



Like a Symphony

"Make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind." Philippians 2:2

I surprised my wife with concert tickets to listen to a performer she'd always wanted to see. The gifted singer was accompanied by the Colorado Symphony Orchestra, and the setting was the matchless venue at Red Rocks—an open-air amphitheatre built between two 300-foot rock formations at more than 6,000 feet above sea level. The orchestra played a number of well-loved classical songs and folk tunes. Their final number was a fresh treatment of the classic hymn "Amazing Grace." The beautiful, harmonized arrangement took our breath away!

There's something beautiful about harmony—individual instruments playing together in a way that creates a bigger and more layered sonic landscape. The apostle Paul pointed to the beauty of harmony when he told the Philippians to be "like-minded," have "the same love," and be "one in spirit and . . . mind" (Philippians 2:2). He wasn't asking them to become identical but to embrace the humble attitude and self-giving love of Jesus. The gospel, as Paul well knew and taught, doesn't erase our distinctions, but it can eliminate our divisions.

It's also interesting that many scholars believe Paul's words here (vv. 6–11) are a prelude to an early hymn. Here's the point: When we allow the Holy Spirit to work through our distinct lives and contexts, making us more like Jesus, together we become a symphony that reverberates with humble Christlike love.

By: Glenn Packiam - Taken from odb.org



Watch the [Traditional Service](#) online with Dr Steven Moser



Watch the [Parallel Service](#) online with Dr Steven Moser
(at the park 12pm weather permitting)

Announcements / News

- **The Soup Run begins again for the Winter season.** The minibus will leave for London every Friday evening to cater for rough sleepers. We supply many much-needed accessories such as toiletries, sleeping bags, and warm clothing, socks and underwear. If you would like to join a Soup Run team please contact Pat Walton on 07788311097. You can also donate funds to cover additional items purchases.

- **Macmillan Afternoon Tea** Support the Macmillan Nurses by indulging yourself with an Afternoon Tea in the Cedar/Sycamore Room between 3:00 and 4:30 p.m. There will also be a table-top sale plus clothes rail. Friday 24th September 2021 at The Stanborough Centre. All proceeds will be given to the MacMillan Nurses Fund.

- **Parallel Service** will continue to meet outside on the Stanborough fields during the month of September (weather permitting) at 12pm. From the month of October, we will be meeting indoors, in the Cedar Sycamore room. There will be no Parallel on the 18th of September due to Pathfinder day. Parallel will resume the following Sabbath.

- **HARVEST THANKSGIVING.** Even in these unusual times we have a lot to be thankful for every day. You can express your thankfulness to God by joining in the service **on Sabbath 25th September.** Produce can be brought to the church on Thursday evening 23rd September 5.30-7.30 p.m. or Friday 1.30-5.30 p.m. If you would prefer to make a monetary gift then please send it to the church bank account reference HARVEST or place your gift in an envelope marked HARVEST and give it to Audrey or one of the deacons/deaconesses. Thank you.

- **Children's Sabbath School *update***
By God's grace, we have some more people helping with Sabbath school and we are working hard to run two classes at church. One for the younger children (up to primary) in the Williams Hall and one for the older children (junior / early teens) in the Larch Room.

Sabbath school starts at 9:45am. If anyone else is willing to help, please let me know.

There are two groups running online. Kindergarten / Primary and Junior / Earlyteen. If anyone would like access to the login details, please contact Yvonne Ishida at ishida.yvonne@gmail.com. The Cradle Roll videos are going out each week as usual.

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- ***The flowers** at church have been given by Edward Hammond in grateful thanks to God for all His blessings.*

Cathy Guenin has had her surgery and is grateful for all the prayers and good wishes received.

Social Distancing At Church: If you wish to attend church and to remain socially distanced, please sit in the centre section of the church downstairs. The balconies will now be designated for those who are happy to sit in closer proximity. We appreciate your consideration of each other's views as we worship and fellowship together. Thank you.

ANGEL VOICES – (children's choir) Rehearsals commence on 18th September, and new members are welcome to zoom rehearsals at 1.30pm on Sabbaths. If a child would like to join, please e-mail childrenschoir@yahoo.com for more information, including the words of the carol being prepared for Christmas.

Lockdown News - August 2021: [Read Here](#)

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- **Adult Sabbath School** has started meeting in person at church with two classes currently 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: [LINK](#) Meeting ID: 897 1468 7593 | Passcode: 878894

Maple Class: [LINK](#) Meeting ID: 757 070 1887 || Passcode: 111000

(Or by phone: +44 203 481 5240)

□ **ADRA ANNUAL APPEAL - great news!**

A number of donations have been made to Audrey's JustGiving Page for ADRA in the last few days and they have boosted the total to over £14,000.00! We give praise and thanks to God. Audrey is continuing to donate to ADRA on the birthdays of her family and friends throughout the year.

If you would like to join her by acknowledging a birthday or to 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](#).

□ **DISABILITY AWARENESS.** Now that the church is open for a bigger congregation but precautions like social distancing are still being observed, can all attendees please be aware of the need to support those with additional needs? It might be necessary for someone with a sensory disability – which might not be obvious – to sit near the front. If you have an extra need, please feel free to ask for space to be made in a row nearer the front if necessary, or ask for support from a duty deacon when making these arrangements.

□ **Pastor Terry Messenger is off sick. Let's keep him and his family in our prayers.**

As pastor Geert is on his Sabbatical, if you need, please contact in the meantime one of the elders of our church or Pastor Nathan Stickland.

- The Recommendations Committee has met and is bringing the following names to you to serve as the Nominating Committee, to nominate names for Church Officers for the period January 2022 to December 2023. These names will be left with you for a week and a vote taken next week, September 11. If you have any questions please contact David Burgess (d.burgess330@btinternet.com) or Audrey Balderstone (abalderstone@btconnect.com).

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Nitish Khetavah

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Annalisa Molteni

Sheena Murphy

Vanesa Pizzuto

Michele Vitry

Karen Vontzalidis

Traditional Worship Service - 11th September

Welcome and Announcements - Bernell Bussue

Prelude - Ensemble

Invocation - Bernell Bussue

Hymn - 'Come let us join our cheerful songs'

Tithes and offerings - Bernell Bussue

Children's story & presentation to University students - Youth leaders

Bible reading: Exodus 14:5-14 - Prosper Chidakwa

Prayer - Roger Murphy

Worship in music: 'In the garden' - Rhys Feticio

Sermon: 'Be still' - Dr Steven Moser

Hymn. - 'This is my Father's world'

Benediction - Steven Moser

Postlude - Ensemble

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Have you thought about setting up a Standing Order?

Your offerings would be transferred regularly without you having to remember.

One email to treasury@stanboroughchurch.org would be required to tell us the details. If applicable, please use your Gift Aid number as the reference.

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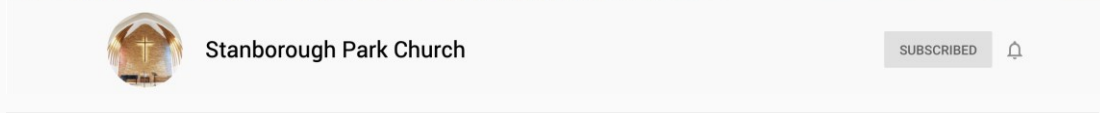
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Cradle Roll Sabbath School - September

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