

# Jesus and the Bigger Story

"We are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10

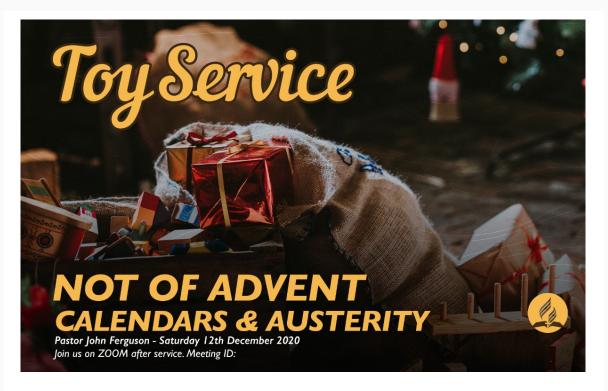
A generous friend offered to babysit our kids so my wife and I could go on a date. "You should go somewhere fancy!" she gushed. Being practical people, we decided to go grocery shopping instead. When we returned, grocery bags in arms, our friend asked why we hadn't done anything special. We told her that what makes a date special isn't so much what you do, but who you're with.

One of the few books of the Bible that doesn't record God directly saying or doing anything, the book of Ruth could seem to be pretty ordinary. So some read it as a touching but largely human drama of two people coming together in a relationship.

But in truth, something extraordinary is taking place. In the final chapter of Ruth, we read that Ruth and Boaz's union results in a son named Obed, the grandfather of David (4:17). And as we read in Matthew 1:1, it's from David's family that Jesus was born. It's Jesus who unveils the ordinary story of Ruth and Boaz and reveals the extraordinary story of God's amazing plans and purposes at work.

So often we see our own lives in the same way: as ordinary and serving no special purpose. But when we view our lives through Christ, He gives eternal significance to even the most ordinary situations and relationships.

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Watch the **Toy Service** online with Pastor John Ferguson



Watch the Paralell Service online with Pastor Geert Tap

## **Announcements / News**

□ The Church will be open for Worshippers from December.

If you would like to attend the service please register as before with Roger

Murphy - rt.murphy@hotmail.co.uk or Audrey Balderstone 
abalderstone@btconnect.com Numbers are still restricted and all Covid 19 measures

will still need to be complied with.

Parallel Service is inviting you to join our service on Saturday 12th December at 11 am. Zoom ID: 886 8444 4919, Passcode: 182906 — or click here.	
TOY SERVICE Our Annual Toy Service will take place on Sabbath 12th December at 11am. 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 <a href="mailto:christmasevesingalong@yahoo.com">christmasevesingalong@yahoo.com</a> by the 30th November. Children and people of all ages are welcome.	
Family Ministry's Prayer Basket The Kesheshian Family would like to thank the church for their prayer while holding the basket. It has now been passed on to Liz Burnes. "I want to thank our heavenly father for keeping me and my family safe and healthy over the last 9 months during the pandemic. Please pray for my veterans and their mental health and well-being during these challenging times. Also, I ask for a blessing on all the volunteers who have tirelessly supported us at One Vision."	
For information about Earliteen Sabbath School, please email: <u>Uchejbc@yahoo.co.uk</u> For information about Junior Sabbath School, please email: <u>spcjuniorss@gmail.com</u> For information about Primary Sabbath School, please email: <u>hkbrown49@gmail.com</u>	

For information about <b>Kindergarten Sabbath School</b> , please email: <a href="mailto:ishida.yvonne@gmail.com">ishida.yvonne@gmail.com</a>	
■ Women in Prayer will be meeting Saturday 12th December from 3-5pm. Join us and Bella Rajasekaran, on Zoom ID: 2509665133 Password: 243467, as we spend these precious moments together in prayer.	
Cradle Roll Programme December Sabbath at 9:45am on Youtube and Facebook.	
One Vision is currently providing more than 4,000 hot meals and around 900 grocery bags per week and delivers to all Watford postcodes plus WD3, WD6, HP2, HP27 and AL10. It currently has almost 100 volunteers but <b>urgently needs new volunteer drivers to help distribute food to those in need.</b> 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="mailto:ovp@stanboroughpark.org">ovp@stanboroughpark.org</a> .	
Christmas Eve service December 24th at 7pm. You are warmly invited to celebrate the Hope of Christmas through carols and readings.  As numbers are still limited we do need you to register with Audrey or Roger, please.  abalderstone@btconnect.com or rt.murphyhotmail.co.uk	
Stanborough Secondary School Christmas Carol Service 2020. Our annual Carol service can be watched here. Join us as we celebrate 'Jesus, The Light of the World'!	



















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