

Family Service

11am in the Sanctuary

Introit

Silent Night, Choir

Readings Isaiah 9:2,6; 40:9

Maleah Ackie and Barbara Clee

Call to Worship NAH 94 verses 1 and 4

Hark the Glad Sound!

Invocation

Hymn SDAH 132 *O Come All Ye Faithful*

Tithes and Offerings Barbara Clee

Hymn *In the Bleak Midwinter*

Children's Story Cecilia Davison

Hymn 660 *Away in a Manger*

Family Prayer

Brian, Ellie, Pierre, Helen

Hymn *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Luke 2:8-13 Andrew Popa and George Priest

Glory to God Choir

Christmas Offering Appeal Pastor Jacques Venter

Scripture Reading Isaiah 7:14

Tunde Adebayo

Hymn NAH 96

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Sermon *The Great Invitation*

Pastor Lolly Fontaine

Hymn NAH 88

O Come O Come Immanuel

Benediction

Reflection in Silent Meditation

Postlude

Carol Medley, Joan Maxwell and Jiae Ahn



Sanctuary Reverence Please be mindful to maintain reverence in the sanctuary after the service. You are requested to use the Cedar-Sycamore Room for any conversations and can avail yourself of the drinks on offer. After the service the sanctuary space is available for reflection and quiet communion with God.

In line with our church policy, kindly refrain from photography during services in order to maintain an atmosphere of reverence.

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Welcome to Stanborough Park Church Christmas Service



Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace, good will toward men.
Luke 2:14

23 December 2017



Seventh-day Adventist Church
Stanborough Park
609 St Albans Road, Walford WD25 9JL

Morning Prayer Meeting

9-9.30am in the Maple Room

Sabbath School

9.45am

Welcome Roslyn Guenin

Hymn 85 O Come All Ye Faithful

Prayer Jim Huzzey

Mission Story Ellen Philbert

Silent Night Isabella Constantinou and Hanna Cosma

Lesson Study Overcoming Evil with Good

Nativity Carol Angel Voices

Mission Offering Daniel Guenin

Hymn 101 Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

Closing Prayer Roslyn Guenin

Sabbath School Teachers, please note:

The lesson will not be presented from the desk on 6 January, so please prepare to lead your study group.

There will be no lesson study groups on 13 January. Instead, Pastor Mark Finley will address the congregation.

Sunset Times

Today: 3:54pm **Next Friday:** 3:59pm (Watford)

Special Christmas Offering

Our special Christmas offering today will go to International Children's Care (ICC). ICC is a Seventh-day Adventist operated relief and development organisation. Its purpose is to provide care for needy children, and to provide the opportunity for individuals to become educated about the needs of children, and to be able to be connected with children who are needy.

As an internationally recognised Non-Governmental Organization, ICC fulfils this primary directive of its charter without regard to anyone's ethnic, political, or religious association. More information can be found on the internet at www.forhiskids.org.

Announcements & Diary

The Family Ministries Prayer Basket is held by Torben Bergland. His prayer request is "for God's leading and my willingness to follow as I enter a new year, with major projects, and important decisions to be made." "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways," declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts." Isaiah 55:8,9

Membership Transfers Second Reading To Stanborough Park Church: Ps Danilo Puškaš and Mrs Aleksandra Pavlovic from Novi Sad 1 Church, Serbia. From Stanborough Park Church: Mrs Kim Buckley-Tello to West Bletchley Community Church, Milton Keynes. Action will be taken on these today.

Sincere thanks to all who took part in the Toy Service last week and made it such a wonderful occasion. And "Thank You" in anticipation on behalf of those who will receive the toys, bags and boxes. *Pat Walton and Audrey Balderstone*

Pre-ordered Lesson Books and Calendars are available for collection from the desk after the service today.

InSide Stanborough Winter edition Please pick up a bundle today to distribute to the community surrounding the church.

Welfare department Please remember the urgent need for non-perishable foods such as packets, tins and jars.

The Church Clerk is on holiday until 24 January. Emails will be responded to as soon as possible.

KIT Winter edition If you see your name in KIT, which is displayed on the notice board, please collect your copy from the desk in the concourse.

The Management Committee would welcome donations of unwanted tools for general maintenance.

The Singing Group will visit Green Bank Care Home, WD17 4JR at 3.30pm today.

Let's Walk 30 December Come and enjoy some fresh air and work off the mince pies. More details next week.

No Sabbath afternoon Bible Study until 6 January.

Tuesday Bible Study is on holiday until 9 January.

Candlelight Christmas Eve Programme

Sunday, 24 December at 7pm

A service for all the family to sing some favourite carols, enjoy special musical items, and a mystery visitor for the children. Seasonal refreshments to follow.

New Year Concert 2018

Saturday 13 January at 7.30pm

Featuring the Stanborough Park Church Choir and Orchestra. Make it a musical start to the year for yourself, your friends and neighbours. Admission free.

The next Soup Run will be on Friday, 5 January. If you would like to go on the Soup Run, contact Pat on 01923 672500. The Soup Run is in urgent need of warm men's clothing and sleeping bags.

New Daniel and Revelation Bible Study Group starting Monday 8 January. If you are interested in attending, please contact Pastor Boyle at pboyle6@aol.com, or in person. There is only room for a small group.

Pastor Mark Finley will be with us 10-13 January for a special series entitled: Empowered by the Spirit. Further details will be shared in the coming weeks.

All Ministry and Department leaders are requested to attend the first Leadership Training Session, 13 January, 3-6pm in the Cedar-Sycamore Room. The vision and goals for the year, and other important information for all leaders and their teams, will be shared. Please make this a priority in your diary.

Church Business Meeting 14 January at 7pm. Agenda: Church Budget and Evangelism plans for 2018. Please be sure to attend this important meeting.

Prayer Corner

- Let us praise and worship God because He gave His only Son so that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.
- During this Christmas period let us remember those who are suffering because of natural and man-made tragedies.