



## True Identity

***"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!"  
1 John 3:1***

As my friend reviewed the pictures I took of her, she pointed out the physical characteristics she saw as imperfections. I asked her to look closer. "I see a beautiful and beloved daughter of the Almighty King of Kings," I said. "I see a compassionate lover of God and others, whose genuine kindness, generosity, and faithfulness have made a difference in so many lives." When I noticed the tears brimming her eyes, I said, "I think you need a tiara!" Later that afternoon, we picked out the perfect crown for my friend so she would never forget her true identity.

When we come to know Jesus personally, He crowns us with love and calls us His children (1 John 3:1). He gives us the power to persevere in faith so that "we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming" (2:28). Though He accepts us as we are, His love purifies us and transforms us into His likeness (3:2-3). He helps us recognize our need for Him and repent as we rejoice in the power to turn away from sin (vv. 7-9). We can live in faithful obedience and love (v. 10), with His truth hidden in our hearts and His Spirit present in our lives.

My friend didn't really need a tiara or any other trinket that day. But we both needed the reminder of our worth as God's beloved children.

By: Xochitl Dixon - Taken from [odb.org](http://odb.org)



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## Announcements / News

- **TOY SERVICE on Sabbath 11th December at 11am.** We are hoping to make the 60th anniversary of our Toy Service as 'normal' as possible, but in order to keep everyone as safe as possible we are making the following suggestions:
  - Please wear a mask unless you cannot do so for medical reasons.

- If you wish to socially distance, please sit in the centre section of the church.
- If you do not wish to socially distance please sit in the other designated areas.
- The service will be relayed to the Cedar/Sycamore room and this room will be used once the number of those seated in the church reaches 200.

### **DONATIONS OF TOYS AND OTHER GIFTS**

Please bring Toys, gifts for teens and gifts for Mothers and Fathers - unwrapped please - to the church on Friday 10th December between 12 noon and 4pm.

The children will be invited to come forward with their gifts to put in the sacks on Sabbath morning during the service. They will be socially distanced and directed when to walk forward up the centre and right-hand aisles to put their gifts in the sacks, which will be at the tops of the aisles - not on the platform. After placing their gifts they will be invited to exit down the left-hand aisle.

We look forward to being able to share the 'Love which came down at Christmas' with those in our community through this very special service.

Thank you in anticipation of your help.

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**Stanborough Secondary School Carol Service is on Tuesday 7th December at 7pm** in the church. Come and worship with us to celebrate the birth of our King by raising your voice to sing carols with the orchestra, choirs, various ensembles and readings.

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**SOUP RUN** – every Friday the soup run goes into London to assist the rough sleepers who are in need of men's winter clothes especially warm jumpers, jeans, warm jackets, socks underwear, sleeping bags and toiletries. If you wish to donate these items please contact Pat Walton on 07788311097 to arrange when to bring the items to the welfare centre.

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

**Oak Room class:** [LINK](#) Meeting Meeting ID: 860 2807 4184 || Passcode: 6TTVfH

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

(Or by phone: +44 203 481 5240)

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- **ADRA ANNUAL APPEAL** - 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.

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- **Welfare Department** - Operates every week – usually two mornings. If you wish to make donations please contact Pat on 07788311097 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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- **Please, pray for** Alain St Germaine as his health is not good. Also, for Barbara Hankin.

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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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**The flowers** at church have been given in thanks to God for saving Wale, Uche, Temi and Tobi from Covid'19. Especially from delivering Wale from the hospital and bringing him home safely. We also thank the Church family for your prayers and

support during those difficult time. For what the Lord has done for us, we are indeed very grateful.

*"We will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. Our soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the Lord with us, and let us exalt his name together! We sought the Lord, and he answered us and delivered us from all our fears. Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed." Psalms 34:1-5.*

- **Church Site Management:** Apologies for the issues with the heating last Sabbath. There are a few problems with our ageing heating system. The engineers were in again this week to effect some repairs and we pray the heating works satisfactorily keeping us warm today. Work will continue to cost and ultimately with Board approval secure a more robust heating system for our future comfort.

Thank you to all members and users in advance for helping with the below:

1. If any problems are noted around the church, centre or on-site, please notify the centre manager, Rob Page or in Rob's absence: [bernell.bussue@gmail.com](mailto:bernell.bussue@gmail.com)
2. Users of rooms and the kitchens are asked to clear up after use, ideally leaving the areas as good or better than they were on the entry.
3. Do not stick, tape or pin anything to any walls unless fixed to a noticeboard.

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### **Family Service - 4th December**

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Bheki T. Moyo

PRELUDE

T&O and INVOCATION - Bheki T. Moyo

OPENING HYMN - NAH 696 "Redeemed!"

CHILDREN'S STORY - Pr Jacques Venter

SCRIPTURE READING - John 4:1-10 NIV - Erna Herteliu

FAMILY PRAYER - Pr James Huzzey

REFLECTION IN MUSIC - John Herteliu

Wachet Auf, Ruft Uns Die Stimme - J S Bach

**SERMON - Pr Jacques Venter**

CLOSING HYMN - NAH 637 "All The Way My Saviour Leads Me"

BENEDICTION - Pr Jacques Venter

Postlude

### **Sabbath School from 9:45am**

Welcome & Opening Prayer - Massimo Molteni

Opening Hymn: SDAH 86 - How Great Thou Art

Facilitator: Bheki T. Moyo

Panel: Wallacia Scott, Nitish Khetavath, Peter Walton, Florence Allen



**Parallel Worship Committee Leader:** Karen Vontzalidis, **Coordinators:** Tunde Adebayo, Roy Christie, Michele Vitry (1 year), Sophia Vontzalidis (1 year), Helen King-Brown

**Deaconess - Deputy Head Deaconess:** Pat Walton

**Church Site Management Committee:** Denver Annable

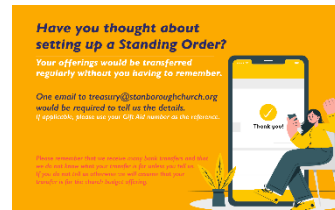
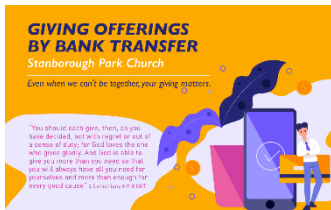
**Adult Sabbath School Team:** John Dupuis

**Seniors' Club Committee:** Romy Barham, Jean Hinks, Pam Robertson, Pat Swan

**Youth Leader:** Tunde Adebayo, **Deputy:** Student Missionaries, **Team:** Meghan Herman, Elizabeth Labalestra, Michael Lucking, Naomi Phillips

**Adventurers Director:** Megan Joseph, **Deputy Leader:** Ophelia Herman, **Secretary:** Kashina Smith, **Helping Hands** – Trond Asbjornsen & Margrette Johns, **Builders** – Kashina Smith & Aline Dos Santos, **Sunbeam** – Mary Tanhamira & Megan Joseph, **Busy Bees** – Benita Felaar & Sophia Charles, **Early Birds** – Kimberley Christian, **Little Lambs** – Wilna McComb

These names will be left with you for the week and will be voted on next Sabbath 11 December 2021. Should you wish to clarify a name, please contact Pst Geert Tap or Dave Burgess. Should you wish to speak to the Nominating Committee about a concern please let Pst Tap or Dave Burgess know and you can be invited to the Nominating Committee on Wednesday 9 December 2021 at 7pm where your concern will be considered.



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