

## Children of God

"Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love." Ephesians 5:1–2

I once spoke at a secular conference for childless couples. Heartbroken over their infertility, many attendees despaired at their future. Having walked the childless path too, I tried to encourage them. "You can have a meaningful identity without becoming parents," I said. "I believe you are fearfully and wonderfully made, and there's new purpose for you to find."

A woman later approached me in tears. "Thank you," she said. "I've felt worthless being childless and needed to hear that I'm fearfully and wonderfully made." I asked the woman if she was a believer in Jesus. "I walked away from God years ago," she said. "But I need a relationship with Him again."

Times like this remind me how profound the gospel is. Some identities, like "mother" and "father," are hard for some to attain. Others, like those based on a career, can be lost through unemployment. But through Jesus we become God's "dearly loved children"—an identity that can never be stolen (Ephesians 5:1). And then we can "walk in the way of love"—a life purpose that transcends any role or employment status (v. 2).

All human beings are "fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:14), and those who follow Jesus become children of God (John 1:12–13). Once in despair, that woman left in hope—about to find an identity and purpose bigger than this world can give.

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Watch the **Traditional Service** online with Costa Vaggas



Watch the Parallel Service online with Pastor Geert Tap

At the Park, 12 noon (Weather permitting)

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	<b>Transfers:</b> Into Stanborough Park Church - Dr Prince Ikechukwu and Mrs Dorathy Igwe (Ife) from Victory Sanctuary Church, Lekki, Nigeria. This is the 2nd reading.
	COVID 19 Questionnaires Also don't forget to send in your completed questionnaires. The answers you provide will aid the leadership of the church to plan wisely for the future. 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 (abalderstone@btconnect.com) 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) on 26th 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: On the 26th June, the women will hold an afternoon programme from 3pm to 5pm. More information on this will be provided in the next bulletin.  Everyone is invited to join the Women Ministry Programme.
The next Church Business Meeting has been postponed to 25th July.
One-Vision have relocated to new premises as from 21 June 2021. We want to thank God for His leading in this matter as they have been looking for a new place as the church begins to open up and their work expands. One-Vision have been a blessing to our church and community especially during the pandemic where thousands of meals, groceries and other items have been distributed in Watford and surrounding areas to families in need. Let us continue to support this team.

**Upcoming dates:** Members/Business Meeting: 25th July. Please note that the only agenda item for this meeting is the proposed new worship format. A regular business meeting will be scheduled at a later date to be announced.

// Communion: 10th 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 <u>WALKFORADRA</u>.

- 1. Register using our online form at <a href="https://adra.org.uk/walkforadra">https://adra.org.uk/walkforadra</a>
- 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 - 26th June**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS - Audrey Balderstone
PRELUDE - 'I Need Thee Every Hour'
INVOCATION - Audrey Balderstone
OPENING HYMN - 'All Glory, Laud and Honour' NAH 72 26/9/2020 5:32
CHILDREN'S TIME - Nadia Vaggas
CALL TO PRAYER - 'Now Dear Lord as we Pray' - SDAH 671 Instrumental
FAMILY PRAYER - Roger Murphy
MEDITATION IN MUSIC - 'I am Thirsty' - John 4:13&14 - Piano Quartet
SCRIPTURE READING - Mark 6:31-37a, 45-52 - Gabriella Vaggas
SERMON - Are Our Goals God's Goals - Costa Vaggas
CLOSING HYMN - 'I, the Lord of Sea and Sky' SoF 830 22/9/18 1:12:35

BENEDICTION - Costa Vaggas POSTLUDE - 'Day by Day'



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