

SABBATH SCHOOL

Opening Hymn - SDAH 469

- Leaning on the everlasting arms

Facilitator: Bheki T. Moyo

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

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.



SERVICES

CHRISTMAS SERVICE

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

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WELCOME TO STANBOROUGH PARK CHURCH



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



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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 Quarshie.

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.

SUBSCRIBE TO THE CHURCH EBULLETIN and get all announcements in your email every Friday morning. Register on the website (www.stanboroughpark.adventistchurch.org.uk/ebulletin) or send an email to jef@stanboroughpark.org

PRAYER MEETING ON WEDNESDAY AT 7PM.

Zoom Meeting ID: 863 3281 2854 Password: 063944.

ADRA VIRTUAL GIFT BOX APPEAL 2021: 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. We ask you to donate £10 per child on www.justgiving.com/campaign/GiftboxesforChad2021 or, send us a cheque.

ADRA ANNUAL APPEAL - going up!

We give praise and thanks to God that the funds for ADRA keep rising. 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..

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.

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.**

GIVING OFFERINGS BY BANK TRANSFER

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.

Thank you to all the faithful members who continue to give their tithes and offerings.

CHRISTMAS CHILD (DEVOTIONAL)

“He made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.” Philippians 2:7

Imagine the One who made cedars spring from seeds starting life over as an embryo; the One who made the stars submitting Himself to a womb; the One who fills the heavens becoming what would be in our day a mere dot on an ultrasound. Jesus, in very nature God, making Himself nothing (Philippians 2:6–7). What an astonishing thought!

Imagine the scene as He's born in a plain peasant village, among shepherds and angels and bright lights in the sky, with the bleating of animals His first lullabies. Watch as He grows in favor and stature: as a youngster, astounding teachers with answers to grand questions; as a young man at the Jordan, getting His Father's approval from heaven; and in the wilderness, as He wrestles in hunger and prayer.

Watch next as He launches His world-changing mission—healing the sick, touching lepers, forgiving the impure. Watch as He kneels in a garden in anguish and as they arrest Him while His closest friends flee. Watch as He is spat on and nailed to two wooden posts, the world's sins on His shoulders. But watch, yes watch, as the stone rolls away, an empty tomb ringing hollow, because He is alive!

Watch as He is lifted to the highest place (v. 9). Watch as His name fills heaven and earth (vv. 10–11).

This Maker of the stars who became a dot on an ultrasound. This, our Christmas Child.

By: Sheridan Voysey

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