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Prayer, Praise and Podcasts at 25th Anniversary Camp Meeting

by Victor Hulbert and Jon Gendle

with contributions from Nalissa Maberly, Richard Daly, Nyasha-Mercy Magwanyamwanya, Robert Hines and Sharon Platt-McDonald. Pictures by Victor Hulbert and Leslie Hill.

With the largest attendance for many years, the twenty-fifth anniversary of South England Camp Meeting was an action-packed spiritual feast, a multi-streamed programme with strands for adults, youth, teens and various ages of children. Even with an extra marquee pitched for the teens, space is becoming an issue with 120 children turning up for the exciting Juniors' programme.

Camp Meeting started even before the campers arrived. Tuning their radios to 87.7 FM they heard a feast of programmes ranging from topical issues, life-changing stories, drama and simply relaxing inspirational music, all co-ordinated by Mike Johnson. Pastor Richard Daly stated, 'It was a joy to enter chalets, not necessarily seeing people glued to the TV programmes that we normally watch each day but rather tuning to the Splash radio channel.'

Celebrations

In a series of programmes celebrating twenty-five years of the re-establishment of Camp Meeting, from the first very rainy event in Poole, Dorset, through a variety of venues across England and Wales to the current venue in Prestatyn, former BUC and SEC president, Pastor Cecil Perry shared his memories with the campers. He reminded them that in 1982 the Falklands war programme.

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Sister Stephens sees her 105th!



Sister Stephens saw her 105th birthday on 6 June. On Sabbath 9 June the church acknowledged this great achievement. When invited to rise from her regular seat at an irregular point in the day's worship, she initially protested as her diminished hearing prevented her from keeping up with events. The congregation sang a tuneful 600-strong chorus of 'Happy Birthday' and 'May the good Lord bless you'. Sister Stephens was presented with a large bouquet of flowers and Pastor Jeff Nicholson read out a letter of congratulations from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. But when handed the microphone, Sister Stephens paid tribute to the mighty King of kings who indeed has blessed her in childhood and since she came to the UK in 1965. She asked God to bless the church and was thankful for the neighbourliness shown by members who visited often.

With a rising level of longevity in the UK and western population it is hoped that many of us will live to see 105, if the Second Coming of Jesus has not pre-empted this.

DR JACQUIE HALLIDAY-BELL

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SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

South England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that the sixtieth Session of the South England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held from Thursday 6 to Sunday 9 September 2007 in the Great Hall at Exeter University,

Pastor Paul S. Lockham, SEC Executive secretary

Accounts Assistant Required

The South England Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is looking to recruit an accounts assistant to work at their Head Office in Watford, Hertfordshire.

The role requires the successful candidate to carry out general accounting duties such as data processing, management of the income ledger, management of a subsidiary organisation, local Church audits, month and year end reconciliations, trust services and further clerical and accounting duties.

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Men caught in hypocrisy

David Marshall



The cast of characters included a manky, half-dressed woman, a heaving herd of lawyers and professional churchmen, a few onlookers, and Jesus.

The setting was the outer temple compound, at that time a building site with plenty of loose masonry.

The story was of a woman caught in adultery, an angry herd of men caught in hypocrisy, Jesus, and a number of people who saw what happened.

The half-dressed woman 'caught in the act'¹ and glowing with shame and humiliation was thrust by the outraged Pharisees into the presence of Jesus. 'In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?' they demanded of Jesus.

What *did* he say? Very little; nothing at all, at first.

That is significant. Jesus was showing us what to do. Tread cautiously. Pause. Think. Pray. Jesus knew all things, but was not quick to rush to judgement.

What were his options? The outraged Pharisees expected him to tell the woman, 'Your sins are forgiven.' Had he done so, they would have accused him of being soft on God's Law, soft on sin. If – and this was his other option – Jesus confirmed their recommendation of the death penalty, they would have exposed him to the Roman authorities who had a monopoly on death sentences. Further to that, had Jesus recommended that the woman be stoned, he would have lost the devotion of the ordinary people who loved him because he was merciful.

This was a no-win situation with a touch of the Catch-22s.

Either Jesus condoned adultery or he took on Rome and lost his popular support at the same time.

When Jesus stooped and began to write in the sand the outraged churchmen may have thought he was ignoring them.

To us it might seem odd that Jesus wrote on the ground at all but, in the centuries before blackboards were invented, teachers often did that. That Jesus did not do it on any other occasion, suggests that what he was writing was very important. In fact the standard verb 'wrote' (*graphien* as in graffiti) was not used here. The verb used is more specific (*katagraphien*), 'wrote against'.² That is so suggestive of what Jesus wrote that several manuscripts, some commentaries and the book *Desire of Ages* suggest that Jesus was writing down the sins of the woman's accusers.

It was a setup. The churchmen knew it: *they* had set it up.³ Jesus wanted them to know that *he* knew it. At the beginning of John 8 they wanted to

stone an adulteress. At the end of John 8⁴ they wanted to stone Jesus. Indeed, Jesus was their target all along. The use that the lawyers and churchmen were making of the adulteress was wholly cynical: she was a pawn in a game of which she had no knowledge. The adulteress and the onlookers were the only ones in the cast of characters present who were unaware that the lawyers and churchmen were not nearly as righteous as they pretended to be.

Indeed, one of the reasons Jesus paused before responding to them was that he wanted to provide them with an opportunity to contemplate the truly abominable exercise in which they were engaged. Less hardened cynics than these might even have been brought to repentance.

The lawyers and churchmen were right in saying that circumstances existed in which the Law of Moses would have inflicted the death penalty on an adulteress. But in those circumstances the adulterer would have to die, too. Part of the game-plan was that the male in the adulterous liaison had been permitted to escape. Either that or he was, as some commentators suggest, among those expressing hypocritical moral outrage.

There is a second male who is conspicuous by his absence from the narrative: the woman's husband. Since the husband was required to bring an action against an adulterous wife, his absence may be important. The role of witnesses, such as the Pharisees, was not to initiate the action. Circumstances did exist in which they could carry out the sentence. However, valid witnesses must have 'neither connived in any way in the sin, nor been backward in trying to prevent it'.⁵ *These* 'outraged' persons did not qualify as witnesses!

To recap, then.

A bunch of hypocrites on a self-righteous high. A manky woman. The Saviour of the world writing in the sand.

Before an especially irate Pharisee, I see him writing 'sadist'. Beneath the next set of sandals in the semicircle I see him writing 'malicious'. Then 'arrogant'. After that 'lecher'. Then 'plotter' and 'abuser' and 'deceiver' and 'libertine' and 'gossip' and 'bully'. In front of the most 'smouldering' Pharisee, did he write 'adulterer'?

'When they kept on questioning him, [Jesus]

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John 8:6

straightened up and said to them, "If anyone of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her."⁶

To me, that seems like a risky strategy. Jesus was giving permission for the stoning to begin under certain valid moral conditions. These men had loose masonry in their hands. They were on a hypocritical high. It would have taken only one of them to use his masonry as a missile. . . .

Jesus took the risk because he takes Law seriously. The same finger that wrote in sand had written the Law in stone.

For the second time Jesus 'stooped down and wrote on the ground'.⁷

The masonry was dropped, not thrown. 'One by one, with bowed heads and downcast eyes, they stole away, leaving their victim with the pitying Saviour'.⁸

Jesus straightened up and asked the woman where her accusers were, 'Has no one condemned you?'

The woman was bewildered. She had heard the words of Jesus, 'Let the sinless one throw the first stone' as her death sentence.⁹ Where were all her pious accusers?

She replied 'No-one, sir,' in some confusion. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."¹⁰

That verse takes my breath away. If you want a definition of grace check it out.

From the sinful lawyers and churchmen: contempt for the weak, erring woman. From the sinless Christ: pity and words of hope and new beginnings.

Jesus does not diminish the sinfulness of sin. To those who say 'I was born this way' or 'It came about because of my upbringing', Jesus still says, 'Go now, and leave your life of sin.' Grace is not a synonym for leniency. There is no grace without discipleship.

Grace is pardon and power for the penitent. To say the words 'Neither do I condemn you', Jesus had to go to Calvary. That is the place of pardon where new life begins.

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¹John 8:4. ²Check John 8:6 in your Greek New Testament. Some manuscripts add that Jesus wrote down 'the sins of each one of them'. J. N. Saunders and B. A. Mastin, *Black's New Testament Commentaries: John, A & C Black*, 1968), pages 464-465. ³John 8:6. ⁴Verse 59. ⁵Bruce Milne, *The Message of John (IVP)*. See also *Desire of Ages* pages 460-462. ⁶John 8:7, NIV. ⁷8:8. ⁸*Desire of Ages*, page 461. ⁹*Desire of Ages* page 462. ¹⁰John 8:11, NIV, italics supplied.



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STRESS

Part 1

General overview

In this issue, we begin a new series on the topic of stress. We will look at the causes of stress, its impact on health, foods which help to alleviate or aggravate stress, environmental triggers, and suggestions for combating stress and living a more balanced lifestyle. We will also explore the spiritual renewal we find in Christ as we are reminded in 1 Peter 5:7, 'Casting all your care

upon him; for he cares for you.'

So what is stress?

Stress is the body's natural response, psychologically and physiologically, to events, both positive and negative, that upset our personal balance in some way. We call these events or demands 'stressors' as they force us to adjust or bring an element of change. They impact our coping skills and capacity to adapt and we experience the body's biological stress response.

When facing a highly pressured situation, the body produces higher levels of hormones like cortisol and adrenaline which cause changes such as the constriction and dilation of arteries, increased breathing and rapid heart rate. Numerous other signs and symptoms can also occur which we will explore in the next issue.

The causes of stress are highly individual but can be placed into three broad categories of stressors, namely: pressures, frustrations and conflicts. If these stressors involve central aspects of your life or persist for extended periods of time, they are more likely to result in severe distress and disruption of daily functioning with consequent negative physical and emotional impact.

An article in *USA Today* entitled 'A Mess of

Stress', carried the results of a survey identifying the major sources of stress for typical Americans. The research was conducted on 501 adults by Research and Forecast Icl. The results identified the following:

- 36% stated that work was the biggest source of stress in their lives
- 22% cited money
- 10% said children
- 7% said health
- 5% stated marriage
- 5% cited parents
- 19% asserted that they had little stress in their daily life
- Only 5% said that they had no stress at all.

To assess your level of stress, try Dr Rahe's 'Life Changes Stress Test' (via Google). It will be most revealing!

Yes, life can be stressful but we live it with hope in God.

Until next time, consider this thought:

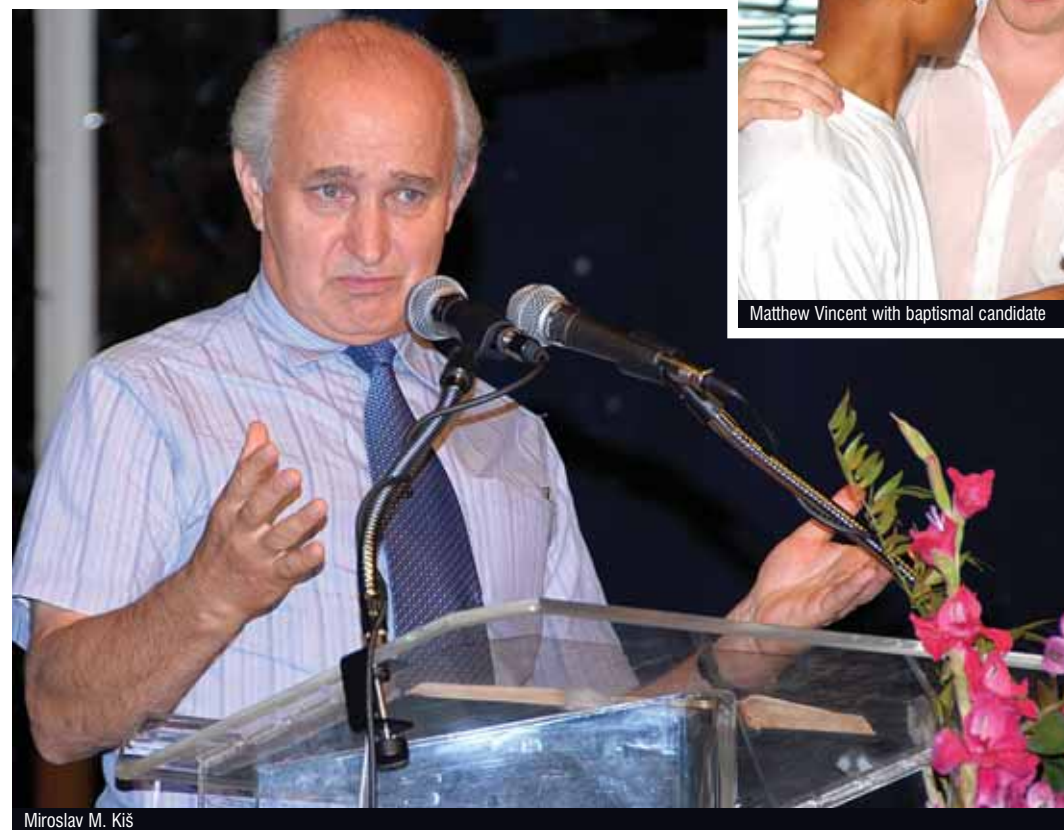
'A person whose mind is quiet and satisfied in God is in the pathway to health.' *Mind, Character and Personality*, vol. 2, page 403.

Good health!

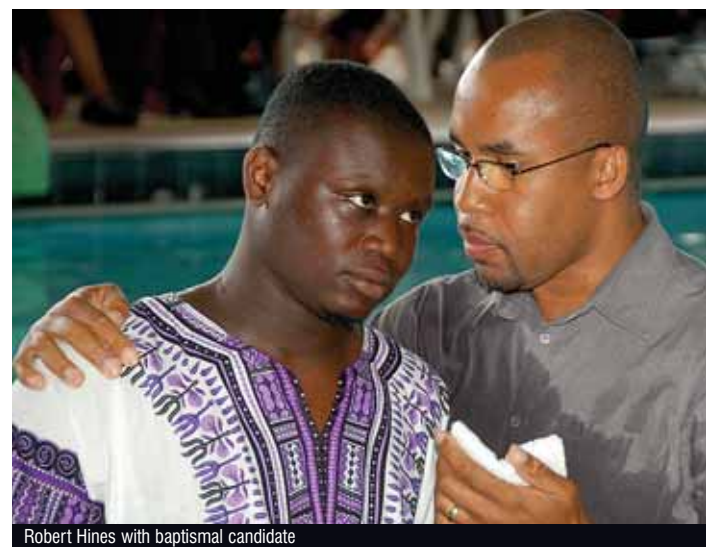
<1 was taking place, corporal punishment was outlawed in schools, the Pope visited Britain and a record cold snap chilled the campers. Not put off, Camp Meeting has blessed members ever since, including 96-year-old Doris Brown of Southend. She stated, 'I've been in this message for sixty-one years and it seems like ten minutes. Our church is so caring. I couldn't have survived if I didn't have my faith.' Pastor Don McFarlane spoke of his love and excitement for Camp Meeting and shared his hope for the future that it would become an event inclusive of all the different national groups in this country – and that it can be more evangelistic.

Pastor Perry noted that over 300 souls have been baptised at Camp Meeting over the years and stated, 'The day will come when we will not be meeting in this fashion and needing more space or larger venues, for as John 14:1-3 states, God has prepared a place for the greatest camp meeting.' He then threw handfuls of silver confetti up into the air. As they glistened against the lights and cascaded in sparkles bringing spontaneous applause from the audience, he affirmed, 'We'll meet again in the great camp meeting in the sky!'

Speakers
Miracles happen at Camp Meeting as elsewhere. The teen speaker for



Miroslav M. Kiš



Robert Hines with baptismal candidate



Humphrey Walters making an address



Matthew Vincent with baptismal candidate

the week cancelled at the last minute. Another was appointed but ticketing problems meant he did not arrive. Pastor Bobby Bovel stepped in and ran an excellent series around the theme, LYRICS – an anagram for each day's topic: Language, Youth Culture, Rhyme, Rhythm and Reason, Interpretation, Communion and Script. The theme song 'It's all About You' echoed the aim to help each teen recognise that Jesus is real and relevant to their lives. The teens responded well to his message as twenty-three were baptised on the Sabbath with another forty planning Bible studies.

Stepping in at the last minute to fill another vacancy created by illness, Calvin B. Preston of Atlanta, Georgia, was the Commitment Service speaker. On the opening night he focused on the opening words of Isaiah, 'How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news.' The message from Pastor Preston was tough, yet sweet. 'Our job is to bring good news, yet why is it that our children go to college but not to church; why is it that many turn their back on our churches and on Jesus?' Drawing from Luke 5:4-7, Pastor Preston looked on us as fishermen in need of a lesson from the Master fisher of men. He noted that one spirit we seem to be missing in our churches is the spirit of daring, yet Peter didn't walk on the water until he got out of the boat. 'Our children might be listening to Rap and,' Pastor Preston confessed, 'we have a hard time understanding that.' But he quoted his church elder: 'I'd rather they were in church doing Christian Rap than outside doing drugs!' He emphasised that every generation goes through changes. 'We might have shaken our own parents by listening to 'The Supremes' – just where in the Adventist hymnal did we find that?' He challenged, 'If we

want to fish for Jesus, we've got to be prepared to leave our comfort zone and launch out into the deep.'

Pastor Preston preached a big message – but the stage was too small for him. He covered every inch of it, from side to side and front to back, until he had to step down into the aisle and spend some time preaching from there. Pastor Preston is a lean man and no wonder, as he works off his energy getting fired up for Jesus and preaching the Word to people like us who need to capture not just the message, but the passion that goes with it.

Miroslav Kiš, professor of ethics at Andrews University, used his story-telling skills to share biblical ethics including the big question, 'Why does God allow evil?' Many people were touched by his clear and well-reasoned arguments.



Sean Dowding

Power on the beach. One of the unique features of Camp Meeting is the early morning Prayer, Praise and Testimony time. This well attended meeting is normally in the main hall but Wednesday morning saw a stream of around 1,000 campers heading out the gate for 'Power on the Beach'. Led by Pastor



Eddie Hypolite

break through the clouds. As the early morning commune in God's nature drew to a close, participants made their way back to the main hall where GC General Vice-President, Mike Ryan, continued sharing his stirring messages of acceptance and community. Early morning prayer sessions have become an important part of the Camp Meeting programme and are seen as the 'high point' of many people's day.

Workshops

Workshops were also well attended with a choice of up to twelve each day. Tom Evans, the Church Planting and Stewardship director for the Texas Conference, shared his passion for church planting, giving seven reasons why planting is important, including that a new church grows ten times faster than an established church, that new churches are full of life, and 'it's exciting to do things in new ways, but fun is the way to reach many today'.

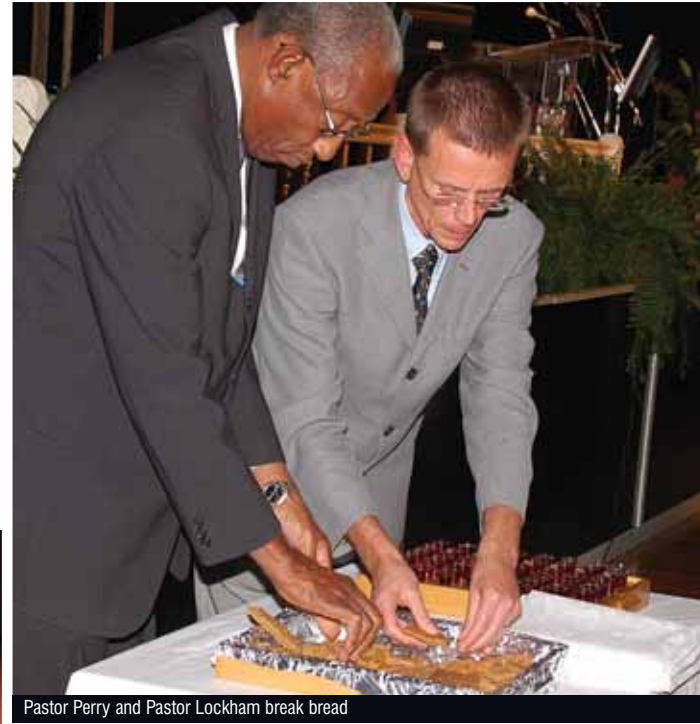
Pastor Willie and Elaine Oliver shared practical advice both in their daily 'Family Focus' spot and in their workshops. They emphasised Proverbs 5:18, 'Rejoice in the wife of your youth,' quoting research that first marriages show a much greater



Calvin B. Preston

degree of success and that moving from one marriage to another just brings the problems with you.

As well as variety, the many workshops offer a great opportunity for dialogue and interaction with others. When the topic is music you can be sure this is true. On Thursday morning, Sammy Massiah, worship leader at the Balham church, took the music workshop. He noted that God created music and uses it to reach us. 'Music', he said, 'speaks primarily to our heart, not our head; it touches us emotionally and spiritually.' He also noted a physical interaction. 'The whole universe has rhythm; even natural cycles and seasons are rhythms,' asserting that, 'Your body will naturally create rhythm where there is none.'



Pastor Perry and Pastor Lockham break bread



the teenagers to develop and maintain an independent spiritual relationship through Bible study, prayer, fasting, meditation and witnessing.

Holiday Bible Club

Camp Meeting is also the place for children to become better acquainted with Jesus. There was a unique experience as each day the Holiday Bible Club was packed full of interesting activities under the theme 'Love Actually – The Unsung Heroes of the Bible'. Children were able to express their artistic gifts in model-making, drawing, arts and crafts. Singing skills were also exercised as this played an important part of their daily worship, as too was their preparation for a grand finale at the concert on Saturday evening where they performed while displaying their fabulously designed masks and singing two songs that generated a rapturous round of applause. The older children also performed in 'The S-factor', sharing their talents. Some also sang and interacted in the afternoon children's show on the radio.

Sabbath Worship

In keeping with tradition Camp Meeting Sabbath started with Friday night communion. A moving service whichever your style of worship – a youth agape feast, a teen service where Pastor Bobby raised shrieks of horror from the girls as he stepped into muddy water to show



what was really meant by foot-washing, or the more traditional adult service where BUC president, Pastor Don McFarlane, based his sermon around the experience of Jacob, stating that being good is not good enough. Pastor McFarlane said that the basis for the change in Jacob from a deceptive and conniving person took place at Jabbok on the night before meeting his brother. There he was alone. There he wrestled with God. There he was blessed by God. There he saw God face to face. Each one of us needs to have a similar experience with God. 'We cannot see the face of God and remain the same.'

In keeping with the celebratory atmosphere of the week, the adult divine service commenced on a high note of praise to God. Prefaced by a fanfare, the platform party led in a processional followed by the camp meeting massed choir singing 'Majesty'. SEC president, Pastor Humphrey Walters, gave a vibrant address to the campers, congratulating them on their attendance at this historic twenty-fifth anniversary of the reinstatement of Camp Meeting. He asserted: 'This is a wonderful community – the Advent people of God. It's a joy to belong to such a wonderful family. How I wish all the members of the South England Conference could be here to share the blessings of this notable occasion and catch the wonderful inspiration of this hour.'

Campers were transported to heavenly realms, catching a glimpse of our heavenly home as the camp meeting choir sang 'Beulah Land' under the directorship of Camille Dantzie, accompanied on keyboard by Tony Best, with solos from Paul Lee and Susan Watt.

Pastor Calvin Preston presented

an engaging sermon under the caption 'Contrary winds'. Using a story building approach, he dramatised the story of Peter walking on the water to demonstrate how God watches us in the eye of life's storms and uses situations to get our attention, keeping us focused on him.

There were no storms, only rejoicing in the swimming pool as forty-one individuals demonstrated their commitment to commence a new journey with God. Pastors Thomas, Bovell, Hines, Roberts and Vincent immersed the candidates as Pastor Chisholm presided over the service. A full listing of the candidates and photos of the baptism are on the BUC website along with a large selection of Camp Meeting photos. www.adventistpictures.org/media.php. Podcasts of most presentations are also available at www.secadventist.org/media.php.

How does one sum up twenty-



five years of Camp Meeting? Perhaps with the closing words of Pastor Preston's Sabbath sermon: 'I have no new Gospel. Just the same old Gospel. That if you hang on to Jesus,

it will be all right.' Or perhaps with the words of one young person, Nyasha: 'I thank God for giving me this beautiful opportunity to experience an unforgettable event.'

Unfortunately, he said, 'the devil appeals to part of us.'

Youth

In a packed hall the youth were challenged by the words of Dumiso Matshazi in the morning and Sean Dowding each evening. Elder Matshazi, originally from Zimbabwe, is currently serving in South Africa and took his theme from Exodus. Pastor Dowding, originally from Jamaica, is pastoring the largest church in Paris. Seminars presented by Ashwin Somasundram – Twenty-first-Century Evangelism, Bobby Bovell – The Intentional Church, Matthew Vincent – The Marriage Metaphors in the New Testament, Nalissa Maberly – Community

Building, and Patrick Johnson – Homosexuality and the Seventh-day Adventist Church, all provided additional learning opportunities.

The praise team has an important role in leading worship both during the main programmes and especially during Afterglow. Afterglow has been a particular source of inspiration and encouragement, with fabulous worship, much of it spontaneous, and many testimonies of God's grace and faithfulness.

Nyasha-Mercy Magwanyamwanya stated that she 'enjoyed every single seminar and every praise and worship. The praise team did a wonderful job leading the singing.' She added, 'When I had been touched so much by the words I would just start praying and most

of the times I would not plan for this. The Spirit of the Lord would move me.' She also really enjoyed the early morning Prayer and Praise.

Teens

Teens mixed fun, learning and worship. Pastor Bobby may have been the main speaker, but the teens had a full programme. Morning devotionals consisted of small group discussions on chapters from *Steps to Christ*. This was followed by onsite activities including archery, quad biking, leap of faith, zip wire and a 3G swing. After lunch numerous skill-developing workshops such as drama, music, stepping, T-shirt designing, film and video editing were followed by a one-hour spiritual skills seminar enabling



The baptismal group

Waterfront Memorial Service

by Victor Hulbert

Liverpool's docks stretch for miles along the banks of the river Mersey. Today, much of that space is turned over to the leisure industry. Other sections are under re-development and in some areas the old warehouses that stacked sugar, rice and other commodities from Britain's colonial empire stand derelict.

Liverpool has a proud 800 year history and in 2008 will be the European Capital of Culture. But there is one part of its history of which it is not proud. It was a major player in the slave trade with much of the city's wealth in the eighteenth century deriving from this barbaric trade. It is estimated that some 5,000 slaving voyages were made from the port of Liverpool.

A service on board the Royal Navy's *HMS Albion* on Sunday 17 June, reflected on this tragic part of Liverpool's history. With music from the African Children's Choir, the Adventist Vocal Ensemble, the Salvation Army band and Liverpool Lighthouse's 'Love and Joy Gospel Choir', the emphasis in this service was not on the abolitionists, but, as Dr Tani Omideyi stated in his welcome, 'on the people, the victims, and their amazing faith, courage, unquenchable spirit and, of course, their music.' As the hot sun shone

down on a packed deck, one of the most moving parts of the service came when actor Israel Oluemade recited extracts from Olaudah Equiano, sharing the horrors of being taken captive at age 10, the journey across the Atlantic, and his eventual commitment to God and to freedom. The Adventist Vocal Ensemble (AVE) provided a sensitive vocal backing to the recital and as Equiano's words came to an end, led naturally into the singing of 'There is a balm in Gilead.'

Counsellor Paul Clark, Lord Mayor of Liverpool, noted that his city was the very first in the UK to apologise for its role in the slave trade. On 23 August Liverpool will be opening a museum that tells the story of this part of its history. As with so much else in this bicentennial year of the abolition of the slave trade, the emphasis will be not just on the history, but on stopping human exploitation in the twenty-first century. The service being on a Royal Naval ship also emphasised this point, both in the role the Navy took to enforce the abolition of the slave trade, but also the role it continues to perform today through the 1982 UN Convention on the Law of the Sea to provide humanitarian aid, deter piracy, intercept illegal narcotics and prevent people trafficking.

In this joint memorial service linked with Charleston, S. Carolina, Mobile, Alabama and Accra, Ghana, resolutions of apology were made with a strong emphasis, as Sir Richard Cheltenham, a former Cabinet Minister of the Barbados government put it, 'on healing, reconciliation and forgiveness'.

Pastor Victor Hulbert, Communication director for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the UK and Ireland, represented the Church at the service. He was impressed by the service and its aim to 'build on the bridges of history to lead to a future of equality and opportunity'. Recognising that we all have past histories made him reflect on the uniting words of the apostle Paul, 'Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!' (2 Cor. 5:17, NIV.) With the growing diversity of Liverpool's two Adventist churches, they will also be able to play their part in making a difference in Liverpool and beyond.

Organised by Liverpool's Love and Joy Ministries group, and with a clear international message of peace, justice and equality, this was a positive statement to the world of the impact Christians can make working with their various communities.



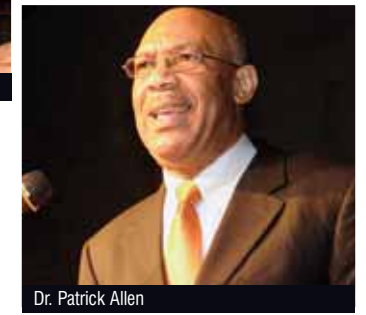
Pastor Francis, 'occasional sunshine'



Dr. Patrick Allen



Dr Diane Sinclair and Pastor Roy Morgan



Dr. Patrick Allen

'Where Are You Going?'

Report on the North England Conference Camp Meeting by Fred Mapp, NEC Communication director, and Yvonne Weekes.

Pictures by Victor Hulbert, Peter Jaynes and Natasha Gunter

Some 900 campers arrived at Pontin's holiday campsite, Ainsdale, Southport, for this year's North England Conference Camp Meeting, 11 – 17 June. 'This is the largest Camp Meeting attendance in recent times,' commented North England Conference president, Egerton Francis, as he welcomed campers and guests to the first of the evening Commitment Services, and the start of the Camp Meeting. It was announced that the daily menu of morning worships, prayer breakfasts, Bible studies, workshops, health spot, Power Hour and Commitment Service was to be

augmented during the week by Youth Vespers, a day trip, street witnessing, and a social. Campers knew they were in for a good week of rich blessings through worship, fellowship and witness.

The theme, 'Where are you going?' challenged all to pause and think.

In his first presentation, commitment speaker, Jamaican born Dr Patrick Allen, president of the West Indies Union Conference and a full-time servant of the Church since 1981, addressed the theme from Isaiah 40:31, challenging campers to learn lessons from the eagles and soar spiritually. 'Our attitude determines our altitude.' In another of his presentations, Dr Allen drew lessons from the experience of Job. 'When God asks a question, it is not because God does not know the answer. It is because God wants us to acknowledge where we are and what we are doing. Pray. Wait. Praise.' And from Noah's experience recorded in Genesis 9:19, Dr Allen admonished: 'Do not allow advancement, accomplishment, or achievement to trick you into believing you have it all. Keep your eyes on the Cross. Keep your eyes on Jesus and you will find your way home.'

Dr Allen was accompanied by his wife Patricia (née Beckford). During the week she addressed the Association of Ministers' Wives concerning the operation of their sister organisation in the West Indies Union.

Twenty-five-year-old Jeffrey Rosario became a Christian when he

was 17 and has been involved in full-time evangelism ever since. He is currently a member of Radiant Living Team, a youth-led evangelistic team, (based in Vancouver, Canada) that focuses on urban evangelism and church revival. His Power Hour messages and his workshop presentations resonated well with the young (and the not so young) people. Sixty-three individuals responded to his appeal to prepare themselves through fast-track evangelism training for active service in reaching others for the Kingdom of God. This response highlights the commitment of our youth; it challenges our leaders to engage the young meaningfully; and it points to the need for the establishment of a Lay Training Institute within the territory of the British Union Conference. Such an institute would provide intensive practical training in methods of evangelism and witnessing over a

short period to individuals who wish to be active in these areas but without a commitment to full-time pastoral ministry. Rosario's appeal also revealed that there are church members who are prepared to help finance such training for committed individuals.

As Seventh-day Adventist Christians, we know where we are going. Camp Meeting workshop presentations reminded us of our destination, but they were not pre-occupied with describing it. Rather, the presentations addressed issues that concern campers in the here and now. The interactive presentations given, the practical wisdom shared, and the informative hand-outs distributed, educated and challenged attendees to live their lives, ever conscious of the destination to which they are travelling.

The appearance of personnel from the British Union Conference (President, Don McFarlane; Exec.

Secretary, Eric Lowe; Youth director, Des Boldeau; Publishing director, Curtis Murphy; ADRA (UK) director, Bert Smit; Discovery Bible School director, Des Rafferty) at various times during the week delighted campers. Representation from the Trans European Division came in the person of Dr Michael Hamilton, Personal Ministries director, who presented workshops explaining 'Spirituality Types' and teaching 'How to Conserve New Members.'

The blazing heat and brilliant sunshine that greeted campers' arrival at this beautifully located coastal resort on Monday gave way to thunder and a cloudburst during



The Adventist Vocal Ensemble on *HMS Albion*



Dr Sharon Robles



Pastor Andrew Rashford-Hewitt, creative, outdoor witness



Bible study

youths and adults went to their respective Bible studies while the children and toddlers went off to their various supervised activities. The adult Bible studies centred around the Holy Spirit (Pastor E. Francis) and Paul's letter to the Colossians (Pastors J. Nicholson, R. Jackson & S. Kyriacou), while the Youth Bible studies were ably presented by Andre Crawford (Prophecy Insight), Nadina Brown Taylor (The Lie), Craig Gooden (Apologetics) and Adam Ramdin (Who is Babylon?)

'We have found in Dr Robles another Beloved,' (3 John 2) commented Pastor Francis, concerning the Health speaker, a busy health practitioner from New York. Dr Robles competently but sensitively shared with her audience how to prevent cardiovascular diseases, cancer, chronic lung disease and diabetes. 'Her presentations were extremely clear and precise, backed up with the latest information on health and supported by relevant statistics from the UK and from the USA,' commented Yvonne Weekes.

Campers had the opportunity to express appreciation to Pastor Brian Robinson who after forty-four years of pastoral ministry is changing his area of activity; to Pastor Jude Jeanville who has accepted a call to serve as Dean of Men at the South Caribbean University in Trinidad; and to Pastor Rudika Puskas who is leaving the employ of the NEC to return to his native Serbia.

Was this indeed the largest NEC Camp Meeting in recent times? The attendance during the week suggests so and the Sabbath attendance seems to confirm it. An unscheduled divine service was hurriedly organised for the youth (and some adults) in the Lunar Bar to alleviate the crush in the main hall.

was practical, challenging, and rewarding. Student Association speaker, Monica Kainja, aptly used her childlike request for more dinner to illustrate Philippians 1:6. She related it to our request for more of the Holy Spirit and reminded campers that: 'It is considered bad manners to ask for more if you have not used what you have on your plate.'

The next speaker used a similar request to illustrate the necessity for campers to make themselves available to be filled and to be used by God's Holy Spirit. 'Give me some of that,' he requested. 'Bring me a vessel to put it into,' was his mother's reply. Admonition: 'Keep your vessel clean and right side up.' Camp Meeting was the right time and place to seek such an experience. Ellen White urges as much: 'We should improve every opportunity of placing ourselves in the channel of blessing. . . . The convocations of the church, as in camp meetings, the assemblies of the home church, and all occasions where there is personal labour for souls, are God's appointed opportunities for giving the early and the latter rain.' *The Faith I Live By*, p.246.

Camp Meeting offered something for every age group. After breakfast,

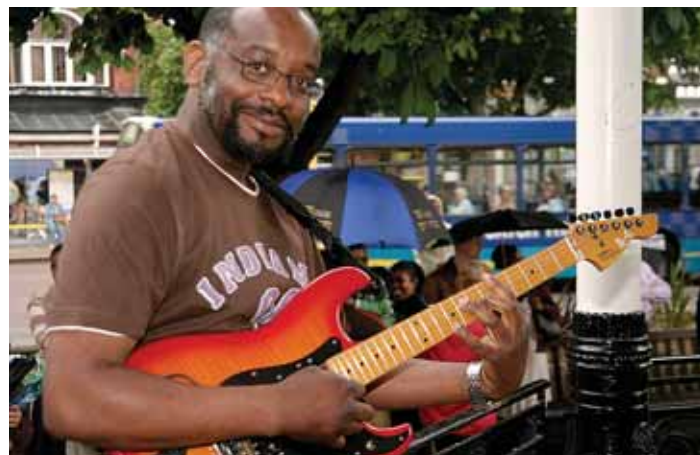


NEC's Ian Thompson

Tuesday night. The weather continued somewhat rainy during the week but not even this could dampen campers' desire for their early morning walk and the morning worship. Successively presented by L.E.T.S., Youth Advisory, Student Association and Prayer Harvest, morning prayer



Kim Ham-Ying of Leicester



The Allcocks of Bradford



NEC's top collector



Dr Patrick Herbert



Dr Diane Sinclair and Pastor Cedric Vine



Alison, Margaret and Don – the ABC team

Interviews with Commitment Speaker and Youth Speaker for 2007 Camp Meeting: Dr Patrick Allen, Central Jamaican Conference Union president, and Jeffrey Rosario

Natasha Gunter:- At what age did you get baptised?
Patrick Allen:- The tender age of 11.
NG:- What motivated you to go into the ministry?
PA:- I went on a Jonah tour to Nineveh in my late teens. After this experience, I went to the Seminary at Andrews.
NG:- What are the joys and challenges of being a Union president in the West Indies?
PA:- The joy is being able to serve – I am very very big on service. It is essential that we must mobilise Jesus. The challenges are: human resources – mentoring the worker-force, the prevalent inflow of post-modernism and achieving our goal of getting members more involved in service and affirming them in encouraging others in service.
NG:- What is your lasting impression of Camp Meeting?
PA:- Let me say that I have enjoyed my time here amongst the people. This Camp Meeting has been organised in a very spiritual manner. I could sense that the brethren were in contact with Jesus.

Youth Speaker Jeffrey Rosario

NG:- What burden has God placed on your heart for the young people of the Church?
J. Rosario:- For the youth to catch the vision and tap into their potential and rediscover the spirit of sacrifice and commitment.
NG:- What advice would you give to those who feel discouraged with the apathy they encounter in the Church?
JR:- Be actively engaged in personally being a part of the solution and not a part of the problem; therefore, they can avoid being distracted by the problem.
NG:- What has drawn you to this specific ministry?
JR:- Because it meets the needs of the community without and the community within.
NG:- You have chosen God's marvellous light. What difference has it made in your life?
JR:- My life has a perceivable purpose now.
NG:- If we, who have been blest by your witness, are to remember one thing about you, what would you like it to be?
JR:- This is a difficult one for me to answer. (In this interviewer's humble opinion, Bro. Rosario would be content for everyone to remember the substance of his message even if they forgot about him personally!)
NG:- Do you think the Lord is leading you to train for the ministry?
JR:- No
NG:- What do you see in the future for your ministry?
JR:- One of my hopes is for the young people to tap into the vision, to explore what God can do with nothing, actively to teach in the Church, to preach, and to train others to do the same. My vision for the Church at large consists of the following things:- (1) Seeing the Church equipped and disciplined, (2) For the Church membership to be actively involved in public evangelism; (3) For each individual to evangelise the 'unchurched'.



Jeff Rosario



Colin Woodford

Holloway's Pathfinders' Day

'Stand and be counted' was the theme for the Pathfinder's investiture day at Holloway church on Sabbath 3 February.

The divine service began with a thrilling drum roll followed by the procession of Pathfinders. This was the day the Pathfinders shared their achievements and activities of the past year.

Lorraine Johnson (Holloway Pathfinder director) reported on the Pathfinder's prosperous and fun-packed year. Activities included community projects such as a 'Sponsored Silence', which raised £430 for ADRA, and a sponsored Christmas present for a child in Liberia. Fun activities included cycling in Cambridge, visiting London Zoo and bowling. The Pathfinders also took part in outreach programmes such as parades and street-witnessing in Chiswick, Wimbledon and Go UK. Sewing, cooking and baking were some of the life skills learnt throughout the year.

Many of the Pathfinders were recognised for their achievements. Awards were given for good conduct and GCSE passes. Danielle Kofi was given the Adventurer of the Year award. Pathfinders invested were: Busy Bee (4); Sunbeam (1); Builder (3) Helping Hand (4); Friends (4); Companion (3); Explorers (4); Rangers (8); Voyager (7); Guide (6); Counsellor (6). The Pathfinders also showed their appreciation and presented gifts to Counsellor Daly,

Lorraine and Ian Johnson, Jackie West and Kerry Williams. This was followed by the charge from Pastor Nathan Stickland (SEC Pathfinder director), who encouraged and challenged the Pathfinders to focus on Jesus. He also encouraged the church to involve the Pathfinders in evangelism.

Pastor Sam Davis, Master Guide and pastor for Holloway church, challenged the Pathfinders to be like Samuel who stood up for his principles and did not follow the crowd. Pastor Davis encouraged the Pathfinders to live by their pledge so by the grace of God, they will be pure, kind and true.

KIM NEWELL

Impact London 2007

The name of Jesus was lifted high during a memorable weekend that



took place in north London from Friday 27 April to Sunday 29 April, as members from churches in Area 6A came together for Bible study (Tottenham), Rally Day (Hampstead & Holloway) and Prayer Breakfast (Tottenham).

The Bible study session began at Tottenham on Friday evening with Pastor Nicolae Butoiu discussing the 'Assurance of Salvation through Jesus Christ'.

Dr Daniel Duda of the Trans-European Division Ministerial Association gave three presentations on Sabbath morning. The first presentation was on the 'Adventist Identity in Crisis'. Dr Duda discussed the purpose of our existence as Adventists, and our need to tell the world of the Three Angels' Messages. We were left in no doubt that our identity was found in Jesus Christ.

The second presentation was 'Why I Follow Jesus'. Using the story

Cliff Golding – 'The £1,000 man'

The phrase 'The £1,000 man' was coined to address Clifford Golding, after he had completed 51 years of Ingathering.

At the age of nearly 83 Brother Golding had again surpassed all expectations by raising a total of £1,000 for the annual ADRA campaign. In recognition of his outstanding effort, the treasurer of the South England Conference, Earl Ramharacksingh, was in attendance at the West Bletchley Community Church, Milton Keynes on Sabbath 12 May to present Brother Golding with a commemorative certificate of continuous and outstanding service.

A sincere thank you on behalf of West Bletchley church, ADRA and indeed the South England Conference, is extended to Brother Golding for his untiring efforts over his several years of ingathering. May God continue to bless him with the strength to serve in the same exceptional way in 2008.

Left to right: Earl Ramharacksingh (SEC treasurer), Clifford Golding, Robinson Addaih (elder)



SYLVONIE NOEL



Raphael Boyce

of the woman caught in adultery, Dr Duda stated four reasons to follow Jesus: 1. He had always found a path of love in the face of the law. 2. He was always on the side of the helpless. 3. He had no time for religious hypocrisy. 4. He always gives us a fresh start.

His final presentation was on 'Investigating the Investigative Judgement'. Using numerous Bible texts, he showed that God would be judged by the unfallen beings and the redeemed. The wicked, in the face of the overwhelming evidence, will admit that it was by their own choice that they were not in heaven. By allowing himself to be judged, God would ensure that sin did not begin again.

Sabbath afternoon saw all AYS programmes in Area 6A postponed, as all were invited to Rally Day at Holloway church. This was the official launch of Impact London 2007,

an aggressive soul-winning evangelistic campaign led by young people in five north London venues, to meet the spiritual needs of the London community. Raphael Boyce, 13, and Jamaal Franklyn, 17, two dynamic young preachers from the Caribbean, were the main speakers at the Rally Day. Accompanying them from the Caribbean was Marvalee Franklyn, an active member of 'Mission 2000' and Adventist layperson in service and industry. Pastor H. Walters, SEC president, was present.

The afternoon started in style with a procession from the Pathfinders with their drums, followed by all the leaders from the churches in Area 6A. Pastor Burnett said the success of Megafest in the Eastern Caribbean, an evangelistic programme conducted by the youth which resulted in 135 people being baptised, gave birth to the idea of Impact London 2007. The over-

whelming feeling was that the youth in the UK could do something big for Jesus.

Hearts were touched when Raphael Boyce and Jamaal Franklyn delivered their messages. The Holy Spirit moved on the hearts of the congregation and they made generous pledges to help finance the project.

At 8am on Sunday morning the faithful found themselves at Tottenham church for the Impact London 2007 Prayer Breakfast. The young people led out, with Medina from New Life church reminding us that Impact London 2007 needed unity, faith, prayer and fasting to be successful. Her prayer partner, Cherrylee, gave a moving testimony before praying. Raphael Boyce gave a presentation entitled, 'If you can use anything Lord, you can surely use me'. He cited children whom God had used; Naaman's slave and

Kings Josiah and Joash. There was no age or gender discrimination with God; he will use anyone or anything given willingly to him. The last youth speaker was Adrian from Edmonton Central whose presentation was entitled, 'God's Chosen Vessel'. He reminded us that our God does not see us as others see us. 'Man looks at our past, but God looks at our future.' The prayer session ended with a plea from Pastor Burnett for churches in Area 6A to support Impact London 2007. A sumptuous breakfast was served which all enjoyed.

MAXINE DONOVAN, Impact London

Corrigendum

MESSENGER 15 June 2007, Vol 112/13 page 2. Victor Hulbert was incorrectly described as 'Communication director, SEC'. For this we apologise.

Adventist Talent has Cowell factor

Susanne Kirlew

'Seventh-day-Adventists have got talent,' according to Simon Cowell. The Animated Gospel Choir (www.theanimatedgospelchoir.com) from Walthamstow church and Jeharna South from Pendeford church in the West Midlands both appeared on the new talent show, 'Britain's Got Talent'. The show, which was screened on ITV in June, aims to show the breadth and diversity of British talent.

The two Adventist acts got through, beating 50,000 others from across the country and made

it to the final 120 acts. The Animated Gospel Choir spreads the Word of God through puppet ministry. They were very surprised when they won through to one of the final rounds of auditions, and were delighted that this gave them the opportunity to reach a wider audience with their ministry.

Thirteen-year-old Jeharna South has already made a name for herself in the West Midlands, singing at the GEM awards. The young songstress from Whitmore Reans says she's been singing into hairbrushes since she was 3, and loves the fact

that she gets to meet new people through her talent. The two acts were unaware that either had entered the competition and were delighted to meet up at the finals. Both groups have the same philosophy that we need to take our ministries to the people outside the church community using all forms of modern media.



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Lost Contact. The Welsh Mission is trying to locate the following people: Mrs Mabel Ndzeke, formerly attending the Rhyl church; and Mr Ormaston, formerly of 26 Morley Road, Doncaster. Please phone Pastor John Surrige on 029 2084 4106 or email jsurrige@adventistwales.org if you can supply any information about either of these people.

Cambridge: Biggest ever investiture



Cambridge Pathfinders – some of whom are tired of waiting!

Sabbath afternoon 24 February was extraordinary in Cambridge. Members and friends gathered to witness the investiture of nineteen children to the Adventurer club. This is the second investiture service held in Cambridge. The church has 75 members and approximately 45 children on record who represent diverse nationalities and cultures. Area 8 was represented by Pastor Mike Toy, the Area 8 co-ordinator, who shared an inspiring devotional with the congregation, and Tyrone Waldrone, the Area 8 Pathfinder co-ordinator. Pastor Toy, with Thabani Bafanah, Cambridge's previous Pathfinder leader and his assistant, Bridget Manasse, presented awards to the children. Also supporting in the service were Priscilla Sammy, the current club director and her assistant, Junior Augustine. We praise God for the efforts of Thabani and Bridget, whose hard work and preparation have resulted in the largest investiture service Cambridge has ever held.

DELOECIA WHITE



Jesus is coming again!

One of the most enlivening services took place in Hove on Sabbath 21 April. It was a musical day of praise, thanksgiving and fellowship, with the accompanying theme and theme song: 'Jesus is coming again'. The day included contributions from a variety of churches.

It began with Sabbath School, led by a group from Southend. There was a short drama performance depicting the woman at the well meeting Jesus. Its title was 'Jesus is coming again. Are you ready?'

Divine service commenced with the opening song 'When he comes',

sung by the Southend Quintet, who later gave other great performances. By then the church was filled with just over 200 people, some of whom were standing.

The children were not forgotten. Anette Moore's singing puppets were enjoyed by children and the older folks! The children from Hove also sang 'This little light of mine' using candle hats and sticks, creatively made from pieces of coloured paper.

Other contributors included Constance Forde and the 'Cantaberi' group from Canterbury; 'Higher Ground' from Southend; the

Timmerman family from Brixton; and not forgetting our own massed choir in Hove. Our guest speaker for the day was Pastor John Wilson from Canterbury church, who reminded us in his sermonette that Christ's coming is near and that we should all be prepared for that day.

A time of meditation was led by Trevor Vincent. Various prayer requests were written on pieces of paper and placed in a box at the foot of a cross. This gave time for reflection.

Everyone was able to get to know each other over a hot lunch which was specially prepared and served to all. After being replenished, we enjoyed the afternoon programme filled with more inspirational songs and performances.

With the sun shining and a gentle wind, it was a refreshing day, enjoyed both by members and visitors. This joyous occasion had some people insisting that it should be done more regularly.

A very big thank you goes to Pastor Leslie Hill, Reginah Gumpo, the participating groups and all the members of the Hove church who contributed to make it a spiritually uplifting day.

AMANDA ANOZIE

Val and Tinikka baptised

On the special afternoon of Sabbath 31 March, church members, relatives, friends and many visitors came to support and witness the baptism of Val Williams and Tinikka Baylis at Sands church, High Wycombe. On the day of their baptism they were richly blessed with a

special song by the members of the Men Group Choir and many special items from church members and friends. The sermonette was given by Pastor M. Anim before the immersion.

Val, wife of church



Val Williams and Tinikka Baylis

ENlight Café Church

Is it a church, is it a café?

ENlight is a brand new event held on the second Saturday of the month (except August). It is an initiative by 'The Church' Enfield Town, itself a contemporary church plant. 'The Church', which meets each Sabbath, sees ENlight as providing a relaxed atmosphere where people can meet, enquire and see what twenty-first-century church is like. Using a café style format, ENlight offers a culturally relevant experience of church.

Interesting drinks and even more interesting snacks are available so visitors can relax while contemplating a few thoughts presented by the ENlight team. Our objective is to provide a place where people in the local community can get to know each other, church members and most importantly, their Saviour.

You can learn more about ENlight and 'The Church' on our website, www.thechurch.nu. Alternatively, we can be contacted on 0208 245 4410.

ENlight runs from 11am to 12.30pm at St John Methodist Church, Yews Avenue, Enfield, EN1 4QA.

JAN DUST



elder Joel Williams, has been attending church for many years. Since she arrived in this country she had endured deep emotional struggles for survival. She thanked the Lord for releasing her from all her struggles and for protecting and loving her. Val felt the need once again to place her life in the Lord's hands.

Tinikka's decision for baptism was made for many reasons. Firstly, as she received Bible studies, she felt a need to respond. Secondly, she wanted to let everyone know how proud she is to become a Christian. Thirdly, when she attended a Prayer and Bible Conference in February, she was inspired and surrendered to the Holy Spirit's pleading. Lastly, it was a very special way to celebrate her fifteenth birthday on the day of her baptism.

SONIA LEE

Weston baptism

Sabbath 14 February was a happy day at Weston-super-Mare as friends and members gathered to witness the baptism of Eileen Bidmead and Peter Facey.

Eileen, aged 90 years, has attended Weston church for more than twenty years. A practising Christian from a young age, Eileen wanted to go to church but could not leave her mother alone at home. She couldn't find anyone to sit with her mother on a Sunday but a relative was able to care for her mother on a Saturday. Having already attended some seminars at the Adventist church, Eileen decided to go along on Sabbath mornings – and so

began a long relationship with the Weston church.

Why now, at the grand age of 90, had Eileen decided to be baptised? 'I felt impressed that God was telling me I should be baptised, so I had to respond.' Eileen had studies with Pastor Watson Southcott.

Peter came into contact with Adventists when he met a lady helping to look after his mother in a care home. He noticed how thoughtful and caring she was. They became friends and she invited him to church in Yeovil where Peter had Bible studies with Yeovil church plant leader, Leslie King. Later, while attending Taunton church, Peter continued his studies with Pastor Southcott. Born in Zambia, Peter came to Britain at 12 years of age. His heart is still in Africa and he would like to return there to undertake some humanitarian work for which he would be well-equipped, for as well as being an architect, he is a stone mason and has experience in farming.

Pastor Southcott gave the address and Area 2 co-ordinator, Pastor Mick Smart, performed the baptism. Eileen was joyfully welcomed into the Weston-super-Mare church and Peter into the fellowship of the Taunton church, intending also to keep up his friendships at Yeovil.

MAUREEN REES



Left to right: Pastor Mick Smart, Leslie King, Peter Facey, Eileen Bidmead, Pastor Watson Southcott

O Happy Day!

It is with great joy that Micklefield church, High Wycombe, celebrated yet another baptism this year. Following Bible studies, Valerie Allen made a decision to offer her life to the Lord. After attending a series of evangelistic meetings entitled 'Jesus, a Sinner's Friend', led by Pastor M. Anim, a baptism took place on 17 March. The church overflowed with many family, friends and church members to witness Valerie's special day.

KIM EDWARDS

Adventist artist displays at abolition bicentenary

by Medina King*

On Sunday 25 March, there was a big celebration at the British Museum for the bicentenary of the abolition of the slave trade. I had the privilege of doing some artwork for the event. The theme was 'Resistance and Remembrance.'

The day was filled with live gospel music, alongside other live music; speeches from well-respected black-British men and women were made; youth were advertising various youth programmes. One of the main points of the event was to have black youth as its hosts. Young people spoke and gave tours of different galleries and events that took place in history. An artist from Benin had an exhibition, 'La Bouche de la Roi', which illustrated how the people were placed in the slave ships.

I had a space in the great court along side a sculptor, Sokari. I had eight pieces of oil paints on canvas on display. Many of the paintings were my own depiction of the pride and resistance that took place among black people in slavery. One of my paintings was titled, 'Ou pas sav ki manyer pour mort. Mi manyer pour mort', which means, 'You don't know how to die. See how to die.' This was a depiction of an incident from the book *The*

Black Jacobins by C. L. R. James. 'Three blacks were condemned to be burnt alive. A huge crowd stood round while two of them were consumed uttering horrible cries, but the third, a boy of 19, bound so that he could not see the other two, called to them in creole, "You don't know how to die. See how to die." By a great effort he twisted his body in his bonds, sat down and, placing his feet in the flames, let them burn without uttering a groan.'

In January, Malika, one of our church elders, approached me asking if I would like to do some artwork for the event. Honestly, I started squealing in church, thanking Jesus for answering my prayer to 'enlarge my territory'. For quite a long time I didn't tell anyone, as I thought I was dreaming. I knew it was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

The day was great; many of my friends, family and teachers from John Loughborough came out to support me and to enjoy the day. I felt like a celebrity, taking photos until I was tired. My work was observed by many, who did not even realise that I was the artist.

* Medina is 19 and a member of the New Life congregation in London.



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