

The Cost

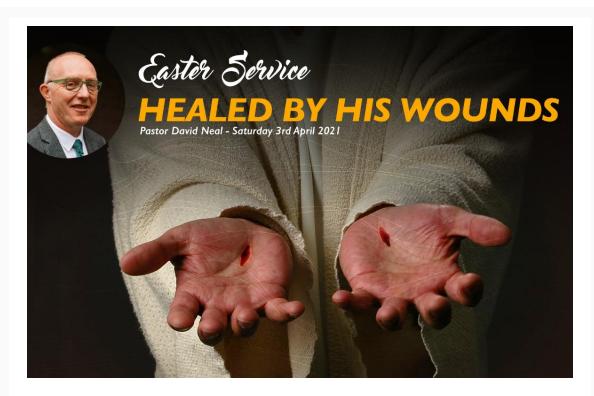
"When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit." John 19:30

Michelangelo's works explored many facets of the life of Jesus, yet one of the most poignant was also one of the most simple. In the 1540s he sketched a pieta (a picture of Jesus' mother holding the body of the dead Christ) for his friend Vittoria Colonna. Done in chalk, the drawing depicts Mary looking to the heavens as she cradles her Son's still form. Rising behind Mary, the upright beam of the cross carries these words from Dante's Paradise, "There they don't think of how much blood it costs." Michelangelo's point was profound: when we contemplate the death of Jesus, we must consider the price He paid.

The price paid by Christ is captured in His dying declaration, "It is finished" (John 19:30). The term for "it is finished" (tetelestai) was used in several ways—to show a bill had been paid, a task finished, a sacrifice offered, a masterpiece completed. Each of them applies to what Jesus did on our behalf on the cross! Perhaps that's why the apostle Paul wrote, "May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world" (Galatians 6:14).

Jesus' willingness to take our place is the eternal evidence of how much God loves us. As we contemplate the price He paid, may we also celebrate His love—and give thanks for the cross.

By By: Bill Crowder - Taken from odb.org



Watch the **Traditional Service** online with Pastor David Neal



Watch the Parallel Service online with Pastor Geert Tap

Announcements / News

Upcoming dates: Communion: 10th April (Have your emblems ready and join us online) // Ordination of Elders: 1st May // Baptism: 8th May
Church Re-opening The church board has voted in favour of the re-opening of the church for its Family Service as from 3 April and for the foreseeable future. Of course, COVID regulations and guidelines still apply. The limit for the number who can attend is 50 persons. If you wish to attend the services please contact Audrey Balderstone (abalderstone@btconnect.com) or Roger Murphy (rt.murphy@hotmail.com) who will assist to accommodate you.
LILIES FOR EASTER If you have ordered a Lily or Lilies for Easter please tell those to whom you have dedicated the lily/lilies that they can be collected from outside the church on Easter Sabbath morning between 12.10pm and 12.30pm, or on Sunday morning between 10am and 10.30am. If they cannot be collected please let Audrey know: abalderstone@btconnect.com Thank you very much for your support.
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ADRA As we will not be able to collect door to door for ADRA again this year, Audrey Balderstone has come up with a fund raising idea. She plans to give a donation to ADRA for the birthday of each of her friends and relatives during the year. She is also asking for donations to ADRA instead of birthday presents to her. If you would like to swell the fund for ADRA you could donate in honour of a friend or family member - or as a 'thank you' present for God's blessings. To donate please go to Audrey's Just Giving' page: https:justgiving.com/fundraising/Audrey-Balderstone1
Cradle Roll Programme MARCH 4th edition Sabbath at 9:45am on Youtube and Facebook.
Sunday Easter Morning He rose and was victorious over death! Sabbath we will remember the Cross. Coming Sunday we will come together to celebrate an empty grave. Join us from 9am at the Peace Garden just between Stanborough Park Church and BUC Office! Please keep to the regulations: wear your mask, keep distance and in safe family bubbles, and if you have any symptoms please stay home and celebrate there. For more info contact me on g.tap@btinternet.com
Message from Pastor David Neal: With the delivery of the March edition, distribution of the print edition en masse to Adventist homes throughout the UK and Ireland comes to an end. But – any household wishing to continue receiving the print edition may do so free of charge, simply by sending a message to: msubs@stanboroughpress.org.uk . or call Sarah Jarvis on: 01476-591700. The aim of this campaign is to ensure that all the UK and Ireland church family have the opportunity to connect with each other - and stay connected. Very many thanks for your help.

SOS mix for sale – contact Pat Walton if you would like to purchase some. All proceeds to the Church Development Fund. Contact Pat on 07788311097 or 01923 672500.
□ Watch the Parallel Service online Meeting ID: 840 134 7522, Passcode: 2007691
 Women in prayer: Saturday 3rd April from 5am to 7pm on zoom. All the ladies are welcome to Join. Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 831 661 9709 Passcode: 777
 LOCKDOWN NEWS - March 2021 Read Here − In this issue: Prayer Corner, Gratitude Corner: News in Brief, One Vision Holds its Third Awards Ceremony, One Vision produces video encouraging people to be vaccinated against COVID-19, Audrey's Flower Sermon, News from the Welfare Department, Youth News: Global Youth Day and Teens Group activities, Meet Carol and Lucas our Student Missionaries, The Last Word.
□ MEET CAROL and LUCAS OUR STUDENT MISSIONARIES - Read here
□ Please, remind to send your announcements until Wednesday evening to be included in the church eBulletin. Send it to jef@stanboroughpark.org
Message from Pastor Terry Messenger Transfers

Transfers in:

- 1. Mr Graham Barham from SEC to Stanborough Park Church
- 2. Mrs Inez Barham from SEC to Stanborough Park Church
- 3. Mr Frederic Shone from SEC to Stanborough Park Church
- 4. Ms Bibi Farozia Mungui from SEC to Stanborough Park
- 5. Mrs Yvonne Ishida from Nara SDA Church, Japan, to Stanborough Park Church
- **6.** Mr Thanreingam Ramrar from Phungreitung SDA Church, Manipur, India to Stanborough Park Church.

Transfers out:

- 1. Mr Luca Zagara from Stanborough Park to Welsh Mission
- **2.** Mrs Caroline Zagara from Stanborough Park to Welsh Mission *This is the second reading*

Profession of Faith

The Church Board are recommending that the names of Josif & Elena Turturica be voted into the church on profession of faith. Their membership records have been lost between the SEC and Watford Romanian Church and the SEC recommends that we accept them on the profession of faith. This is the second reading of their names.











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