



FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS

Do you like flowers?
Good music?
Delicious food?

If the answer to any, or all, of these questions is "Yes," then Stanborough Park Church is the place you need to be over the weekend of 9-11 September.

That is when flowers of every description, in every colour under the rainbow will be used to decorate the church and delight the senses. Floral displays using exotic flowers as well as the more familiar carnations and roses will be used to create interesting arrangements in modern and traditional styles. There will even be a waterfall and flowing stream, and a sensory garden for those with faculty impairments. And that is not all. On Friday night there will be a special family service and on Saturday night a first-class concert, featuring the world-famous Adventist Chorale who have sung for the Queen and appear regularly on Songs Of Praise.

During the weekend our Festival Café will serve delicious snacks and on Friday and Sunday light lunches will be available. On Saturday night, after the concert, Café Blue will be open for those with more gourmet tastes.

Entrance to the Flower Festival, to all services and to the concert is FREE—all we ask is that you are prepared to give a donation to our charity. Douglas House is a hospice for teenagers with life-limiting and terminal illnesses and we know you will be generous in helping us raise a good sum to assist with the valuable work done for those who need its facilities.

Tickets at £7.50 each for Café Blue on Saturday night 10th September have to be booked. Please contact:

The floral displays will be sold at 6pm on Sunday 11th September.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Festival—*Linked by Love: Filled with Hope*

Audrey Balderstone
Festival Co-ordinator

CALENDAR

5th 2-4pm
10th 9pm
14th 9.30am
15th 10am
17th 5pm

19th 2-4pm
21st 9.30am
22nd 10am
25th 12-2pm
27th 9.30am
28th 10am

1st 11am
7.30pm
3rd 2-4pm
5th 9.30am
6th 10am
8th 9pm
12th 9.30am
13th 10am
13th 8pm
15th 5pm

17th 2-4pm
19th 9.30am
31st 2-4pm

2nd 9.30am
3rd 10am
9th 9.30am
10th 10am
10th 8pm
12th 9pm
14th 2-4pm
16th 9.30am
17th 10am
19th 5pm
23rd 9.30am
24th 10am
28th 2-4pm
23rd 9.30am

September

Seniors Club
Café Blue: *Swiss Style*
Mother/Toddler Club
Mother/Toddler Club
Blue Synergy—*Living Peacefully in a Stressed World*
Seniors Club
Mother/Toddler Club
Mother/Toddler Club
Pat's Sale
Mother/Toddler Club
Mother/Toddler Club

October

Family Service/Chatelier Family
Chatelier Family Concert
Seniors Club
Mother/Toddler Club
Mother/Toddler Club
Café Blue
Mother/Toddler Club
Mother/Toddler Club
Mind the Gap
Blue Synergy—*Don't Keep to Yourself*
Seniors Club
Mother/Toddler Club
Seniors Club

November

Mother/Toddler Club
Mother/Toddler Club
Mother/Toddler Club
Mother/Toddler Club
Café Blue
Mind the Gap
Seniors Club
Mother/Toddler Club
Mother/Toddler Club
Blue Synergy—*Are we there yet?*
Seniors Club
Mother/Toddler Club
Mother/Toddler Club
Mother/Toddler Club

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Pastor Ian Sleeman HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE LONDON BOMBING TRAGEDIES?

Life is full of tragedy. The Bible teaches that this is not a perfect world. Because there is sin in the world people do wrong things and suffering often results.

In Luke 13, Jesus is talking about two tragedies that happened in His day. He said, 'You know there were a bunch of innocent people up there worshipping at the temple and terrorists came in and they were brutally slaughtered.' And He said, "There was a tower that fell on eighteen people and killed them." And He posed the question, "Who sinned, that caused this tragedy?" Was it a result of their sin? And then He answered His own question. He said, "Absolutely not!"

Sometimes we suffer innocently. You see, not everything that happens is God's will. When I hear people talking about the London tube bombings and they say, "Well, it must have been God's will," I have a word for that. "Balderdash!" Don't blame God for the bombs. God's grieving too. God's will is not always done.

That's why we're to pray in the Lord's Prayer, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Because God's will isn't always done on earth. And so we're to pray, "God, just like your will is done perfectly in heaven, we want that to be done on earth." If it was being done, we wouldn't have to pray for it.

Tragedy always creates strong emotions. Fear, maybe anger, worry, maybe some depression, maybe resentment, grief over those who lost their lives. These feelings are scary.

Jesus said, Matt. 5:4, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." "It's okay to grieve." We have to face our feelings. Don't repress them—Tell what you feel to God.

Notice this verse, "Pour out your hearts to God, for He is our refuge." God wants to comfort you in a tragedy. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted, and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Notice these verses, "Carry each other's burdens . . ." Gal. 6:2 "By helping each other with your troubles, you obey the Law of Christ. (NCV) It is a big mistake to isolate yourselves from others when you're going through a crisis. You need other people in a tragedy. You need their perspective, you need their support, you need their encouragement, and you just need their presence.

Now this is why I gain strength by being a part of a church family. Because when a crisis comes, if you don't have those relationships in place, whose going to hold you up?

We need to receive from each other when we go through tragedy.

We need to encourage

each other. You will always be welcome to attend any of our services and functions.

If you want real security, then build your life on something that can't be taken from you. Because God says, "I will never leave you or forsake you."

BLUE

Blue is a modern Christian Community, providing two different ways to experience Christianity in an informal setting.

Café Blue is a good place to hang out on a Saturday night. serves hot and cold food and non-alcoholic drinks. Please book ahead through Dan or Russell: Tel. 01923 894664 or russell@be-blue.org

Synergy is a contemporary Christian worship gathering featuring music, expressive art, sharing faith and exploring the mysteries of the Bible.

For upcoming events and programmes, see the calendar at the back.

HARVEST FESTIVAL



THE CENTRE

Stanborough Centre is a new building attached to Stanborough Church. It has excellent modern facilities with a variety of different sized rooms/halls which are ideal for a wide range of functions including conferences, classes or small meetings.

The Centre contains a fully fitted commercial kitchen and offers a complete catering service. Functions of over 150 people or less than 10 can be accommodated, all in a peaceful wooded environment.

The Centre is on a main road, within five minutes of the M25 and M1 Motorways, and only twenty minutes by rail from central London. There is ample free parking for about 100 cars.

For a tour and discussion of our very competitive rates, please phone the manager, Michael Swain, on 01923 670540.

PILATES CLASS

New Pilates class due to start mid-September on Monday evenings. For further information, please phone Stanborough Centre on 01923 670540.

REGULAR WEEKLY SERVICES

Family Bible Study Classes:

Saturdays 9.45am (special classes for children of all ages).

Family Worship Service:

Saturdays 11.00am.

Prayer Fellowship:

Tuesdays 7.30pm.

Youth Programme:

Fridays 7.30pm.

CHATELIER FAMILY SINGERS

The Chatelier Family, following on their American tour, are coming to Britain, and will be singing at Stanborough Park Church.

Come and hear Gavin, Trudi and their six children sing Gospel songs. Dates October 1st Stanborough Park Family service @ 11.00am, and a concert in the Church @ 7.30pm Entry free, but a collection will be taken after the concert to support their ministry. Their CDs will be on sale. They will also be taking the Mind the Gap reunion on 13rd @ 8.00pm in the Stanborough Centre. Book this date in your diary now.

SENIORS CLUB

Stanborough Seniors Club re-opens on 5 September after the summer break. If you are in the 60+ age group and are looking for something new to do this autumn, why not come to the Stanborough Centre between 2-4pm on alternate Monday afternoons? Our programmes are varied, the cakes are homemade and the cost is 60p! For further information ring 01923 227 010.