



Jesus and the Bigger Story

"We are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10

A generous friend offered to babysit our kids so my wife and I could go on a date. "You should go somewhere fancy!" she gushed. Being practical people, we decided to go grocery shopping instead. When we returned, grocery bags in arms, our friend asked why we hadn't done anything special. We told her that what makes a date special isn't so much what you do, but who you're with.

One of the few books of the Bible that doesn't record God directly saying or doing anything, the book of Ruth could seem to be pretty ordinary. So some read it as a touching but largely human drama of two people coming together in a relationship.

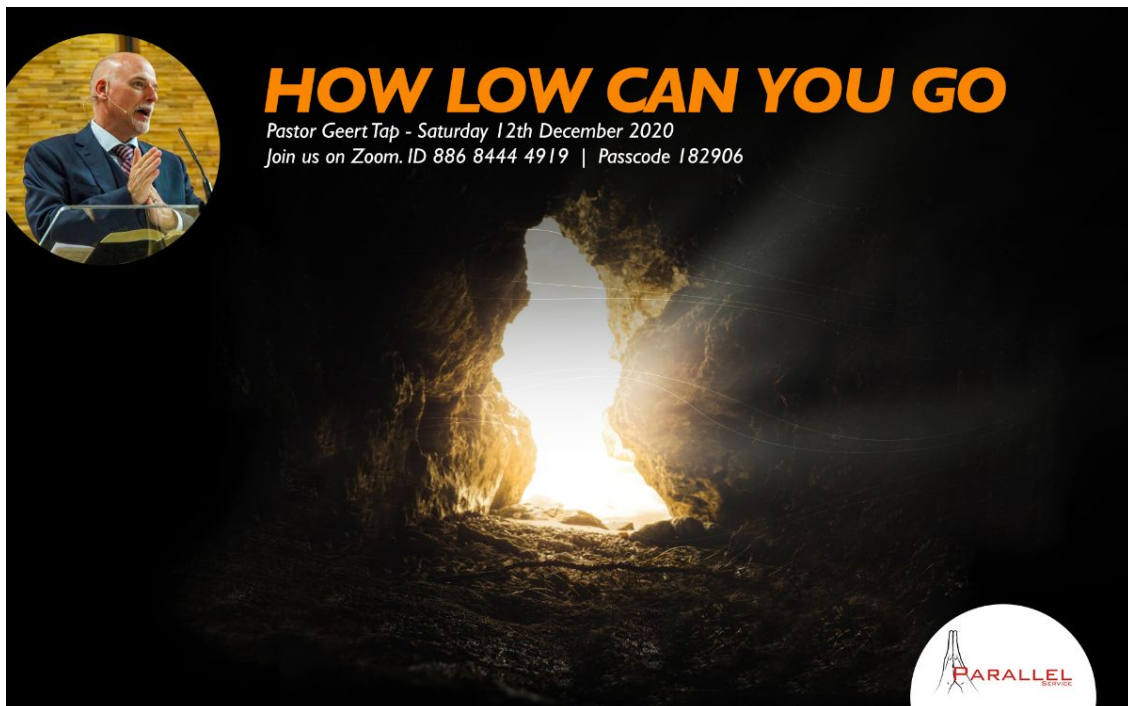
But in truth, something extraordinary is taking place. In the final chapter of Ruth, we read that Ruth and Boaz's union results in a son named Obed, the grandfather of David (4:17). And as we read in Matthew 1:1, it's from David's family that Jesus was born. It's Jesus who unveils the ordinary story of Ruth and Boaz and reveals the extraordinary story of God's amazing plans and purposes at work.

So often we see our own lives in the same way: as ordinary and serving no special purpose. But when we view our lives through Christ, He gives eternal significance to even the most ordinary situations and relationships.

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Watch the [Toy Service](#) online with Pastor John Ferguson



Watch the [Paralell Service](#) online with Pastor Geert Tap

Announcements / News

- The Church will be open for Worshippers from December.

If you would like to attend the service please register as before with Roger Murphy - rt.murphy@hotmail.co.uk or Audrey Balderstone - abalderstone@btconnect.com Numbers are still restricted and all Covid 19 measures will still need to be complied with.

- **Parallel Service** is inviting you to join our service on Saturday 12th December at 11 am. Zoom ID: 886 8444 4919, Passcode: 182906 — or [click here](#).

mayor and social service officers who then distribute toys to needy families under their care. **Let's make this the best Toy Service ever!** Thank you for your continued support. It is greatly appreciated.

- **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)
 - **Children's Sing-Along on Christmas Eve** from 2-2:30pm on Zoom. If you would like your child/children (or even yourself!!) to participate, please contact Ruth at christmasevesingalong@yahoo.com by the 30th November. Children and people of all ages are welcome.
 - **Family Ministry's Prayer Basket** The Kesheshian Family would like to thank the church for their prayer while holding the basket. It has now been passed on to Liz Burnes. "I want to thank our heavenly father for keeping me and my family safe and healthy over the last 9 months during the pandemic. Please pray for my veterans and their mental health and well-being during these challenging times. Also, I ask for a blessing on all the volunteers who have tirelessly supported us at One Vision."
 - For information about **Earliteen Sabbath School**, please email: Uchejbc@yahoo.co.uk
For information about **Junior Sabbath School**, please email: spcjuniorss@gmail.com
For information about **Primary Sabbath School**, please email: hkbrown49@gmail.com
For information about **Kindergarten Sabbath School**, please email: ishida.yvonne@gmail.com
 - **Women in Prayer** will be meeting Saturday 12th December from 3-5pm. Join us and Bella Rajasekaran, on Zoom ID: 2509665133 Password: 243467, as we spend these precious moments together in prayer.
 - **Cradle Roll Programme December** Sabbath at 9:45am on [Youtube](#) and [Facebook](#).
 - One Vision is currently providing more than 4,000 hot meals and around 900 grocery bags per week and delivers to all Watford postcodes plus WD3, WD6, HP2, HP27 and AL10. It currently has almost 100 volunteers but **urgently needs new volunteer drivers to help distribute food to those in need**. Anyone interested will need to commit to one four-hour shift per week, Monday to Friday, from 12.30pm to 4.30pm. Please contact Elizabeth Burns, Enoch or email to ovp@stanboroughpark.org.
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As numbers are still limited we do need you to register with Audrey or Roger, please.

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- **Stanborough Secondary School Christmas Carol Service 2020.** Our annual Carol service can be [watched here](#). Join us as we celebrate 'Jesus, The Light of the World'!



WATFORD YOUTH COUNCIL INVITES YOU TO TAKE PART IN OUR

CHRISTMAS DONATION DRIVE THROUGH & DROP-OFF

@ One Vision Stanborough Hub
609 St Albans Rd, Watford WD25 9JL
Sunday 13th December 10am-3pm

There will be a one-way system in place: drive in through the front entrance, all the way around to the back car park. Bring your donated items down the slope and continue around to exit.

Surprise appearances by guests throughout the day!

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SUITABLE GIFTS

PLEASE USE THIS LIST AS A GUIDE ON WHAT TO DONATE

Board Games	Gloves
Soft Toys	Hats
Colouring Books	Gingerbread Man
Stationery	Candy Canes
Simple Decorations	Mince Pies
Scented Gifts	Christmas Cake
Pair of Socks	Toiletries

PLUS any other non-perishable food items you want to bring!

If you would like to volunteer or know someone who may need our help, drop us an email at oxp@stanboroughpark.org or call Liz Burns at 07527 213921

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Even when we can't be together your giving matters.

"You should each give, then, as you have decided, not with regret or out of a sense of duty, for God loves the one who gives gladly. And God is able to give you more than you need so that you will always have all you need for yourselves and more than enough for every good cause." 1 Corinthians 9:7-8

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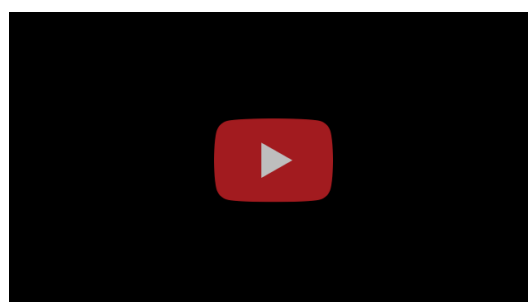
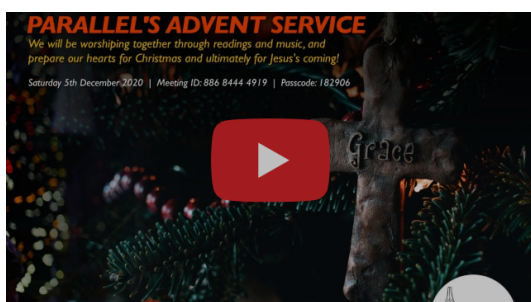
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Have you thought about setting up a Standing Order?

Your offerings would be transferred regularly without you having to remember.

One email to treasury@stanboroughchurch.org would be required to tell us the details. If applicable, please use your Gift Aid number as the reference.

Please remember that an offering made from a budget will not be accepted unless you have a receipt for it. If you are unable to provide a receipt for your offering please email the treasury department with the details including treasury@stanboroughchurch.org





"Glory to God" by Stanborough Park Church Choir, 2017



Cradle Roll Sabbath School - 1st Edition December 2020

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