

# **Practice What You Preach**

"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." James 1:22

I started reading the Bible to my sons when my youngest, Xavier, entered kindergarten. I would look for teachable moments and share verses that would apply to our circumstances and encourage them to pray with me. Xavier memorized Scripture without even trying. If we were in a predicament in which we needed wisdom, he'd blurt out verses that shined a light on God's truth.

One day, I got angry and spoke harshly within his earshot. My son hugged me and said, "Practice what you preach, Mama."

Xavier's gentle reminder echoes the wise counsel of James as he addressed Jewish believers in Jesus scattered in various countries (James 1:1). Highlighting the various ways sin can interfere with our witness for Christ, James encouraged them to "humbly accept the word planted in them" (v. 21). By hearing but not obeying Scripture, we're like people who look in the mirror and forget what we look like (vv. 23–24). We can lose sight of the privilege we've been given as image-bearers made right with God through the blood of Christ.

Believers in Jesus are commanded to share the gospel. The Holy Spirit changes us while empowering us to become better representatives and therefore messengers of the good news. As our loving obedience helps us reflect the light of God's truth and love wherever He sends us, we can point others to Jesus by practicing what we preach.

By: Xochitl Dixon - Taken from odb.org



Watch the Communion Service online with Michael Dragoyevich

# **Announcements / News**

- □ Parallel fellowship Lunch 15 January: everyone is welcome to join us at 1pm in the Williams hall for food (provided) and fellowship, where we can focus on The Word together in a sociable setting. We hope to see you there. This event will run on the 3rd Sabbath of every month.
- ☐ **Thank you** for your prayers and well wishes for my recovery. God in His mercy continues to provide assurance. I am humbly grateful for the Great Physician's continued healing touch. I pray for God's blessings on us all, as we continue to minister to each other. *Richard Gayle*

**CSMC Notice:** the site management committee welcomes new leaders and continuing leaders, acknowledging the sterling work done by many over the years to support our church and local community. One area we intend to seek better understanding of is who holds keys to the building so this can be properly recorded. The list we hold is dated showing people as key holders who are no longer in post and no longer attend Stanborough Park church. If this applies to you, please return your keys to the Centre Manager, Rob Page or to Bernell

Bussue so the keys can be passed to those needing them. It would be appreciated if this could be done as quickly as possible. Thanks in advance and rich blessings for 2022.

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**Flowers at church:** Massimo, Annalisa and Beth Molteni thank the Lord that He has kept all of our family in Italy safe during this difficult COVID time. The flowers are dedicated with the reassurance that with His grace He will continue to bless them.

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The funeral of Rosaleen Anne Gill, former Principal of Stanborough Park Primary School, who died on 24th December 2021 will take place on Monday 17th January 2022 at 2.30pm in the Grantham Crematorium, Harrowby Road NG31 9DT.

Young Adults Sabbath School is meeting every Sabbath in the Pine Room with Jackson and Tiwa leading the lesson. It is also possible to connect via Zoom.

Please join us in person or virtually. Topic: Young Adults Sabbath School **Meeting ID:** 519 552 6863 - **Passcode:** Sabbath

Adult Sabbath School The Oak Room class will not meet this Sabbath.

We will meet again next Sabbath 22. January at 10.

**Maple Class:** <u>LINK</u> Meeting ID: 757 070 1887 || Passcode: 111000

(Or by phone: +44 203 481 5240)

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

- Sister Lola Gordon, who is receiving treatment.
- Terry Menkens, whose surgery is due on the 19th January 2022.
- Donna Wray, for complete healing.
- Ruth Read, for complete recovery and help.
- Richard Gayle, recovering from surgery.
- The Severi Family for complete healing.
- Jean Marc Renaud for complete healing.
- All the families who are struggling with the effects of COVID especially Long COVID
- Everyone who is experiencing recent bereavement
- More Leaders and volunteers in the Children's Sabbath School
- The Nominating Committee as they continue to appoint Officers

**The Prayer Box:** If you have private Prayer Requests, please place them in the Prayer Box or you can email Florence Allen at <a href="mailto:lizallf@hotmail.com">lizallf@hotmail.com</a>.

## Family Service - 15th January

Announcements Meditation - Psalm 19, Misha Jordan Call to Worship - 'Be Still', (1st verse only) Invocation - Florence Allen Opening Hymn - 'As Water to the Thirsty', SDAH 460 Tithes & Offerings - Florence Allen Children's Story - Sandra Aguiar Hymns of Praise - 'Higher Ground - SDAH 625 'From Heaven you came', (1st verse repeated twice) Family prayer- Brian & Cecilia Davison Scripture Reading - Psalm 82 (The Remedy), Rachel Ntata Meditation in Music - 'All Things New', Charlotte Marshall Sermon - 'A Plea for Justice', Michael Dragoyevich Closing hymn - 'Wonderful Words', SDAH 286 Benediction - Michael Dragoyevich Postlude

#### Sabbath School from 9:45am

Welcome & Opening Prayer - Volker Herkner
Opening Hymn: NAH 596 - Praise Him Praise Him
Facilitator: Volker Herkner

Panel: Wallacia Scott, Brian Davison, Yetunde Bright, 4th panellist TBC

#### Parallel Service 11am - Cedar Sycamore

Speaker: Pastor Geert Tap

### Fourth Partial Report of the Nominating Committee 8th January 2022

Deacons: Head Deacon: Eustace Anthony
Ushers: Ruby Kansere, Kristian Perry
Adult Sabbath School: Erna Herteliu
Youth Committee: Matt Marshall
Communication Team: Peter Walton, Beth Molteni

These names will be voted on next Sabbath 15 January 2022.





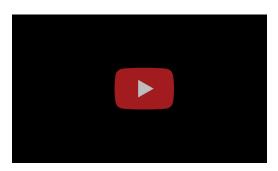




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Cradle Roll Sabbath School - January

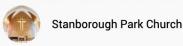


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