

Witness Marks

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"See that?" The clock repairman pointed his flashlight beam on a small, fine mark roughly engraved inside the old grandfather clock he was working on in our home. "Another repairman could have put that there almost a century ago," he said. "It's called a 'witness mark,' and it helps me know how to set the mechanism."

Before the age of technical bulletins and repair manuals, "witness marks" were used to help the person making a future repair align moving parts with precision. They were more than just time-saving reminders; they were often left as a simple kindness to the next person doing the work.

The Bible encourages us to leave our own "witness marks" as we work for God by serving others in our broken world. The apostle Paul wrote to the church in Rome: "Each of us should please our neighbors for their good, to build them up" (Romans 15:2). This is the example of our God, "who gives endurance and encouragement" (v. 5). It's about being a good citizen of both earth and heaven.

Our "witness marks" may seem like small things, but they can make a vital difference in someone's life. An uplifting word, a financial gift to someone in need, and a listening ear—all are kindnesses that can have a lasting impact. May God help you make a mark for Him in someone's life today!

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Watch the **<u>Family Service</u>** online with Florence Allen



Watch the Parallel Service online with Jackson Bright

Announcements / News

- UKRAINE APPEAL: We give thanks to God, and to you, that we reached our goal of £10,000.00 for the Ukraine Appeal and so the church will match those funds. You can still give to the Appeal by writing UKRAINE on the front of an ADRA envelope which is available from a deacon or deaconess.
- Fellowship Lunch 'Souper Sabbath' on 2nd April. 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 & the team*
- LILIES FOR EASTER: Today should be the deadline for dedications for the Lilies for Easter, but we have extended it until April 6. Audrey will be away for Easter, so please email Alison Burgess - <u>alison.burgess4@btinternet.com</u> with your dedication. Your envelope with the payment can be given to Pat Walton on Sabbath 9thApril. All proceeds will go to ADRA. Thank you.
- SEC Health Fest May 1st The SEC is looking for volunteers to help on the day Barbara is specifically looking for volunteers in the areas of stewarding, children's zone, setting up and setting down. Please contact Barbara Lawrence if you wish to help and she will give more details. Her contact details are 07940 007331. Alternatively, you may give your names to the pastoral team.
- ADRA UK launched its Annual Appeal DO GOOD last weekend. Funds are still desperately needed for projects in Myanmar, Ghana, South Sudan, Thailand, Nepal and Sri Lanka. Audrey's Birthday Just Giving Page (with Gift Aid) has raised over £21,000.00 for ADRA for the 2021 Appeal. We give thanks to God and to all who supported this page. New initiatives will be announced in the coming weeks, but please, in the meantime, pick up an ADRA envelope and donate today. Thank you.
- Evangelistic Bible Study Training: Pastor Terry is seeking to train people in the art of sharing the Bible with people in our community who are seeking more information about the gospel. At the moment the pastoral team are working at maximum capacity in holding Bible studies and it would be great if others could share in this work. This fits in with our theme this

year – Mission Post-Covid. Much more personal work is needed in our community to reach people with the gospel. If you are interested in this initiative please contact the pastoral team.

Calling all musicians. Parallel is looking for you to join our worship team. You don't have to be a pro, so if you'd like to give it a go or have a chat with someone from the worship team, please get in contact with Manuela, Dan, Chantal or Karen.

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Midweek Prayer Meeting every Wednesday on Zoom by 7pm. Zoom ID: 86332812854 & Password: 063944

We are looking to identify people who have been trained in First Aid and hold a certificate as well as those whose certificate has lapsed. We are also looking for people who would like to be trained as a First aider. If you fall into any of these categories please let the pastoral team know. Thanks

The Prayer Ministry Team has started a WhatsApp Group for everyone. On this Forum you can make your public Prayer Request and you will be reminded of all the Prayer Activities. If you would like your details to be added please contact <u>Bella</u> or <u>Uche</u>.

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 - Denver Annable who is asking that God's will be done in his life.

- Terry Menkens as he undergoes treatment for cancer.
- Individuals who are suffering from cancer and other health issues.
- Families who are experiencing difficult health issues as the COVID pandemic continues.
- Everyone who is experiencing recent bereavement.

- Families who are struggling financially and otherwise due to recent economic and social crises.

- A resolution to the conflict between Russia and Ukraine. Let us pray for all the families who are affected whether it is bereavement, displacement or any other type of suffering in both Russia and Ukraine as the war continues.

- At 2:30pm on Saturday, the Prayer Ministry of our Church will be featuring a programme as part of the Global day of fasting and praying. Everyone is encouraged to join to pray for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine and Russia, our church leaders, our Ministry and other pressing issues. Light lunch will be provided after the Family service for those who cannot face.
- If you have private Prayer Requests, please place them in the Prayer Box or you can email Florence Allen at <u>LIZALLF@hotmail.com</u>.

Upcoming dates:

2nd April – Florence Allen
9th April – Communion
16th April – Easter Service
30th April – Baptism in the afternoon
1st May – SEC health fest on the Park 12-6pm

Recent Church Board Decisions

Budget 2022 voted. Please contact the Treasurer if you require more information.

Elders departmental responsibilities voted: Florence Allen Prayer Ministry / Women's Ministry / Stewardship Audrey Balderstone

Family Worship / Deaconesses Dave Burgess Teens & Young Adults / Treasury / SPCM Yetunde Bright Pathfinders: Bheki Prayer Ministries: Florence Sabbath Schools (Adults): Louis Sabbath Schools (Children): Yetunde Pathfinders: Bheki Prayer Ministries: Florence Sabbath Schools (Adults): Louis Sabbath Schools (Children): Yetunde Pathfinders: Bheki Prayer Ministries: Florence Sabbath Schools (Adults): Louis Sabbath Schools (Children): Yetunde Children's SS / Toddlers Group Bernell Bussue Music / Deacons Louis Guenin Communications / Seniors Club / Adult Sabbath School Steven Moser Parallel Worship / Safeguarding Bheki Moyo

Health Ministries / Family Ministry / Welfare / Pathfinders Roger Murphy

AV Team /ADRA/CSMC

Baptisms of Micah Bean, Karen Guazon voted, joining Lucy Davis on April 30th at 3pm.

 COVID restrictions lifted. Communion service in July will have footwashing re-instated with deacons serving emblems. Deacons will collect offerings from April 9.

• Partial Nominating Committee Report – 2nd reading

Family Service Worship Committee: Cathy Boldeau (Music co-ordinator); Angeline Pinky; Anna Papaioannou

Young Adults Ministry – 18-30-year-old: Jackson Bright (Leader); Tiwa Adebayo (Asst); Team: Micah Bean; Zayne Mueller-Smith.

If there are any queries or concerns about any name please contact the pastoral team

Membership Transfers – 2nd reading

Transfers Out

- Freddy Machicado From Stanborough Park Church to SHasselt Church, Belgium

Transfers In

- Charlene Orbegoso from F.I.C London to Stanborough Park Church
- Monica Ciocarlan from Popa Tatu Church, Bucharest, Romania to Stanborough Park Church
- Yui Hanada from Tachikawa Church, Japan to Stanborough Park Church



Family Service - 2nd April

Welcome & announcements - Bheki T. Moyo Call to worship 315 NAH - 'Be with us Gracious Lord' vs 1 & 4 Invocation - Bheki T Moyo Hymn 184 - 'In the name of Jesus, every name shall bow' Tithes & offerings - Bheki T. Moyo Children's story - Jim Huzzey Prayer - Uche Ademuyiwa Meditation in Music - Chiemi Ishida Scripture reading - Acts: 1 4-8 - Joselyn Rajasekaran Hymn 710 - 'There is a place of Quiet Rest' Sermon: "Presence + Prayer = Power" - Florence Allen Hymn 709 - 'I need Thee every hour' Benediction - Florence Allen

Parallel Service 11am Cedar Sycamore

Speaker - Jackson Bright Sermon - The Two Debtors Scripture Readings – Psalms 86:5 & Matthew 18: 21-22

Sabbath School from 9:45am

Welcome - & Opening Prayer - Massimo Molteni Opening Hymn: NAH72 - All glory laud and honour Facilitator: Erna Herteliu Panel: Adewale Ademuyiwa, Ioan Herteliu, Brian Davison









Parallel Service



Cradle Roll Sabbath School -APRIL



Just the Three of Us

