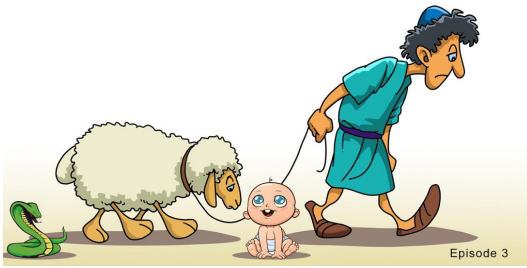
- **Harvest Thanksgiving.** Although the Covid-19 pandemic has cast a shadow over this year's traditional arrangements for the Harvest Festival, One Vision is hosting a Covid-safe drive through food donation point in the BUC car park on Sunday 4th October from 10am to 5pm. We have a lot to be grateful for – come join us and give generously to those in need.
- **Prayer Meeting** on Wednesday at 7pm. Join us on Zoom.
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hubs, we want to support such children and bring a little bit of happiness to them this year. [Your virtual gift box](#) will allow our hubs to respond and help. Each virtual box is valued at £10. [Please donate a virtual gift box today!](#) www.adragiftbox.org.uk

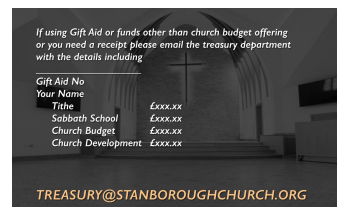
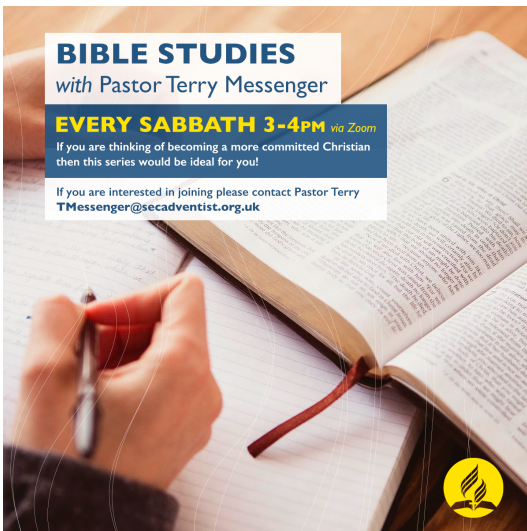
- **Women's Ministry** meeting on Saturday 26th September from 3-5pm. Join us for an afternoon of Prayer and Reflections with Denva Simpson on Zoom ID: 250-966-5133, Password: 243467.
- **Congratulations** and thanks to Sara Reynard for organising a Bikeathon last Sunday to **raise funds for ADRA**. Those who took part had a wonderful bike ride – some even rode the course twice! So far, the total raised is £745, but the Just Giving Page will be open until Christmas for further donations. *Sara writes: "I would like to send my appreciation to everyone that collaborated, participated and donated toward my Bikeathon ADRA Family event. I hope everyone that came had a wonderful day. I am praying that all the donations, including sponsored money will help those families that are less fortunate."* Well done for such an initiative Sara!
- For information about **Earliteen Sabbath School**, please email: Uchejbc@yahoo.co.uk
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- **The adult Bible study** will change its time of meeting from this Sabbath to 3-4pm. Young people's **baptismal class** will be Friday's 5:30-6:30pm from today, 15th September. If you would like to join in via Zoom, please email Pastor Terry at TMessenger@secadventist.org.uk to get details.
- **Cradle Roll Programme for August Sabbath** at 9:45am on [Youtube](#) and [Facebook](#). New video coming on Saturday.
- **DBS Checks and Update**. All those who require a DBS check should contact Uche Ademuyiwa by email (db@stanboroughpark.org) as this can be completed virtually.
- **The Family Prayer Basket** is now back up and running, and it has been presented to Adriana and Khama Menyere. The Menyere family would like to ask the church to pray for a special blessing over their health, home and their two boys Ralph and Ryan. They want God to give them wisdom so that they can make the right decisions for their boys as parents. They also ask the Holy Spirit to continue bringing harmony, love, wisdom and tenderness of heart into their marriage.
- **Watford LifeSource Bookshop**. The shop is currently open at normal times: Monday-Thursday 12.30pm-5pm and Friday 10am-2pm. With Covid-19 restrictions

channels to ensure you are aware of when we are open.

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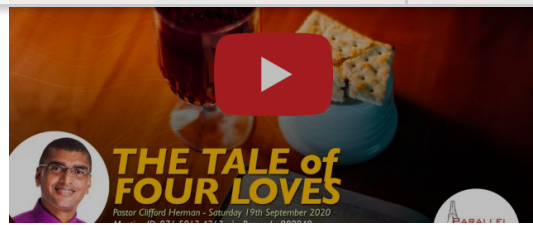


Youth Meeting on Saturday 26th September
Let's have fun together and learn more about the Bible with episode 3. "The Baby, the Snake, and the Lamb" Starts at 7pm via Zoom. Please contact Natalie, Paula or Carol/Lucas for the link or email youth@stanboroughchurch.org. Ages 12-17.





Cradle Roll Sabbath School
3rd video of September



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