



## Slow, but Sure

*"Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree." Matthew 13:32*

I ran into an old friend who told me what he'd been up to, but I confess it seemed too good to be true. Within a few months of that conversation, however, his band was everywhere—from charting top singles on the radio to having a hit song pulsing under TV ads. His rise to fame was meteoric.

We can be obsessed with significance and success—the big and the dramatic, the quick and the meteoric. But the parables of the mustard seed and yeast compare the way of the kingdom (God's reign on earth) to small, hidden, and seemingly insignificant things whose work is slow and gradual.

The kingdom is like its King. Christ's mission culminated in His life, like a seed, being buried in the ground; like yeast, being hidden in the dough. Yet He rose. Like a tree breaking through the dirt, like bread when the heat is turned up. Jesus rose.

We're invited to live according to His way, the way that's persisting and permeating. To resist the temptation to take matters into our own hands, to grasp for power and to justify our dealings in the world by the outcomes they may produce. The outcome—"a tree . . . that the birds come and perch in its branches" (v. 32) and the bread that provides a feast—will be Christ's doing, not ours.

By: Glenn Packiam via [odb.org](http://odb.org)



Watch the [Traditional Service](#) online with **Pastor Patrick Johson**

## Announcements / News

- **Church Opening announcement by Pastor Terry Messenger.** [READ HERE](#)  
As places are limited, **if you would like to attend** a church service **please register** your name with either to Roger Murphy - email: [rt.murphy@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rt.murphy@hotmail.co.uk) or Audrey Balderstone - email: [abalderstone@btconnect.com](mailto:abalderstone@btconnect.com)  
Guidelines for attending are on the [Church website](#).

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- **Parallel Service** Join us on [Zoom](#) on Saturday 17th October, 2020 at 11am.  
Meeting ID: 830 8534 3798 Passcode: 784657

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- **Harvest Events** at Stanborough Park Church and One Vision's Community Harvest Event [READ HERE](#)

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- **Virtual Gift Box Appeal 2020** - Many children here in the UK have become disadvantaged because of the impact of COVID-19. Through our ADRA community 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](http://www.adragiftbox.org.uk)

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- **Women in Prayer** on Saturday 17th October 2020 from 3-5pm.  
Join us on Zoom in to ID:2509665133; Password: 243467 as Richelle presents, "The Fruit of Temperance".

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- **Prayer Meeting** on Wednesday at 7pm. Join us on Zoom.  
ID: 86332812854, Password: 063944

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- For information about **Earliteen Sabbath School**, please email: [Uchejbc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Uchejbc@yahoo.co.uk)  
For information about **Junior Sabbath School**, please email:

[hkbrown49@gmail.com](mailto:hkbrown49@gmail.com)For information about **Kindergarten Sabbath School**, please email:[kindergartensabbathschool@yahoo.com](mailto:kindergartensabbathschool@yahoo.com)

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- **The adult Bible study** is meeting on Sabbath at 3pm.  
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](mailto:TMessenger@secadventist.org.uk) to get details.
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- **Cradle Roll Programme for OCTOBER** Sabbath at 9:45am on [Youtube](#) and [Facebook](#). New video coming on Saturday.
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- **'SAVE THE DATE'** – 22nd October 2020, 7pm. Join us for our annual Speech night celebration evening. The event will be streamed by video and the link will be posted prior to the event.
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- **Youth Meeting.** Please contact Natalie, Paula or Carol/Lucas for the link or email [youth@stanboroughchurch.org](mailto:youth@stanboroughchurch.org).
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- **Congratulations to Victoria** (*nee Balan*) and *Jovan Slankamenac* on the safe arrival of their baby daughter on Wednesday 14th October. The church family wishes them many blessings.
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- **Congratulations to Paul Philbert.** *The church family send their warmest congratulations to former Stanborough Church member, Paul Philbert on being awarded the MBE by Her Majesty in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. Paul is the son of Floricita Philbert and brother to Elen. Paul was awarded the honour for his services to music during the Pandemic. He gives glory and thanks to God for this honour. We as a church family are proud of what he has accomplished through God and send him our very best wishes.*




with Pastor Terry Messenger

**EVERY SABBATH 3-4PM** via Zoom

If you are thinking of becoming a more committed Christian then this series would be ideal for you!

If you are interested in joining please contact Pastor Terry  
 TMessenger@secadventist.org.uk



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 Wednesday 7pm via Zoom

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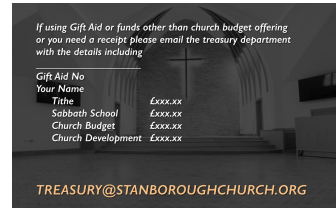
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**IN STRENGTH of THE LORD**

Pastor John Surridge - Saturday 12th Sep



In Strength of the Lord

**WHAT DO YOU THINK?**

Saturday 10th October 2020 Meeting ID: 893 9960 9240 | Password: 220678



Parallel Service



#WorldMentalHealthDay

One Vision coming together to support World Mental Health Day



Cradle Roll Sabbath School  
2nd video of October

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