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# **Facing the Battle**

"Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always." 1 Chronicles 16:11

Not long ago I met up with a group of friends. As I listened to the conversation, it seemed like everyone in the room was facing some significant battle. Two of us had parents fighting cancer, one had a child with an eating disorder, another friend was experiencing chronic pain, and another was facing major surgery. It seemed a lot for a bunch of people in their thirties and forties.

First Chronicles 16 recounts a key moment in Israel's history when the ark of the covenant was brought into the City of David (Jerusalem). Samuel tells us it happened in a moment of peace between battles (2 Samuel 7:1). When the ark was in place, symbolizing God's presence, David led the people in a song of praise (1 Chronicles 16:8–36). Together the nation sang of God's wonder-working power, His promise-keeping ways, and His past protection (vv. 12–22). "Look to the Lord and his strength," they cried out; "seek his face always" (v. 11). They'd need to, because more battles were coming.

Look to the Lord and His strength. Seek His face. That's not bad advice to follow when illness, family concerns, and other battles confront us, because we haven't been left to fight in our own waning energies. God is present; God is strong; He's looked after us in the past and will do so again.

Our God will get us through.

By: Sheridan Voysey Taken from odb.org

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Watch the Traditional Service online with Pastor Terry Messenger

## The Church will be open for Worshippers from December 5.

If you would like to attend the service please register as before with Roger Murphy - <a href="mailto:rt.murphy@hotmail.co.uk">rt.murphy@hotmail.co.uk</a> or Audrey Balderstone - <a href="mailto:abalderstone@btconnect.com">abalderstone@btconnect.com</a> Numbers are still restricted and all Covid 19 measures will still need to be complied with.



Watch the Paralell Service online with Michael Dragoyevich

# **Announcements / News**

• After the **Traditional Service**, you are invited to join in a **Zoom fellowship** time with the pastor and many other members and friends. Details of how to join in will be on

 The Parallel Service Saturday 28th November, 2020 at 11 am. Join us on Zoom click here.

 TOY SERVICE Our Annual Toy Service will take place on Sabbath 12th December at 11am - but this time without the children on the platform. Instead, to keep everyone safe the toys and gifts will be received in the church car park on Sunday 6th December between 1pm - 3pm.

Your children will still be able to put their toys in the sacks in the car park and this event will be filmed for inclusion in the Worship service on 12th December. If you do NOT want your child to be filmed then please just let the organisers know. **Toys and gifts for children, teens, Mothers and Fathers are more needed than ever this year.** If you are unable to purchase gifts we are happy to do this for you on receipt of monetary donations. Please send to Pat or Audrey or leave in an envelope at church marked with their names.

This is a 55-year-old tradition which has long been attended by the Watford mayor and social service officers who then distribute toys to needy families under their care. **Let's make this the best Toy Service ever!** Thank you for your continued support. It is greatly appreciated.

- 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
- Children's Sing-Along on Christmas Eve from 2-2:30pm on Zoom. If you would like your child/children (or even yourself!!) to participate, please contact Ruth at <u>christmasevesingalong@yahoo.com</u> by the 30th November. Children and people of all ages are welcome.
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- Messenger 23rd November 2020 Issue 23 <u>Download here</u>
- Cradle Roll Programme November Sabbath at 9:45am on <u>Youtube</u> and <u>Facebook</u>.

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bags per week and delivers to all Watford postcodes plus WD3, WD6, HP2, HP27 and AL10. It currently has almost 100 volunteers but **urgently needs new volunteer drivers to help distribute food to those in need.** Anyone interested will need to commit to one four-hour shift per week, Monday to Friday, from 12.30pm to 4.30pm. Please contact Elizabeth Burns, Enoch or email to <a href="https://oxpowers.org">oxpowers.org</a>.

- Charity registration: One Vision is delighted to announce that the Charity
  Commission entered it in record time on the Register of Charities on 24 November
  2020. We wish to acknowledge the kind support provided by the church, and to
  thank God for His leadership and blessings.
- It is important that we continue to uphold COVID rules while continuing to serve the needs of our community and make plans for future activities and initiatives. With that in mind, we kindly ask that only those volunteers that are helping pack grocery bags, cook, delivery drivers, and individuals invited to attend pre-arranged meetings will be eligible to enter the HUB. If you do not fall into one of these categories, please do not be offended, nor take these measures personally.
  For any further clarification or request to attend the HUB other than for the reasons above, please contact Enoch on 07702566666. Thank you for your kind understanding. If you would like to volunteer please email ovp@stanboroughpark.org.

















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