



Stokey Advent Times

God's Way!

In Numbers 20:1-13, we see that the community of Israel was thirsty and grumpy. They complained and blamed Moses, once again, for their plight. Moses' first response was admirable: he went right to the Lord. The Lord instructed Moses to speak to a rock and it would yield plenty of water for the parched people.

Unfortunately, Moses decided to make up his own version of obedience with a dramatic use of his walking stick--the one that God had used in past victories. Worn out from the incessant whining of the people, Moses indulged in scolding, "Do you want us to bring water out of this rock?" Notice that he doesn't say, "Your glorious God will provide water for you." Then Moses took his stick and hit the rock twice and water gushed out. But God had not instructed Moses to do anything more than speak to the rock. While venting frustrating emotions and taking some of the credit, Moses forgot that the power was God's, not his.

Water was still provided for the Israelites, but the Lord severely punished Moses. He was not allowed to enter the Promised Land.

How quickly and easily do we rely on our own ideas and emotions or embellish the Lord's simple instructions?

Doing what we're supposed to with His strength, brings glory to Him alone.*

Jeremiah 29:11 tells us that God knows the plan he has for us, so let's not lean on our own understanding, instead acknowledge Him and He will direct our path. Let's do it God's way, He knows the end from the beginning, so He will never lead us astray.

Elder Nicole Gooden

(*taken from 'Mom's Bible' by Bobbie Wolgemuth)



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Treasury

Treasury Department Initiative 2023

To give £10, minimum, a month, for the rest of this year towards the main building.

Thank you to those members who have taken up the initiative and it is not too late for new joiners.

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



Main building total, including initiative funds, collected so far for 2023 **£2,673.95**.

Treasury Facts

The present 2023 budget (subject to revision) needed to run Stokey is:

- £620.29 weekly, or
- £2,687.92 monthly

1st Quarter Income and Expenditure

Planned budget funds	£8,063.75
Actual budget funds	£8,171.04
Actual budget spend	£8,167.49
Underspend of funds	£3.55

Major Expenditure

Hygiene	£1,631.05
Photocopier and printing	£1,000.66
Church school subsidy	£1,068.75

We know times are hard and we thank you for your giving.

Scan the QR code or use details opposite with the reference '**budget**'.



ENERGY TIP! - You can save around £34 a year from your energy bill just by using your washing machine carefully. Use your washing machine on a 30-degree cycle instead of higher temperatures and reduce your washing machine use by one run per week for a year

Dates for your diary

- **25.6.23, 10am** Spring cleaning
- **1.7.23**, Junior Sabbath School breakfast
- **1.7.23, 5pm** AYS treasure hunt on 'Prayer II'
- **4.7.23, 12.30pm** Community Kitchen, then every other Tuesday
- **16.7.23, 5pm**, Business Meeting
- **Every 1st Sunday**, Pathfinders at 11am
- **Every 3rd Saturday**, Pathfinders at 3pm
- **23.7.23**, Pathfinder car boot sale
- **31 July to 4 August** VBS
- **27.8.23** Pathfinder Sponsored Walk
- **16.9.23** Pathfinder Induction
- **23.9.23** Communion

Events

Comms & Media Dept. Hosting
AYS PROGRAMME
BIBLE TREASURE HUNT
'PRAYER' (Part 2)

- Who was praying?
- Why were they praying (purpose)?
- What were they praying for?
- Why did they pray?
- How did they pray?
- What was the outcome?

SATURDAY 1 July
5pm – 7pm

Come and join us in a bible class discussion led by Bro Steve Prince

HOPE FOR LONDON
15 JULY 2023
10AM - 1.30PM | 3.30PM - 5.30PM
THE LIGHTHOUSE, 262-274 CAMBERWELL ROAD, SE5 0AY

Limited capacity - please register here:
<https://laac-dof-23.eventbrite.co.uk>
 Bring your lunch and stay with us for the whole day!

Book your place on Eventbrite to attend in person

For/About the Children!

Children's Ministries Update

On 6 May 2023, while millions of people all around the world watched a new monarch of the United Kingdom crowned, the children reminded us we worship the one and only Jesus, King of all Kings.

We had 36 children taking part in the service from the announcements and invocation to the sermons.

It was heart warming to witness the children lead out as it was a glimpse into the future of Stoke Newington SDA Church. If we continue to support and encourage our children we can see budding Church Clerks, Elders, Story Tellers, Treasurers, Music Leaders, Deacons, and Pastors.

The next programmes we look forward to in our Children's Ministries calendar are the Junior Sabbath School Breakfast on 1 July 2023, our annual Vacation Bible



Ministries departments.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the children who took part in Children's Day programme and who continue to eagerly engage in all the programmes we prepare for them, we thank the parents who support the children and the teachers, the grandparents, family members and guardians

who bring the children to Sabbath School each Sabbath morning. Thank you to those who lift up children and the Children's Ministries department in prayer, we are living in trying times, we are under attack, but your prayers have covered and protected us from the enemy. For those who continue to support our department financially, we are so grateful, and we pray God will continue to provide for you. We thank our teachers for their tireless dedication, preparing lessons, creating new and ex-



School which will be held from 31 July – 4 August, culminating in a graduation service on Sabbath, 5 August. We have 52 children enrolled from Stoke Newington Church, the community and from churches around London. Registration is now closed. Our final Children's Day of the year will be held on 28 October, and we will round up in December with the Gift of Giving Project which will be a collaboration between the Children's and Community

citing ways to inspire the children, shaping their young minds to be confident leaders, encouraging them to be kind to others and challenging them to be shining examples of true Christianity. God has been good to us, and we thank Him for all His goodness and blessings in this ministry.

**Caroline Banjo
and the Children's Ministries Team**

Did you know?

- ◆ About 50 Bibles are sold every minute. It is the world's best-selling book. Some 1 billion copies of Bibles have been sold.
- ◆ Christianity is the world's most widespread religion (2.1 billion Christians)
- ◆ The Bible was written in three languages: Hebrew, Aramaic, and Koine Greek.
- ◆ The 12 disciples were not allowed to carry food, money, or extra clothing.
- ◆ John was the only apostle who witnessed the crucifixion of Jesus.
- ◆ The Bible is the world's most shoplifted book.
- ◆ The word "Christian" appears only three times in the Bible: Acts 11:26; 26:28; 1 Peter 4:16
- ◆ The word "Lord" appears 1855 times in the Bible.
- ◆ The word "God" appears in every book except Esther and Song of Solomon.
- ◆ The word "eternity" is mentioned only once: Isaiah 57:15.
- ◆ Seven suicides are recorded in the Bible.

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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'

LEAN ON ME

A part of the Christ-centred inclusive approach of the church is for us to be there for each other 'to be supportive where each one reach(es) one' This is especially crucial for those of our church who have invisible differences such as autism, dyslexia, anxiety and depression to name a few.

April was Autism awareness month, so I am going to share some tips on autism with you so that we are in a better position to be there for one another.

Like all needs, there is no one size fits all. The persons who have these needs are unique individuals. However, there are some universal aspects of a person with autism such as:

- Most persons with autism love **routines**
- They may have **sensory sensitivity**, and
- They may have **specialised interests**

Here are some strategies that can assist you when interacting with someone who has autism that it

is positive and supportive:

- The person is not suffering with autism
- The person does not need pity there is nothing wrong with him or her
- Listen with your body - use your senses so that you hear both what the person said and the things that were not said. Ensure you listen to hear and not simply to answer.
- Use simple sentences but not simplistic language
- Be specific when speaking with them:- 'I want you to read Psalm 119:116 from the New King James Version. You will do the reading during the Divine Service next week Sabbath 17th June 2023.'

Remember 'each one can reach one/As we follow after Christ/We all can lead one'.

One for all and all for one!

Sanjo Jeffrey

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 July, 5 August and 2 September.

To date **£63,297.56** has been collected. Approx. total needed is **£374,000** (plus VAT £448,800).

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'Keeping in Touch'

It was lovely to see and experience, in my new role, the buzz that came with the Prophecy of Hope campaign, held at Stokey church 13—27 May, but it was a lot of hard work - shaking hands, introducing ourselves to people and generally being visible to anyone that showed an interest in exploring our beliefs.

What I have learnt is that this role requires more than one or two persons, it requires the whole church involvement.

In order to place Stokey Church back on the map as a warm and hospitable church, we need a team of dedicated individuals who are willing to work alongside the Interest Coordinating team. Guess what? you don't even need to move from your seats. Wherever you are seated, look to your left or your right, pay an interest in who is seated beside you.

Every individual in our church should be personally equipped to share the good news of salvation. The aim is to ensure - each interested person receives a heartfelt welcome, literature, updated information, an invitation to a specific seminar, link with a small group, receive a visit or call from a member, prayer or guidance on accessing Bible studies.

May I say a heartfelt thanks to a few of our members, and the children's ministry for making our visiting family from Spain feel very welcome.

Lorraine Whitehead

Department Spotlight

The Education Department

Do you know that the true purpose of education is to restore God’s image in our lives?

Do you know that there are six (6) primary schools and one secondary school in the UK and that they are all in England?

Do you know that the Adventist Education Department of the British Union Conference is there to:

- ◆ promote Adventist Christian values?
- ◆ evangelize so that staff and students come to know Jesus?
- ◆ create a framework for the delivery of effective and efficient Adventist Christian education?
- ◆ improve access to Adventist Christian education for SDA children?

Do you know that three of the primary schools are in the South England Conference where our church Stoke Newington is?

The theme for the year is ‘It is possible’ and we have committed ourselves to do the following throughout the year:

- ◆ Promote education
- ◆ Promote Adventist education and school events!
- ◆ Offer educational advocacy and support
- ◆ promote reading - launch Bible Year and Book Club (library)
- ◆ Offer academic support- revision days.
- ◆ Offer Careers and next steps summer conference
- ◆ Offer support for SEN

If you want to find out more about the Education Department/Ministry at Stokey, or if you want to volunteer, drop us a line at

stokeyeducation@hotmail.com

Department Presentation to Hyland House 27.5.23



Education Team

- **Sanjo Jeffrey**
Lead
- **Naomi Ellis**
Assistant

Department Initiatives

- Praying for a child in education
- EXAM techniques for students
- Short-term intensive revision sessions for students
- Education Fair
- Financial awareness/ literacy programme

Book and Bible Club Details

Topic: BOOK AND BIBLE CLUB
Time: 7:30pm — 8:30pm
Date: 2nd Thursday of the month

Join Zoom meeting

Meeting ID: 898 5576 6189

Passcode: 263679

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>

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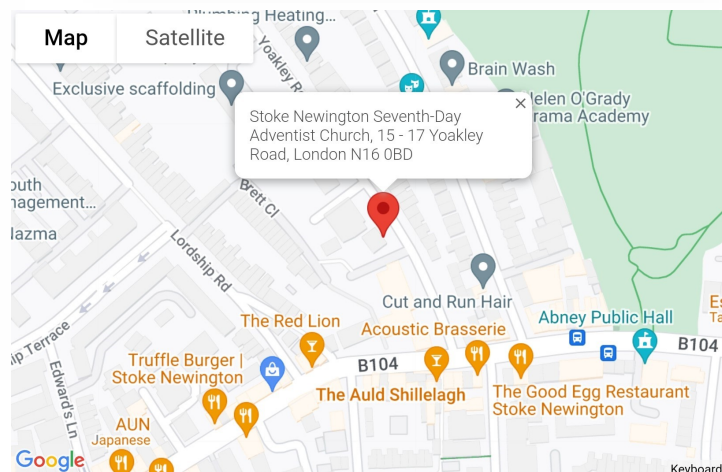
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Opening Times

Saturdays (Sabbath)

9:15am Morning Prayer
9:45am Sabbath School
11:15am Divine Service (Worship)
3:00pm Pathfinders (3rd Sabbath)

Sabbath Service online via Zoom

Meeting ID: 832 2896 0129
Passcode: 191068

Tuesdays (alternate)

12:30pm Community Kitchen

Wednesdays

7:30- 8:30pm Prayer Meeting

Sundays

11:00am Pathfinders (1st Sunday)

Lastly

THANK YOU, to all contributors towards this edition of the Stokey Advent Times

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