



Stokey Advent Times

Prayer and Thanks!

I recently enjoyed a sermon where the speaker encourages us, the listener, to pray with thanksgiving. Pray and thank God for what He will do. Pray and thank God for how He will come through. Thank him for paying your bills and making you well when you are sick and so forth. He goes on to say that the only thing that we should be asking for is the Holy Spirit. He excitedly expressed how quickly and readily God will give the Holy Spirit to us if we ask.

John 14:26 from the Amplified Bible puts it like this *“But the Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor—Counsellor, Strengtheners, Standby), the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name [in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf], He will teach you all things. And He will help you remember everything that I have told you.”*

Therefore, this tells us that we are certainly in need of the Holy Spirit. Because it is through and by the Holy Spirit we will be reminded of God’s many promises in His word. These promises remind us that:

- **We are Hopeful** - “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”
- **We are Safe** - “Because he loves me,” says the Lord, “I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.”
- **We are Known** - “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born, I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”

These are only a few of the many promises. That is the reason we can pray and thank God for what he will do instead of asking him to do something. Matthew 6 tells us that the Our Heavenly Father already knows our needs, so why worry.

Be encouraged, when you pray, ask our loving Father for the Holy Spirit, so that we can be reminded that God will take care of our needs.

Elder Nicole Gooden



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Treasury

Treasury Department Initiative 2023

For those who were present at the business meeting, you will know that we have some major works to do on our present building. As a way of raising funds for this, we are requesting that at least 10 members, commit to giving a minimum of £10 a month for the rest of this year.

You can donate in the following ways:

- **In a tithe envelope** marked 'main church building'
- **Online** with the reference 'main church building'
Name: Seventh day Adventist church
Sort code: 090127
Account: 88676252
- Scanning the QR code



So as we begin to restore our temple, let us keep in mind 2 Chronicles 24:10
"All the officials and all the people brought their contributions gladly, dropping them into the chest until it was full."

Thanking you in advance for your generosity!

Treasury Facts - the present 2023 budget needs:

- £620.29 weekly, or
- £2,687.92 monthly, to run Stokey church.

As a familiar supermarket slogan says 'Every little helps', so our request is that you give willingly in your offerings as you do your tithes. Thanking you.

Scan the QR code or return through envelopes, basket or online (details opposite) with the reference 'budget'.



ENERGY TIP! - Turn your lights off when you're not using them or when you leave a room. This will save you around £25 a year on your annual energy bills.
<https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/top-five-energy-consuming-home-appliances/>

Dates for your diary

- **8.4.23** Children and Music Depts Easter Programme
- **30.4.23** Prayer Breakfast
- **6.5.23** Children's Day
- **25.5.23** Hyland House Presenting

Communion

- **24.6.23**

Preachers - 2nd quarter

- Pastor Kwesi Moore
- Pastor Hannah Ahmed
- Elder Lascelles McKenzie
- Elder Basil Corea
- Elder Cheryl Stewart-Wedderburn

(please note these are just a few of those preaching for the 2nd quarter and is subject to change)

'Battle of the Giants' Social/Quiz



AYS 25 March 2023 at 5pm.

Do you know your bible trivia or your Stokey church history for that matter???

Whether you are in a team or not, this will be fun for all who attend.

Refreshments will be provided. See you there !!



DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE CLOCKS TONIGHT
THEY GO FORWARD BY 1 HOUR



1 hour less sleep!!!



For the Children!

A church with happy children is a church with a bright future. Our Children's Ministries department has been working very hard to ensure that our children have exciting, engaging programmes for them to participate in and an environment where they feel comfortable inviting their friends to share in the good news.

This year our team of three; Beverly Andrew, Itohan Khan and Caroline Banjo has been blessed by gaining two more wonderful ladies, Tanya Corea and Elishama Harvey. Together we have planned a year full of activities, programmes and initiatives for our children.

So far, we have started with our children's mid-week mission slot which is where we send out audio recordings of the mission stories read by Aunty Bev, our 'Breakfast with Jesus' session on 4 March and our Mother's Day presentation on 18 March.

Later this year we have scheduled, Children's Day on 6 May and the biggest event in our calendar, Vacation Bible School (VBS), from 31 July - 4 August. Last year the theme for VBS was "Shipwrecked, rescued by Jesus" and our children had a week of spirit-filled fun, learning that no matter what situation they find themselves in... Jesus rescues.

This summer the theme for VBS is "Stellar, Shine Jesus' Light". We have already started enrolment, so if you are interested, you will need to sign up as quickly as possible as there are very few spaces left.

Shine Jesus' Light - Children's Ministries

We have delivered 5 VBS programmes so far, this will be our sixth and I can safely say the children have enjoyed each one, learning valuable lessons from the Bible and helping them to build a relationship with Jesus. Each year we have been running VBS programmes, but it is a very expensive experience. Based on previous programmes the cost per child is approximately £62, so if you would like to make a contribution towards our ministry, we would greatly appreciate your gift. You can donate by placing your contribution in an envelope clearly marked 'Children's Ministries', by using the Stoke Newington contactless machine or making a contribution straight into our Stoke account at HSBC (Account name: **Stoke Newington Seventh Day Adventist Church**, Account number: **81481967**, Sort code: **40-06-27**) quoting reference: **Children's Ministries**. You can also donate using the QR code opposite.



The Children's Ministries Department would like to thank you for your support, your financial gifts and your continued prayers. We are shaping and training the upcoming leaders of our church. The children are becoming more confident, bold, eager to do God's work, willing to be used by Him and bringing their families to church with them... from what we can see, we have a bright future!

Children's Ministries Team
Caroline Banjo

"The children are becoming more confident, bold, eager to do God's work, willing to be used by Him... we have a bright future!"



...and just for laughs!



- Who was the shortest man in the bible? - Nehemiah (knee-high-miah)
- Who was the smartest man in the bible? - Abraham. He knew a Lot.
- What kind of light did Noah have on the ark? - Floodlights.
- How does Moses make tea? - He-brews it!
- How do pastor's like their orange juice? - With pulp-it
- What's a dentist's favourite hymn? - "Crown Him with many crowns"

Did you know?

Many Adventists ascribe to a vegetarian or plant-based diet. They take this direction from scripture, which says God gave nuts, grains and herbs as nourishment.

Because of this diet, many experts have said Seventh-day Adventists can live an average of 10 years longer than most Americans. In a study from Loma Linda University, scientists found that Adventists can die of cancer, stroke or heart disease, but the age at which those diseases and illnesses are diagnosed is much later because of their healthy lifestyle and resting on the Sabbath.

In addition to a plant-based diet, many churches also forbid alcohol and tobacco. The doctrine reads: *“Such health is a gift from a loving God who wants us to live in its abundance.”*

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For Your Info

If you would like to contribute an article to the newsletter or would like to see us present on something specific, please either:

- contact Donna Douglas
- Send an email to: stokeysdamedia@hotmail.com

Thank you.

‘Something for All’

‘My head, my shoulders, my knees, my toes
My head, my shoulders, my knees, my toes
My head, my shoulders, my knees, my toes,
God made them all’

The Possibility Ministry’s remit is inclusion. The body, like the church, is made up of different parts and they ALL need one another to operate effectively. We all bring something to the church and together we make up the body of Christ.

In Stokey, there is something for all.

The altos, the sopranos, the tenors, the bass all work together to be the choir - there is something for all.

The greeter, the teacher, the chef, the preacher, the singer, the person who always has a sweet to share or tissue to give - all make for an effective church in the community meeting a variety of needs.

The person with cerebral palsy, the person with tinnitus, the brother with autism, the child with dyslexia, the mother with multiple sclerosis, the girl with a stutter, the boy with ADHD are welcome at Stokey because there is something for all at Stokey.

We need you and you need us and together we need Jesus who meets all our needs: spiritual, emotional, mental, social, cognitive, financial ...

Come to Stokey - there is ‘something for all’
Remain at Stokey - there is ‘something for all’
Contribute at Stokey - there is ‘something for all’

‘My head, my shoulders, my knees, my toes.
God made them all’.

The Christ-centered inclusive approach of church...the remit of The Possibility Ministry

Something for All

New Build Update



Just a reminder that the new building project collection takes place the first Sabbath of every month, with the next collections taking place on 1 April, 6 May and 3 June.

To date **£57,707.07** has been collected. Approx. total needed is **£374,000** (plus VAT £448,800).

Phase 1 has been completed at a cost of £73,000, which was the laying of the foundation. There are two more phases to go. Phase 2 is the building of the structure and making it weather proof i.e. fitting doors, roof and windows, which will cost £246,000, and lastly Phase 3, which is the fitting out of the interior and decoration costing £128,000, finally making the new build complete. Scan the QR code to donate to the new build project. Thank you.



‘Keeping in Touch’

The Interest Coordinator department is more than just keeping an organised list of individuals, it is about keeping a keen eye and caring for the wellbeing of visitors when they enter our church, and making contact with those who are not in church, bereaved or sick.

The department currently consists of Lorraine Whitehead, Debbie St Hilaire-Prince and Pat Corea.

The most successful means has been using the department’s mobile phone. This has enabled them to communicate with those who they have been unable to visit, through fortnightly telephone calls, SMS messages and WhatsApp enabling them to forward all updates received from the Stokey broadcast and links to online sermons. Using this method of communication has seen an active increase between the team and potential members or those who are just being curious about who we are. Through the gift of giving programme the team have kept in contact with 5 individuals.

The team can be contacted on 07887 331 395 if you would like to make a referral of someone wanting to know more about who we are, plan on visiting our church, or just needing to talk to someone.



Safeguarding our Church Family—children and vulnerable adults

Department Spotlight

What is KCFS and how does it work?

The **Safeguarding Person** is the designated church/department officer who leads on safeguarding matters on behalf of the church or department. They ensure the safeguarding policy and guidance is followed and provide the support, guidance and training to staff and volunteers. They act as an advocate on behalf of children and adults in need of protection, keeping accurate records relating to safeguarding concerns, work in partnership with statutory and other agencies.

A **Responsible Person** is each head of a department, whether an employee or church member who has been appointed by the local church/management to be responsible for a specific sphere of activity involving children and adults. Within their role the responsible persons would ensure that the right staff are appointed and follow safe working practices.

The **Disclosure Clerk** is responsible for undertaking the safeguarding administrative tasks within a church. These include organising the DBS/PVG/AccessNI checks for church officers, issuing role descriptions and keeping up-to-date records of these activities. They will be responsible for periodic returns to the conference and will receive training for their role from the Conference secretariat.

KCFS Team

- **Jennifer Smith**
Safeguarding Lead
- **Debbie St Hilaire-Prince**
Deputy Safeguarding
- **Marcia Oughton**
DBS Clerk

Our role for Stoke Newington

- DBS checks for all new officers and current officers due for renewal
- Investigations of complaints/concerns raised
- Risk assessments - to ensure that our church continues to be a place of safety, not limited to our local church, but extends to places and venues organised through our church that are frequented by our children

More information can be found

- Notice boards for contact details
- A copy of the KCFS policy can be obtained from a member of the department
- Or, click on the link below [KCFS Policy](#)



About Us

Our Purpose

'Stokey' as we are affectionately known, aims to be the first choice church in Stoke Newington.

To provide a practical, personal and spiritual service in Stoke Newington, enabling people to see Jesus in what we do, and helping to prepare people to meet Jesus when He comes again.

The Stoke Newington Seventh-day Adventist Church can trace its roots from its humble beginnings in 1965, in the home of former members at Mildenhall Road, Lower Clapton. It was there that Bible Studies and Prayer Meetings took place attended by around 12 people.

This group, drawn from the Holloway Church and the former New Gallery Centre, soon grew large enough to seek alternative accommodation. The group stepped out in faith to a rented building – The Friends Meeting Hall (our current site). As time went on, a request was made to the South England Conference for a pastor and this group was placed under the pastoral care of Pastor Nicholson.

By the 1st January 1966, the membership grew to about 60 and the Stoke Newington group was organized into a church.

50+ years later, we are still here - Thanking God!! Of course over the years the membership has grown and people have come and gone. Whoever has been in membership of Stoke Newington, previously, currently and to come, will continue to be a beacon of light in our community.

For more information on Stokey, visit our website ['About Us'](#) page.

Website details: <https://stokenewington.adventistchurch.org.uk>

Stoke Newington SDA Church

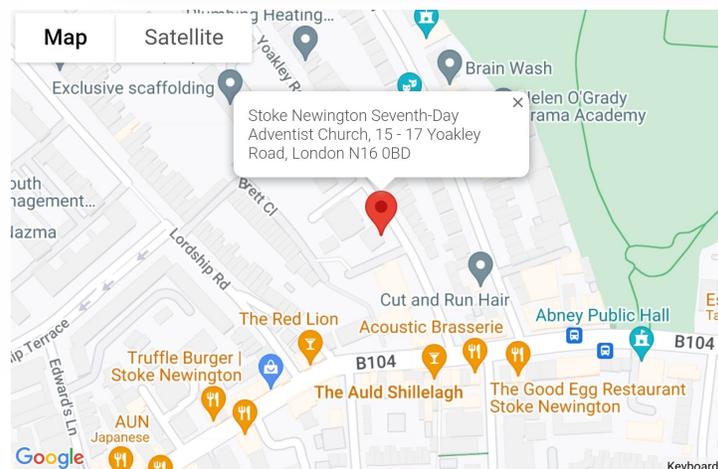
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Wheelchair accessible

Disabled toilet facilities



Opening Times

Saturdays (Sabbath)

9:15am Morning Prayer
9:45am Sabbath School
11:15am Divine Service (Worship)

Sabbath Service online via Zoom

Meeting ID: 832 2896 0129
Passcode: 191068

Tuesdays

12 - 2pm Prayer Session

Wednesdays

7:30 - 8:30pm Prayer Meeting

Check out the ['Read All About It'](#) web page for previous editions of the Stokey Advent Times