



Finding Joy in the Meaningless

"When I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind." Ecclesiastes 2:11

In 2010, James Ward, the creator of the blog "I Like Boring Things," launched a conference called the "Boring Conference." It's a one-day celebration of the mundane, the ordinary, and the overlooked. In the past, speakers have addressed seemingly meaningless topics like sneezing, sounds that vending machines make, and inkjet printers of 1999. Ward knows the topics may be boring, but the speakers can take a mundane subject and make it interesting, meaningful, and even joyful.

Several millennia ago, Solomon, the wisest of kings, launched his own search for joy in the meaningless and mundane. He pursued work, bought flocks, built wealth, acquired singers, and constructed buildings (Ecclesiastes 2:4–9). Some of these pursuits were honourable and some were not. Ultimately, in his pursuit of meaning, the king found nothing but boredom (v. 11). Solomon maintained a worldview that didn't press beyond the limits of human experience to include God. Ultimately, however, he realized that he'd find joy in the mundane only when he remembered and worshipped God (12:1–7).

When we find ourselves in the whirlwind of tedium, let's launch our own daily mini-conference, as we "remember [our] Creator" (v. 1)—the God who fills the mundane with meaning. As we remember and worship Him, we'll find wonder in the ordinary, gratitude in the mundane, and joy in the seemingly meaningless things of life.

By: Marvin Williams - Taken from odb.org



Watch the [Traditional Service](#) online with Pr Patrick Johnson



Watch the [Parallel Service](#) online with Paula Carrillo

Announcements / News

- **Social Distancing At Church:** We wish all our members to feel welcome and safe to attend church. The Church Board have therefore voted that every other row of the seating downstairs will be taped off to ensure social distancing. If you wish to attend church and to remain socially distanced, please sit downstairs and please wear a mask. If you are happy to sit in closer proximity to others please use the balconies. Hand sanitising and mask-wearing is encouraged in all areas. We appreciate your consideration of each other's views as we worship and fellowship together. Thank you.

□ **Parallel Service:** At the Cedar Sycamore room, from 11am. Speaker: Paula Carrillo.

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- **PEDAL FOR THE PEACE.** A group of Stanborough Park Teens planned to join in the Peace Hospice initiative to raise much-needed funds by cycling 'round the world' from static bikes at the front of the Hospice. Unfortunately, the leader had to self isolate so the teens have been asked to cycle remotely and donate. If you are able to sponsor them to reach their goal of £500.00 please follow the link and donate: <https://justgiving.com/fundraising/teens-department> Thank you!

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- **Prayer Meeting** on Wednesday at 7pm. Please join us and be encouraged by a beautiful message and time of prayer. Zoom Meeting ID: 863 3281 2854 Password: 063944. [LINK](#)

□ **Welfare Department** operates every week – usually two mornings – if you wish to make donations please contact Pat to arrange when to bring the donations to the welfare centre. The donations must not be left on the church/centre premises.

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- **Adult Sabbath School** has started meeting in person at church with two classes currently in the Maple Room and Williams Hall from 10am to 11am. The lessons will also be accessible via Zoom with the following links:

Williams Hall class: [LINK](#) Meeting ID: 832 2046 4520 || Passcode: N7k8rw

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

(Or by phone: +44 203 481 5240)

□ **ADRA ANNUAL APPEAL - going up!**

We give praise and thanks to God that the funds for ADRA keep rising. Audrey is continuing to donate to ADRA on the birthdays of her family and friends throughout the year and a number of church members have joined her so that the total has just gone over **£15,000.00!**

If you would like to join this endeavour 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](#).

We are sad to announce the death of Barry Gowland, a former member of our church. His funeral service was held in Milton Keynes church on Thursday. Otto Spearing, another former member of our church, died on 16th October. Otto was living near her family in Crieff, Scotland. Please remember them in your prayers.

- The Flowers at church represent the blessings in the lives of Florence Allen and her son-in-law, Joseph Ngondo, as they celebrated recent birthdays.
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□ **The funeral for Peter Hinks** will take place at Stanborough Park Church on Tuesday, 9th November 2021 at 11.30 am. All are welcome to attend the service which will also be Livestreamed.

A private family interment will take place at the North Watford Cemetery.

The Adventurers Club is looking for keen and eager councillors to join our club to teach children between the ages of 4-6. Please, contact Megan Joseph if you want to help.

- **The Celebration of Life Service** for Victoria Regina Joseph (Nee Alexander) will take place in Stanborough Park Church on Wednesday 10th November 2021 at 11am. The service will be followed by the interment, in North Western Cemetery, (WD 25 0AW) at 1pm.
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- ***Dear Stamborough Church family** I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for your kindness towards my boys and I. I will be forever grateful for all your loving messages, prayers and financial support when Rafael Luz passed away in April. You are a very loving community. Thank you and God bless you. Sheilla Ferraz-Luz*
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- **Women's Ministry** Join us on Saturday 6th November from 3pm -5pm. Our theme will be "A prayer and a testimony". Come and share your testimonies with us. Meeting ID: 7279659834 | Passcode: WMmeeting
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- **ADRA VIRTUAL GIFT BOX APPEAL 2021:** Last year we raised £10,000 to help children in the UK that were affected by the pandemic. This year our Virtual Gift Box campaign will benefit children in rural Chad. We would like to provide them with a basic school kit, a hygiene pack and a toy. What a difference this will make. We ask you to donate £10 per child on our [JustGiving website](#): donate as much as you can e.g. a £50 donation will benefit 5 children.
With our local partner, ADRA Chad, the gifts are handpicked for every group of children making sure the gifts they receive will fit their specific needs. Whether pens, crayons, soap, a toothbrush and of course a toy, please know that you have given them a reason to smile!
This year we have kept it simple: make a donation on our [JustGiving page](#) or, alternatively, send us a cheque.
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Teens Meeting (13-18 yrs old) - This Saturday 4pm, Cedar & Sycamore Room.
Topic: The power of Forgiveness. Join us for Bible study, social time and close Sabbath together.

“I Will Go” is The theme for Week of Prayer 6-13 November. Meetings from Sunday to Friday will be held in the Cedar/Sycamore Room and on Zoom from 7-8pm. If you would like to give a Testimony, do a Musical Item or play the Music for the Evening Programmes please contact Florence on 07533629479 or lizalf@hotmail.com.

The communal Prayer Box is on the desk at Reception. Anyone including members of the public can put in their prayer requests. These will be prayed for each Sabbath.

- **Prayer Requests** should be sent to Uche Ademuyiwa at uchejbc@yahoo.co.uk

Please pray for:

- Yetunde Bright, who needs complete healing.
- Lola Gordon, continued prayers.
- Terry Menkens for healing. Pray for Jean and the rest of the family.
- Donna Wray who needs further surgery.
- The family of Simeon Vontzalidis would like to thank everyone who prayed for his recovery. He is home and is asking for incessant prayers as he continues to receive medical attention.
- Gillian Joseph, Tunde and the entire family as they prepare for her Mom's funeral service.
- Jean Hinks and her family as they mourn the loss of Peter.
- Joan Maxwell for a full recovery.
- Bronwen Atkinson is unwell and needs our prayers. Please pray too for her husband, Roy.
- Pastor Terry and family.
- Please would you remember Murial Glendening in prayer who is unwell at this time, this is much appreciated, thank you.
- Please keep praying for all those who need God's healing touch.

Family Service - 6th November

Welcome and Announcements - Ben Davison

Introit

Tithes and Offerings followed by Invocation - Ben Davison
Theme Song: SoF 830 - I, the Lord of Sea and Sky
Children's Story - Amanda Powell
Children's Hymn: SDAH 539/NAH 664 - I Will Early Seek the Saviour
Scripture Reading: Revelations 12: 7-9 - Pr Patrick Johnson
Family Prayer - Ben Davison
Special Item: "Praise to The Lord, The Almighty" - Yui Hanada
Sermon: The Backstory - Pr Patrick Johnson
Hymn SDAH 478/NAH 726 - Sweet Hour of Prayer
Benediction - Pr Patrick Johnson
Postlude

Sabbath School from 9:45am

Welcome & Opening Prayer - Massimo Molteni
Opening Hymn - Opening Hymn - SDAH 499 - What a friend we have in Jesus
Facilitator: Chris Levy
Panel: Peter Walton, Nitish Khetavath, Florence Allen, Anna Papaioannou



WEEK *of* PRAYER

6-13 November

Saturdays 11am. Weekdays at 7pm.
Featuring testimonies & special music.



Sabbath 6 - Patrick Johnson - The Three Angels' Messages and the Mission of the Church
Sunday 7 - Geert Tap- A Loving Appeal
Monday 8 - Yetunde Bright- The Gospel Vanquishes All Opposition
Tuesday 9 - Audrey Anderson - Worship the Creator
Wednesday 10 - Jim Huzzey - Repentance and Judgement
Thursday 11 - Leslie Ackie - A Loving Warning From God
Friday 12 - Carol/Teens - The Final Judgement and the Love of God
Sabbath 13 - Llew Edwards - The Three Angel's Messages

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Autumn Gala
CONCERT By PUPILS from
 The Purcell School
for young musicians

SATURDAY 13 November 7.30pm




Newbold Diversity Centre


GETTING ON THE WRONG SIDE OF JESUS:
 EXPLORING THE EDGES OF MISSION

Tuesday
9th November
 2021
 7.30pm (GMT)

newbold.ac.uk/diversity-centre
 contact: Helen Pearson 07775 612 610

Revd Dr Al Barrett
 Rector of Holywell Church in the Diocese of Birmingham

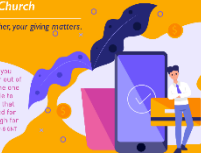
Revd Ruth Harby
 Church Organist and Organist
 Holywell Church, Birmingham



GIVING OFFERINGS BY BANK TRANSFER
 Stanborough Park Church

Even when we can't be together your giving matters.

"You should each give, then, as you have decided, not with regret or out of a sense of duty, for God loves the one who gives gladly. And God is able to give you more than you need so that you will always have all you need for your families and more than enough for every good cause." 2 Cor. 9:7-8



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 Reference: Name and Gift Aid No

If using Gift Aid or family other than church budget offering or you need a receipt please email the treasury department with the details including treasury@stanboroughchurch.org




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.

There are no charges for setting up a standing order and the bank does not charge you anything to guarantee the rate of interest on your account or to set up the standing order. Standing orders are not subject to the same rules as direct debits.



A TROUBLING EMBARRASSMENT?
 Brian Davison - Saturday 30th October 2021



A Troubling Embarrassment?

Welcome to Cradle Roll Sabbath School



Cradle Roll Sabbath School - NOVEMBER

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