

Move Your Fence

"See, I am doing a new thing!" Isaiah 43:19

The village vicar couldn't sleep. As World War II raged, he'd told a small group of American soldiers they couldn't bury their fallen comrade inside the fenced cemetery next to his church. Only burials for church members were allowed. So the men buried their beloved friend just outside the fence.

The next morning, however, the soldiers couldn't find the grave. "What happened? The grave is gone," one soldier told the reverend. "Oh, it's still there," he told him. The soldier was confused, but the churchman explained. "I regretted telling you no. So, last night, I got up—and I moved the fence."

God may give fresh perspective for our life challenges too—if we look for it. That was the prophet Isaiah's message to the downtrodden people of Israel. Instead of looking back with longing at their Red Sea rescue, they needed to shift their sight, seeing God doing new miracles, blazing new paths. "Do not dwell on the past," He urged them. "See, I am doing a new thing!" (Isaiah 43:18–19). He's our source of hope during doubts and battles. "I provide water in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland, [providing] drink to my people, my chosen [people]" (v. 20).

Refreshed with new vision, we too can see God's fresh direction in our lives. May we look with new eyes to see His new paths. Then, with courage, may we step onto new ground, bravely following Him.

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Watch the <u>Traditional Service</u> online with Dr Julian Thompson

Announcements / News

- The Soup Run begins again for the Winter season. The minibus will leave for London every Friday evening to cater for rough sleepers. We supply many muchneeded accessories such as toiletries, sleeping bags, and warm clothing, socks and underwear. If you would like to join a Soup Run team please contact Pat Walton on 07788311097. You can also donate funds to cover additional items purchases.
- Macmillan Afternoon Tea Support the Macmillan Nurses by indulging yourself with an Afternoon Tea in the Cedar/Sycamore Room between 3:00 and 4:30 p.m. There will also be a table-top sale plus clothes rail. Friday 24th September 2021at The Stanborough Centre. All proceeds will be given to the MacMillan Nurses Fund.
- There will be no Parallel on the 18th of September due to Pathfinder day.
 Parallel will resume the following Sabbath.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING. The goods from the Harvest Festival this year will be given to the Meriden Food Bank and to our own Welfare Department for distribution.

Please bring non-perishable goods to the church on Thursday evening (23rd) between 5.30-7.30 p.m. and on Friday 24th 1.30-5.30 p.m.

We suggest pasta, pasta sauces, tinned vegetables, tinned fish, tinned fruit and household goods. Fresh produce can also be brought for the harvest at these times. **In addition,** children will be invited to bring small gifts - suitable for one person - to the front of the church after the children's story.

For instance: 1 banana, 1 orange, 1 apple, a small bunch of grapes and a chocolate bar - in a shoebox, or similar, with the top covered in cling film, please. Thank you

Children's Sabbath School update

By God's grace, we have some more people helping with Sabbath school and we are working hard to run two classes at church. One for the younger children (up to primary) in the Williams Hall and one for the older children (junior / early teens) in the Larch Room.

Sabbath school starts at 9:45am. If anyone else is willing to help, please let me know.

There are two groups running online. Kindergarten / Primary and Junior / Earlyteen. If anyone would like access to the login details, please contact Yvonne Ishida at <u>ishida.yvonne@gmail.com</u>. The Cradle Roll videos are going out each week as usual.

Prayer Meeting on Wednesday at 7pm. Please join us and be encouraged by a beautiful message by Carol Belo. Zoom Meeting ID: 863 3281 2854 Password: 063944. LINK

The Men's Group will meet for the first time on Sunday 19th September from 11am to 1pm in the William's Hall. Anyone interested to join is welcome. Hot drinks and light refreshments will be provided. Please contact Massimo Molteni for further information at 07501220238 or massimo.molteni@gmail.com

Social Distancing At Church: If you wish to attend church and to remain socially distanced, please sit in the centre section of the church downstairs. The balconies will now be designated for those who are happy to sit in closer proximity. We appreciate your consideration of each other's views as we worship and fellowship together. Thank you.

ANGEL VOICES – (children's choir) Rehearsals commence on 18th September, and new members are welcome to zoom rehearsals at 1.30pm on Sabbaths. If a child would like to join, please e-mail <u>childrenschoir@yahoo.com</u> for more information, including the words of the carol being prepared for Christmas.

Women's ministry programme Saturday 18th September from 3-5 pm. Please join us for an insightful discussion on "The power of focus". Your contributions will be highly appreciated. Meeting ID: 7279659834 | Passcode - WMmeeting

Adult Sabbath School has started meeting in person at church with two classes currently in the Maple Room and Armstrong Hall from 10am to 11am. The lessons will also be accessible via Zoom with the following links:
 Armstrong Hall class: LINK Meeting ID: 852 3880 2639 | Passcode: 185757

Maple Class: <u>LINK</u> Meeting ID: 757 070 1887 || Passcode: 111000 (Or by phone: +44 203 481 5240)

ADRA ANNUAL APPEAL - great news!

A number of donations have been made to Audrey's JustGiving Page for ADRA in the last few days and they have boosted the total to over £14,000.00! We give praise and thanks to God. Audrey is continuing to donate to ADRA on the birthdays of her family and friends throughout the year.

If you would like to join her by acknowledging a birthday or to give thanks to God by

donating to ADRA - please go to <u>https:justgiving.com/fundraising/Audrey-</u> <u>Balderstone1</u> Thank you.

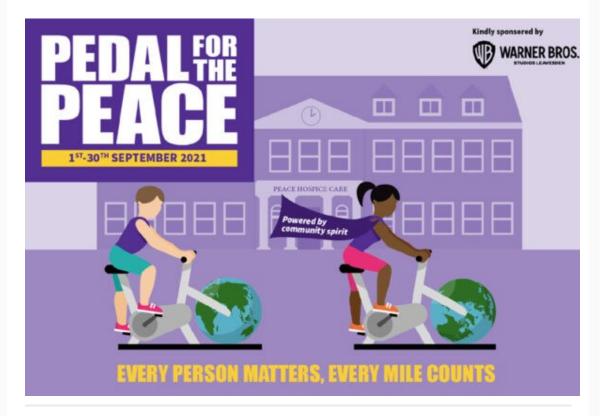
Cradle Roll Programme August edition Sabbath at 9:45am on <u>Youtube</u> and <u>Facebook</u>.

DISABILITY AWARENESS. Now that the church is open for a bigger congregation but precautions like social distancing are still being observed, can all attendees please be aware of the need to support those with additional needs? It might be necessary for someone with a sensory disability – which might not be obvious – to sit near the front. If you have an extra need, please feel free to ask for space to be made in a row nearer the front if necessary, or ask for support from a duty deacon when making these arrangements.

- World Pathfinder Day Saturday 18th Sept. Our Pathfinders will do an outreach programme in Garston Park from 2pm to 3pm. Please pray for them and join us if you can. Thank you to our church Health Department leader (Annalisa) to join us with a healthy food session for children.
- Pathfinders Scarf's Week 11Sept to 18th Sept. Leading up to World Pathfinder Day all Pathfinders, old & young, are encouraged to wear their Pathfinder scarf wherever they go, including to work! It is a good way of sharing your faith or sharing your church by wearing an attraction without saying a word or start a conversation.
- Teens Sports Afternoon Save the date! Sun 26th Sept 12:30 to 3pm.
 More details coming soon.

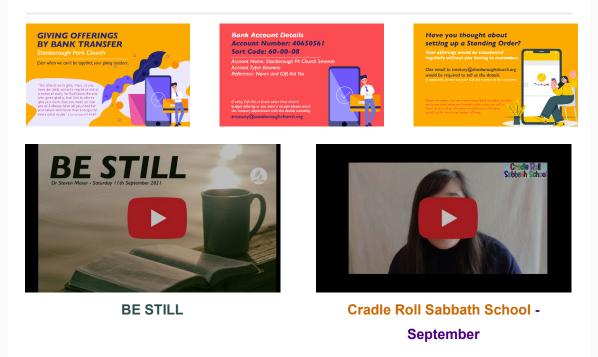
- SEC World Pathfinder Day 18th Sept There will be a divine service programme for Pathfinders in the morning organised by SEC in the BUC Grounds and baptisms at 4pm. Ticketed only event.
- □ **Teens Pedal for the Peace Hospice.** Joining efforts with the wider community to collectively cycle the circumference of the world (yes- 24,901 miles!) and raise £30,000!

Join us this month by cycling at home and letting us know the distance you have cycled or by donating https://justgiving.com/fundraising/teens-department



Traditional Worship Service - 18th September

Prelude - Neilson Roberts Announcements - Bheki Moyo Call to Worship - Praise Him, Praise Him Invocation - Bheki Moyo Hymn - Because He lives Children's story - Prosper Chidakwa Family Prayer - Bheki Moyo Scripture Reading: Leviticus 26:3-5 - Philip Ilagan Ministry in Music: "Meekness and Majesty" - Angeline Jehasundar Sermon: "Code Red" - Dr Julian Thompson Hymn - Love Divine All Loves Excelling Benediction - Dr Julian Thompson Postlude - Neilson Roberts



STANBOROUGH PARK CHURCH CELEBRATES

WORLD PATHFINDER DAY

AT

STANBOROUGH PARK!!

Open Air with Pathfinders from all over the South of England. Bring your Worship Spirit, and your Evangelism enthusiasm.



Registration at 10am - get your entry tickets by 12 Sept.

+ Afternoon Activities @ GARSTON PARK





Skating Tricks



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Puppet Show

Date: 18th Sept 2021

Time: 1:30pm - 3:00pm

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