



The Greatest Symphony

"We were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body." 1 Corinthians 12:13

When BBC Music Magazine asked one hundred fifty-one of the world's leading conductors to list twenty of what they believed to be the greatest symphonies ever written, Beethoven's Third, Eroica, came out on top. The work, whose title means "heroic," was written during the turmoil of the French Revolution. But it also came out of Beethoven's own struggle as he slowly lost his hearing. The music evokes extreme swings of emotion that express what it means to be human and alive while facing challenges. Through wild swings of happiness, sadness, and eventual triumph Beethoven's Third Symphony is regarded as a timeless tribute to the human spirit.

Paul's first letter to the Corinthians deserves our attention for similar reasons. Through inspired words rather than musical scores, it rises in blessing (1:4–9), falls in the sadness of soul-crushing conflict (11:17–22), and rises again in the unison of gifted people working together for one another and for the glory of God (12:6–7).

The difference is that here we see the triumph of our human spirit as a tribute to the Spirit of God. As Paul urges us to experience together the inexpressible love of Christ, he helps us see ourselves as called together by our Father, led by His Son, and inspired by His Spirit—not for noise, but for our contribution to the greatest symphony of all.

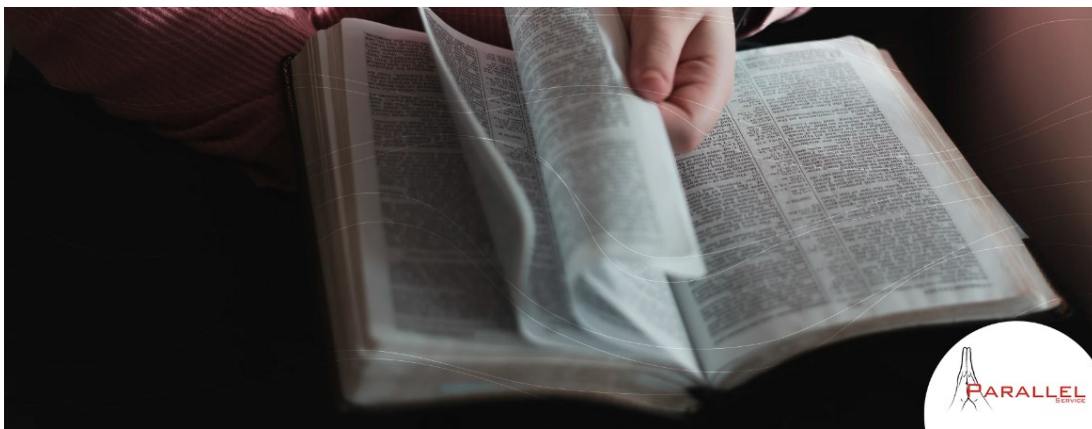
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AS IT WAS IN THE DAYS OF NOAH

Pastor Terry Messenger - Saturday 24th July 2021



Watch the [Communion Service](#) online with Pastor Terry Messenger



The [Parallel Service](#) will be at the park 12pm (weather permitting)

Announcements / News

- The government have announced that COVID 19 restrictions will be lifted from 19th July. The church board have voted to follow these guidelines but have included the following caveats:
 1. For worship services to increase the capacity of numbers attending to 200

2. To recommend mask wearing, social distancing and use of hand sanitisers. (Congregational singing can occur with masks on)

3. Sabbath schools and Parallel service to be able to set numbers according to the above guidance.

Weddings and funerals to decide their own policies in accordance with legal guidelines.

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- **Women Ministries Programme** is held twice a month, the next programme will be held on Saturday 31st July. For all enquiries, please contact Mrs Wumi Idowu.

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- **Men's group launch** Have you ever felt overwhelmed by daily life and overall pressure? A new initiative is being launched named "Decompression Chamber", a men's group with a focus on brotherhood, spiritual growth mutual support, activities and some fun. For any information please contact Massimo 07501220238 or massimo.molteni@gmail.com

- **Children's Sabbath Schools Prayer Request**

At present we are running five different Sabbath school groups: Cradle Roll, Kindergarten, Primary, Junior and Earlyteen. At present, there is no leader for either the Kindergarten or Junior Sabbath schools. Cradle Roll are in need of more people to support the team. The team of people supporting Kindergarten is very small (about 2 adults and a handful of young people). The team of people supporting Primary is dwindling and is currently almost non-existent. The team of people supporting Junior is also very small (less than 5 and some of these are irregular supporters.) Thank you to the great team of people that are currently supporting Earlyteen Sabbath school.

It is not and will not be possible to continue running Sabbath school with this level of support. Please pray for our children's Sabbath schools. Please pray that God will provide the support we desperately need and please prayerfully consider whether you are able to offer support in some practical way.

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- **Parallel Service:** Weather permitting the Parallel will worship from 12 noon onwards in the park (Stanborough Park) on 24th July. Sermon by Pastor Geert Tap.

People can bring garden chairs or mats and a picnic if they want. If the weather does not allow, then Parallel will meet with Zoom as usual.

Meeting ID: 840 134 7522 Passcode: 2007691



The nomination process for new officers to serve for 2022/23 has now began. A recommendation committee has been voted as follows:

Sandra Aguiar
Audrey Balderstone
Jackson Bright
Alison Burgess
Bernell Bussue
Christine Cornwall
Richard Gayle
Daniel Guenin
Roger Murphy
Vanessa Pizzuto
Jean Marc Renard
Pat Swan
Pat Walton

This committee has the task of recommending the actual nominating committee to the church. Please keep this committee in your prayers

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- **ADRA ANNUAL APPEAL**

Audrey is thankful to God for all the donations which have been sent to her Just Giving Page for ADRA. These have been added to the donations Audrey is making on the birthdays of her family and friends throughout the year.

The total raised is almost £10,000.00 - at the halfway point of the year. If you

would like to acknowledge a birthday or give thanks to God by donating to ADRA please go to <https://justgiving.com/fundraising/Audrey-Balderstone1> Thank you

Cradle Roll Programme JULY edition Sabbath at 9:45am on [Youtube](#) and [Facebook](#).

WALK FOR ADRA: As a global humanitarian agency, ADRA has felt the impact of COVID-19 in its projects around the world. Most of ADRA-UK's overseas projects are financially challenged by the onset of the novel coronavirus. Bert Smit, CEO, stated, 'We have made commitments to complete these projects and to ease and eliminate the suffering of people in need. 'We need your help to fulfil these commitments'. As we commence this journey together, here's the process to follow in order to register to [WALKFORADRA](#).

1. Register using our online form at <https://adra.org.uk/walkforadra>
2. Create your Just Giving profile/page
3. Download the tracker, or use your phone health app/ watch to keep track of your miles walked then report your miles to us through our online form.
4. Remember to have fun, enjoy every moment while you WALK FOR ADRA!

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- Thank you for your prayers for Beth's surgery. Unfortunately, it has been postponed to 5th August. Please keep all this matter in your prayers. Annalisa and Massimo

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- **The church family is warmly invited to celebrate** the upcoming wedding of Naomi Burgess and Michael Phillips on Sunday 1st August at 1pm, either in person at the church or online via livestream.
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- The flowers today have been donated by church members with grateful thanks to God for the blessings received during this past year.
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- **Business Meeting:** 25th July at 6pm. Please note that the only agenda item for this meeting is the proposed new worship format. Also please be aware that no vote on the proposal will be taken at this meeting. This will be an exploratory meeting to give a chance for as many people as possible to air their views. This meeting will take place at church and also via zoom. Link to follow:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87005155911?pwd=NVFpU1lwZEpPeXhmOSsvMVN5aWI0Zz09>

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A further meeting to be held on 5th September to continue the discussion and possible vote.

- **A regular business meeting** will be held on 15th August at 6pm. Departmental heads please prepare your reports for that meeting. There will be a further business meeting on 5th September to continue the discussion on the Sabbath morning worship format.
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- **The church board** are recommending the following transfers:
Mrs Emma Stickland From Stanborough Park Church to St Albans Church
Mr Luke Stickland From Stanborough Park Church to St Albans Church
This is the second reading.
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- Please be advised that Pastor Geert will be taking his Sabbatical during the months of August to October inclusive. Pastor Terry will be on annual leave from 26th July to 8th August.

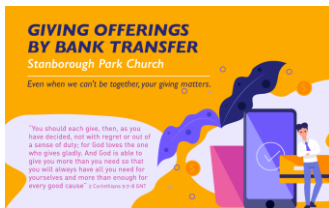
Upcoming dates:

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Traditional Worship Service - 24th July

Welcome & Announcements - David Burgess
Meditation - 'There is Peace in Christ', Temi Ademuyiwa
Opening prayer - David Burgess
Call to Worship - 'Be Still', SOF 40
Children's Story - Pauline Okelo
Hymns of Praise: Standing on the Promises, SDAH 518
Ancient Words
Family Prayer - Richelle Anim
Scripture Reading - Genesis 6: 9-14 (NIV), Adewale Ademuyiwa
Special item - 'Your Ways are Higher than Mine', Angeline Jeyasundar
Sermon - "As it was in the Days of Noah", Terry Messenger
Closing hymn - 'Far Beyond the Sun', AYS 53
Benediction - Terry Messenger
Postlude



The third Angel's Story



Parallel Service 17th July

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