



Surviving Drought

"The one who trusts in the Lord . . . will be like a tree planted by the water." Jeremiah 17:7–8

In April 2019, a suburban neighbourhood in Victorville, California, became buried in tumbleweeds. High winds pushed the rolling thistles into the development from the adjacent Mojave Desert where the plant grows. At maturity, the pesky weed can grow to up to six feet in height—a formidable size when it releases itself from its roots to “tumble” with the wind to scatter its seeds.

Tumbleweeds are what I picture when I read Jeremiah’s description of a person “whose heart turns away from the Lord” (Jeremiah 17:5). He says that those who draw their strength from “mere flesh” will be like “a bush in the wastelands” and be unable to “see prosperity when it comes” (vv. 5–6). In sharp contrast are those who put their trust in God instead of people. Like trees, their strong, deep roots draw strength from Him, enabling them to remain full of life, even in the midst of drought-like circumstances.

Tumbleweeds and trees both have roots. Tumbleweeds, however, don’t stay connected to their life-source, causing them to dry out and die. Trees, on the other hand, remain connected to their roots, enabling them to flourish and thrive, anchored to that which will sustain them in times of difficulty. When we hold fast to God, drawing strength and encouragement from the wisdom found in the Bible and talking to Him in prayer, we too can experience the life-giving, life-sustaining nourishment He provides.

By: Kirsten Holmberg via odb.org



Watch the [Traditional Service](#) online with **Pastor Terry Messenger**

Announcements / News

- **Church Opening announcement by Pastor Terry Messenger.** [READ HERE](#)
As places are limited, **if you would like to attend** a church service **please register** your name with either to Roger Murphy - email: rt.murphy@hotmail.co.uk or Audrey Balderstone - email: abalderstone@btconnect.com
Guidelines for attending are on the [Church website](#).

- **Parallel Service** Join us on Zoom on Saturday 24th October at 11am. Meeting ID 84631971997, Passcode 779579.

- **Women's Ministry** meeting on Saturday 24th October from 3-5pm. Join us on Zoom ID: 2509665133, Password: 243467 as Bella Rajasekaran applies her Spiritually guided and Scientific knowledge to the story of the Shunamite Woman in the Bible.

- **Virtual Gift Box Appeal 2020** - Many children here in the UK have become disadvantaged because of the impact of COVID-19. Through our ADRA community hubs, we want to support such children and bring a little bit of happiness to them this year. [Your virtual gift box](#) will allow our hubs to respond and help. Each virtual box is valued at £10. [Please donate a virtual gift box today! www.adragiftbox.org.uk](http://www.adragiftbox.org.uk)

- **Prayer Meeting** on Wednesday at 7pm. Join us on Zoom.
ID: 86332812854, Password: 063944

- **Congratulations to Giovanna Gayle** who has achieved a Commendation on her Diploma of Law from The University of Law London. Praise be to God for his continued blessing and gift.

- For information about **Earliten Sabbath School**, please email:
Uchejbc@yahoo.co.uk

For information about **Primary Sabbath School**, please email:

hkbrown49@gmail.com

For information about **Kindergarten Sabbath School**, please email:

kindergartensabbathschool@yahoo.com

- **The adult Bible study** is meeting on Sabbath at 3pm.
Young people's **baptismal class** will be Friday's 5:30-6:30pm from today, 15th September. If you would like to join in via Zoom, please email Pastor Terry at TMessenger@secadventist.org.uk to get details.

- **Cradle Roll Programme for OCTOBER** Sabbath at 9:45am on [Youtube](#) and [Facebook](#).

- **Messenger Journal** 15th October 2020. [Download here](#)

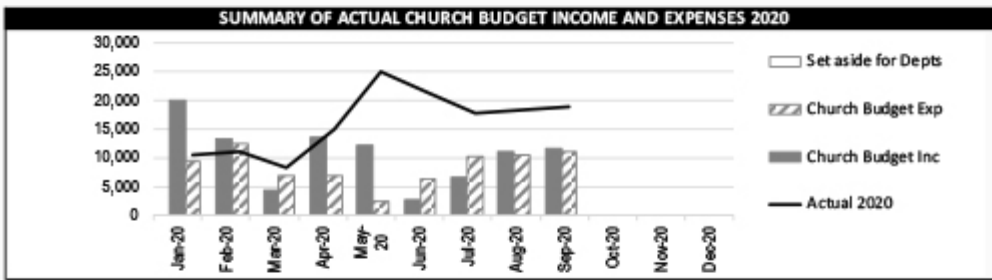
- **Youth Meeting**. Please contact Natalie, Paula or Carol/Lucas for the link or email youth@stanboroughchurch.org.

- **The Menkens family** would like to ask for your prayers as Terry undergoes surgery for a second replacement on his right shoulder this coming week.

2020 CHURCH BUDGET	Bdgt 2020	Bdgt to Q3	Actual to Q3	%
Church Budget Offerings	75,138	54,513	46,020	-16%
Stanborough Centre Hall Hire Income [1]	58,056	40,456	31,172	-23%
SEC Grants and Other Income [2]	5,000	69	112	+62%
Activity Costs- e.g. bulletins, flowers, SVs, StSch, staff, etc.	(34,291)	(25,122)	(17,345)	-31%
Site Costs- e.g. utilities, cleaning, mntc, insurance, etc.	(71,343)	(50,110)	(50,851)	+1%
Funds set aside for Departments	(32,560)	(24,420)	(24,420)	+0%
Surplus/(Deficit) to date	-	(4,614)	(15,313)	-

[1] Effect of COVID-19 closure in March 2020.

[2] SEC evangelism grants to come later in year.

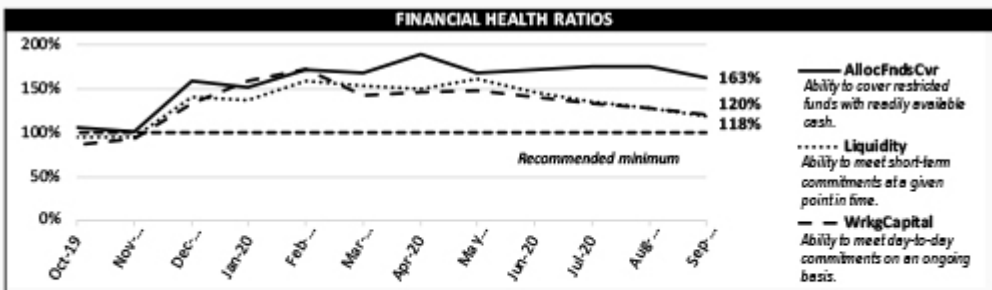


SUMMARY OF OTHER FUNCTIONS	Devel't [3]	Assigned [4]	Depts [5]
Donations, Gift Aid, Dept Activities Income, etc.	21,383	3,320	80,375
Activities Exps, Events, Staff/Volunteers, Advertising, etc.	(355)	(14,776)	(52,463)
Repairs & Maintenance, Loan Interest, Insurance, etc.	(466)	(3,420)	(1,455)
Transfers from Church Budget	-	-	-
Surplus/(Deficit)	20,563	(14,876)	26,456
Add: Balance b/f (1st Jan)	(499,742)	37,088	73,214
Closing Balance	(479,179)	22,212	99,670

[3] Development Fund - Estimated time to clear deficit: 4yrs 6mths to Mar-2025, 0yrs 6mths earlier than originally expected.

[4] Funds set aside for specific purposes and managed by Treasury, Church Board or other Committee as appropriate.

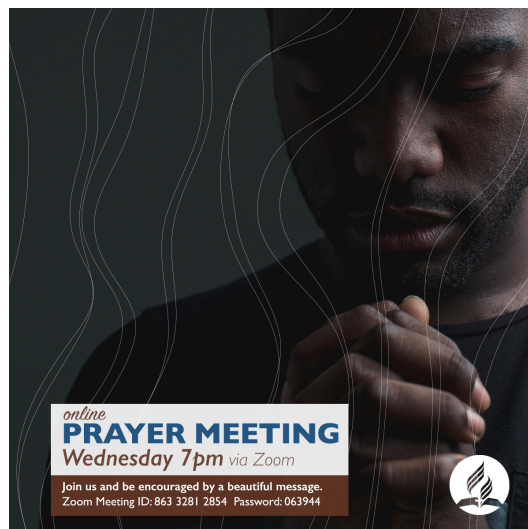
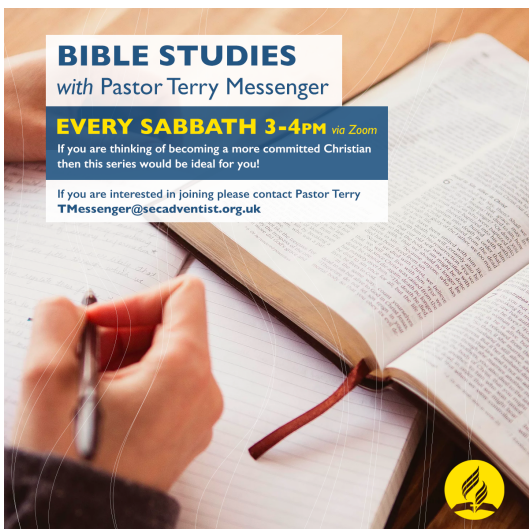
[5] Summary of activities for about 20 active SPC departments. Some depts building up funds for future activities.

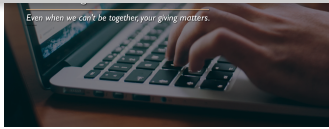


[6] The ongoing aim is to maintain all three ratios above 100%.

[7] Liquidity temporarily fell below 100% due to an increase in funding being held for departments.

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