

Spiritual Diagnosis

"We will not listen to the message you have spoken to us in the name of the Lord." Jeremiah 44:16

Chemotherapy reduced the tumour in my father-in-law's pancreas, until it didn't. As the tumour began to grow again, he was left with a life-and-death decision. He asked his doctor, "Should I take more of this chemo or try something else, perhaps a different drug or radiation?"

The people of Judah had a similar life-and-death question. Weary from war and famine, God's people wondered whether their problem was too much idolatry or not enough. They concluded they should offer more sacrifices to a false god and see if she would protect and prosper them (Jeremiah 44:17).

Jeremiah said they had wildly misdiagnosed their situation. Their problem wasn't a lack of commitment to idols; their problem was that they had them. They told the prophet, "We will not listen to the message you have spoken to us in the name of the Lord!" (v. 16). Jeremiah replied, "Because you have burned incense and have sinned against the Lord and have not obeyed him or followed his law or his decrees or his stipulations, this disaster has come upon you" (v. 23).

Like Judah, we may be tempted to double down on sinful choices that have landed us in trouble. Relationship problems? We can be more aloof. Financial issues? We'll spend our way to happiness. Pushed aside? We'll be equally ruthless. But the idols that contributed to our problems can't save us. Only Jesus can carry us through our troubles as we turn to Him.

By: Mike Wittmer - Taken from odb.org



Watch the Family Service online with Daniel Duda



Watch the Parallel Service online with Pastor terry Messenger

Announcements / News Fellowship lunch 'Souper Sabbath' on 7th May. Come and join us at 1pm for soup and fellowship in the Cedar/Sycamore room. Everyone is welcome. Please email fellowshiplunch7@gmail.com to book places to help with catering quantities. Thank you. □ Stanborough Teens Concert 30th April 2022, Sanctuary, 5pm - Stanborough Teens will be hosting a music concert on the 30th April 2022 in the Stanborough Park Church Sanctuary to raise money for ADRA. The concert will start at 5pm (or as soon as possible following the Baptism Service). An offering will be taken during the concert, which will go to ADRA. Please bring your friends and family to support the cause and give generously where you can. Jubilee Celebrations - May 29 and June 4. We are inviting all members and friends from the community to join us for a Picnic in the Park on May 29th to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We hope everyone will join together again the following Sabbath for a special Jubilee service in the church on June 4. Details of both days will be available shortly, but in the meantime please put the dates in your diary and plan to celebrate this wonderful occasion together. Easter Lilies. Thank you to all who enhanced the Worship Service at Easter by dedicating lilies. The amount raised for ADRA UK was £550.00. Soli Deo Gloria. ☐ Recent Church Board Action: From the 9th of July onwards, future Communion services will be celebrated jointly by Parallel and Family Worship services in the main sanctuary The flowers at church are in grateful thanks to God for Semira's 21 years of life. With love from David, Donna, Ahyron, Grandad and Grandma.

Evangelistic Bible Study Training: The training will commence on Tuesday 17th May at 7:30pm in the Maple Room. If you have not yet registered, please see Pastor Terry.

Kateřina Miklicová. I am 19 years old and I am currently studying Social work at the University of Ostrava in the Czech Republic. I have been chosen for studying at Hertfordshire University via Erasmus + programme. The problem is that the grant I will receive from this programme (600€ per month) is not enough to cover the prize of accommodation in Hatfield. If there is anybody willing to help me with finding affordable accommodation or even offer accommodation itself, I would be very grateful. My studies in Hatfield start in September 2022 and ends in January 2023. See Pastor Terry for more details.

The funeral of Nan Tucker will take place on Monday 23rd May 2pm at the SPC. Let us continue to keep the family in prayer.

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 Bella or Uche.

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

- Terry Menkens who is still Watford General.
- Individuals who are suffering from cancer, COVID and other health issues.
- Families who are 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.
- Therez Valsin is thanking the church for prayers as she has recovered from the bout of illness.
- -Mrs. Therese Valsin would like to thank the Church for the prayers on her behalf. She is now

feeling much better. -Joy Bussey would like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards, especially the young members of Angel Voices. Although I hope to return home next month, treatment will be ongoing for some time. - Dear church family, Thank you for your prayers for Beth, she is now feeling much better. Annalisa & Massimo.
If you have private Prayer Requests, please place them in the Prayer Box or you can email Florence Allen at LIZALLF@hotmail.com .
Special Needs Camp needs volunteers. For more information: www.specialneedscamp.co.uk
ADRA UK Please support the Annual Appeal by placing a donation in one of the special 'DO GOOD' ADRA envelopes, asking for an ADRA Home Can, writing a cheque to ADRA UK or donating online. If you donate online or send a donation directly to ADRA, please let me know so that we can keep a total of the contributions from Stanborough Park Church. The funds collected this year will go to assist projects in Mayanmar, Ghana, South Sudan, Thailand, Nepal and Sri Lanka.
Wednesday Night Meetings will be held in the Armstrong Hall and also on Zoom at 7pm. Meeting ID: 519 552 6863 & Passcode: Pray3r
Upcoming dates: April 30 – Pastor Geert Tap (Baptism in the afternoon) 1st May – SEC health fest on the Park 12-6pm May 7 – Pastor D Stojkovic May 14 – Pastor Terry May 21 – Pastor J Surridge

☐ Transfers 2nd reading:

Transfers in

Simeon Williams from Stratford SDA to Stanborough Park Sisa-Linda Williams from Stratford SDA to Stanborough Park



Baptismal candidates photos - Micah, Lucy and Karen.



Baptism Candidates 30th April 3pm

Micah Bean

I had been living life my way for the past 10 years. I could get everything I wanted and do anything I wanted. But I could not find happiness, love, or joy in anything, even after travelling around the world.

Last September I decided to give my life to Jesus. Since then, I've found happiness, and love for life that I've never known. I used to not know why I was sad, but now I don't know why I'm happy. I want to follow Jesus' example and be baptised into my new life.

Karen Guanzon

I am called to do this; this decision of mine being baptized is not only because I want it to but because God wants us to. I can personally say that there is a big difference in my life with and without God in it. I feel loved and protected, protected that even when faced with uncertainties I know He will always be there. I believe that a life with God is a life that is fully lived, it may not be always as what we want it to be, but we know it is a life that He prepared for us. To live a life with God is to live and do things according to his commandments and to do it with great love towards His creation and great faith that one day He will come back again.

Lucy Davis

'I've always been close to God throughout my whole life. However last year I went through a difficult time with my health, causing me to be in a lot of pain which meant I struggled to attend school. But even when I was at my lowest, I could feel the presence of God and through his grace my health has improved a lot since then. It has shown me that even in my worst moments I still have a God who loves me and can get me through situations I think are impossible. I am indebted to him, and I want to spend the rest of my life with such a wonderful loving father.'

Family Service - 30th April

Welcome and Announcements - Audrey Balderstone Entroit

Call to Worship: "All Things Praise Thee Lord Most High" - NAH 14 vs. 1,4

Invocation - Audrey Balderstone

Hymn: "Praise Ye the Lord, 'tis Good to Raise" - NAH 3

Tithes & Offerings

Children's Story - Roslyn Guenin

Family Prayer - Audrey Balderstone

Scripture Reading: Luke 15:25-32 - Paulina Dyason

Hymn: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy - NAH 47

Meditation: The Older Brother in Each One of Us - Daniel Duda

Hymn: "I Will Follow Thee My Saviour" - NAH 601 Benediction - Daniel Duda

Postlude

Parallel Service 11am Cedar Sycamore

Sermon: "The Gentle Whisper" - Pastor Terry Messenger Elder On Duty – Roger Murphy & Co-ordinator – Tunde

Sabbath School from 9:45am

Welcome - & Opening Prayer - Massimo Molteni
Opening Hymn - NAH 596 - Praise Him praise Him
Facilitator: Erna Herteliu

Panel: Milimo Mumbo, Ioan Herteliu, TBC









Parallel Service



Cradle Roll Sabbath School - APRIL



Family Service



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