



Refuge for the Rejected

"Have mercy on me, my God, have mercy on me, for in you I take refuge." Psalm 57:1

George Whitefield (1714–1770) was one of the most gifted and effective preachers in history, leading thousands to faith in Jesus. But his life wasn't without controversy. His practice of preaching outdoors (to accommodate large crowds) was sometimes criticized by those who questioned his motives and felt he should speak only within the four walls of a church building. Whitefield's epitaph sheds light on his response to others' harsh words: "I am content to wait till the Day of Judgment for the clearing up of my character; and after I am dead, I desire no other epitaph than this, 'Here lies George Whitefield—what sort of a man he was, the great day will discover.' "

In the Old Testament, when David faced harsh criticism from others, he too entrusted himself to God. When Saul falsely accused David of leading a rebellion and he was forced to hide from Saul's approaching army in a cave, David described being "in the midst of lions," among "men whose teeth are spears and arrows, whose tongues are sharp swords" (Psalm 57:4). But even in that difficult place, he turned to God and found comfort in Him: "For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies" (v. 10).

When others misunderstand or reject us, God is our "refuge" (v. 1). May He be forever praised for His unfailing and merciful love!

By: James Banks - Taken from odb.org



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Announcements / News

- **Upcoming dates:**

Ordination of Elders: 1st May // Baptism: 8th May

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- **Church Re-opening: Plans for April and May.** The first 2 services in April will be live and the last two will be pre-recorded. In May the first three Sabbaths will be live and the last two pre-recorded. The limit for the number who can attend the live services is 50 persons. If you wish to attend the services please contact Audrey Balderstone (abalderstone@btconnect.com) or Roger Murphy (rt.murphy@hotmail.com) who will assist to accommodate you.

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- **A very big THANK YOU** to all those who dedicated 'Lilies for Easter' to give thanks, beautify the church and raise funds for ADRA, 120 dedications were made and because of the generosity of many members, £790.00 was raised. To God be the glory!



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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 APRIL edition Sabbath at 9:45am on [Youtube](#) and [Facebook](#).

SOS mix for sale – contact Pat Walton if you would like to purchase some. All proceeds to the Church Development Fund. Contact Pat on 07788311097 or 01923 672500.

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- **Message from Pastor David Neal:** With the delivery of the March edition, distribution of the print edition en masse to Adventist homes throughout the UK and Ireland comes to an end. But – any household wishing to continue receiving the print edition may do so free of charge, simply by sending a message to: msubs@stanboroughpress.org.uk. or call Sarah Jarvis on: 01476-591700. The aim of this campaign is to ensure that all the UK and Ireland church family have the opportunity to connect with each other - and stay connected. Very many thanks for your help.

Watch the Parallel Service online Meeting ID: 840 134 7522, Passcode: 2007691



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