

***Thought:** ‘Aim at heaven and you’ll get earth thrown in, aim at earth and you’ll get neither.’ – C. S. Lewis.*

## **Sabbath School 10am**

Welcome: Steve Coxhead

Opening Hymn, SDAH 318: ‘Whiter Than Snow’

Prayer

Lesson Study: 3. ‘To be Pleasing to God’

*led by*

*Class 1:* Pastor David Rancic

*Class 2:* Elisabeth Carnell

*Class 3:* Joanne Cameron

Mission Spotlight video

Offering/prayer

Hymn, SDAH 296: ‘Lord I’m Coming Home’

Closing Prayer:

**Bulletin details:** [bulletin@grantham-sda-church.org](mailto:bulletin@grantham-sda-church.org) by Wednesday evening, or telephone 07898 696061

### **Service times:**

Sabbath School 10am; Break 11am; Announcements 11.15am; Song Service 11.20am; Divine Service at 11.30am. Monthly Afternoon Service on 3rd Sabbath of each month: 3pm starting 15<sup>th</sup> February 2025

## **Family Worship 11.30am**

*Today we welcome Pastor David Rancic to our pulpit.*

Invocation – David Richardson

Welcome – David Richardson

Praise, SDAH 608 – ‘Faith Is the Victory’

Scripture Reading – Joshua 14:6-15 NIV, Milan Masuku

Tithes and Offerings – Margaret Morgan

Children’s Story – Pr David Rancic

Dudley House School Offering

Congregational Prayer – Queen Nambo

Special Item –

Sermon – Pr David Rancic: ‘The White Spider or, Lessons for the Life of Caleb’

Hymn – SDAH 623 – ‘I Will Follow Thee My Saviour’

Closing Prayer – Pr David Rancic

**Dudley House School Offering:** For those who kindly donate to the fortnightly offering the School wish to say a ‘Big Thank You’. Over the years 50% of the offering has been used to assist Adventist parents with their school fees, the other 50% is used to acquire equipment that will enhance the children’s learning. Thank you for your generosity. Every 1p makes a difference!

**Sunset start Sabbath: 16:20   Next Week: 16:32**

## **Notices**

### **Prayer Pointers:**

Please pray for John & Zenia Ferguson and their family; Paul & Maureen Hammond and their family; Sylvia Hawken and her family.

- Continue to remember Christine Cox who is still very unwell.
- Please give thanks for the shelter on Thames Rd – The Ark – that shelters rough sleepers.
- Give thanks that the ‘out-of-hours officer’ who helped the SB Team to provide shelter for 2 vulnerable people that came to us for help last weekend.
- Pray for all who may be suffering from the Winter Blues, but also for those who are dealing with huge issues of importance.

**Thanks:** Pastor Eric Lowe wishes to thank all who sent him best wishes for his birthday last Sabbath. He regrets that he was unable to be with us due to him not feeling well enough on the day.

### **Can you help?**

Family of 2 (adult and child) in need of temporary accommodation in Grantham. If you are able to assist or know of anyone who can help, please contact the pastors or elders. Thank you for your help.

**Sunday Breakfast:** As expected last Sunday morning was busy – we served over 30 meals – all were grateful, including a dozen or so from Lincoln. The Lincoln folk have probably left Grantham and have returned to their city now that the temperatures have risen above freezing. **Debbie’s** team tomorrow. **Anne’s** team next week.

**Tithes and Offerings given by cheque:** Please will everyone remember NOT to combine offerings for the Conference and the Church.

Cheques for *Tithe and Sabbath School* offerings should be made payable to the North England Conference SDA Church.

*Church Budget* offerings should be made separately, and cheques should be payable to Grantham SDA Church.

If in doubt please seek advice from one of the Treasury Team (Steve, Debbie or Bheki).

**Budget 2025:** Please will departments submit requests for funding based on their plans for the year to the Treasury Team at [treasury@grantham-sda-church.org](mailto:treasury@grantham-sda-church.org) no later than 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

**Reminder to parents of children attending Junior Sabbath School:** Please do not leave your children unsupervised in the hall.

If you arrive and Junior Sabbath School has not started, please take your children with you into Senior Sabbath School.

Once Sabbath School has finished at 11am children are the responsibility of their parents and due to safeguarding guidance should not be left to play in the hall or outside unsupervised.

THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN IS OF THE HIGHEST IMPORTANCE!

**Pastors George and Rancic** wish to express their gratitude to all who were involved in helping during the '10 Days of Prayer'.

**Afternoon Services** will re-start on 15 February and continue every third Sabbath of the month.

**NEC Church Officers' Training** – the training will take place on Zoom, and it will be organised in *three phases* – **First phase** – Sunday, 19 January, at 10am-1pm (Children's, Clerk's, Elders', Family, Prayer, Prison, Sabbath School, Treasury (part 1), and Community

Services). The **Second phase** takes place on Sunday, 26 January at 10am-1pm (Communications and Media, Diaconate, Stewardship, Women's, and Treasury (part 2). Health and Possibility (10am-3pm). The **Third phase** will relate to the Safeguarding, and it will take place on Sunday, 2 February at 10am-3pm (most likely in-person).

**Saturday, 15 February – Book Blessing Service.** Guest Speaker: Pastor Sam Ouadjo (BUC Ministerial Director). We will welcome our friends from the Stanborough Press who will bring books that have been printed during 2024 for a special blessing service. Fellowship Lunch is planned as well as the Afternoon Programme. Please plan to come and invite your friends along.

**Offerings for last Sabbath:**

NEC Tithe	£ 556.72
Sabbath School	£ 36.78
Grantham Budget Offering	£ 114.50 + \$5
Local Evangelism	£ 3.28

We have been made aware that food belonging to the church, as well as the school, is being taken from the kitchen and store cupboards on a regular basis. If you need a snack or you intend to stay for lunch, *please ensure you bring your food with you!* Also, *children should not be in the kitchen unsupervised!*

## Grantham Seventh-day Adventist Church

**18<sup>th</sup> January 2025**



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