

Family Service

11am in the Sanctuary

Introit *Holy Holy Holy*

Silent Prayer

Call to Worship NAH 98 v 1 & 4

Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye, who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth;

Come and worship Christ, the new-born King

Saints, before the altar bending,
Watching long with hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In His temple shall appear;

Come and worship Christ, the new born-King.

Invocation Joseph Cudjoe

Scriptural Meditation Psalm 30:4,5

Hymn 89 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Tithes and Offerings Estelle Elias
Song *Give Thanks*

Children's Time Roslyn Guenin

Pound in the Pot for the Development Fund

Family Prayer David Burgess

Hymn 618 *Father Hear the Prayer We Offer*

Scripture Reading Nehemiah 8:10, Ioan Herteliu

Hark the Herald Angels Sing Hiroshima Vocal Quartet

Sermon "God's Joy" Pastor Lolly Fontaine

Hymn 84 *There's a Song in the Air*

Benediction

Reflection in Silent Meditation

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.



Limited edition mounted watercolour print of the church as it was in 1990 by the artist and illustrator Tony Spearing available for purchase to support the Church Development fund. See Carl Swain or call 07812 584806.

Sunset Times

Today: 3:52pm **Next Friday:** 3:51pm (Watford)

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9 December 2017

Welcome to
Stanborough Park Church



In him was life,
and that life was the light of all mankind.
The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.
John 1:4-5



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

Morning Prayer Meeting

9-9.30am in the Maple Room

Sabbath School

9.45am

Welcome Aila Zivanov

Hymn 703 *When Peace Like a River*

Prayer

Lesson Study *Children of the Promise*

13th Sabbath Presentation Cradle Roll Division

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.

Parallel Service

11am in the Cedar-Sycamore Room

Speaker Pastor Geert Tap: *The Cargo of the ARK*

Scripture Reading Luke 2:8-14

Music Leader Beatrice Cooper

Announcements & Diary

The Family Ministries Prayer Basket will be presented to Torben Bergland today. 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

InSide Stanborough Winter edition is out today! We need lots of willing hands to give these out as soon as possible so that the local community will know about all our special Christmas programmes and services, beginning with the Toy Service next Sabbath.

Lesson Books and Calendars for January 2018 Today is the last day to place your order. See Lorraine Cooper.

The ABC shop in the BUC building will be open tomorrow, Sunday, and on 17 December, from 10am-3pm.

Urgent: The Welfare department is in urgent need of non-perishable food such as packets, tins and jars.

Joy Service

Next Sabbath, 16 December at 11am

This year we are particularly aware of a much wider age-range of people whose hearts would be especially uplifted by a gift freely given. With this in mind we are asking those who wish to give a gift to think of a person in their own group, an adult for an adult, youth for a youth and child for a child.

The church will be open on Friday 15 December from 11am to 1pm to receive your gifts, or they can be handed to Pat Walton or Audrey Balderstone prior to the start of the service on Sabbath morning.

It is important that the gifts can be seen; therefore we request that they are not wrapped, please. Thank you.

Joy to the World!

Next Sabbath, 16 December at 4.30pm

A contemporary carol service where we will sing, pray, create and, most importantly, rejoice! Because Jesus was born! We look forward to seeing you.

Family Christmas Worship Service

Sabbath, 23 December at 11am

Join us on this Christmas Sabbath to offer our praise and worship to God for the Gift of His Son.

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.

Prayer Corner

- Let us praise and thank God for those who, by their kindness and prayerful concern, reflect His character.
- Also this week, let us pray for those whose lives and property are threatened by forest fires.

Musical Mission Ten young people, including seven from our School of Music, and their teachers, had a wonderful experience last Sabbath as they shared their faith with the Croydon church members and people from the local community through music and fellowship. They are looking forward to another visit in the future.

The Church Clerk will be on holiday 11 December -24 January. Emails will be responded to as soon as possible.

Women in Prayer after the service today. All ladies are welcome to join us to praise God and share their experiences. Soup and rolls will be served afterwards.

The Singing Group will visit Courtland Lodge at 4pm today.

No Sabbath afternoon Bible Study until 6 January.

Pancake Night today Bring the children at 5pm for an hour of fun and games. Pancakes for everyone at 6pm.

Tuesday Bible Study is on holiday until 9 January.

The Experience The next programme is this Tuesday 12 December. Light supper at 7pm.

Stanborough School Carol Service this Tuesday 12 December at 7pm here in the church. Come and worship and enjoy the musical talents of our pupils.

The Soup Run on Friday 15 December will be led by Jason Poddar and the driver is David Neal. If you would like to go on the Soup Run, contact Pat on 01923 672500.

Youth Skating! If you are planning to come skating next week, you must bring a signed consent form from your parent/guardian.

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.