



God's Miraculous Leading in the Sphere of Perfect Timing!

Adventist Education has always been a huge part of our lives... My husband attended Newbold College of Higher Education and so did his brothers. At the age of 19, I also had the same privilege of attending Newbold College and this changed my life forever. Our two elder children started their education at our Nursery and continued all the way through to our Secondary School. They are both currently in university, studying Medicine and Biology. Our youngest is now in year 7 at our Secondary school.

As a family, we have always felt that any sacrifices would be worthwhile as long as we could offer our children the gift of Adventist Education. I many times ponder on the words of a Brazilian professor who once told me that God will reward us for our faithfulness. And this has been our experience in many ways. Our Schools speak of God's miraculous power in the lives of students, parents and staff. Every member of staff has his/her personal story to share and I feel honoured to be able to share mine...

A few years ago, I found myself teaching EAL (English as an Additional Language) in two local, Primary schools. Things were going well until I started to realise that certain members of staff were discriminating against my faith. I was given no choice but to leave and so decided to resign. Feeling very low and depressed, I saw this as an opportunity to take time out and reflect on my life, spend time in prayer and study the Bible.

Despite this difficult time, I experienced a deep connection with God and felt spiritually alive again! Meanwhile, I needed to work so I decided to start looking for a job. I applied for various jobs but something was impressing upon my mind to look around Stanborough Park. I applied for a couple of jobs that were available at the BUC and the Stanborough Centre. However, I felt that God was pointing me to the Secondary school where I had worked at the International department back in 2005. I was not sure whether this was the best idea at the time so I prayed and waited, prayed and waited! I asked God that if it was His plan for me to go back that He would show me in a big way – I asked for a sign that I could not miss! I asked that someone from the School would call me. I continued to pray and wait... And so one day the BUC Education Director at the time called me requesting me to go back and assist the School. I was ecstatic with the divine answer I received that I accepted and did not even ask in what capacity they wanted me to serve... The School needed some assistance in the English department and so I taught KS4 English Literature part-time. Meanwhile, an opening appeared to serve in the International department which I was thrilled about! So I found myself back in the same department I was in before I went on maternity leave in 2008. I could not have been happier with such an outcome!

learned such a valuable lesson - we only need to do our part and hold on to His promises, trust and wait. He will do His part in return for our faithfulness. He will deliver us in His appointed time and way! God's timing is always perfect and His way is the best!

'We must cherish and cultivate the faith of which prophets and apostles have testified - the faith that lays hold on the promises of God and waits for deliverance in His appointed time and way'.

Prophets and Kings

By Anna Papaioannou - International Programme Coordinator Stanborough Secondary School



Watch the [Traditional Service](#) online with Pastor Todd Frias



Watch the [Parallel Service](#) online with Pastor Aris Vontzalidis

Meeting ID: 840 134 7522, Passcode: 2007691

- **Online Prayer Meeting** on Wednesday at 7pm. Join us on Zoom. Join us and Pastor Jim Huzzey who will be our speaker. ID: 86332812854, Password: 063944

- **Women's International Day of Prayer** will be on Saturday 6th March Sabbath. Our special guest speaker is Audrey Balderstone and will be presenting the Sermon, "I Will Go" with a fantastic Floral Display. In the afternoon, there will be an interactive workshop from 3-5pm on Zoom ID: 2509665133, password: 243467 entitled, "Overcoming Obstacles on a Life Journey".

- **Transport for COVID-19 Vaccine Appointments.** If you need transport to attend your vaccine appointment, we can help! One Vision has partnered with MET Coaches, the BUC, Watford Hub, and the SEC to provide free minibus transport to and from the vaccine centre. Should you need the service or wish to volunteer as a driver, please contact One Vision via email enoch@ovwatford.org or call 01923 372699.

- For information about **Earliteen Sabbath School**, please email: Uchejbc@yahoo.co.uk
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- **ADRA** As we will not be able to collect door to door for ADRA again this year, Audrey Balderstone has come up with a fund raising idea. She plans to give a donation to ADRA for the birthday of each of her friends and relatives during the year. She is also asking for donations to ADRA instead of birthday presents to her. If you would like to swell the fund for ADRA you could donate in honour of a friend or family member - or as a 'thank you' present for God's blessings. **To donate please go to Audrey's Just Giving' page:** <https://justgiving.com/fundraising/Audrey-Balderstone1>

- **Cradle Roll Programme 2nd edition of FEBRUARY** Sabbath at 9:45am on [Youtube](#) and [Facebook](#).

- **"Loving me, Loving you: A Female Voice"** Saturday from 3-5pm Zoom ID: 2509665133; PW: 243467

- **DBS checks** Please contact Uche Ademuyiwa by email dbs@stanboroughpark.org to renew your DBS certificate if it is 3 years or over, or to get a new one. The DBS checks will be done online. All those who have recently received their DBS certificate need to notify the church by email to the same address mentioned above. An arrangement will be put in place to verify the certification.

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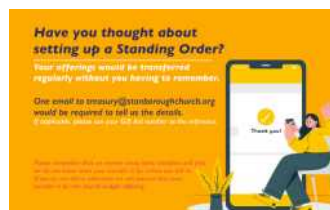
We have been very encouraged by the positive responses of those who received by direct mail the January edition of MESSENGER, and we're busy processing all of the updated addresses, requests for electronic versions, and requests for copies for other members.

Our aim is to send one printed copy of the MESSENGER to the household of every member who wishes to receive it. We realise that the first mailing did not reach all such households, and we would be grateful for your assistance in getting our information up to date. If you know of any members who want a printed copy of the MESSENGER but haven't so far received one, please let us know.

Also, please note that if you want to keep receiving The MESSENGER by post you will need to let us know, either by returning the card that is included with the magazine or by sending a brief email to: msubs@stanboroughpress.org.uk

This is a major new initiative to give help and support to all of our members in these strange and challenging times. We really appreciate your feedback and your assistance as we work with the church clerks to make it a success.

Peter Oppong-Mensah and Pastor John Surridge, Distribution Coordinators



God, you are on mute!



6 Lessons some people learn too late



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