

## **Unseen Wonder**

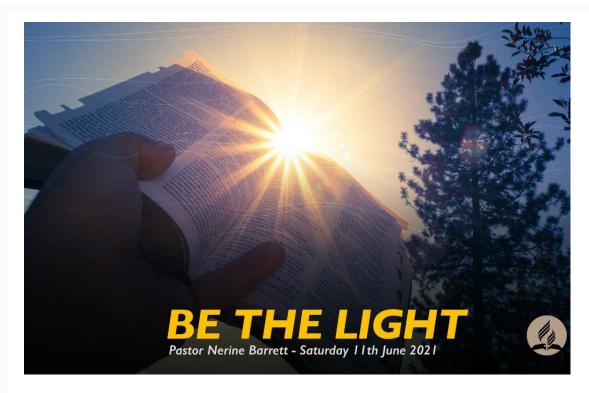
"Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him." 1 Peter 1:8

In the twilight of her years, Mrs. Goodrich's thoughts came in and out of focus along with memories of a challenging and grace-filled life. Sitting by a window overlooking the waters of Michigan's Grand Traverse Bay, she reached for her notepad. In words she soon wouldn't recognize as her own she wrote: "Here I am in my favorite chair, with my feet on the sill, and my heart in the air. The sun-struck waves on the water below, in constant motion—to where I don't know. But thank You—dear Father above—for Your innumerable gifts and Your undying love! It always amazes me—How can it be? That I'm so in love with One I can't see."

The apostle Peter acknowledged such wonder. He had seen Jesus with his own eyes, but those who would read his letter had not. "Though you have not seen him . . . you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy" (1 Peter 1:8). We love Jesus not because we're commanded to, but because with the help of the Spirit (v. 11) we begin to see how much He loves us.

It's more than hearing that He cares for people like us. It's experiencing for ourselves the promise of Christ to make the wonder of His unseen presence and Spirit real to us at every stage of life.

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Watch the <u>Traditional Service</u> online with Pastor Nerine Barrett



Watch the <u>Parallel Service</u> online with Pastor Paul King Brown Zoom Meeting ID: 840 134 7522, Passcode: 2007691 link

# **Announcements / News**

☐ Important information for Church members:

Please follow this link to the church website (announcements page) where you will find 5 documents to download, including information on some proposed

changes to Sabbath service timings and the Recommendations Committee voting form. The forms need to be returned by June 14th. ☐ Election of Officers for 2022/23 Please don't forget to send in your nominations to serve on the Recommendations Committee on the slips which have been sent out to you. Nominations should be in by June 14. **COVID 19 Questionnaires** Also don't forget to send in your <u>completed</u> questionnaires The answers you provide will aid the leadership of the church to plan wisely for the future. These should be in by June 21. Thanks! □ Services will be live during the month of June. The number that can attend is a max of 70. If you wish to attend the services please contact Audrey Balderstone (<a href="mailto:abalderstone@btconnect.com">abalderstone@btconnect.com</a>) or Roger Murphy (rt.murphy@hotmail.com) who will assist to accommodate you. □ Parallel Service: Weather permitting the Parallel will worship from 12 noon onwards in the park (Stanborough Park) for the next 2 Sabbaths, 19 and 26 June. People can bring garden chairs or mats and a picnic if they want. If the weather does not allow then Parallel will meet with Zoom as usual. 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: ekansere@gmail.com For information about Kindergarten Sabbath School, please email: ishida.yvonne@gmail.com

ADRA Audrey Balderstone is almost at the half-way mark of her year of giving to ADRA UK to mark the birthdays of her family and friends. Others have joined in to celebrate their birthdays too. If you would like to join them and swell the funds for ADRA UK then please go to <a href="https://pustgiving.com/fundraising/Audrey-Balderstone1">https://pustgiving.com/fundraising/Audrey-Balderstone1</a>
Cradle Roll Programme May edition Sabbath at 9:45am on Youtube and Facebook.
Women's Ministry: The next Programme will be on the 12th of June, which will be Women Emphasis day. The programme will be held during the Divine Service with the theme 'Come and see the Saviour of the World'. On the same Sabbath, in the afternoon from 3pm, the programme will continue on zoom, with the theme 'The Captive Maid and Me'. Zoom details will be provided in the next bulletin.  Everyone is invited to join the Women Ministry Programme.
The next Church Business Meeting will be held at church at 6pm on June 27th. Please plan to attend if possible.
The flowers today are in thanksgiving and praise to God for His Blessings on Florence Allen's family and Stanborough Church Family. Florence's prayer is that we allow the Holy Spirit to transform and unite us to reflect Jesus in all our endeavours.
The flowers in the smaller arrangement are to celebrate Annalisa's sisters in Italy. We are in separate countries, but joined by love. Happy birthday Chiara

and happy anniversary Rosaria and Alberto" These flowers will be given to Pastor Roy for his 95th birthday .

The BUC Session will be held on Thursday 8 and Friday 9 July 2021. For more information, please read here.

**Upcoming dates:** Members/Business Meeting: 27th June. Please note that the only agenda item for this meeting is the proposed new worship format.

Communion: 10th July // Thanksgiving Day: 24 July

**WALK FOR ADRA:** As a global humanitarian agency, ADRA has felt the impact of COVID-19 in its projects around the world. Most of ADRA-UK's overseas projects are financially challenged by the onset of the novel coronavirus. Bert Smit, CEO, stated, 'We have made commitments to complete these projects and to ease and eliminate the suffering of people in need. 'We need your help to fulfil these commitments'. As we commence this journey together, here's the process to follow in order to register to WALKFORADRA.

- 1. Register using our online form at https://adra.org.uk/walkforadra
- 2. Create your Just Giving profile/page
- 3. Download the tracker, or use your phone health app/ watch to keep track of your miles walked then report your miles to us through our online form.
- 4. Remember to have fun, enjoy every moment while you WALK FOR ADRA!

#### **Traditional Worship Service - 12th June**

Welcome and Announcements
Introit "Holy, holy, holy". Silent prayer
Call to worship - SDAH 694 "Praise God from whom all blessings flow"
Invocation -

Hymn of Praise - NAH 467 "Take my life and let it be"

Tithes and offering - Temi Ademuyiwa
Children's story - Yvonne Ishida
Ministry in Music - 'Tomorrow' by Tontho Ntata
Poem - Ruby Kansere "The road not taken"
Mission Appeal - Wumi Idowu
Family Prayer - The Rajasekaran family
Scripture reading - Thespina Papaioannou "Matthew 5: 16

### Sermon - Pastor Nerine Barrett "Be the light"

Closing Hymn - NAH 602 "Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart"

Benediction - Pastor Nerine Barret









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