



Caring for Those in Need

"I command you to be openhanded toward your fellow Israelites who are poor and needy in your land." Deuteronomy 15:11

Elvis Summers answered the door to find Smokey, a frail woman who stopped by regularly to ask for empty cans to return for cash. This money was her primary source of income. Elvis got an idea. "Could you show me where you sleep?" he asked. Smokey led him to a narrow patch of dirt about two feet wide next to a house. Moved by compassion, Summers built her a "tiny house"—a simple shelter that provided space for her to sleep safely. Summers ran with the idea. He started a GoFundMe page and teamed with local churches to provide land to build more shelters for others who were homeless.

Throughout the Bible, God's people are reminded to care for those in need. When God spoke through Moses to prepare the Israelites to enter the promised land, He encouraged them to "be openhanded and freely lend [to the poor] whatever they need" (Deuteronomy 15:8). This passage also noted that "there will always be poor people in the land" (v. 11). We don't have to go far to see this is true. As God compassionately called the Israelites "to be openhanded toward your fellow Israelites" (v. 11), we too can find ways to help those in need.

Everyone needs food, shelter, and water. Even if we don't have much, may God guide us to use what we do have to help others. Whether it's sharing a sandwich or a warm winter coat, small things can make a big difference!

By: Julie Schwab - Taken from odb.org



Watch the [Traditional Service](#) online with Pastor Wayne Erasmus

Announcements / News

- **TOY SERVICE on Sabbath 11th December at 11am.** We are hoping to make the 60th anniversary of our Toy Service as 'normal' as possible, but in order to keep everyone as safe as possible we are making the following suggestions:
 - Please wear a mask unless you cannot do so for medical reasons.
 - If you wish to socially distance, please sit in the centre section of the church.
 - If you do not wish to socially distance please sit in the other designated areas.
 - The service will be relayed to the Cedar/Sycamore room and this room will be used once the number of those seated in the church reaches 200.

DONATIONS OF TOYS AND OTHER GIFTS

Please bring Toys, gifts for teens and gifts for Mothers and Fathers - unwrapped please - to the church on Friday 10th December between 12 noon and 4pm.

The children will be invited to come forward with their gifts to put in the sacks on Sabbath morning during the service. They will be socially distanced and directed when to walk forward up the centre and right-hand aisles to put their gifts in the sacks, which will be at the tops of the aisles - not on the platform. After placing their

gifts they will be invited to exit down the left-hand aisle.

We look forward to being able to share the 'Love which came down at Christmas' with those in our community through this very special service.

Thank you in anticipation of your help.



TEENS MEETING: Saturday 4pm in person. Join us for a moment of study and fun discovering What is the Holy Spirit? Things are better with friends! So make sure they come with you. Refreshments are served at the end.

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- **Parallel fellowship lunch** in the Cedar Sycamore room on 18th December. Bring your own lunch, and a Christmas treat to share.

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- **Children's Sabbath Schools:** We have 4 groups running at church - Cradle Roll (0-4) in the William's Hall, Kindergarten / Primary (4-8) in the Armstrong Room, Junior (9-12) in the Larch room and Earlyteen (13+) in the Beech room. Sabbath school starts at 9:45am.

We have 2 groups running on zoom - Primary and Earlyteen.

For more information, please email ishida.yvonne@gmail.com.

The Cradle Roll video programmes are going out on YouTube and Facebook as usual.

For anyone who would like to join us, Sabbath school will be running at church as usual on Christmas Day from 9:45am.



SOUP RUN – every Friday the soup run goes into London to assist the rough sleepers who are in need of men's winter clothes especially warm jumpers, jeans, warm jackets, socks underwear, sleeping bags and toiletries. If you wish to donate these items please contact Pat Walton on 07788311097 to arrange when to bring the items to the welfare centre.

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- **Adult Sabbath School** has started meeting in person at church with two classes currently in the Maple Room and Oak Room from 10am to 11am. The lessons will

also be accessible via Zoom with the following links:

Oak Room class:

Maple Class: [LINK](#) Meeting ID: 757 070 1887 || Passcode: 111000

(Or by phone: +44 203 481 5240)

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- **ADRA ANNUAL APPEAL** - If you would like to join this endeavour by acknowledging a birthday or to give thanks to God by donating to ADRA - please go to <https://justgiving.com/fundraising/Audrey-Balderstone1> Thank you.

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- **Welfare Department** - Operates every week – usually two mornings. If you wish to make donations please contact Pat on 07788311097 to arrange when to bring the donations to the welfare centre. The donations **MUST NOT BE LEFT ON THE CHURCH/CENTRE PREMISES.**

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- ***Christmas Greetings** to all who attend Stanborough Park Church. We wish we could join you. However, we get much support from your kind messages and prayers. We are very touched by the fact that many who do not know us, still pray for us. Merry Christmas and a very happy new year, from Roy and Bronwen Atkinson.*



ADRA VIRTUAL GIFT BOX APPEAL 2021: Last year we raised £10,000 to help children in the UK that were affected by the pandemic. This year our Virtual Gift Box campaign will benefit children in rural Chad. We would like to provide them with a basic school kit, a hygiene pack and a toy. What a difference this will make. We ask you to donate £10 per child on our [JustGiving website](#): donate as much as you can e.g. a £50 donation will benefit 5 children.

- With our local partner, ADRA Chad, the gifts are handpicked for every group of children making sure the gifts they receive will fit their specific needs. Whether pens, crayons, soap, a toothbrush and of course a toy, please know that you have given them a reason to smile!
This year we have kept it simple: make a donation on our [JustGiving page](#) or, alternatively, send us a cheque.

Barbara Hankin is in Langley House and not Lancaster Court as was announced last Sabbath.

- **Becky De Oliveira**, wife of Pastor Japhet De Oliveira was diagnosed on Wednesday with what they think is a Glioblastoma (cancer on the brain). This is very serious and Becky needs a miracle. Please pray earnestly for Becky, that the surgeons will be guided as they operate and that the correct course of treatment will follow. Pray too for Japhet, Joshua and Jonah and for Becky's father who is with them. This family was dearly loved when Japhet was a Pastor here and they will be encouraged to know they are still a part of the Stanborough Family even though they are now ministering in America.

TOY Service - 11th December

Medley of Carols - Ensemble
Announcements - Audrey Balderstone
Call to Worship: NAH 685 (First verse and chorus) - Handbells
The Bells Have Been Ringing Since Jesus Came - Congregation Joins
Invocation - Audrey Balderstone
Scriptural Call to Worship: John 1:14 & 1John 5:11 - Dean Russell MP
Carol: NAH 85 - O Come All Ye Faithful
Offering and prayer - Audrey Balderstone
The First Noel - Angel Voices
Toy Services 60 years - Children bring their gifts to the front.
Presentation of Toys to the Mayor - Pat Walton
Response - Mayor Peter Taylor
Away in a Manger - Junior Choir
Family Prayer - Audrey Andersson
Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:10,11 - Baroness Dorothy Thornhill MBE
Meditation: "Those Faces Around the Manger" - Pastor Wayne Erasmus
Carol: NAH 181 'Joy To The World'
Benediction - Pastor Wayne Erasmus
Angels From The Realms of Glory - Handbells

Sabbath School from 9:45am

Welcome & Opening Prayer - Massimo Molteni
Opening Hymn: SDAH 469 - Lesning on the everlasting arms
Facilitator: Bheki T. Moyo
Panel: Wallacia Scott, Bella Rajasekaran, Erna Herteliu, Ioan Herteliu

Second Partial Report of the Nominating Committee 4 December 2021

Parallel Worship Committee Leader: Karen Vontzalidis, **Coordinators:** Tunde Adebayo, Roy Christie, Michele Vitry (1 year), Sophia Vontzalidis (1 year), Helen King-Brown

Deaconess - Deputy Head Deaconess: Pat Walton

Church Site Management Committee: Denver Annable

Adult Sabbath School Team: John Dupuis

Seniors' Club Committee: Romy Barham, Jean Hinks, Pam Robertson, Pat Swan

Adventurers Director: Megan Joseph, **Deputy Leader:** Ophelia Herman, **Secretary:** Kashina Smith, **Helping Hands** – Trond Asbjornsen & Margrette Johns, **Builders** – Kashina Smith & Aline Dos Santos, **Sunbeam** – Mary Tanhamira & Megan Joseph, **Busy Bees** – Benita Felaar & Sophia Charles, **Early Birds** – Kimberley Christian, **Little Lambs** – Wilna McComb

Youth Leader: Tunde Adebayo, **Deputy:** Student Missionaries, **Team:** Meghan Herman, Elizabeth Labalestra, Michael Lucking, Naomi Phillips

The 2nd Partial Report of the Nominating Committee will be voted on before the Toy Service this week.

Third Partial Report of the Nominating Committee 11 December 2021

Deacons Deputy Heads:

Mick Lilley
Richard Gayle
Simon Wragg
Filipe Fuste
Julio Brugos

Deacons:

Trond Asbjørnson
Thomas Akindele
Denver Annable
Eustace Anthony
Gavin Gengan
Sang-Bin Jung
William Nalli
Dean Papaioannou
Clinton Quarshie
Colin Robertson
Lascelles Shields
Wally Solomon
Simeon Vontzalidis

Ushers

Christian Constantinou

Children's Sabbath School

Primary Leader: Esther Kansere
Junior Leader: Elena Turturica
Earliteen Leader: Uche Ademuyiwa
Youth Leaders: Student Missionaries

Pathfinders

Director: Davide Labalestra
Bukky Ayo-Ipaye - Deputy
Hamish McComb - Deputy & Guide
Paula Carrillo- Deputy & Friend
Eileen Hussey - Deputy & Voyager
Ashlove Amoako-Atta - Companion
Sunsiree Renard - Companion
Esther Kansere - Explorer
Uzo Wosu - Ranger
Jackson Bright - Voyager
Ngozi Wosu - PBE coach
Yetunde Bright - Master Guide Coordinator

Parallel Service Music Committee

Leader: Manuela Mai
Dan Sabatier

Dane Cummings
June Cummings
Belicia Miteva
Gaia Miteva

Adult Sabbath School

Team: Erna Herteliu

The following names will comprise the Church Board

Senior Pastor Chair
Assistant Pastor Co-Chair
Florence Allen Elder
Audrey Balderstone Elder
David Burgess Elder
Bernell Bussue Elder
Louis Guenin Elder
Steven Moser Elder
Bheki Moyo Elder
Roger Murphy Elder
Annalisa Molteni Head Deaconess
Alix Roberts Church Clerk
Massimo Molteni Adult Sabbath School Leader
Paula Carillo Children's Sabbath School Leader
Bernell Bussue Church Site Management
Committee Chair
Davide Labalestra Pathfinder Leader
Megan Joseph Adventurer Leader
Fred Shone Treasurer
June Coombs Communication Ministry
Pat Walton Welfare
Tunde Adelbayo Youth Ministry
Faith Allen Health & Safety Officer

Chantel Alen
Charlotte Marshall

Communication Team

Leader: June Coombs
Social Media: Student Volunteers
Digital: Jef Nascimento
Website: Jef Nascimento
Print: June Coombs
Photographer: Costa Vaggas

In addition, the Church Board will also add the following roles once names have been brought to the church to vote in a future Partial Report.

Head Deacon
Church Member x 2
Family Ministry Leader
Health Ministry Leader
Outreach Ministry Leader
Prayer Ministry Leader
Safeguarding Officer
Women's Ministry Leader

These names will be left with you for the week and will be voted on next Sabbath 18 December 2021. Should you wish to clarify a name, please contact Pst Geert Tap or Dave Burgess. Should you wish to speak to the Nominating Committee about a concern please let Pst Tap or Dave Burgess know and you can be invited to the Nominating Committee on Thursday 16 December 2021 at 7pm where your concern will be considered.



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Stanborough Park Church
 Even when we can't be together your giving matters.

"You should each give, when you are able, as you have decided, not with regret or out of a sense of duty, for God loves the one who gives gladly. And God is able to give you more than you have or think you need. I always have all you need for your journey and more than enough for every good cause." - 1 Corinthians 13:3

Bank Account Details
Account Number: 40650561
Sort Code: 60-00-08

Account Name: Stanborough PK Church Seventh
 Account Type: Business
 Reference: Name and Gift Aid No

If using Gift Aid or funds other than church budget offering or you need a receipt please email the treasury department with the details including treasury@stanboroughchurch.org

Have you thought about setting up a Standing Order?

Your offerings would be transferred regularly without you having to remember.

One email to treasury@stanboroughchurch.org would be required to tell us the details. If applicable, please use your Gift Aid number as the reference.

Please remember that our online giving bank transfer service is available 24/7. If you have any questions or need help, please contact the church office on 01823 511111.



My friend, the Samaritan



Cradle Roll Sabbath School - DECEMBER



Parallel Service

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