

THE BEST WAY TO THANK GOD

Pastor Robert Vine

AT TIMES LIKE this, when my wife Vivienne and I are taking up a fresh post, leading two churches in Hanwell and Southall, we reflect on the five happy years at Stanborough Park, a big, busy church family of six hundred aged from a fortnight to a century.

Two verses from the Psalmist spring to my mind. The first, from Psalm 13 says, "I will sing unto the Lord, because He has dealt bountifully with me." Though I am sixty-one, I enjoy good health and have two wonderful families—my own children and grandchildren—ten in all, and the larger family of faith. How may I thank God?

Current practice would be to give Him something—time, money, effort, love, worship. But the Psalmist suggests another answer of something that will please God even more.

In Psalm 116 the writer asks, "What shall I give unto the Lord for all His benefits to me?" Nothing unusual here. However in the next verse (verse 13) he writes, "I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord." Any mother will understand the compliment it is to her cooking if the guests, or children, ask for more of the same.

And that is precisely what God says to us—*"Come and take more!"*

I hope you dear reader, can find this most generous God—called by Jesus, His Son, our heavenly Father, no less.

The members of Stanborough Park Church would like to offer their most sincere thanks to Pastor and Mrs Vine for their five years of dedicated service. We have enjoyed their friendship, warmth and positive leadership. We will miss them greatly as they move on to the next challenge, but are pleased that they will continue to live locally, and look forward to seeing them as often as possible. We hope their new congregants realise how lucky they are to have such an exceptional pastoral team.

Pastor and Mrs Vine—thank you—and we love you!

CALENDAR

- 5th** 12-2pm Super Summer Sale
6th 2-4pm Senior Members Group
8th & 9th Toddler Club
9th 7pm Mind the Gap Reunion—*Health Programme*
11th 9.00pm Café Blue—*Italian theme*
12th 10am-12pm Adventurer & Pathfinder Club
15th & 16th Toddler Club
18th 5.00pm Synergy—*Christian ethics in a sexual wilderness: Robert Hines*
20th 2-4pm Senior Members Group
22nd & 23rd Toddler Club
26th 10am-12pm Adventurer & Pathfinder Club
29th & 30th Toddler Club
- 4th** 2-4pm Senior Members Group
6th & 7th Toddler Club
9th 7.30pm Café Blue—*Barbecue theme*
10th 10am-12pm Adventurer & Pathfinder Club
13th & 14th Toddler Club
14th 7pm Mind the Gap Reunion—*Topical Disasters: Conrad Vine*
16th 5pm Synergy—*Keeping it Real! Finding a New Adventure in Evangelism: Eddie Hypolite*
18th 9.15am Senior Members Group (outing)
- 11th** 7pm Mind the Gap Reunion—*'Life After Death': Patrick Boyle*
20th 5pm Synergy—*Is the church relevant? Lee Gallagher*

June

July

August

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Stanborough News

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WELFARE CENTRE

Stanborough Park Church has a Welfare Service that provides clothing, bedding, curtains and other household items to those who need them. The service is used by the *Watford Social Services* and the *Oxhey Primary Care Trust* for their clients who need assistance in getting their lives better organised. Individuals may also contact the Welfare Service but at present it is only open by appointment. For further information telephone 01923 672500.

SUPER SUMMER SALE

Sunday June 5th 12-2 p.m. Super Summer Sale at Stanborough Centre. Plant stalls in the grounds for bedding plants and garden tools, plus stalls inside the centre for books, bric-a-brac, clothes, linen, toys and cakes. There will be a car wash and light lunches will be available.

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



CAFÉ BLUE AND SYNERGY

BLUE IS A modern Christian Community, providing you with two different ways to experience Christianity in an informal setting.

Café Blue is a place to hang out, chat and socialise with your friends and family in a relaxed Christian atmosphere. We run every 2nd Saturday serving hot and cold food and non-alcoholic drinks. The food is fantastic and inexpensive! Booking preferred through Dan or Russell.

Tel. 01923 894664 or email dan@be-blue.org or russell@be-blue.org

Synergy is a contemporary Christian worship gathering, where we meet together and give back to God through music, expressive art, sharing faith and exploring the mysteries of the Bible. It is a place to meet together and celebrate the freedom and hope that we have in God; a place where new ideas about God and His love are present. We run every 3rd Saturday of the month at 5pm.

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

Festival of Flowers

Linked by Love— Filled with Hope

Stanborough Park Seventh-day Adventist Church 609 St. Albans Road, Garston

September 9th-11th admission free

Church open for viewing: 10am-6pm Friday and Sunday 2pm-6pm Saturday

Special Musical Concert: Saturday 10th September 7pm

Preview Evening: Official opening and supper Thursday 8th September 7.30pm Tickets £10

All profits to Douglas House—a hospice for teenagers and young adults

Contact: Audrey on 01923 260270



For your next function, why not consider Stanborough Centre? Conveniently located in Garston, this multi-purpose conference centre is perfect for any occasion.

Facilities:

- Cedar/Sycamore Hall—holds 200
 - Larch Hall—holds 50
 - Willow, Beech, Oak, Maple Rooms—hold 20-40
 - Private car park that can accommodate more than 100 cars
 - Fully fitted commercial kitchen
 - Complete vegetarian catering service available
 - Audio-visual equipment available
 - Wi-Fi broadband connection
- For rates and bookings, phone Michael on 01923 670 540.




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