

The Voice of the Father

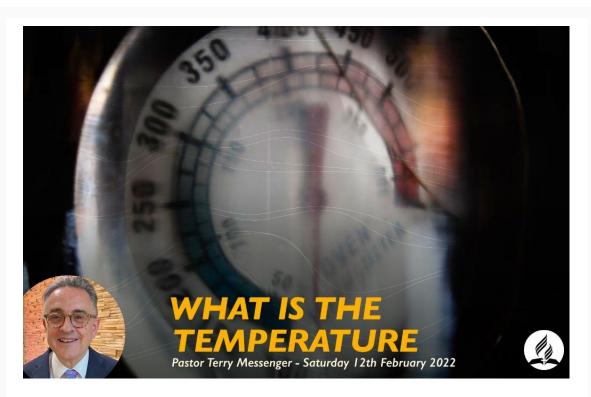
"This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." Matthew 3:17

My friend's father died recently. When he got sick, his condition deteriorated quickly, and in a matter of days he was gone. My friend and his dad always had a strong relationship, but there were still so many questions to be asked, answers to be sought, and conversations to be had. So many unsaid things, and now his father is gone. My friend is a trained counselor: he knows the ups and downs of grief and how to help others navigate those troubled waters. Still, he told me, "Some days I just need to hear Dad's voice, that reassurance of his love. It always meant the world to me."

A pivotal event at the beginning of Jesus' earthly ministry was His baptism at the hands of John. Although John tried to resist, Jesus insisted that moment was necessary so He might identify with humankind: "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness" (Matthew 3:15). John did as Jesus asked. And then something happened that proclaimed Jesus' identity to John the Baptist and the crowd, and it must have also deeply touched Jesus' heart. The Father's voice reassured His Son: "This is my Son, whom I love" (v. 17).

That same voice in our hearts reassures believers of His great love for us (1 John 3:1).

By: John Blase - Taken from odb.org



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Announcements / News

- We will be performing a fire alarm test on Sabbath 26 February 2022. This is to get
 everyone familiarised with the sound of the alarm in preparation for future fire drills which is a
 mandatory and legal requirement under the Fire Act 2021. Please be patient with us as this is
 carried out.
- Would all those with food items in the fridges and freezers in the Cedar/Sycamore room,
 Williams Hall kitchens or the freezer behind the lift ensure that all items are properly labelled with name and date or removed. After 28.2.22 the fridges and freezers are to be cleared of out of date items.
- ADVENTURERS & PATHFINDERS Enrolment is open now For further details please email <u>pathfinders@stanboroughchurch.org</u>. The club's welcome ceremony will take place on 26th Feb afternoon.

Parallel Fellowship Lunch Lunch will be served at 1pm in the Williams Hall. This is an opportunity to fellowship with each other and delve deeper into the message delivered during the Parallel service.

- Musicians Needed Parallel is looking for musicians to join the worship team. Drums, guitar, piano and other instruments are welcome you don't need to be a pro. If your voice is your instrument that's welcome too. Please contact Karen Vontzalidis or Dan Sabatier for more information.
- AV Team The Parallel AV team needs new members. If you would like to serve in this
 capacity please contact Karen Vontzalidis.
- Adventist Risk Management®, Inc. (ARM) currently have a part-time Customer Service Representative position open on our Client Care team. <u>Click here</u> to see more details.

To all of our cherished octogenarians (and above!) We would love to celebrate your birthdays with you. Please let us know when your birthday is by emailing deaconess@stanboroughpark.org or by calling Fay on 07973 660 769

The funeral of Kathleen Marie Best is taking place on Tuesday 15th February 2022 at 11am at Holloway SDA Church. Best was a receptionist at Stanborough Secondary School from 1976 to 2004.

Annalisa Buraglio Molteni has been nominated for the Mayor's Audentior Award. Her
citation mentions her volunteer work in the community with the Meriden Foodbank, Gokula
Cafe, Stanborough School and as a translator for Albanian and Italian families. She works
two days a week with the homeless as well as getting up at 5am every Friday to prepare hot
meals for the Meriden community. Anna also works tirelessly as the Head Deaconess at
Stanborough Park Church so would be a worthy winner of this award. If you think so too, then
please vote for Annalisa by going to: watford.gov.uk

Are you the parent of a teenager? Our Sabbath evening teens meetings are back!

These take place along the themes of spiritual, service and social activities. Please message Naomi (07711 115 617) to join the WhatsApp group for more information.

The flowers are lovingly arranged to give thanks to God for my amazing sister, Margaret, whose birthday is today (12th). *With love from all the family.*

• Adult Sabbath School

Pine Room class: <u>LINK</u> Meeting ID: 814 1393 6221 - Passcode: wjPFx0

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 still receiving treatment.
- Terry Menkens, for complete healing.
- Donna Wray, for complete healing.

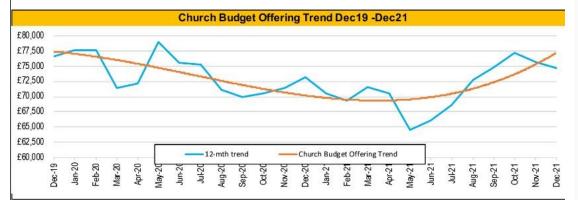
- Nicolas Wray, who is having problems with his eyes.
- Ruth Read, for complete healing.
- Alain St Germaine for healing.
- All the families who are struggling with the effects of COVID especially Long COVID
- Everyone who is experiencing recent bereavement
- More Leaders and volunteers in the Children's Sabbath School
- The Nominating Committee as they continue to appoint Officers

 If you have private Prayer Requests, please place them in the Prayer Box or you can email Florence Allen at LIZALLF@hotmail.com.
- **Upcoming dates:** 12th March Morning baptism; 9th April Communion; 16th April Easter service;

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SUMMARY OF CHURCH BUDGET	Bdgt 2021	Actual 2021	Actual 2020	YonY%
Church Budget Offerings	72,000	74,727	73,275	+29
Stanborough Centre Hall Hire Income [1]	58,501	17,992	30,073	-409
Other Income	100	257	75	+2449
Activity Costs- e.g. bulletins, flowers, SVs, StSch, staff, etc.	(121,288)	(34,931)	(30,825)	-139
Site Costs- e.g. utilities, cleaning, mntc, insurance, etc.	(45,700)	(58,347)	(40,071)	-469
Other Overheads	(22,924)	(15,687)	(16,861)	+79
Funds set aside for Departments		15,989	(18,358)	
Surplus/(Deficit) to date	(59,411)	(0)	(2,692)	

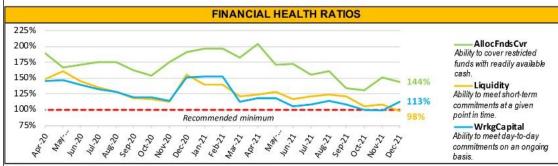
[1] Effect of COVID-19 closure in March 2020, then a gradual reopening in September 2021.



[2] Church Budget Offering Trend began to increase in June 2021 after years of decline.

SUMMARY OF OTHER FUNCTIONS	Devel't [3]	Assigned [4]	Depts [5]	Total Alloc
Donations, Gift Aid, Dept Activities Income, etc.	100,133	25	52,431	152,589
Activities Exps, Events, Staff/Volunteers, Advertising, etc.	(65)	(16,100)	(56,338)	(72,504
Repairs & Maintenance, Loan Interest, Insurance, etc.	(2,096)	(4,051)	(60)	(6,206
Transfers from Church Budget	(35,574)	16,100	3,485	(15,989
Surplus/(Deficit)	62,398	(4,026)	(483)	57,889
Add: Balance b/f (1st Jan)	(368,980)	33,925	80,966	(254,089
Closing Balance	(306,582)	29,899	80,484	(196,200

- [3] Development Fund Estimated time to clear deficit: 2yrs 5mths to May-2024, 1yr 4mths earlier than originally expected.
- [4] Funds set aside for specific purposes and managed by Treasury, Church Board or other Committee as appropriate.
- [5] Summary of activities for about 20 active SPC departments. Some depts building up funds for future activities.



[6] The ongoing aim is to maintain all three ratios above 100%.

[7] Liquidity temporarily fell below 100% due to an increase in funding being held for departments, and funds from SEC awaited.

Thank you for your continued and faithful support of Stanborough Park Church with your prayers, time and generosity, all of which make a difference. [For any queries, please email treasury@stanboroughchurch.org]

Family Service - 12th February

Welcome and announcements - Louis Guenin Prelude on the Organ - Neilson Roberts Call to worship 235 - "Lo! God is here!" 1st verse Invocation - Louis Guenin
Hymn 592 - 'Joyful Joyful we adore Thee'
Tithes & Offerings - Louis Guenin
Children's Story - Pastor Terry Messenger
Hymn 680 - 'Jesus friend of little children'
Prayer - Jim Huzzey
cripture Reading - Psalm 8 - Dr. George Pries

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Sermon: "What is the Temperature" - Pastor Terry Messenger

Hymn 52 - 'I sing the mighty power of God'
Blessing - Pastor Terry
Organ - Nielson Roberts
Elder - Louis Guenin

Sabbath School from 9:45am

Welcome & Opening Prayer - Bella Rajasekararan Opening Hymn: NAH 60 - This is My Father's World

Facilitator: Erna Herteliu

Panel: Chris Levy, Adewale Ademuyiwa, Ioan Herteliu, Bella Rajasekararan

Parallel Service 11am - Cedar Sycamore - Agape Service

Theme: In the middle of storms (life) there is Hope! We see storms, He sees us! Speaker: Geert

Sermon Title: "In the eye of the storm"

Partial NC Report (2nd Reading)

Worship Committee: Roger Murphy (1 year); Roland Guenin; Audrey Balderstone; Jim Huzzey; Daniel Guenin; Busi Moyo

Safeguarding Officer – Eileen Hussey (subject to membership transfer to SPC)

Outreach Team – Julio & Anna Brugos First Aid Co-ordinator – Joseph Ngondo Churches Together Reps: Pastoral Team

Additions to church board: Roland Guenin; Karen Vontzalidis

Partial NC Report (1st Reading)

First Aid Co-ordinator - Volker Herkner

These names will be left with you for the week and will be voted on next Sabbath 12 February 2022. Should you wish to clarify a name, please contact Pst Terry, Pst Geert Tap









Family Service



Cradle Roll Sabbath School - February



Parallel Service

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