

Five Big Stories - You choose!

by David Marshall

What was the top news story at Stanborough Press Open Day?

- Dr Roy Adams, Associate editor of the world church's international news magazine, *Adventist Review*, choosing to launch his latest book in Britain?
- The 'Big Burton Day' – Dr Keith Burton launching *his* new book, and his brother Ken Burton leading the London Adventist Chorale in their two concerts in the marquee?
- 'Stars in Their Eyes (2004)' winner Charles Ngandwe publishing *his* fascinating zero to hero story with The Stanborough Press?
- Brother H. Smiley's 30th year bringing his coach to Open Day from the West Midlands?
- Record temperatures?

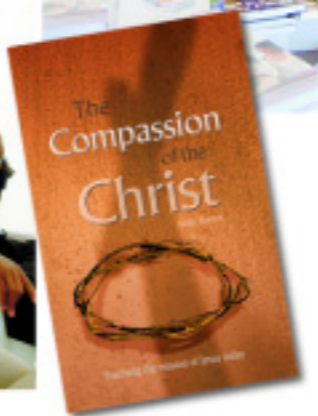
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For many the best *experience* of the day, without doubt, was hearing (twice!) one of the denomination's foremost thought-leaders, Roy Adams. Some people subsequently took the opportunity to meet Dr Adams in the book-signing tent and to purchase a copy of *Crossing Jordan: Joshua, Holy War and God's Unfailing Promises*. The Review and Herald rushed this

book out especially for Open Day. The copies on sale were air-freighted over to us.

It was a proud day for Brother and Sister Sidney Burton of Croydon. Their youngest son, newly-wed Ken Burton, led the London Adventist Chorale in two brilliant performances. Their older son Dr Keith Burton launched *The Compassion of the Christ* – a wonderful book on the ministry of Jesus – newly published by The Stanborough Press. 2 ▶

Three books were launched at Open Day – Roy Adams' *Crossing Jordan* (£9.25), Charles Ngandwe's *The Voice He Gave Me* (£6.95), and Keith Burton's *The Compassion of the Christ* (£6.95). All three authors were present to speak and to sign copies. The ABC credit card hotline for those not present on the day is 01476 539900.



Charles Ngandwe has been working with the Press editorial team on his remarkable story for two years. The project has been completed, and the book published, in the six months since he won 'Stars in Their Eyes'. The foreword to the book, *The Voice He Gave Me*, was written by 'Stars in Their Eyes' presenter Matthew Kelly. At noon, *LIFE.info* editor Lee Gallaher interviewed Charles before a large crowd, including many believers from the Manchester area, where he and his family live.

The person without whom Open Day would be sadly incomplete is Brother H. Smiley of Dudley. Each year he produces a video of events in the marquee. Each year, too, Brother Smiley drives a coach for his local church members to the Press's big day.

Morning seminars, compered by Press treasurer Graham Barham, were presented by Dr Clemency Mitchell, Karen Holford, and Deborah Harris. Dr Mitchell has published a book on family health with the Press, and is working on one about nutrition. Karen Holford has published *The Family Book* and *Muddy Fingers and Sticky Feet*. Deborah Harris is working on a book, *The Christian and Money Matters*, which she hopes to complete in time for Open Day 2005.

Also hot off the press this year are Jonathan Gallagher's *Discovering God*, Tony Spearing's *Early Bird Reflections*, Dr Laurence Turner's *Back to the Present* (on the book of Genesis), Dr David

Marshall's *Battle for the Bible* (on why the Bible can be trusted), and Dr Jonathan Musvosvi's

Dreams and Meditations (a book of religious verse by our foremost Black poet).



Clockwise from top left: Dr Keith Burton signs copies of *The Compassion of the Christ*.

La Donna and Mark are to be married in St Lucia in December. Mark Bunnay is a regular favourite at Open Day. Audrey and Paul – gold embossing non-stop. Sidney Burton had two sons to be proud of.

with Richard J. B. Willis, BUC Health Ministries director

Something in the Air

Few of us need convincing that the air we breathe is vital for our well-being, and may be the cause of ill-health in many places due to the presence of pollutants. How the particles present harm us is now the focus of research worldwide.

While individual pollutants may be fairly well understood by scientists, it is the cocktail of particles that is receiving careful attention. The mixtures are different depending on where they are inhaled or encountered in the environment, from traffic fumes to industrial pollution, and their effects on health and the atmosphere are not as well known as scientists would like.

Research conducted by Renyl

Zhang and colleagues at Texas A & M University (College Station, US) has shown that particle quantity varies according to the 'cocktail' mixture. Simulations of urban pollution using varying amounts of aromatic acid and sulphuric acid vapours produce aerosol particles in greater or lesser quantity, with particles increasing tenfold in the presence of these acids.

They will of course affect human health in different ways but can also affect weather systems: creating a cooling effect by scattering incoming radiation; changing cloud formation; and by altering chances of rain or snow fall.

The evidence for various effects on human life is ongoing. Nadia

Obi-Osius and her colleagues at the University Hospital (Hamburg-Eppendorf, Germany) report that living near toxic waste incinerators increases the chances of having twins! Her team interviewed 639 mothers, half living close to a waste disposal plant and the others living around 20 kilometres away in non-industrial sites. They also scanned 236,000 birth records from the region from 1994 to 1997 dividing these again to proximity to the incinerator or otherwise. Around 5% of the mothers close to the pollution had twins, nearly double the rate of the women further afield.

While the possibility of having twins might be greeted with joy, the downside in this research showed that as twins are more likely to have low birthweights, be born prematurely or die in infancy, increasing

the likelihood of such births was not something to be welcomed lightly. The study also found an increase in thyroid problems in children born near incinerators.

Other research published by Harvard Medical School reports increased childhood asthma from transport and industrial emissions, pollen production, spread of particulate weeds, and fungal growth. We need to exercise vigilance in controlling the things that can be controlled in reducing breathing hazards. To do less would leave a nasty smell in the air!



Crisis on the fourth watch

Peter began to sink when he looked at the storm instead of the Saviour. He started to go under when he said, 'Hey! Look at me!' instead of 'Hey! Look at him!' It was then that the size of the waves began to matter. As long as he looked at Jesus the storm was under control, for the waves were beneath the Master's feet – and they would have stayed beneath his, too.

Only when Peter's focus changed – from the Saviour to the storm, from the Saviour to himself – did he start to sink. Before that? 'Peter . . . walked on the water and came towards Jesus.'¹

'Looking unto Jesus, Peter walks securely; but as in self-satisfaction he glances back toward his companions in the boat, his eyes are turned from the Saviour. . . . The waves roll high . . . and he is afraid.'²

Between stepping out of the boat and reaching that point, Peter was a water-walker.

Jesus had come to his disciples walking on the waves in the dark hours between 3am and dawn ('the fourth watch').

The waves threatened to engulf the ship. It was only five miles across Galilee, but the wind and currents had been so contrary that they had not even reached the three-and-a-half-mile point.³

By 3am it is likely that the disciples had begun to question whether they were going to make it. The waves were too high and the currents too contrary. They had been aiming at Capernaum. By 3am 'they just wanted to stay alive'.⁴ Then Jesus came. Fear so dominated the tired men that they saw him as a 'phantom', an omen of their imminent death.⁵

That was when Jesus said, 'Don't be afraid, because I AM.' Swift as you like, Peter took in the situation and said, 'Lord, order me to come to you!' Leaving eleven spectators behind, Peter began to tread water.

The narrative that culminates at this point⁶ summarises twenty centuries of church history.

First, the Passover:⁷ the Great Passover when the bread of Christ's body was broken and the wine of his blood shed.

Second, he withdrew to a mountain:⁸ he ascended to his Father, there to make intercession.

Third, the disciples cast off, setting their course for Capernaum ('the Place of Consolation'). They wanted to reach that Place with their mission completed, their work done.

The darkness fell. The wind rose. The sea was so furious it threatened to engulf the ship. The storm lasted for many hours. By 3am they were ready to give up. Is that the



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point we have reached about now? The waves too high, and the currents too contrary? Are we tacking this way and that? Altering course?

We hear much at present to suggest that the postmodern storm is greater than any storm the little ship of the Church has faced until now. Is it? *Really?* Are the waves higher and the currents more contrary than those faced by first-century Christians? Or the Sabbath-keeping Celtic Christians who faced the most determined hostility of pagan authorities and an international Church bent on their destruction? Or the sixteenth-century reformers who faced fire and sword?

Surely not!

Peter's mistake was, in part, to focus on the storm instead of on the Saviour. Are we doing that?

The other part of his mistake was to focus on himself instead of on the Saviour. Are we in danger of *that*, too?

The 'fourth watch' represented the darkest hours before the dawn. That was when Jesus, *who had never taken his eyes off his disciples during his absence*,⁹ came walking on the water. Is it possible that the water-walking episode of Peter is symbolic of a crisis in the end-time Church?

The crisis is spoken of in some detail by Ellen White,¹⁰ and is known as 'The Shaking Time'. It is what happens when part of the end-time Church rejects the 'straight testimony' of the Risen Christ to the Church of Laodicea. The Risen Christ tells the Church it needs 'eye ointment' (it needs to get real spiritually and acknowledge its need); it needs 'gold' (faith and love); and it needs 'white raiment' (the gifted righteousness of Christ).

The package as a whole is known to Adventists as the doctrine of Righteousness by Faith, identified by Ellen White as 'the third angel's message in verity'.

Peter had the courage, in the darkness, to leave the boat and take on the storm. His mistake was when he began to trust in himself instead of his Saviour. The Risen Christ says to Laodicea: 'You say, "I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing." But you do not realise that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked.'¹¹ That's the diagnosis. The prescription, if you recall, is: eye ointment, gold, and white raiment.

Notice how the water-walking episode ended: Jesus hauled Peter out of the water, reassured his disciples and asked to be taken on board. 'Then they were willing to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading.'¹²

When Peter said, 'Lord, save me!' he found that his Saviour's arm was strong. As soon as the Saviour was on board immediately the boat reached its destination.

Tacking this way then that does not help us in the storm. Before the Church can reach its destination – before it can make its final proclamation – it must have Jesus on board.

The tragedy of the Laodiceans was that Christ was outside the Church: 'Behold! I stand at the door and knock. . . .'¹³

The Kingdom comes, not by tacking and strategy, not by committee action, but as Christ lives in me, lives in you, and through us, has access to the collective life of the Church. Thus, and only thus, can it make its final proclamation. Thus, and only thus, does the Kingdom come.

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Twenty-eight baptised

by Christine Sinclair, singing evangelist*
15 May-5 June 2004

Joy filled my heart as I sat beside the many precious souls preparing to enter into baptism. By the end of the three-week spring campaign held at the John Loughborough school hall, twenty-eight were baptised. The Spirit of the Lord had truly been at work! Pastor Augustus Lawrence was the hosting pastor. Dr Robert Kennedy was the guest evangelist, and he presented the word of God (his theme based on the story of the prodigal) with great power and conviction. Each night, I ministered in song before and after the spoken word. We all prayed that the Lord would bless in a mighty way. As we looked at the glowing faces of the baptismal candidates, it was clear that the Lord had blessed, and blessed abundantly!

One of the baptismal candidates had a special experience. Heather is from California. She was on holiday visiting her sister from London. When Heather first came out to the meetings, she had no intention of being baptised. In fact, she held membership in a Sunday church. Dr Kennedy invited her to listen carefully to the sermons, especially those dealing with the issue of Sabbath. Heather attended the meetings each

night. She would close her eyes as I sang, allowing God to minister to her heart, and listened attentively to Dr Kennedy as he presented the message. It was evident that God was working a miracle in her life. Heather made the decision to become a Seventh-day Adventist and was baptised.

As one woman was being baptised, her husband stood beside the water to support her decision. She had been praying that he, too, would make a decision. Before the close of the baptism, the husband appeared once again at the water, this time in a robe ready to be baptised! The congregation exclaimed 'Amen!' as they witnessed the husband join his wife.

In addition to those who were baptised during the campaign, others have requested baptism, and several are receiving Bible studies. Many individuals, already members of the church, experienced personal revival and a renewed commitment to serve the Lord.

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Bletchley Community church inaugurated

Over the years the membership in Milton Keynes has grown and grown, and when the building in Fishermead, Milton Keynes, was first built some observed that it may have been a bit small to accommodate the growing attendance. The solution soon became clear. Let's start another church! It was decided that Bletchley was to be the site of the new congregation. Bletchley is one of three towns that make up the triangle that is now Milton Keynes.

Training for the project took place in Milton Keynes church a year before for those who were interested in being part of the core team. The new church in Bletchley started with a few members who included three ordained elders and their families and soon grew so quickly that, on 19 June, the church was officially inaugurated into the South England

Conference as a fully-fledged congregation.

The attendance is sixty to seventy each Sabbath with thirty-three being members of the Community church. So on 19 June history was made for the region and on this day the community hall in West Bletchley was filled to capacity with approximately 200 people.

The service was conducted by Pastor Don McFarlane, SEC president, Pastor Dalbert Elias, SEC secretary, Earl Singh, SEC treasurer, and Pastor Colin Stewart, the local minister. Special guest for the day was the Mayor of Milton Keynes and his daughter the Mayoress with her husband.

Then came the formal inauguration in which the group was officially changed from being simply an extension of the Central Milton Keynes church, to a congregation in its own

Celebrating sixty years of team work

by June Coombs

On 28 August Pastor and Mrs Stearman celebrated their diamond wedding. For this still-active couple, the past sixty years have included a very busy working life and retirement, five daughters, seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, more than a dozen house moves and much international travel!

Now members of Stanborough Park church, Peter Stearman and Vera Howard both grew up in the Norwich church. However, they did not become 'an item' until they undertook their studies at Newbold College.

Upon completion of his ministerial studies Peter became an intern to Pastor Lamont Murdoch in Birmingham for eighteen months before moving on to become pastor of the Worcester church and Kidderminster and Bromsgrove companies. During that time he ran a successful evangelistic campaign in the city. Vera was usually in demand to sing solos.

Upon receiving a call to mission service in the Gold Coast (Ghana), Vera, by then his fiancée, decided to abandon her Bible instructor studies and accompany him. They married in the Sparkhill Congregational church on 28 August 1944.

Arriving in Ghana in March 1945 during wartime, their journey took three weeks as part of a convoy of forty ships, accompanied by two destroyers. Once there they discovered that the workload at the Agona Station involved the care of forty churches and companies and management of ten church schools. Their bicycles, which they brought with them, became their main form of transport. Vera took charge of the dispensary. She also acted as dentist, extracting teeth with the dental forceps in the clinic.

After this there was a three-year period when Pastor Stearman served as secretary-treasurer at Kumasi, followed by a further three years as a minister in Kaforidua District.

In 1953 they returned to England with their three daughters (Kathleen, Carolyn and Jacqueline) to begin a fifteen-year period as district minister in the South England Conference. During this time two more daughters (Rosalind and Anita) were born.

Arriving in the Bristol area in September 1953 they subsequently moved to care for churches in the Southampton and then Bournemouth areas before reaching Stanborough Park in 1964. After that they looked after churches in the South London area before moving to Wales in July 1969 where Pastor Stearman served a seven-year term as Mission president.

right. This was done in three stages. Firstly Pastor Stewart read out the names of the charter members who assembled at the front of the church. Then Pastor McFarlane selected three representative and leading members of that group and progressively the rest of the group were voted into the new congregation. Finally, Pastor McFarlane examined the faith and belief of the new

Milton Keynes baptism

On 3 July nine people were baptised at the Central Milton Keynes church. Six of the nine are to be members of the new West Bletchley Community church and two from the Central MK church, with the other candidate becoming a member of the Barnet church.

This baptism represented the

members and focused specifically on those beliefs that are peculiar to Adventists.

Special prayer for the new church was led by Pastor Dalbert Elias and the group was presented with a gift from Earl Singh of £1,000. Later another monetary gift from Milton Keynes Central church was received.

BARRY GOWLAND and COLIN STEWART

climax of a youth revival in Central Milton Keynes church. The speaker was Laclare Litchfield, a youth speaker from the US. The candidates were prepared for baptism previously by local minister Pastor Colin Stewart, as well as Margaret Stewart, the local Bible worker. The candidate coming from Barnet church was prepared and baptised by Barnet local minister Pastor Jonathan Barrett. This candidate is

Their final posting was at their 'home church' of Norwich where they remained for eight years before retiring to the Isle of Wight to take up 'lighter duties'. Here their role was to rebuild the small island company which was about to be disbanded.

The Stearmans' home life has been far from quiet – they have always been known for their hospitality. 'Throughout their married life Mum and Dad's home has always been a place where people are made welcome,' says daughter Carolyn Bellamy. 'When Dad was a church pastor, fifteen members invited back for lunch each Sabbath was normal and the teams of evangelistic workers who helped to run campaigns in Wales, Norwich and the Isle of Wight were made to feel part of the family.'

Finally retiring after nearly fifty years of active service, the Stearmans remained on the island until 1998 when they moved to Watford to be nearer Carolyn, their only daughter to remain on home soil. (The others live in France, Spain and Australia.) However, they were called out of retirement for brief periods in 1998 and 1999 to serve as SOS workers in Enniskillen.

They are active members of Stanborough Park church's senior members' group and keen supporters of church activities. Pastor Stearman retains his interest in astronomy and undertakes regular preaching appointments, and the couple work two allotments, growing their own vegetables!

They also take time to make regular visits to see their four daughters, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren living abroad. They spent last Christmas with Kathleen and her family in Australia and will be visiting Anita and Rosalind in Spain later this year.

The special occasion was celebrated with a surprise party for the couple at the Stanborough Centre attended by family and friends.



related to one of the candidates from Milton Keynes Central.

Once more MK Central was bursting with joy and gladness as the baptism was witnessed by members from West Bletchley and Barnet as well as the local congregation of MK Central.

PASTOR COLIN STEWART

A new year at Newbold

Nearly 200 new students have registered for the school year at Newbold, which now enrolls slightly fewer than 300 students, most of whom arrived on campus the weekend before term started.

The students arriving from outside the United Kingdom, many coming to Europe for the first time, spent the week getting used to and enjoying their new surroundings.

'There's not really been any adjustment yet. We've been touring around thus far, just seeing all the things tourists go and see,' 22-year-old Jonathan Edwards said.

Edwards studies full-time at Southern Adventist University in the United States, and will be at Newbold College for one semester. Many Newbold students arrive on similar study-abroad programmes and stay for a year or less. This makes Newbold an international institution with a student body that represents more than sixty nations.

'I actually prefer to be in an international school,' said Danielle Rennals, a 20-year-old Binfield native in her first year at Newbold. 'I just think it makes life a lot more interesting. It makes you more open-minded about other people and other languages.'

At an orientation meeting trans-



Two of Newbold College's Humanities students Arlett Smit (left) and Danielle Rennals (right) meet with the college principal David Penner.

lators conversed with students in German, Japanese, Russian, Serbian and Spanish.

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The Spirit at work in Swansea

August 31 was a special day for two young men. Christopher Kidwell (16) and Martyn Latchman (17) have been good friends for years and they were baptised by Pastors Ed Sammons and Jeremy Tremeer. Swansea church has seen those two young men grow and become more involved in church activities.

They attended Pathfinder Club in Carmarthen for many years and are currently guitarists and vocalists in the Swansea Praise Team, where their musical abilities have brought joy. Both have attended international Pathfinder camps, including Norway and Poland and, most recently, the Youth Congress in Poland, which was followed by a mission project in Lithuania.

Our membership increased further when, on 21 August, Ffion Paul and Leslie Noakes also gave their lives to Jesus in baptisms performed

by Pastors Tremeer and Sammons. What made that day unique was its location, Oxwich Bay, and the barbecue that followed. It was a gorgeous sunny Sabbath made special by the presence of a number of Ffion's university and other non-Adventist friends. Ffion has played an active part in the Swansea church and in Birmingham congregations, also contributing in starting an Adventist student group in Birmingham University. Her musical talents on the violin have brought joy to all those who hear her play, and her relationship with God has gone from strength to strength.

Leslie's family have been praying for her for more than thirty years and the Lord has been drawing Leslie to himself for some time. Following the death of her brother-in-law Vince Quinn in Crieff in Scotland, Leslie heard the voice of the Lord and came to him. She is very active in Bolton church but chose to be baptised in the sea where she feels closer to God.

Pastor Brian Phillips, president of the Welsh Mission, attended both baptisms and welcomed the candidates into fellowship.



Leslie and Ffion being baptised by Pastors Ed and Jeremy



Chris and Martyn with Pastors Ed and Jeremy

Abuse prevention and what to do when it happens

by Heather Haworth
BUC Children's and Women's director and Family and Prayer co-ordinator



The radio was on as I washed up. Its friendly noise kept me company as the tedious dishes got done. My attention was caught as a lady was being interviewed. She was in the news because she had started the first women's refuge in London, and was relating a story of how a young woman had asked for a room. Looking into her face she had seen the same sad eyes that she had encountered a few years before when she had come repeatedly with her mum for refuge. The mum rarely came with visible bruises. It was only as she rocked with pain that she allowed the lady doctor to examine the bruised and broken parts of her body hidden under clothing.

It seemed the cycle was carrying on. Here was the daughter. Her reply to the question 'Why do you want refuge?' was 'My husband does not love me.' Recently married, she had reasoned that her husband did not love her. Why? Because he does not hit her. . . .

I stopped washing up. I no longer listened to the radio as I was lost in thought about this young lady who equated love with pain. What a sad world we live in. All the joyful special relationships that God gave us at creation Satan is destroying one by one. No longer can we see God daily face to face. Creation is scarred by people's greed. The Sabbath is either a burden or entirely forgotten. Human relationships suffer from selfish acts.

Adventists recognise we are living in the end-time, so we should not be surprised that 'abusive acts' are in 2 Timothy 3:1-9's list of last-day events. Listening to the interview on the radio brought this home to me as never before. Is there something I can do, I wondered, to help us as a church to understand how to minister to such as the abused mother and the emotionally abused daughter? There is a way, I found out, and that is to promote the inclusion of the Abuse Prevention Awareness Day in the local church calendar.

At the end of Jesus' last-day

sayings in Matthew 25, we find him proclaiming that real Christianity is exhibited by helping those who cannot help themselves. In the case of abuse, people, young and old, both male and female, find themselves imprisoned in a cycle of abuse. This cycle *can* be broken. The daughters do not have to copy their mother's example and flee for protection to a refuge or hide their bruises. The sons also do not need to copy the abusive behaviour of their fathers.

'Oh, we don't need to hear about this uncomfortable topic in church,' you could be thinking. You may be a fortunate individual who has not been affected by any type of abuse, but as many as one in three women around the world will be raped, beaten, coerced into sex or otherwise abused in their lifetime.

'Those are worldly figures' are words flitting across your mind, 'so how about SDA statistics?'

In 1994 the GC Family Ministries department sur-

veyed 8,000 people in seven world divisions of our church resulting in the following figures, which represent the lowest and highest percentages of the number of cases of abuse that were reported.

Females

8-18% sexually abused
15-43% physically abused
27-69% emotionally abused

Males

4-12% sexually abused
6-37% emotionally abused
6-55% physically abused

Yes, abuse is a very real everyday occurrence in our church. Perhaps you are surprised at the male figures. In fact it is the 16-year-old male in the UK who is most at risk of being raped. Sodomy is happening in our day – the last days.

If we are God's church then we must exhibit the acts of true religion, one of which is to do something about those enslaved in the cycle of abuse. As a world denomination we have taken the first steps by:

- Recognising this sin and calling it by its rightful name. At the General Conferences in 1995 and 2001 abuse and family violence was

isolated as one of six urgent issues to address. The fourth Sabbath of August is now designated 'Abuse Prevention Awareness Day'.

- Eight departments at the General Conference make this topic a key issue and send out suitable material for the Abuse Awareness Day. Those departments include ones in your local church – Family, Children's, Women's, Youth, Health and Personal Ministries, as well as the Education and Ministerial Association. Those promoting the policy document 'Keeping Our Church Family Safe', can also be involved in promoting Abuse Prevention Awareness. Every church receives this material.

- Do not tolerate abuse; it is a crime and a sin. Know how to implement our safety policy. A person's well-being is at stake. Do not delay listening to them. Do not judge them (or the abuser). Take their report seriously. Show your care. Pray with them. Help them find out which is the official body to protect them.

- Also find help for the abuser. The cycle of abuse *must* be broken and they also need care as often they have been brought up in a cycle of abuse. 81% of men abused by their fathers become abusers.

- Make available to everyone the BUC leaflet, *Breaking the Silence*, which includes resources and contacts.

- Ensure your children and young people, as well as older ones, are receiving the right education about their rights and responsibilities. We can take time to ensure our girls know how to avoid abusive relationships and to value themselves as children of God. We can train our young men on how to love, not abuse, and provide workshops for them on anger management.

'Prevention is better than cure' is an age-old saying that still rings true today in the area of abuse. Jesus offers the preventative medicine; it is his power that can break the cycle of abuse. It is up to us as individuals, and as a church, to make sure that help and support is offered freely to 'all those who hunger and thirst' (Isaiah 55:1-3).

Start now by making sure the Abuse Prevention Awareness Day is on your church's calendar of events, pray for its effectiveness, and trust God for healing, love and power.

Liverpool baptism

The Merseyside churches of Wallasey and Liverpool came together on 28 August to welcome two new members into the family of God.

Tracey Carter, who joined the Wallasey church, was first contacted during the NET '98 programme. Tracey is a living testimony of God's power to set us free from destructive habits.

Gina Whittle joined the Liverpool church largely as a result of reading *The Great Controversy* by E. G. White. Gina lives in St Helens and it seemed as if transport might be a problem, but in the providence of God Sister Ethlyn White, who lives in St Helens, decided to transfer her membership from Manchester South to Liverpool and gives Gina a lift in her car.

The newly-elected NEC Communication director, Trust Services leader and Ministerial Association secretary, Pastor F. Mapp, preached at the baptism and welcomed the new members on behalf of the North England Conference.

PASTOR BARRY STOKES

Bailey Ingathering Award

What do you do when your top Ingatherer for many years dies? One thing that could be done is to devise an award in that person's honour, so this is precisely what was done at Manchester South this year.

For many years Arthur Bailey was the highest collector from the congregation, collecting over £1,000 annually. Regardless of the weather, Arthur was found on the streets of Chorlton and Moss Side collecting until all his canisters, which usually exceeded fourteen or so, were full to the brim. Even in 2001, with his failing health, Arthur continued to contribute to the cause and still managed to exceed the other Ingatherers on his final collection.

Following Arthur's death late in 2003 an award was created in his honour to be presented to the top Ingatherer each year. The shield was purchased and had the title 'The Arthur Bailey Award' etched on it along with 'Top Ingatherer of the Year'.

Subsequent to the completion of this year's annual ADRA-UK collection it was time to present the shield. On Sabbath 29 May Ingathering agent Janice Savizon,

supported by Pastor Richard Brooks, presented the two runners-up with their tokens. They were Sister R. Pinnock and Brother C. Thomas who each collected over £500. As this was the first time the shield was to be given, representatives from Arthur's family were invited to the platform to say a few words and to make the presentation.

Speaking on behalf of the family, Tony Bailey, accompanied by two of his sisters, Diane and Lenora, expressed his gratitude to the Manchester South church family for remembering their father in this way and for showing appreciation of the work he had done over the years. Tony then made the presentation to this year's top Ingatherer, Nellie Morrison, who collected over £800.

With God's help Manchester South achieved £626 over their £5,400 goal for this year's collection. It will be interesting to see who will take up the challenge in 2005, working with the Spirit, to have a chance to have their name engraved on the shield.

JANICE SAVIZON

Become a Student + Missionary

In May the Church in Scotland set out on a project that aims to reach the city of Stirling in central Scotland. This is a city with some 35,000 homes, none of which houses any Adventists that we know of.

The project entails the distribution of the *LIFE.info* magazine to each of Stirling's homes. Over the year each address will receive five issues of *LIFE.info* – 165,000 copies of the magazine. It is our prayer that this will result in enough responses to the courses offered to enable us to begin a work that aims to establish a group or church in that city.

How might this involve you? If you have to make choices about which university to attend but also have a heart for the Gospel mission, I am wondering if you might consider Stirling University as a possibility for your studies. In doing so, you will not only be fulfilling your aim to be a student but may become a part of our missionary project to the people of Stirling.

If this appeal touches a chord in your heart, do send me an email: sdascotland@onetel.com – and we can talk about being a student + missionary.

LEWELLYN EDWARDS, president

DOREEN MARY PARR (Witts) (1922-2003) d. 20 September 2003. A large number of family and friends attended the Leatherhead crematorium on 2 October 2003 for the funeral of Doreen. The attendance was evidence of the high esteem in which she was held by all those who knew her. As a result of a second stroke Doreen was only able to walk with difficulty and suffered a considerable speech impediment. Nevertheless she displayed great courage and determination and was noted by all those who met her for her cheerfulness and friendliness, with a warm smile for everyone. She passed away as a result of bronchopneumonia and a third stroke. Doreen joined the Ealing church with her mother and older sister during the pre-war ministry in west London by the Australian evangelist R. A. Anderson. There she met and married Richard Parr in the Chiswick church on 3 June 1945. They had two sons, Malcolm and Andrew, and eventually moved to Epsom in 1954. A year later they started attendance at the Wimbledon church. Doreen served the church as deaconess for many years, as well as acting as Ingathering agent. On the retirement of Sister Morton she then served as head deaconess for many years until health, and the distance she lived from the church, made it necessary to retire. Latterly Doreen and Richard enjoyed fellowship with the church group at Kingston. The funeral service was conducted by Pastor A. Somasundram, assisted by elder Arthur Campbell. Our sister fell asleep in Christ, in the expectation of the imminent return of her blessed Saviour.

MARGARET CAMPBELL

EDNA MARY BARBER (née Smith) (1907-2004) d. 22 June. Edna was born in Leeds and moved to Kettering, where she was baptised by Pastor Alfred Bacon in 1926. She married in 1933 and the marriage was blessed with three children: Don, Tony and Katy. She had two grandchildren, Karen Holford and Timothy Welch, and five great-grandchildren. Edna was an active member of the Coventry church for sixty years, but in the last few years of her life she moved to live with her daughter in Rothwell, Northamptonshire, and became a member of the Kettering church once again. Her family testify of her Christian witness throughout her life. She was an avid supporter of ADRA, and most of her waking hours were spent knitting and crocheting blankets for ADRA. She died in her sleep at the grand old age of 97 years and now awaits the return of her Lord. A thanksgiving service for her life was held on 28 June in the Kettering church, conducted by Pastor Brian Robinson, assisted

Southall baptism

There was great joy in the Southall church on 29 May when Setina Mandiveyi and Nomusa Mudhora, both from Zimbabwe, gave their hearts to Jesus in baptism.

Setina Mandiveyi said, 'It was the greatest day in my life. I have been waiting to commit myself to the Lord.' She is an ex-Adventist who has heeded God's calling.

Nomusa Mudhora said, 'May 29 was a very special day in my life. Having been born in an Adventist family, I was baptised years back, but with the relocation to the United Kingdom, coupled with many challenges which came my way, I

decided to rededicate my life to Christ through baptism.'

Elder F. Thomas went through the wonderful biblical truths of our church, to which Setina and Nomusa acknowledged their belief and acceptance. They were then baptised by Pastor Aquair and the members were delighted to welcome them into fellowship.

CLAUDE ALEXANDER

PHYLLIS PENNY KING (1911-2004) d. 22 June. A faithful member of the Newport, Wales, church since 1930, Phyllis first attended the Constance Street meetings from the age of 7, having been brought into the Adventist church, along with her mother Lillian Penny, by her aunt Vi French. At 19 she was baptised in the current structure on Chepstow Road. Not one to do public speaking, Phyllis nevertheless ministered to others in her quiet ways. She supported all aspects of the church's programmes with her regular attendance, until her health prevented her from doing so during the last two years. She was supremely content with her calling to be a daughter, sister, wife, mother, aunt, and grandmother. Phyllis enjoyed 67 years of marriage to Herbert Charles King until his death in 2001. Her son Francis was a Newport member until his marriage in 1977 to Joleane Wesner of Sacramento, California. Phyllis travelled to California numerous times to be with her son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren, but could not be moved from her home town and church. Memories of her gentle ways will stay with her son Francis, daughter-in-law Joleane, grandson Andrew, granddaughter Anne-Marie, one brother and sister, numerous nieces and nephews including Norman and Janet Penny, who devotedly assisted her during her final years, and many church and community friends.

DR BRIAN PHILLIPS

MARY ALICE GREEN (formerly Pinnington) (1916-2004) – d. 18 July. Mary Alice Adderley was born in Liverpool, and studying at Bombay University for a Bachelor of Science degree. Much of his working life, both in India and in England, was spent in engineering, and he was known for his interest in, and ability to repair, motor-bikes, engines and just about anything else. Hubie was also a much-loved family man. He met his wife Valerie when he was admitted to hospital in India after an accident at work, and they celebrated their Golden Wedding just a few months before Hubie's death. Growing unrest in India after the Second World War prompted a move to England in 1947, and the family settled in Wokingham, where Hubie found work at Hanley-Page, the aircraft builders. He always found time for his family – daughter Heather and four grandsons. One of Hubie's grandsons, Dennis, paid tribute during the funeral service to a grandfather who always had time for him and his brothers, looking after them, repairing things they had broken, and giving advice. It was a great sadness to the family that in the last few years as Hubie's health began to fail, he lost his sight. Pastor Arthur Cooper gave a brief sketch of Brother Royal's life, including his baptism into the Adventist church as a teenager in India, his attendance at Newbold College church, where he served as head deacon, and then personal memories of Hubie and his family attending Bournemouth church. Hubie was a man of great faith, and the writer encouraged all present to 'be sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see'. May God comfort wife Valerie, daughter Heather, grandsons Dennis, David, Jonathan and Philip. In faith we look forward to that time of reunion in God's eternal kingdom.

PASTOR IAN LOREK

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Open Day Snapshots



Top left and middle. H. Smiley of Dudley has been driving a coachful of people to Open Day for thirty years.
 Top right. Don and Margaret Morgan – still smiling after a hard day's work.
 Bottom left. Where the print machines used to be.
 Bottom right. A great day out for all the family.
 Middle. Karen Holford spoke in one of morning seminars. *Muddy Fingers and Sticky Feet* by Karen Holford – a book for mums under pressure re-released on Open Day.

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26 West Midlands		10am-2pm
October		
3 John Loughborough		10am-2pm
10 Newbold School		10am-2pm
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Oct 1	6.38	6.50	6.41	6.47	6.59
8	6.22	6.34	6.25	6.29	6.42
15	6.07	6.19	6.09	6.12	6.25

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'Time to Make That Change' campaign	26 Sept-2 Oct, 7.30pm (no service 30 Sept)	Ilford church, 380-382 Ilford Lane. Sat. 2 Oct only. Barking Memorial Baptist Church, Barking Road, Plaistow, London E13.	Pastor Nigel G. David, Sen. Also speakers and artistes from UK and USA	Debbi Husbands – 020 8518 5654. Info and tickets to 'Evening of Praise' (2 Oct)
'Everlasting Love' Marriage Enrichment Weekend	8-10 October	Highgate House Conference Centre	NEC Family Ministries	Pastor C. Sweeney 0115 9606312 Limited spaces, book soon to avoid disappointment
Church family reunion	11 October 10am-whole day	Adventist church, Windsor Street South, Birmingham	Pastor Don McFarland and Pastor Bruce Flynn	Jeanadelle Hamilton on 07958 638821
GO UK	15-17 October	Pontins, Hemsby	Pastor Calvin Preston from USA	Booking forms available from: LYF 07956 688923 or NEC 0115 9606 312 www.londonyouthfed.org.uk
'Love Connects' Marriage retreat for couples who want to deepen their spiritual intimacy	12-14 November	Highgate House, Creaton, Northampton	Bernie and Karen Holford, SEC Family Ministries	Tel Janet Guthrie on 01923 232728 or email jguthrie@secadventist.org.uk

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