

Peace in the Chaos

"[Our] help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth." Psalm 121:2

Something that sounded like firecrackers roused Joanne from sleep. Glass shattered. Wishing she didn't live alone, she got up to see what was going on. The dark streets were empty and the house seemed to be okay—then she saw the broken mirror.

Investigators found a bullet only a half-inch from the gas line. If it had struck the line, she probably wouldn't have made it out alive. Later they discovered it was a stray bullet from nearby apartments, but Joanne was afraid to be at home. She prayed for peace, and once the glass was cleaned up, her heart calmed.

Psalm 121 is a reminder for us to look to God in times of trouble. Here, we see that we can have peace and calm because our "help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth" (v. 2). The God who created the universe helps and watches over us (v. 3)—even while we sleep—but He Himself never sleeps (v. 4). He watches over us day and night (v. 6), "both now and forevermore" (v. 8).

No matter what kind of situations we find ourselves in, God sees. And He's waiting for us to turn to Him. When we do, our circumstances may not always change, but He's promised His peace in the midst of it all.

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Watch the **Traditional Service** online with Pastor John Surridge



The <u>Parallel Service</u> will be at the park 12pm (weather permitting)

Announcements / News

- □ COVID 19 restrictions. The church board have voted to follow these guidelines but have included the following caveats:
 - 1. For worship services to increase the capacity of numbers attending to 200

 To recommend mask wearing, social distancing and use of hand sanitisers. (Congregational singing can occur with masks on) Sabbath schools and Parallel service to be able to set numbers according to the above guidance. Weddings and funerals to decide their own policies in accordance with legal guidelines.
One of the floral pedestals today is given in celebration of Pastor Roy and Sheila Burgess' 69th wedding anniversary. Having grown up in Watford they were married at Stanborough Park church on 18th August 1952 and have been active members of the community since returning to the Park in 1983. We send them much love as they enjoy their celebrations.
The other floral pedestal is given by Lola and Ernest Gordon who give thanks to God for 62 years of marriage. The church family rejoices with both these couples and wishes them abundant blessings as they continue to be a blessing to our community.
Men's group launch Have you ever felt overwhelmed by daily life and overall pressure? A new initiative is being launched named "Decompression Chamber", a men's group with a focus on brotherhood, spiritual growth mutual support, activities and some fun. For any information please contact Massimo 07501220238 or massimo.molteni@gmail.com
Children's Sabbath School Prayer Request Presently we are running five different Sabbath school groups: Cradle Roll, Kindergarten, Primary, Junior and Earliteen. Unfortunately, there is no leader for either the Kindergarten or Junior Sabbath schools. Cradle Roll is in need of more people to support the team. The team of people supporting Kindergarten is very small (about 2 adults and a handful of young people). The group

supporting Primary is dwindling and is almost non-existent. The team supporting Junior is also very small (less than 5 and some of these are irregular supporters.) Thank you to the great team of people that are currently supporting Earliteen Sabbath school.

It is not and will not be possible to continue running Sabbath school with this level of support. Please pray for our Children's Sabbath School.

Please pray that God will provide the support we desperately need and please prayerfully consider whether you are able to offer support in some practical way.

Parallel Service: Weather permitting we will gather in the park from 12pm. Please bring camping chairs, a picnic rug, food and drinks to stay for the picnic. If the weather is unsuitable, we will move the meeting to the Cedar Sycamore room.

□ Adult Sabbath School will start meeting in person at church with two classes: in the Maple Room and Armstrong Hall from 10am to 11am. The lessons will also be accessible via Zoom with the following links.

Armstrong Hall

class: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81799493438?pwd=QkhQVEowMkJSN3BtSE VIYXk0RUc4Zz09

Meeting ID: 817 9949 3438 | Passcode: 002126

Maple Class:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7570701887?pwd=YXFtcFNiSUlma0JzdHAwUGtrcjg 1Zz09

Meeting ID: 757 070 1887 || Passcode: 111000

ADRA ANNUAL APPEAL

Audrey is thankful to God for all the donations which have been sent to her Just Giving Page for ADRA. These have been added to the donations Audrey is making on the birthdays of her family and friends throughout the year. The total raised is almost £10,000.00 - at the halfway point of the year. If you would like to acknowledge a birthday or give thanks to God by donating to

ADRA please go to https:justgiving.com/fundraising/Audrey-Balderstone1 Thank you
Cradle Roll Programme August edition Sabbath at 9:45am on Youtube and Facebook.
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!
Please be advised that Pastor Geert will be taking his Sabbatical during the months of August to October inclusive. Pastor Terry will be on annual leave from 26th July to 8th August.
The Bussue family wishes to thank the church for your kindness through the cards flowers, messages of condolence and prayers for our Matriarch; Muriel who died peacefully at home surrounded by family on 30.7.21. Mum was 88 and her funeral will take place in Sheffield on 23.8.21.

Traditional Worship Service - 21st August

Welcome and Announcements - Bheki T. Moyo Prelude - Angeline Jeyasundar Invocation - Bheki T. Moyo

Promotion of Tithes & Offerings - Bheki T. Moyo Opening Hymn: NAH 60 This is my Father's World

Children's Corner - Pr John Surridge

Scripture Reading: Mark 6: 1-6 (NIV) - Elizabeth Call to Prayer: SDAH 671 Now Dear Lord as we Pray

Family Prayer - Paula Carillo

Meditation in Music: Face to Face - Gabriella Pedditzi

Sermon: Make it Happen - Pr John Surridge

Closing Hymn - SDAH 469 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Benediction - Pr John Surridge Postlude - Angeline Jeyasundar













God's will for my life



Parallel Service

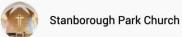


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