



## The Prince of Peace

***"And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6***

When John's cold turned into pneumonia, he ended up in the hospital. At the same time, his mother was being treated for cancer a few floors above him, and he felt overwhelmed with worries about her and about his own health. Then on Christmas Eve, when the radio played the carol "O Holy Night," John was flooded with a deep sense of God's peace. He listened to the words about it being the night of the dear Savior's birth: "A thrill of hope the weary soul rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!" In that moment, his worries about himself and his mother vanished.

This "dear Savior" born to us, Jesus, is the "Prince of Peace," as Isaiah prophesied (Isaiah 9:6). Jesus fulfilled this prophecy when He came to earth as a baby, bringing light and salvation to "those living in the land of the shadow of death" (Matthew 4:16; see Isaiah 9:2). He embodies and gives peace to those He loves, even when they face hardship and death.

There in the hospital, John experienced the peace that passes all understanding (Philippians 4:7) as he pondered the birth of Jesus. This encounter with God strengthened his faith and sense of gratitude as he lay in that sterile room away from his family at Christmas. May we too receive God's gift of peace and hope.

By: Amy Boucher Pye - Taken from [odb.org](http://odb.org)



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## Announcements / News

- **Carols by Candle night. Christmas Eve at 5.00 pm.** A family time to celebrate the birth of Jesus our Lord and Saviour. The overflow room will be used if attendance reaches 200. The same arrangement will be in place for Christmas morning as well.



**The Parallel team** welcomes you to join the traditional service for both the Christmas and New Year service. Parallel will resume on the 8th January 2022 in the Cedar Sycamore room. We take this opportunity to wish you all a blessed festive season.



**The wearing of masks is now mandatory in public places** – including places of worship. We would encourage everyone to wear masks, unless you have a medical condition that forbids this, for the safety of yourselves and others. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

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The flowers in the church are given in thanks for the love and goodness of God and to acknowledge His countless Blessings and Protection in our life. Clinton & Becky Quarshi

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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:** [LINK 841 7391 7128](#) || **Passcode: it9Kcj**

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

(Or by phone: +44 203 481 5240)

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#### **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

- Sister Lola Gordon, whose treatment has been delayed.
- Terry Menkens, whose surgery is due on the 19th January 2022.
- Arto and Miriam Keshishian, for healing.
- Simeon Vontzalidis, who is recovering but needs complete healing.
- The Poddar family, who are recovering from their recent bout of illness. They would like to thank us for our prayers.
- Donna Wray, for complete healing.
- Ruth Read, for complete recovery and help.
- Richard Gayle, recovering from surgery.
- Lydia Dean and Family; David & Donna Bryan and their family on their recent bereavement.
- Barbara Hankin is at home now and in good spirits. She gives thanks to God for His blessings and thanks to the church family for their prayers and good wishes.

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#### **Christmas Service - 25th December**

Announcements - Florence Allen

Prelude - Ensemble

Call to worship: "Christians Awake" (first verse)

Invocation - Florence Allen

Hymn: "Joy to the world"

Christmas Greetings

Musical bells: "Silent Night"

Children's Christmas story: "Stars"

Family Prayer: Pastor Terry Messenger

Hymn: "O come, O come Immanuel"

Scripture reading: Matthew 1:20b - 23 - Florence Allen

Meditation in music "When we seek Him" - Arianne-Ashleigh Boldeau & Semira Fletcher-Bryan

**Sermon: "It's Christmas time.... Are you ready?" Pastor Geert Tap**

Hymn: " O little town of Bethlehem"

Benediction. Pastor Geert Tap

Postlude - Ensemble

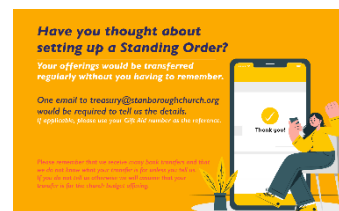
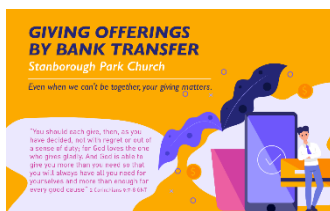
### **Sabbath School from 9:45am**

Welcome & Opening Prayer - Massimo Molteni

Opening Hymn: SDAH 469 - Leaning on the everlasting arms

Facilitator: Bheki T. Moyo

Panel: Wallacia Scott, Erna Herteliu, Ioan Herteliu, 4th panelist TBC



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