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# **Finish Strong**

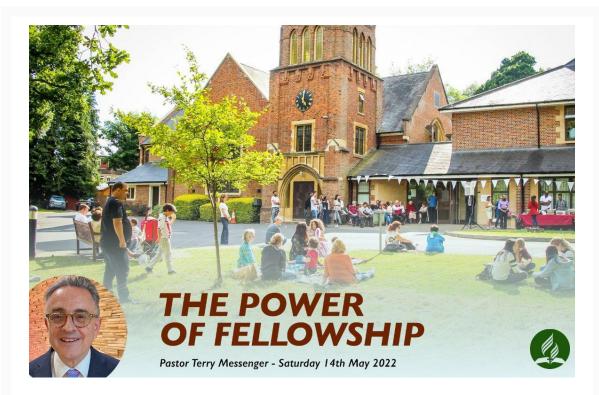
"I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace." Acts 20:24

As I enter the final few minutes of my forty-minute workout, I can almost guarantee that my instructor will yell out, "Finish strong!" Every personal trainer or group fitness leader I've known uses the phrase a few minutes before cool down. They know that the end of the workout is just as important as showing up for it. And they know that the human body has a tendency to want to slow down or slack off when it's been in motion for a while.

The same is true in our journey with Jesus. Paul told the elders of the church at Ephesus that he needed to finish strong as he headed to Jerusalem, where he was certain to face more persecution as an apostle of Christ (Acts 20:17–24). Paul, however, was undeterred. He had a mission and that was to finish the journey he'd begun and to do what God called him to do. He had one job—to tell "the good news of God's grace" (v. 24). And he wanted to finish strong. Even if hardship awaited him (v. 23), he continued to run toward his finish line—focused and determined to remain steadfast in his journey.

Whether we're exercising our physical muscles or working out our God-given abilities through actions, words, and deeds, we too can be encouraged by the reminder to finish strong. Don't "become weary" (Galatians 6:9). Don't give up. God will provide what you need to finish strong.

By: Katara Patton - Taken from odb.org



Watch the Family Service online with Pastor Terry Messenger



Watch the Parallel Service online with Pastor Geert Tap

# **Announcements / News**

• The Sunday Afternoon Teatime Concert is back on 22nd May at 3pm, followed by tea and cakes, and the world renowned pianist Alexander Adarkov will play in aid of Ukrainian refugees.

The programme includes: Nocturne in D flat, Mazurka in C sharp and Ballade in G minor by Chopin, Preludes by Rachmaninov and Chaconne by Bach-Busoni. Entrance is free, and there will be a retiring offering for the Ukrainian refugees.

- Deacons / Ushers A' Brief Meeting today May 14 2022 will be immediately after the Divine Service in the Maple Room. Please, Please make sure you attend. Thanks for your cooperation.
- Parallel in the Park starts the month of May through to September (weather permitting).
  If it's dry then it's in the park. All are welcome to stay on for a picnic where we can enjoy each other's company. In the event of wet weather, we will meet in the Cedar Sycamore room.
  Service continues to start at 11am.
- 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.
- Wednesday Night Meetings will be held in the Armstrong Hall and also on Zoom at 7pm. Meeting ID: 519 552 6863 & Passcode: Pray3r

 Health Ministries: Church At Play - Sunday 5th June @ 12:30 noon. Exercise, Games & Fellowship in the Park, bring your exercise mat and picnic lunch. Please contact, Adewale Ademuyiwa or Caroline Perry for further information.

**WELFARE DEPARTMENT** urgently in need of girls clothes from baby to 10/11 years. Contact Pat Walton on 07788311097 if you want to donate.

**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 now take place on Thursday 26 May at the SPC at 2pm at the church and 3.40pm at the cremetorium. Let us continue to keep the family in prayer.

- Memorial Service for those of our members who have died over the past two years at SPC May 14th 3pm.
- **Spanish SDA family** (friends of Miriam & Arto Kesishian). "Our son Sam is involved at the Pathfinder Club in the principal SDA church in Madrid. He will be 18th in August and is very fond of English and its culture. He has achieved his B2 Cambridge certification and is interested in having a summer exchange with an SDA teenager in the U.K from July to August. Sam is very helpful, healthy and cheerful. He is willing to help at home looking after children, garden, pets, shopping, helping others and is very fond of cooking. References will

be provided by the local pastor and the Pathfinder Club director." Nora Verastegui, SDA school teacher

**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>.

**DBS Checks** - Anyone helping in any of the children's and youth ministries is required by law to have a DBS check every three years. If you don't have one or suspect yours may be out of date please contact Michele Vitry <u>micheletvitry@gmail.com</u> Please note that Michele will be at church from 09:30 until 13:00 on Sunday 22nd May to carry out document checks for applications.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR

- Terry Menkens and his family. They are always grateful for continued prayers.
- Individuals who are suffering from cancer, COVID and other health issues.
- Families who are experiencing recent bereavement.
- Financial help for families who are struggling due to recent economic crises.
- The victims of the conflict between Russia and Ukraine as the war continues.
- 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>.
- **40 days of Praying** and Fasting begin on 10th June 2022. The programme will be held from 6-6:30am and will be on Zoom. More information will be given later.
- **South England Conference** is having a Prayer Retreat from the 15-17th July. If you are interested in attending please contact Uche Ademuyiwa or Bella Rajasekaran.

- 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.
- World Adventurer Day is coming up, and we are planning an Exciting Day for Adventurers. On 21 May 2022, all Adventurers are Invited to join a magnificent day at Newbold College Sports Hall. The service will start at 11:00 am with praise and worship, music items and a word from Vanesa Pizzuto. After bringing your picnic and stretching out on the lawns of the college for lunch, we will commence 'THE BIG ADVENTURERS COMMUNITY IMPACT PAINT-A-THON'. 'Adventure Sabbath Treasure Hunt' as well as a 'Little Lights Adventure Craft'. The program aims to finish at 4pm.
- Upcoming Preachers (Family Service) May 21 – Pastor John Surridge May 28 – Pastor Patrick Johnson June 4 – Pastor Terry (Jubilee Emphasis)

#### **Upcoming Preachers (Parallel)**

May 21 – Pastor D Neal May 28 – Diane Sabatier June 4 – Gabriel Collins

## Nominating committee report – 1st reading

Possibility Ministries Leader: Michael Power

#### Family Service - 14th May

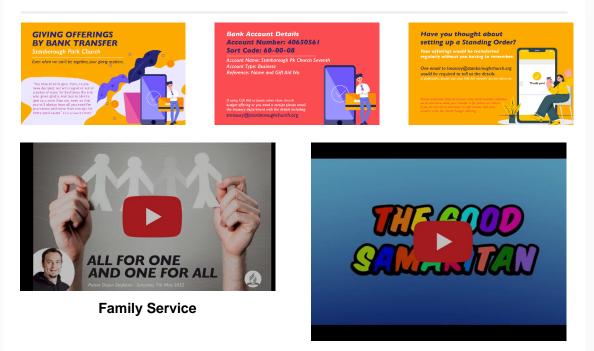
Welcome & announcements - Audrey Balderstone Introit Call to worship - NAH 2 vs.1& 3 Invocation - Audrey Balderstone Hymn - SDAH 100 'Great is Thy faithfulness' Tithes & Offerings - Audrey Balderstone Prayer - Gabriel Colins Children's story - Cathy Boldeau Hymn - NAH 587 'I thank Thee Lord for glorious life' Scripture - Hebrews 10: 19-25 - Florencia Jimenez Meditation - 'It is well with my soul' - Gabriella Pedditzi **Sermon - 'The power of fellowship' - Pastor Terry Messenger** Hymn - NAH 449 'O Father we would thank Thee' Blessing - Terry Messenger

#### **Parallel Service 11am**

Pastor Geert Tap: "No Need For A Bus Stop" Parallel in the park weather permitting. Otherwise, meet in the Cedar Sycamore room.

### Sabbath School from 9:45am

Welcome - & Opening Prayer - Massimo Molteni Opening Hymn - NAH 60 - This is my Father's World Facilitator: Chris Levy Panel: Corina Popa Bella Rajasekararan, Catherine Smith



**Cradle Roll Sabbath School** 



**Parallel Service** 



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