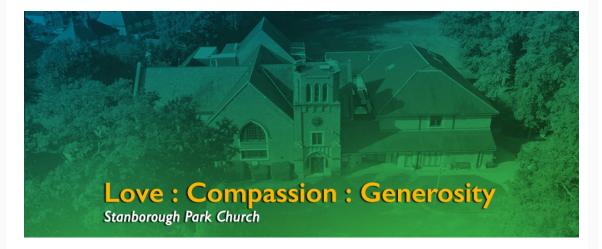
Stanborough Park Church - Bulletin Online



How to Find Peace

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace." Colossians 3:15

"What do you think about peace?" my friend asked as we ate lunch together. "Peace?" I said, puzzled. "I'm not sure—why do you ask?" He answered, "Well, as you jiggled your foot during the church service I wondered if you're agitated about something. Have you considered the peace God gives to those who love Him?"

That day some years ago, I was a bit hurt by my friend's question, but it started me on a journey. I began exploring the Bible to see how God's people embraced this gift of well-being, of peace, even in the midst of hardship. As I read Paul's letter to the Colossians, I chewed over the apostle's command to let the peace of Christ rule in their hearts (Colossians 3:15).

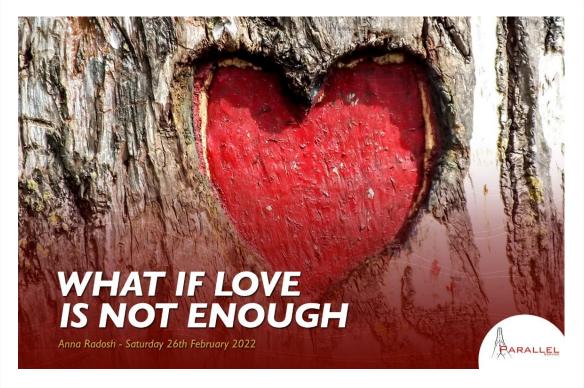
Paul was writing to a church he'd never visited but had heard about from his friend Epaphras. He was concerned that as they encountered false teaching, they were losing the peace of Christ. But instead of admonishing them, Paul encouraged them to trust Jesus, who would give them assurance and hope (v. 15).

We all will encounter times when we can choose to embrace or refuse the rule of Christ's peace in our hearts. As we turn to Him, asking Jesus to dwell in us, He will gently release us from the anxiety and cares that weigh us down. As we seek His peace, we trust that He will meet us with His love.

By: Amy Boucher Pye - Taken from odb.org



Watch the Family Service online with Pastor Terry Messenger



Watch the Parallel Service online with Anna Radosh

Announcements / News

Recent Church Board decisions

Finance

VOTED: To request the SEC to take £50,000 from the trust fund and use it to pay the HSBC loan.

VOTED: To request the SEC to take the funds from the trust fund for the heating and the roof repair/replacement.

Adult Sabbath School

There are 4 classes currently running: 3 adult and 1 young adult. After Hope channel was switched off, a live panel on the platform was introduced to lead the Scripture-based discussion with the congregation. From this week the adult SS team will install a bookcase to create a library of religious books. Members will be encouraged to bring books to share. There will be some classes in the week on Adventist Identity. Some people want to continue with Zoom classes due to joining from distances. There are different styles of adult classes which should help encourage people to attend church classes. There is only one class (Primary) on Zoom still. That class used to meet in the Oak room. There currently aren't sufficient teachers to restart the class at church. When they do move back, the young adult class will move to another room depending on numbers at the time.

The School of Music

The school of music has made an application to hold their funds separate from those of the church and run their own accounts. Currently the treasury is a conduit for the students to pay their fees to the college of music, and the music tutors would give invoices to the treasury to pay the tutors from their fees. It would be treated in a similar fashion to ADRA/One Vision/other charitable accounts which don't appear on the profit/loss sheets – a single transfer is made to their account each month and they would have the responsibility for collecting all fees and paying the tutors.

VOTED: For the School of Music to handle their own account.

VOTED: To allow the School of Music to continue autonomously, with an annual report to the business meeting of their activities.

Memorial Service

During the pandemic, the rules did not allow everyone who wished to attend funerals to do so. The pastoral team propose a Memorial service on a Sabbath afternoon at a later date in the year to remember church members, family members and people from the community who died during this time. 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.

Tithes and Offerings Receipts covering the period from the last week of December 2021 to the end of January 2022 can now be collected from the reception desk. The receipts cover all Gift Aided offerings, tithes and all other offerings due to South England Conference. Offerings for Stanborough Park Church use only such as the Budget, Pathfinders, Welfare and many others are receipted by email only. *Treasurer for Conference Funds: Peter Walton.*

- Women's ministry Join us as we celebrate Women's international day on the 5th of March. This will be an all-day programme starting with the divine service in the church and an afternoon programme on zoom from 3pm - 5pm. The theme for the day is "Praying in the last days". We look forward to seeing you, God bless. Meeting ID - 727 965 9834 & Passcode -WMmeeting
- Prayers for Peace This week has seen conflict break out in Europe with military engagement on an unprecedented scale. Inevitably, this will result in loss of life and hardship, not only in Ukraine but also in the surrounding countries. This Sabbath and in the days and weeks ahead let us join together to pray for those on all sides of the conflict: for those who find themselves separated from family members, are displaced, and suffer bereavement and loss. Let us look for opportunities to serve others as countries open their borders, churches, and homes to cater to the homeless and the displaced. Let us unite in prayer and in being Christ's hands and feet at a time of great need.

Trans-European Division

Fellowship lunch 'Souper Sabbath' on 5th March

Come and join us at 1pm for soup and fellowship in the Cedar/Sycamore room. Everyone welcome - please email <u>fellowshiplunch7@gmail.com</u> to book places to help with catering quantities. Thank you. Fiona, Alison and team.

 TED scholarship applications are now open! The deadline is 15 April 2022, find out more at: <u>newbold.ac.uk/ted-scholarship</u> 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.

Lockdown News #20 Read here

 Adult Sabbath School

 Pine Room class: (meets in Pastor Terry's office) LINK.

 Meeting ID: 844 6123 4211 & Passcode: 222000

 Maple Class: LINK Meeting ID: 757 070 1887 - Passcode: 111000

PLEASE PRAY FOR- Lenny Peters for healing.

- Joy Bussey for healing.
- Denver Annable 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.
- A resolution to the conflict between Russia and Ukraine.
- Terry Menkens and his family are requesting prayers that God would guide them in their quest to find appropriate treatment for the Cancer which is afflicting Terry.
- 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: 5th March – Fellowship Lunch; Women's day
12th March – Baptism (morning)
19th March – Fellowship Lunch – parallel (all invited)
27th March – SEC media training event at church 10am-4pm
9th April – Communion
16th April – Easter Service
30th April – Baptism in the afternoon
1st May – SEC health fest on the Park 12-6pm

Family Service - 26th February

Welcome & Announcements - Dave Burgess Call to Worship: Come, Christians, Join to Sing (SDAH 10) Invocation - Dave Burgess Opening Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (SDAH 12) Children's Story - Krishtee Gengan Baby Dedication - Terry Messenger Tithes and Offerings - Dave Burgess Scripture Reading - Jeremiah 1:4-8 - Zion Fustte Family Prayer - Dave Burgess Musical offering - Reuben Hall **Sermon - The Reluctant Prophet - Terry Messenger** Closing hymn: O Master Let Me Walk With Thee (NAH 482) Benediction - Terry Messenger

Sabbath School from 9:45am

Welcome & Opening Prayer - Massimo Molteni Opening Hymn: NAH 722 - What a friend we have in Jesus Facilitator: Wallacia Scott Panel: Catherine Phiri, Milimo Mumbo, TBC

Parallel Service 11am - Cedar Sycamore

Speaker: Anna Radosh Meeting Title: What if Love is not enough Scripture Reading: James 1:22-24 Coordinator: Roy Elder on Duty: Elder F Allen









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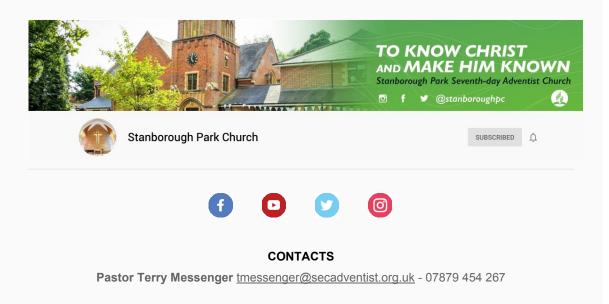
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