

# Sabbath School

**Welcome:** Audrey Balderstone

**Hymn 84 NAH:** 'There's a song in the air!'

**Prayer:** Pastor Paul Lockham

**Mission News:** Helen Lockham

**Praise in Music:** 'Amazing Grace', Estèe Vitry

**Sabbath School Lesson:** 'The Covenant'

*'The days are coming,' declares the Lord, 'when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah' (Jeremiah 31:31 (NIV))*

**Mission Offering and Prayer:** Pam Robertson

**Hymn 692 NAH:** Beatrice Dan

**Closing Prayer:** Beatrice Dan

# Parallel Service

The next Parallel service will be held on 19th December at 3pm in the newly refurbished church hall. Those who wish to attend are warmly welcomed to bring their picnic lunch and eat in the Williams Hall before the Parallel service begins.



## **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**

**will take place at 7pm.**

**Do bring your family and friends  
as we sing about the birth of Jesus.**

## **CHRISTMAS CAFÉ**

**12 DECEMBER, 7.30pm**

As many people are away this Saturday, the Christmas Café has been postponed and a café will now take place in the New Year.

However please join us at 7.30pm tonight for a Singalong Stanborough Christmas evening with a light supper and mince pies.

## **PRAYER CORNER**

Ironically, two groups of people need our prayers. They are those living in severe drought conditions in Namibia; and those in Cumbria, Lancashire and Scotland who have suffered from the very recent flooding and have to face months of cleaning-up. Let us pray for all of them.

## **FUNDRAISING**

**A Gift for the Church. This year, ask one of the people who usually gives you a Christmas present, not to do so. Instead ask them, to put the cost of that gift in a little gift box for you to give to the church. Bring your gift box to the Christmas service on December 19. If you would like to bring more than one gift, then that would be great!**

# Joy Service

## **Orchestral fanfare with Ethan Cornwall**

### **Call to Worship**

*The bells have been ringing since Jesus came*

*To David's town so long ago;*

*And many the voices in glad acclaim*

*The Saviour's love would show.*

*Hark the bells, the Christmas bells;*

*Their music the whole world pleases.*

*All around high praises resound*

*To honour the new born Jesus.*

**Hymn 685 v1 & chorus**

### **Invocation**

**Scripture reading:** Luke 1: 46-55 NIV, Reverend Tim Roberts

**Hymn 686:** 'Once in Royal David's City', Yannis Christescu Solo 1<sup>st</sup> Verse

**Tithes and Offering:** Clyde Arit & Hannah Cosma 'The Holy Infant's Manger'

**'O Holy Night'**, Amy Cornwall

**Family Prayer:** Lara and Layken Venter

**'Baby in a Manger':** Junior Choir

**The children bring their gifts**

**Presentations:** Pat Walton with Tyanna and Laken Fidelia-Christian

**Response:** Mayor Dorothy Thornhill

**Children's Song - 'Away in a Manger':** Messy Church Praise Team

**Scripture reading:** Luke 2: 41-51, Baroness Dorothy Thornhill

**'We Worship Thee O Lord':** Destiny

**Meditation:** 'Disciples in Waiting', Pastor Jacques Venter

**Hymn 181:** 'Joy To The World'

**Benediction:** Pastor Jacques Venter

**Elder:** Barbara Clee

# Things You Need to Know

**THE SINGING GROUP** will be going to Gade House at 3.30pm & Colne House at 4.10pm.

**SOUP RUN** departs at 8:30 p.m. next Friday 18 December to visit the homeless in London. This is the Christmas run when we give out filled Christmas bags including a Christmas card. Les Dean is the driver. If you would like to donate items for the Christmas bags such as chocolate bars or other treats please contact Pat Walton 01923 672 500.

**TODAY IS KIT DISTRIBUTION DAY.** Please would those, who have faithfully collected copies of the newsletter this year, collect it from the reception desk at lunch time?

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP** meets Tues 10.30am @ Stanborough Centre studying Mark's Gospel.

**SAD NEWS.** It is with great sadness we announce that Mary Dyason died last Sabbath. She came here for 2 years and stayed for 29 before returning to live in Australia. Our love and sympathy go to Lin and all the family. We shall see her in the morning.

**FAMILY MINISTRY DEPARTMENT** Special Event will take place next Sabbath. We would like to remind all those who have received the Praying Basket during the year 2015 to meet right after Divine Service for a special Lunch event in the Cedar Sycamore room next Saturday, 19th December.

**WOMEN IN PRAYER, TODAY, 1:30 - 3PM OAK & BEECH ROOMS.** If you would like to share God's blessings in your life, please join us. Light refreshments will be available at 1pm.

**FAMILY MINISTRIES PRAYER BASKET** is with the Montague family. We invite the church to pray for Gary, Wendy and their extended family. May the church family intercede for this family so that they might receive from God, guidance, protection and peace. "The Lord is my Shepherd I shall be not in want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters. He restored my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake." Psalm 23:1-3.

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**Bulletin Deadline Wednesday 3pm - [bulletin@stanboroughchurch.org](mailto:bulletin@stanboroughchurch.org)**

## SUNSET TIMES

**Today: 3:51pm Next Friday: 3:52pm**

Welcome To

Stanborough Park Church

Joy Service



**'Children are a gift from God; they are his reward'**  
Psalm 127:3



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