

SABBATH SCHOOL

Welcome - & Opening Prayer
Opening Hymn: SDAH 86 - How Great Thou Art

Broadcasting Facilitator: Erna Herteliu
Panel: Catherine Phiri, Anna Papaioannou, Milimo Mumbo
Teachers: Joseph Cudjoe, Ioan Herteliu

WEDNESDAY PRAYER MEETING - Armstrong Hall as well as on Zoom at 7pm. Meeting ID: 519 552 6863; Passcode: pray3r

FOR PRIVATE PRAYER REQUESTS, please place them in the Prayer Box or you can email STANBOROUGHPRAYS@GMAIL.COM

PRAYER MINISTRY All are welcome to join the prayer team to read and meditate for 40 days from 6am to 6:30am. Zoom ID 8316619709; PW: 777

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SERVICES

FAMILY SERVICE

Welcome & Announcements - Florence Allen

Introit

Call to Worship - NAH 231 "Stand up and bless the Lord" (words as in vs 1 & 5 in SoF 512)

(Use words on the screen as some verses are not in NAH)

Invocation - Florence Allen

Hymn - NAH 551

"Standing at the Portal of the opening year"

Tithes and Offerings - Florence Allen

Prayer and Thanks - Terry Messenger

Scripture reading - Mark 13:20-32 NIV

- Joselyn Rajasekaren

Poem - "His unfailing presence" - Merlyn Rajasekaren

Children's Story - Frances Oni

Hymn - SoF 40. "Be still for the presence of the Lord"

Prayer - "Just one request I bring"

- Merlyn Rajasekaren

New Year Message - "Nearer, Still Nearer"

- Pastor Terry Messenger

Hymn - NAH 294 - "For all the saints"

(words as in SoF 109 (Vs 1,3,6,7))

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Benediction - Pastor Messenger

Postlude

PARALLEL SERVICE - 11AM - CEDAR SYCAMORE

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31.12.22

WELCOME TO STANBOROUGH PARK CHURCH



*The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He will not grow tired or weary,
and his understanding no one can fathom.
He gives strength to the weary and increases
the power of the weak.
Even youths grow tired and weary,
and young men stumble and fall;
but those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary
they will walk and not be faint.
Isaiah 40:28-31*



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Have a blessed 2023

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING SERVICE: On 31st December from 3pm to 5pm. After the programme, we will have a light Dinner. All are invited to join

SAVE THE DATE: NEW YEAR'S SERVICE ON 14TH JANUARY 2023

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT
(2ND READING)**

One of the Assistant Head Deacons: Clinton Quarshie
First Aider: Angeline Pinky

WE ARE LOOKING FOR FIRST AIDERS to serve on Sabbath mornings at the church. We are trying to set up a rota system so one person would be serving about once a month. If you are interested in helping in this way or know of anybody who could be considered please let the pastoral team know.

Pastor James will take his leave from 25 December to 3 January. Please contact the elders in the absence of the Pastors.

ADRA DESPERATELY NEEDS YOUR HELP THIS CHRISTMAS. Please support by following the link [ADRA UK - Just Giving Page for 2022](https://www.adra.org.uk)
[sda4.life/audrey4adra2022](https://www.adra.org.uk)

Alternatively, you can place a donation in the special DO GOOD envelopes available at church. As well as helping those abroad ADRA, through the I AM URBAN initiative, is helping those in need in the UK also.

INDONESIA ADRA APPEAL - Please help us to help the people of Indonesia who are affected by this dreadful earthquake. [adra.org.uk](https://www.adra.org.uk)

COUNSELLORS/INSTRUCTORS are needed in the Adventurer and Pathfinder clubs. Please contact Davide, Bukky, Megan, Ophelia.

SABBATH SCHOOL TEACHERS are needed for the Children's Sabbath School. Please contact Paula or Yetunde.

CONGRATULATIONS to Naomi (nee Burgess) and Mike Phillips on the birth of their son Elijah David Phillips on December 26th 2022. Both mother and baby are doing well. We ask God to continue to bless them richly.

THANKS to all who participated in the Christmas Eve evening Carol concert. The programme was well attended and the offering collected for the Welfare department, Soup run and "Warm Space" initiative totalled £776.14.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

- Morgan Charles who is out of the hospital and on the road to recovery.
- Our members who are hospitalised.
- Families who are facing challenges from cancer, COVID, other health issues and recent bereavement.
- Our country as we continue to experience severe Industrial Unrest.
- A resolution to the conflict between Russia and Ukraine. Pray especially for the citizens of Ukraine who are experiencing very cold weather without their electrical facilities.
- God to protect the children from Strep A disease. Pray for the families of the children who have died from the disease.
- The Requests in the Prayer Box. Remember you can place private Prayer Requests in the Prayer Box or email STANBOROUGHPRAYS@GMAIL.COM
- Let's pray for Alain's neighbour's daughter (19-year-old). She was diagnosed with cancer 2 years ago but after Chemo she was pronounced clear. Unfortunately this week after tests it was devastating news to find cancer had returned and aggressively. We need prayers for her recovery.

UPCOMING PREACHERS (FAMILY SERVICE)

January 7 – Pastor James Shepley

January 14 – Pastor Terry Messenger (Communion)

UPCOMING PREACHERS (PARALLEL)

January 7 – Pastor Jacques Venter

PRAYER

I thought I should write this down it's my experience of prayer. In case one who reads this may think God doesn't care! He does care so very much but there has to be some rules, The Bible is quite clear about this and reveals to us prayers jewels.

First of all the one who prays must believe that God is there. Second he must believe that God can do what is asked in prayer.

Third he will accept that over and above all God knows best. And must always pray His will be done if by prayer to be blessed.

A spirit of rejoicing has a very important place, And to always remember you are relying on God's grace.

Most important of all is that you must pray in Jesus's name, For praying in your own name will not be anywhere near the same!

When you have prayed just thank God for He has heard your prayer,

Do not ever think or believe it's just hanging in the air!

Some prayers will be answered quickly, so give thanks right then.

But God is not obliged to answer so you must try again.

Remember we may not see an answer at all for some prayer, That is no proof that God just didn't bother or He didn't care.

A parent will do what's best though the child may not understand,

So why should it be different when coming from God's hand? Prayers may have been said for family and repeated many years,

But God will not force His blessing onto unwilling ears.

Though when you pray for someone always tell them so, It makes sense when the answer comes, praise to God may go.

Do not make light of prayer, take time as a serious thing.

Show God you are in earnest so an answer He can bring.

You must not forget to thank God when your prayer you have said.

Better than waiting for the answer first instead.

Just come to God as to a friend and open wide your heart.

Then with thankful reverence just speaking to Him start.

Poem by Dennis Johnson