



## An ordination in Ireland

by David Neal, Irish Mission president

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'Every member – a minister' is a phrase that often falls from the lips of preachers. The statement is true, and the sooner it becomes a reality, the better we shall be. But at the same time Seventh-day Adventists still practise the 'setting apart' of people exclusively 'devoting themselves to prayer and ministry of the Word' (Acts 6:4). Adam Keough, born 23 July 1977, is one such life devoted to ministry of the Word and prayer. Now aged 31, his calling to ministry was affirmed on Sabbath 25 April in a service of ordination at Belfast church.

His appointment to the Belfast and Larne district commenced in 2002 with a two-year internship under the supervision of Dr Mart de Groot. It was a time together when, as Mart shares, they 'explored the mysteries of soul-winning and church management.' In 2004 Adam became a licensed minister and was invited to continue his ministry in

Belfast. In addition, he was appointed Irish Mission Youth sponsor. In one sphere of ministry he serves as the pastor of an urban and increasingly diverse membership. In Youth Ministries he's working with a new generation of Adventists.

At ease working with both young and old, he handles his dual role well. Both require prayer and ministry of the Word. His youthful looks belie his spiritual depth. Study Scripture with him in personal Bible study or the pulpit and you will find him digging deep to know the mind of God. Take, for example, a recent series of sermons he preached on the doctrine of the sanctuary. One regular Belfast worshipper, reflecting on the series, said that 'his detail is easy to understand and always gospel-centred.'

At the ordination service the words of 2 Timothy 4:1-5 were brought to life by Pastor Alan Hodges, BUC Ministerial Association

secretary. 'Preach the Word . . . do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.' The key moment in this ordination service, as in all, was the laying on of hands – symbolising a fresh coming of the Holy Spirit in new power to help meet the task at hand. BUC president Pastor Don McFarlane prayed, seeking strength from Heaven for Adam. No empty form was this, but a symbol that aids God's people in depending more completely upon the ministry of the Holy Spirit. In his response, Adam thanked the members of the Belfast church for their patience, for the freedom they gave him to try new ideas, and forgiveness for the mistakes while maturing.

Adam is married to Heather (née McCormac) and they are blessed with a daughter, Olivia, born in 2007. Heather shares Adam's ministry, not only supporting him with a happy home life, but

particularly supporting the Youth Ministry side of his work. Both Adam and Heather have a strong faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

It's thrilling that there are still men and women today who are willing to devote themselves exclusively to 'prayer and study of the Word'. Adam's ordination confirmed that the Church recognises his calling. Through growing together, the Belfast church and Adam are stronger today than perhaps they were a few years ago – and praise the Lord for that. Adam's early life had some shaky beginnings, as he will be the first to admit. But with the nurture and love of his father Anthony Keough, he has grown and matured into a strong disciple of Christ. As the British Union leaders placed hands on Adam last Sabbath, the writer could not help thinking, 'What a miracle!' The story is not only about Adam, but what God has done and will continue to do through him.



What's your attitude to the MPs' expenses scandal? Referring to recent events, Christian Socialist Movement director Andy Flanagan and Liberal Democrat Christian Forum spokesman the Revd Simon Wilson have warned against the growth of cynicism. I don't think we need be overly cynical, just realistic. Politicians are ordinary people, and most ordinary people will be out for themselves.

Before I was a Christian I used to fiddle my expense claims, as did most of the others I worked with, and it was accepted that this was the norm. My job entailed travelling round the country, repairing tower silos on farms, and we stayed in bed and breakfast accommodation. When it came time to settle the bill, we would ask the proprietor to write out the receipt for more than the actual amount, so that we would make a small profit. As long as the amount was reasonable, we got away with it, and I suspect that the management may have known what

was going on and turned a blind eye, so long as the amounts were not excessive.

When I became a Christian, it cost me a lot of money, as I paid restitution for all my past stealing! The point is, though, in my experience, most people will take what is not rightfully theirs, so long as the chances of getting caught are very low, and so long as the person they are stealing from can easily afford it.

So I am not shocked or unduly surprised by what the MPs have done, as it is what most people would do in a similar situation. The question for you and me as Christians is, 'What is our attitude towards accepted dishonest practices at work?' Obviously, we know it is wrong to steal, as do the MPs, but our reasons for sticking to the straight and narrow should be more than just a recital of the commandment that we shouldn't steal, though that is a great starting point.

When your colleagues ask why you are not prepared to join them, your answer will not be that you have too much to lose and are fright-

with Jonathan Barrett

### Of expenses, hypocrisy and cynicism



ened of being caught. Rather, your answer will be that you live by God's principles. Because stealing is wrong and because people are hurt by it, you won't do it.

Jesus told Nicodemus, 'You must be born again.' (John 3:7.) Most people, unless they have had this rebirth experience, will not automatically do what is right. Once we have been reborn, we won't want to steal for three reasons. 1. God says don't do it. 2. We don't want to hurt people. 3. We want to keep our characters as much like God's as possible. The bottom line is, don't expect too much of people but, as someone whose life God has touched and changed, expect a lot of yourself!

# Are we OK people?

David Marshall



Margaret Thatcher used to speak of OKP (Our Kind of People). By that she meant the kind of people she trusted and with whom she preferred to spend her time. Who are God's OKP? Do you see a pattern in the people preferences of Jesus?

Faced with a choice between Simon the Pharisee and a sexual outcast in the same town, whom did Jesus affirm?<sup>1</sup>

Jesus encountered the pious, spiritually secure Nicodemus and then, shortly afterwards, came across a much-married, dodgy lady who was regarded by Jews as a racial outcast. To one of these persons Jesus said, 'You must be born again,' to the other he offered salvation and revealed himself as the long-looked-for Messiah.<sup>2</sup>

Given a choice between a bunch of religious people and a political outcast, with whom did Jesus choose to fellowship and to whom did Jesus say, 'Today salvation is come to this house'?<sup>3</sup>

In his most familiar parable Jesus drew two character sketches. There was an irresponsible younger brother who, having walked on the wild side, returned home, and the obedient older brother who had never left home and claimed to have 'slaved' non-stop for his father. As the story ends, which of these two is at the place of honour at a party and which character is standing outside?<sup>4</sup>

Jesus chose the sexual outcast, the dodgy lady regarded as a racial outcast, the political outcast and the returned wastrel.

Is there a part of you that is annoyed by the people choices of Jesus? Don't you wish that Jesus could have spent his time with OKP? You know, smart-suited men with ties and well-dressed ladies in serious hats? If you were the image consultant of Jesus, wouldn't you advise him to be seen with that sort of person?

That's silly, I hear you say. They didn't have suits, ties and serious hats when Jesus was here. It's what goes on *inside* the smart suits and *underneath* the serious hats that counts. Right? In that case we might modify our dress code and place the emphasis elsewhere, do you think? Didn't Jesus say Pharisees looked great on the outside but were rotten inside (Matthew 23:27)?

Jesus said this to respectable religious

people: 'The tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you.'<sup>5</sup> That was the bottom line of the second of his parables that involved two sons.<sup>6</sup> That parable, like the first, implied that *both* sons needed saving. However, both parables finish with the suggestion that the type of person represented by one son is considerably easier to save than the sort of person represented by the other. And the people preference of Jesus takes us by surprise. Preachers are fond of saying: 'Of course, the Parable of the Lost Son is unfinished.' While there is much to be said for that view, it is worth stating that, at the point at which Jesus chose to finish, the 'respectable' OKP brother was alienated from his father and flatly refusing to enter the celebration.<sup>7</sup> The situation did not look promising!

So why were Simon the Pharisee, Nicodemus and the Elder Brother harder to save than the likes of Mary of Magdala, the Samaritan Woman, Zacchaeus and the Younger Brother?

God's Gospel is as radical and unique as the Father's character. That Gospel is demonstrated when the wastrel son returned in search of a job, and is reinstated as a son, receives 'the best robe' — his father's<sup>8</sup> — and is treated as if he has never been away. That says: God can pardon and restore any and every repentant sinner. That accounts for the reception of Mary, the Samaritan woman and Zacchaeus. But what about Simon the Pharisee and what we might call 'the Elder Brother Type'?

The first key to their problem is that they look down their noses at Jesus and say, 'This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.'<sup>9</sup> They pigeon-hole 'sinners' separately. By doing that they fail to acknowledge that *all* have sinned: sinners *are* 'OKP' — because we are sinners, too. By denying the father's grace they are endeavouring to place sinners beyond the reach of salvation.

The second key problem of 'the Elder Brother Type' is that they misunderstand sin, lostness and salvation. The younger son knows he is unworthy and says 'Yes' to his father's invitation to enter the celebration. But 'the older brother becomes angry and refuses to go in'.<sup>10</sup> Why? He claims that, in 'all

these years', he has followed the father's will in every respect.<sup>11</sup> What keeps him outside the salvation celebration is that he is unaware that he, like his younger brother, is a sinner. And that pride and self-righteousness are no less sinful because they are 'respectable'! He is angry with his father, because he believes that his years of following orders have given him a hold over his father but that his father will not yield to his control.

Refusing to enter the salvation celebration, the Elder Brother inadvertently shows us that he has the same fault his Younger Brother displayed on the day he left for the Far Country. Both sons resent their father's authority. Both want to get out from under it. Both are sinners.

The difference between them? The younger brother knows it. The older brother doesn't.

Religious and moral people need a Saviour, as well as those who have violated the rules. All have sinned. All are in need of redemption. There's only one category, finally. OKP?

*Sinners.*

God offers grace to sinners. Repentant sinners accept it. The cost is Calvary.

The folks who acknowledge that they aren't especially good are at least moving in the right direction. The first essential for receiving God's grace (the water of life) is an awareness that we need it (thirst).

The folks who respond to the offer of the riches of God's grace by saying, 'I *am* rich . . . and do not need a thing,' have a problem. What is their problem? They want to be their own saviour, and that's simply not possible. Their consolation? As the father left the door ajar for the elder brother, the Saviour keeps knocking — and calling.<sup>12</sup>

God's kind of people are those who acknowledge their sin, repent and receive his grace.

References:

<sup>1</sup>Read Luke 7:44-50. <sup>2</sup>Read John 3:1-10 and John 4:1-26. <sup>3</sup>Read Luke 19. <sup>4</sup>Luke 15:1, 2, 11-32. <sup>5</sup>Matthew 21:31. <sup>6</sup>Read Matthew 21:28-32. <sup>7</sup>Luke 15:28-32. <sup>8</sup>Timothy Keller, *The Prodigal God* (Hodder and Stoughton), page 22. <sup>9</sup>Luke 15:2. <sup>10</sup>Luke 15:28. <sup>11</sup>Verse 29. <sup>12</sup>Revelation 3:17, italics supplied.



## Enhancing Health

by Sharon Platt-McDonald RGN, RM, RHV, MSc  
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### Allergies Part 2



We continue with the BBC report in April 2009 that identified a significant increase in the incidence of allergies in the UK.

#### Why allergies occur

Any substance that triggers an allergic reaction is called an *allergen*. An allergy develops when an allergen triggers the immune system, the body's natural defence against germs and viruses. The immune system wrongly assumes the allergen to be a threat and reacts by releasing chemicals called antibodies to destroy it. This causes an allergic reaction.

Where the allergic reaction occurs depends on how you came into contact with the allergen. Contact may be with your skin, or with the lining of your mouth, throat, lungs, mouth, stomach or intestine.

Among the list of allergens are: dairy products, nuts, fish, soy wheat, pollen, mould spores, house dust mites, pets, latex and air

pollution. (Cigarette smoke, perfume, aerosol sprays, insecticides, as well as industrial pollution, can all act as 'irritant triggers'.)

#### Suggested allergy causes

##### Modern living

The April 2009 BBC report attributed the rise in worldwide allergies to the increase in 'westernisation' of lifestyle and diet. Currently, indigenous peoples and western cultures around the world are being studied for allergic reactions. One study from India found that allergies have increased in areas of growing middle-class groups who have adopted a western lifestyle and diet. The research identified diet and pollution as major sources for this increase in allergies, whereas those who continued to farm in rural communities and grow their own food were unaffected by allergies.

Dr Rao (researcher in the India study),

speaking about allergic asthma on the rise, said: 'In the traditional communities, children are exposed to bacteria and animals at an early age. They are generally breastfed, eat healthy food and get plenty of exercise. They do not have access to junk foods, perfumes, soaps and chemicals which we suspect may be factors in the growth of allergic asthma.'

##### Climate change

According to Dr Shuaib Nasser, a consultant in allergy for the Cambridge University NHS Trust, climate change is largely to blame. 'Global warming is causing an increase in fungal spore levels as well as pollen, so this is something we are going to see more of. The season is also starting earlier and finishing later.' Recent studies reveal pollen-related asthma deaths peaking in July and August.

The next article deals with common allergies and their possible treatments.

# Swine flu update

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In response to the outbreak of the influenza AH1N1 virus (swine flu) the BUC Health Ministries department commenced the distribution of information bulletins and health documents to church pastors, health directors/sponsors and Health Ministries leaders across the British Isles. Keeping the membership abreast of the WHO's guidance on the outbreak, Sharon Platt-McDonald, BUC Health Ministries director, has been placing updates in the BUC newsletter.

Direct.gov gives 381 confirmed cases of the AH1N1 virus in the UK with a further 297 under investigation. Although there continues to be a steady increase in new cases worldwide, the impact of the virus has been much less severe than was first feared. The research on the viral impact continues on three levels: *Epidemiological* – studying the disease impact in various countries and the demographic spread among varying cultural and age groups; *clinical impact* – looking at symptoms of the disease manifested in different individuals worldwide; and *virological* – studying the science of the virus, observing its development, assessing its ability to mutate and seeking a suitable immunisation to combat it.

The current level of pandemic alert issued by the WHO remains at stage 5 (indicative of an imminent pandemic as a result of human to human transfer in more than two regions), but this could decrease to level 4 if the spread of the virus slows, or be increased to level 6 following significant community outbreaks in other regions.

As a result of numerous questions among our membership on the influenza AH1N1 virus, Sharon Platt-McDonald answers some of the questions that she has been receiving.

#### Q. If I get swine flu, am I unclean?

A. No. The biblical directive to abstain from unclean meats (pig flesh being one of them) has no relation to the swine flu. The influenza AH1N1 virus, although originating as a respiratory infection in pigs, is spread via an airborne virus through coughs, sneezes and touching surfaces where the virus has been deposited. Scientists studying the virology of the disease have indicated that it is not spread through pig meat.

Unless you have a pig in your home that you have been handling and are of Jewish persuasion, you will not be 'ceremonially unclean'! Jews are currently campaigning for the name to be changed from swine flu to Mexican flu, where the disease first originated.

#### Q. Should I take Tamiflu or a vaccination when it is available? Isn't a healthy lifestyle better protection?

A. For preventative measures and to enhance

well-being, I always favour maintenance of a healthy lifestyle and alternative treatment over conventional medicine. So at this point, boosting the immune system with natural products like garlic, antioxidants and omega 3 in the diet, adequate exercise, sufficient rest, increased water consumption and stress reduction are key, as well as adhering to strict hygiene principles. If you feel a cold coming on, echinacea and golden seal<sup>2</sup> are also useful, as well as the application of hydrotherapy treatments.

However, emergencies and life-threatening illnesses require medical intervention. In a pandemic the situation becomes one of emergency, and immunisation is generally advised, although some debate the efficacy of immunisation at that late stage. Additionally, problems with Tamiflu have been reported, and some people have reacted badly to it in the past. While Tamiflu has had some success with previous influenza epidemics and is currently being used effectively for mild swine flu symptoms, virologists are concerned that the influenza AH1N1 virus may mutate, making Tamiflu ineffective. Due to this fear, scientists are currently racing to develop a vaccine for swine flu.

It is also important to note that most deaths from swine flu worldwide have been in the under sixties, with the average age between mid-twenties to thirties in individuals who were not immune-depressed and had no history of respiratory disease. Previous deaths from ordinary influenza (although higher than current rates of swine flu) have been in older adults. Also a significant percentage of children have been affected. This may be fuelling the more cautious response from scientists to offering immunisation more widely.

However, one concerned infectious disease specialist gives the following caution: 'A typical pharmacy may fill one prescription of Tamiflu a week, but now dispenses up to twenty-five packages a day. . . . Clearly, these requests are for stockpiling and not for active infections. . . . People in under-served populations without access to medical care rely on clinics that may not have these anti-virals in part due to unnecessary hoarding. . . . Additionally, people who inappropriately take these anti-virals only serve to breed resistance. So when the virus appears in its



next incarnation, there may be nothing effective to treat it.'

The jury is still out on this one.

#### Q. What will happen to church services if a pandemic should hit Britain?

A. We are currently at phase 5 in the level of pandemic alert. In the event of a pandemic (level 6), it is likely that 'social distancing' will come into effect. This would raise the level of restrictions on public gatherings where large numbers of people congregate. On the list would be churches and the advice to resume public church services once the pandemic alert level returns to phase 5. The recent document (sent out by the BUC Health Ministries department) entitled *Faith Communities and Pandemic Flu: Guidance for faith communities and local influenza pandemic committees* can be accessed at [www.direct.gov.uk](http://www.direct.gov.uk) and gives more information on what it would mean for churchgoers.

Should we reach that stage, we shall not need to suffer at home alone. The Communication department currently provides worship resources online and, hopefully, this will keep us engaged. Additionally, the 'Follow the Bible' project gives ample time for some serious reading. However, if you are not online to access the worship resources, a good singspiration always lifts the mood, but please remember the neighbours who may think otherwise.

#### Concluding comments

While the manifestation of the influenza AH1N1 virus has been milder than expected in the developed world, the WHO continues to predict an approach to the inevitable pandemic. This, they believe, will surface in the autumn. They have advised: 'We must not be complacent. It is too soon to assume it will be a mild infection. We don't know the profile of the virus and we are closely monitoring each case that comes up.' A team of researchers reporting in the journal *Science* agrees and states that the virus is likely to spread around the world in the next six to nine months. 'The virus really does have full pandemic potential,' states lead researcher Professor Neil Ferguson in his recent interview with the BBC.

In spite of these predictions, we are advising against mass panic and ask that you follow the precautions in the leaflets sent out to your home in order to assist in reducing the spread of the influenza. If you have any further questions, please email me at [splattmcdonald@adventist.org.uk](mailto:splattmcdonald@adventist.org.uk)

<sup>1</sup>World Health Organisation

<sup>2</sup>Not recommended in pregnancy or for those suffering from hypertension

## International student licence for Newbold

by Helen Pearson

Newbold is proud to announce that it is now a licensed sponsor of students from outside the European Economic Area (EEA) and Switzerland. This is the final step in a lengthy process which will allow the College to maintain its international student profile.

In the biggest shake-up of the UK immigration system for forty-five years, the government moved last year to create new visa rules for students and to allow only licensed educational institutions to accept them.

Newbold's two-stage licensing process began in autumn 2008 and was completed in May 2009. After a two-day visit to the College campus by British Accreditation Council representatives in November 2008, Newbold was granted accreditation for four years. In the spring, the members of the Senior Management Team were interviewed for four-and-a-half hours by UK Border Agency officials. At a time when the media report hundreds of unlicensed educational institutions being closed down, the principal, Dr Sabes, was

pleased to be informed last week that Newbold's licence had been granted.

'The Newbold staff should be pleased with their achievements in this matter,' she said. 'Being accredited and licensed means that we can continue to welcome international students from outside the EEA and offer them what has always been Newbold's trademark, an accredited academic experience at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels in a multicultural Christian community.'

Students needing more information about visa requirements should visit:

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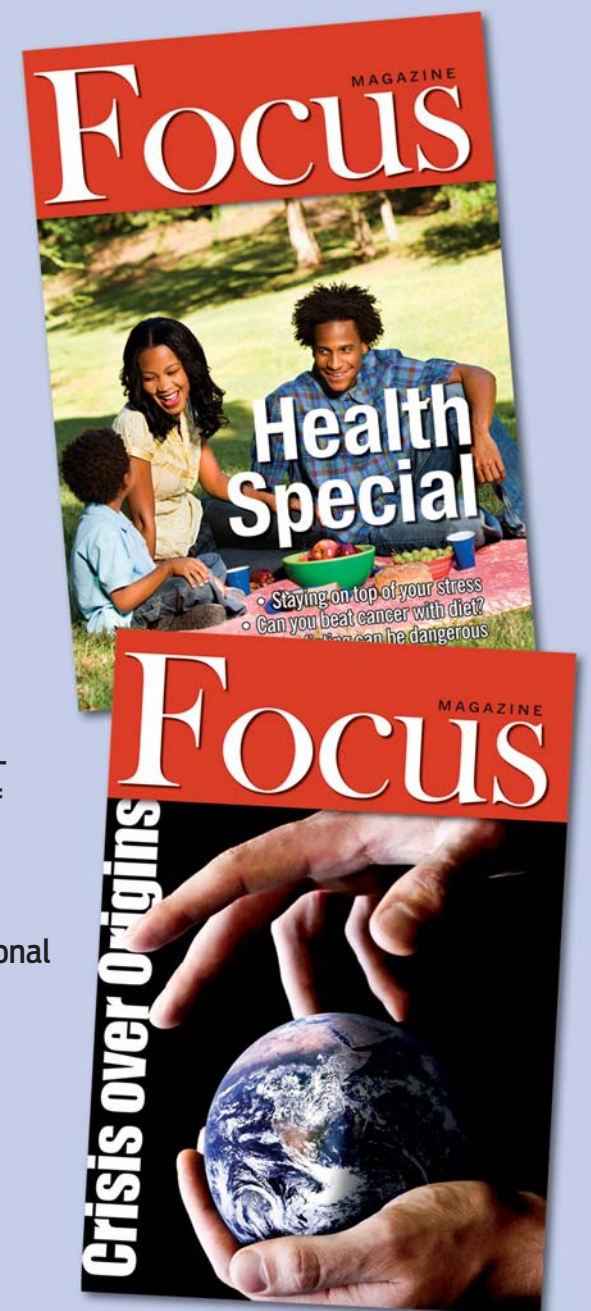
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# The holiness of beauty

John Baidam, Registrar, Newbold College, on the Song of Solomon

Johann Gottfried Herder (1744-1803) argued that all poetry is divine revelation. God's original revelation to us is in the poetry of the Old Testament, the pinnacle of which is the Song of Songs.

Herder rejected the allegorical interpretation of the Song, upon which its inclusion in the biblical canon was justified. He was well aware that the frank sensuality of this collection of poems could give offence to some, but for him the tone of the whole was so patently innocent as to be inspiring to true morality.

While acknowledging the Bible as the Word of God, Herder claimed that God had to reveal himself in human language – adopting the imagery and thought mode of those to whom he was speaking, with particular reference to the historical and geographical situation in which they lived (cf. 2 Peter 1.21). Yet how often do we apply literally those many (symbolic) biblical texts which were intended for a specific time, place and culture, rather than adopt the principles held within?

Thus Herder regarded the Bible as a collection of texts written by humans for humans. Yet, he stressed, the more God's Word is read in a human way, the closer the reader will come to the purpose of

its Instigator, the One who created us in his own image.

For Herder, the function of the poet (and we might include here the creative artist) was to make known God's purpose, and to interpret the universe and nature by re-creating them and making them live again. Shakespeare, whom Herder regarded as a 'creator' and 'dramatic god', taught him that the role of the poet was to lead the human race to a deeper understanding of God's preordained plan for the world.

The Bible contains doctrine, reproof, correction and instruction (2 Timothy 3.16), but includes poetry, legend, history, biography, proverb, apocalyptic, prophecy, symbol and allegory. Like many works of creative art, it contains much imperfection – enhanced by great beauty. Arguably, all creative art, whether literature, painting, music or architecture, emanates from that creative spark provided by the Creator. Humans write, paint, compose and design as they are moved. . . .

Sometimes beauty is corrupted by evil, just as the Bible contains dark passages – but if art can reveal something to us of God, of our place in his Creation, of our salvation through Christ, then surely it is indeed 'inspired'. We must not reject art because of its human imperfec-

tions – to do so would force us to ignore sections of the Bible, whose bloody battles hardly fill us with an understanding of God's love.

Conservative Christianity has traditionally shunned the arts, yet they provide us with opportunities to explore human frailty and to reflect on God's plan for us. I challenge you to study biblical texts alongside works of art, and to find ways in which they complement each other. Go to your nearest art gallery and note how much is biblically based or leads you to spiritual reflection. Read works of poetry or prose and find the truths contained therein. Visit the theatre and prepare to be challenged, amazed and uplifted. Attend a concert or opera, and note how many works (from Bach and Handel to Britten and Adams) are based on the Bible, the human condition, and the theme of redemption.

In his music drama *Parsifal*, for example, Richard Wagner examines the struggle between the earthly and heavenly, the erotic and the spiritual. Parsifal – a Christ figure – resists temptation and overcomes evil. He baptises Kundry, and she anoints his feet, drying them with her hair. We might even interpret the unveiling of the Grail as our finding salvation through the blood of Christ.

If a secular collection of love poems can be contained within the Bible and yet lead us in some way to God, surely other works of art can do the same. We can use them, too, to reveal further truths about what God has prepared for us.

Let us worship the Lord in the holiness of beauty.

## Brit snags 'Best Drama' SONscreen Award

by Colin Anderson

April 16-18 was the time. Adventist Media Centre, Los Angeles, California, was the place. Filmmakers, film fans, guests and friends had gathered over the three-day period. They had watched student films, professional films, international films, spanning the genres of comedy, drama, PSA and thriller. Northern American Division, sponsors of the SONscreen Film Festival, had assembled a truly eclectic group of filmmakers, and presented a refreshingly diverse slate of Christian life-affirming and empowering films. There were also workshops and panel discussions



presented by Hollywood professionals on various aspects of Christianity and the film industry.

The time had come for the climax of the event – the awards ceremony. An air of expectancy filled the auditorium as we all waited with

babated breath to hear who had most impressed the judges and taken the top prizes. Top International Prize went to Calvin Chuang for a delightful film called 'A New Beginning'. All other prizes went to American filmmakers, until the prize for the Best Drama was announced. I had travelled with Mark Grey to support him as he had entered a very topical and thought-provoking film called 'Holy Hush' about why the churches cover up incidents of abuse. For what appeared an eternity the presenter delayed the announcement, then, finally, 'The winner of the Best Drama Award goes to "Holy Hush", directed by Mark Grey from the UK.'

In his interview, Mark reiterated the point that as a filmmaker he wants most to make life-affirming drama that stimulates discussion, makes a difference, and brings about change. He certainly did that out in Los Angeles. I thoroughly enjoyed sharing the experience, and hope there are many more.

For more information see [www.sonscreen.com](http://www.sonscreen.com). A short trailer for 'Holy Hush' can be seen at <http://www.vimeo.com/4394996>.

# The Core of Adventism

Words and pictures by Peter Jeynes

Dr Diop set the tone for his ministry at the 'Core of Adventism' weekend in the West Midlands with the words, 'I feel lonely on stage.' He simply wanted to be close to his brothers and sisters in church that evening – and put his thoughts into action as he left the platform, not for the last time that weekend.

According to our other key speaker, Dr Kidder, an Iraqi Seventh-day Adventist from Nineveh, the aim of the meetings was to look at serious theological issues, and then discuss ways of applying God's presence in our lives, our witness and our worship. 'The aim of the weekend is not only to present great theology and good Bible study, but to help us have lifestyles that reflect our theology.'

Dr Diop, a Senegalese pastor who spoke with a French accent, was introducing the book of Daniel to us with a view to exploring the prophetic word and its effect on our lives. Speaking without notes, Dr Diop reminded us of the prophets God gave his people up till the time of Daniel. The core of the Adventist ethos is a God who communicates through prophecy.

Dr Diop, theologian, linguist and accomplished musician, revealed his sense of humour as he negotiated extra time with the next speaker, Dr Kidder.

Dr Kidder's approach was strongly pastoral. He looked at the linked themes of prayer, witness, church growth and of hope in and from God. He reminded us, though, that wonderful church programmes don't grow churches. God grows churches. Taking Acts 1:8 as his starting point, he guided us to prayer as the source of power needed to do God's will, with the admonition that 'The Lord is willing to do great things for us.'

Telling stories was Dr Kidder's method on the Friday night – and most noticeably on the Sabbath morning as he revealed how a young man, not an Adventist, repeated Jonah's call in reverse and moved from Nineveh to serve God, first as an engineer

and then as a pastor.

A typical story? Betty, a lady with family problems, started to have Bible studies with a reluctant Pastor Kidder. Reluctant because the lady had hygiene problems. The studies continued with the elder and Pastor Kidder. A baptism



Dr Diop



Dr Kidder

resulted, but the heart of the story was seen in that later the lady was asked how she had brought fifty-seven people to baptism. When she revealed that she had prayed night and day for them, all joined in prayer with Betty for friends, relatives and neighbours.

The Sabbath of the Core of Adventism weekend saw a change of venue from Camp Hill church to Wolverhampton Civic Hall. Sabbath School diverted from the regular lesson study. Daniel was again the source, but again Dr Diop wanted to be close to his family, the congregation. Our speaker, fluent in ten languages, painted a picture of Daniel setting out to reveal to his generation, and to ours, the picture of God

offering complete restoration to a world gone wrong.

In divine service, the BUC's Pastor Eglan Brooks informed us that the Core of Adventism programme, begun in the Harlow church, has grown in the SEC and has now spread to the NEC and the Irish Mission. Pastor Mike Simpson, NEC Personal Ministries director, introduced us to a number of Conference Task Force workers doing great things for God.

Pastor Kidder's sermon broke the pattern. He told his own story of how he travelled from Iraq to the US and changed from engineering to pastoring.

Both Pastor Kidder and Dr Diop were telling us that it is God who

creates change. God moves and moulds lives. That was at the heart of the sermon. We weren't hearing an exposition of the Word of God. Instead were hearing of the living revelation of the presence of God in the life of an ordinary person. Such a story was bound to be followed by an appeal.

The afternoon programme started in the usual order. Prayer, Song Service and then a temporary break while a computer was encouraged to speak to a video projector. Our preacher, Pastor Kidder again, highlighted the personal aspect of church growth, evangelism and witness.

Learning became fun. A group of children, all under 10, was listening

in the balcony. Nijha Palmer, Anvin Graham and Nyomi Brown expressed their interest in the activities by their very vocal response to Pastor Kidder's question, 'Who is the most important evangelist?' by shouting out enthusiastically, 'We are.'

The congregation was encouraged to realise that we are better individual evangelists than the likes of Doug Batchelor. They don't walk in the markets that we do.

The closing event of the afternoon, though not the day, was a final presentation by Dr Diop. At the close of his sermon, he carefully, knowledgeably and eloquently answered questions from the congregation on the book of Daniel.

# NEC's Music4Children weekend

On 17 April, children aged 8 to 14 arrived in Beaumont Manor Hall to attend the NEC's Music4Children Sacred Music Weekend. Excitement bubbled in the air as attendees registered and found their assigned sleeping quarters for the next three days.

After we had settled, we gathered together, with our instruments, in the outdoor classroom. After tuning, we had games to introduce ourselves and get to know one another. There was a large assortment of instruments, from a harp to an oboe, with violins, flutes, singers, keyboards, a cello and a clarinet in between. Leroy Grant, who plays almost all instruments and has a wide range of expertise with bands, groups and orchestras, led us in a session designed to improve our ability to play by ear.

Sabbath School took place, according to age, in separate rooms. The staff led us in a fun-filled Bible study, full of important details and with a strong message presented in interesting ways. For divine service, we looked at the story of Naaman found in 2 Kings chapter 5. Each instrument was given a character and, as an orchestra, together we performed the story of Naaman through music.

Lunch was served in the main room. It was deliciously prepared by Sister Sinclair with the help of her team.

To settle our food ready for an afternoon of music, we assembled for a walk. After trekking through the beautiful fields and rolling hills, we arrived back at the manor, refreshed and revived.

The afternoon's session was taken by two of our musicians. One was Diana Sinclair, who has a PhD and various other qualifications in music and is the NEC Music adviser. The other was Richard Christie who can play numerous instruments and is a talented musician whose gifts also lie in counselling and caring.

In true Saturday night fashion, we had a social in the gym of Beaumont Manor. Diana Sinclair and Christine Burt soon had everyone running around enjoying themselves and bursting with laughter.

On Sunday morning we started preparations for the concert to be held later that afternoon. However, practice after practice after practice soon had us prepared. With a fantastic line-up for the concert planned, we had yet another fabulous meal. With parents and friends arriving, everyone took their places in the gym. The concert went swimmingly! All worries of time went out the window, and the afternoon was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. It was declared a roaring success!

After being together for three days, it was time to say goodbye. Emotions ran high. New friends exchanged email addresses and numbers, with a promise to contact. While packing up the car and jumping in, I reflected on what was probably one of the best weekends of the year so far.

JERUSAH JOSEPH-JEFFREY (14)  
PHOTOS: DR JACQUELINE HALLIDAY-BELL

Below: Strings group included Theodore Bell, aged 7, on cello  
Below left: Alex Morgan played a violin solo  
Below right: Drum beat accompanied the biblical sketches



# Korean blessings

Sabbath 23 May marked the joyful baptism of Su-Jin Kweon, a student at the Stanborough Secondary School, by the Youth pastor, Dejan Stojkovic, in the presence of a full Stanborough Park church. Over the past years, the Park church has been well blessed with the arrival of many young Koreans studying at Stanborough and other local schools. It was therefore a great occasion for us to witness this young girl take her stand for Christ.

These Korean young people have also brought their musical talents to the worship of our church. Those of us who have already benefited from their performances can testify

that they have very high standards in their individual fields of music. Under the able leadership of Ji-Eun Ahn (an accomplished violinist in her own right and a teacher of Music at the Stanborough School), we now have a Park choir and orchestra that give performances, not just in our own church, but also in other concerts. Recently, they gave a performance at the St Albans church on Sabbath 16 May. Then they performed on Sabbath 30 May at our own Park church to celebrate the completion of the new entrance to the sanctuary. Those of you who are planning to attend the Alban Arena Civic Centre, St Albans, will have the opportunity to enjoy their musical talents for yourselves. Let us praise God for these young Koreans and their witness!

JOHANSON WONG

Left: Many young Koreans have come to our headquarters church in recent years  
Inset: Su-Jin Kweon is baptised by Stanborough Park's Youth pastor, Dejan Stojkovic  
Below: The choir and orchestra performing at the St Alban's church on 16 May



# Camp Hill: Children's music weekend

For thirty kids, this weekend was full of praise and excitement.

The range of instruments was amazing, from violins to flutes, keyboards to a harp! With these instruments came a staggering amount of talent. There were beginners through to grade 6 violin. The first thing we did was to introduce ourselves and which instrument we play. The night ended with smiles all round and a positive attitude. The leaders thought we kids would go right to sleep. No chance! Late into the night, talking and giggling could be heard. The house-parents had a lot to cope with!

Sabbath was a great day. First worship and Bible discussions, then games and singing. After a nice lunch, all the residents, children and adults went for a walk. Some people found it easy, others not so, but we all enjoyed it nonetheless! Following the walk we all had a much-needed rest, but the work was soon coming!

All the children split into three groups. Each group produced a musical version of a Bible story to show to the rest of the kids. The event organiser, Diana Sinclair, praised all of the groups and said we would do games after! But we kids had a tough decision to make: one game and hot chocolate OR two games and no hot chocolate. That took time to decide, but in the end it finished up as two games AND hot chocolate. That left us going to bed a little later, but that night there was little talking and more sleep.

On the last day, even though we were due to go home and go to dreaded school, everyone's spirits were high. It was the day for the concert. Parents came to support their children and the programme. The day was spent mostly with our instruments. There were three groups: woodwind, strings/keyboard and singers. All prepared items for the final concert. When the time for

the concert came, our nerves were on a high, but this did not stop us from smiling. The concert was a success! The woodwind played a beautiful version of Pachelbel's Canon, the strings played a harmonic hymn, and the event finished with the keyboards and singers presenting an uplifting and happy

chorus. The concert included music from soloists and groups, all equally beautiful and exceptional. Unfortunately, as we were short on time, not everyone got to perform; even so the concert was still impressive and full of talent.

The weekend was about praising the Lord through music, learning

techniques, songs and much more on our instruments. It also helped increase my knowledge of musical notations. All of these were successfully done. Friends were made, music was played and, most of all, the Lord was praised!

JOANNA SWEENEY (13)

# Derby Chester Green prays for the Police

Thursday 21 May was the National Day of Prayer for the Police. As a result, the leadership team of the Derby Chester Green church sent an invitation to the main headquarters of the Police in Derby to come and visit us at Chester Green on Sabbath 23 May to share with us how the church can help them in the community and in prayer.

Two representatives of the Police Force came just before divine service to share a few words with us. We as a church shared our support, testimonies and appre-

ciation for the Police Force and offered a prayer for them. We gave them gifts from the church and invited them at any time to drop in to the church any prayer requests, so that we as a congregation might intercede on their behalf.

It would be good if more of our congregations were to offer support within the local community and let the local law enforcement and even the fire department know that we appreciate them.

MANJIT BIANI

# Holloway's closer walk

The youth of Holloway anticipated something good, but not as overwhelming an experience as it turned out to be.

March 8 to 14 marked Holloway's Youth Week of Prayer, entitled: 'A closer walk with the Lord'. Taking inspiration from the message to Laodicea, it aptly described the current experience of our young people. Holloway's youth are at a pivotal stage in their lives, with football careers, relationships and other aspirations competing with God for priority one status.

Andrew Davis and Micah Campbell were our speakers. As we soon discovered during the course of the week, the two are long-time school friends who met at Stanborough Park School. Fast-forward ten years and they now share desks as Theology students at Newbold College, moments away from entering pastoral ministry. Their lives proved to be an open book from night to night, as they shared their personal struggles to submit to God completely. Impressively, their ministry did not begin and end in the pulpit, but continued with each and every person who requested further prayer and Bible study following the nightly programmes.

In his first sermon, 'Not now, Lord; come back tomorrow', Micah shared his personal fears and initial reluctance to submit to God's call to ministry. Although he had begun preaching at 14, he had led a double life, captivated by the pleasures of the world. He said it was only following a long restless night talking

to the Lord that he finally submitted to his call and that he has never looked back.

Andrew went straight to the core of our relationship with Jesus and our 'affair' with the devil, as he revealed the spiritual warfare over our hearts and minds. In his sermon entitled 'I don't see nothing wrong', he exposed how the subtle methods of the enemy have left us trying to justify our sins. He demonstrated this by breaking down the definition and objective of the entertainment industry to dull our senses to hearing and responding to the will of God. Andrew reminded us that spiritual things are spiritually discerned. The sermon ended with an anointing service for those requesting strength from God to defeat the strongholds in their lives.

The youth of Holloway shared the blessings of the Youth Week of Prayer. As night after night they responded to the altar call and the mid-week anointing service, it was clear that many who attended were not regular members. Their active participation was evident, from the filming and set-up of the live streaming of the programmes from the Holloway website to the nightly drama illustrations. These, entitled 'One way out', were performed by Holloway's fifteen-strong drama team, led by teen Angeline Barclay. They portrayed the very real experiences of young people as they face challenges in their relationships with family, friends and, ultimately, with God.

The culmination came on the

final Sabbath with our Youth Day, which included an ordination service of five deacons, two of whom were Duane Davidson and Leon Barclay. Both young men have served the church for most of their lives – Duane Davidson as Audio Visual and Communications leader and Leon Barclay as church musician. Rather than acknowledging the start of their

ministry, it marked its continuation and was an opportunity to thank God for blessing their lives and the positive influence they have had on others, both young and old. Special thanks are also extended to the AYS team, led by Keshinda Johnson Lewis, as they embark on future YWOP programmes throughout the year.

RANETTE PRIME



## Leicester complementary school raises standards

by Philip Herbert

A complementary school has been set up at the Leicester Central church on London Road. It aims to equip pupils of varying aptitudes with a firm understanding of the requirements and skills needed to secure the best attainment levels for the national curriculum.

Vince Halliday, the organiser, said that some of the main benefits that students gain from the experience provided by the complementary school arise from the fact that they are given 'individual attention due to

the small group sizes and learning in a calm, motivational environment'.

The school is staffed by able and well-qualified teachers, who offer students extensive coaching opportunities for core national curriculum subjects. The subjects offered are Maths, English, French, Science and Information Technology. The teachers are all checked and cleared by the Criminal Records Bureau. The sessions run during term time on Sundays from 11am till 1pm. Pupils who attend the complementary school are expected to abide by the code of conduct. Provision has been made for children aged between 6 and 17 to receive coaching up to GCSE level. There is a small charge

for pupils to attend: £2.00 for the first child in a family and £1.00 for any additional siblings.

Suzette Jeannon, a teacher of French, said, 'The students are bright and eager to learn, and the teaching is pleasurable. They understand fully how important it is to be focused and committed to achieving set goals designed to support what they are already learning in the various schools that they attend.'

The complementary school is also an avenue through which the church can reach out to the community and share with them the fact that Adventists have a very practical, important and caring mission when it comes to young people.

Ten-year-old Spencer Williams, who attends the school, said, 'I like the complementary school at Leicester Central church, because when they teach me lessons at school, I am always one step ahead of what they are trying to teach me.'

The school is a valuable resource in that it enables students to gain skills and confidence to succeed as they move through the various key stages of the national curriculum. Sustained success in their education enables lifelong ambitions to be fully and ultimately realised.

## Area 8 Youth Day

by Thomas Stone

On 16 May Area 8 got together for their first ever youth day, which took place at Christ Church in Billericay. Each church was involved in the planning for the day, with Sue Sampson (Area 8 president) overseeing the plans made by each church.

The day began with a very diverse Sabbath School, organised and led by Chelmsford, based around an army training camp, with the major, Chisha, leading them in song, while they were marched up and down the aisle. All of sudden, artillery and machine guns opened fire on the unprepared troops, causing them to dive onto the nearest unsuspecting person in the congregation, giving them quite a surprise! Then many sins that people can succumb to came up on the screen. And with the noise of the guns and artillery in background, Tom explained how the devil's bombs and bullets come in every shape and size. Jesus, however, provides armour that we can put on and if we want to be soldiers for God we must wear it confidently and without giv-

ing up. Sabbath School continued with Chelmsford youth 'soldiers' marching some more, until a question about the armour of God was asked. This was explained by a very creative rap, led by Chisola, with the audience creating the beat to which the youth rapped. After more marching, the youth started to get tired, and the answer to this problem came in the form of a video based on a Christian film called 'Facing the Giants'. After the video had finished, there was another round of marching, and then the major gave a closing speech, which told the troops to wear the armour of God and to focus on their prayer time, Bible study and faith. There was then a short talk from Tom to summarise, in which he

told us that we must wear the armour of God and trust in Jesus because he will never fail us. Sabbath School was concluded by a wonderful mime and the Chelmsford renowned 'Weakest Link'.

After a session of praise and worship, led by the praise team and band from Ipswich, and a number of special items, the speaker for the day, Pastor Colin Stewart, gave his sermon and broke the bread to the congregation. His sermon was about how, although we are from many parts of the world, God has called us to work in the United Kingdom. He spoke about how we can live and work as a Christian in the United Kingdom and bring people to know Jesus.

Lunch wasn't provided, so it was a case of bring and share your own. During lunchtime Colin met with all the youth leaders and assistants from the area, to set up the Area 8 Youth Federation officially. Sue Sampson was voted as president and Stan Sigawale as vice-president, and they will be leading and organising the area's youth events for the rest of the year (until February 2010).

The afternoon programme started at about 3.30pm and was a mixture of games, songs, movement and some promotions from Colin. Overall the day was a great success, and over 200 people came from all over Area 8 (and some from London) to enjoy the first of many youth days.

## Welcome at WISDAC

Why did the baptism of 26 April 2009 at Wimbledon International Seventh-day Adventist church make such an impact on all present?

Perhaps it was the sheer beauty of seeing eight candidates make such a public declaration for Christ. They included Bridget Nkomo, Sandile Hlabangana, Thalitha Hlabangana, Patience Sibambo, Thoko Sibanda, Mercy Fireyi, Bianca Lunan and Gustavo Ferlizi, all of whom are happily welcomed into the WISDAC family.

Perhaps it was the knowledge that each candidate, who was led to the baptismal pool by a dedicated mentor and elder, had been on a unique journey but that each journey had ultimately led to Christ.

Perhaps it was that the candidates had each invited their own special guests, totalling in excess of 100 visitors who do not ordinarily attend WISDAC but whom the candidates had wanted to share in their special day.

Perhaps it was the joy in witnessing the first baptismal service at WISDAC since the appointment of

Pastor Sam Neves in July 2008 and hearing from him a message that challenged fundamental Christian faith.

Perhaps it was the stirring ministry through song of Faith Vocal and Jader Feijo that caused many to connect on a deep spiritual level.

Perhaps it was that moment immediately following the baptisms when the leadership team spontaneously hugged each other in the unspoken, joyful knowledge that the Holy Spirit was a living and vibrant force working in and through WISDAC.

Perhaps it was the fact that the baptisms were held on a Sunday – a day given over completely to the baptisms, followed by a special reception that included a three-course meal, speeches and special items especially for the candidates and their guests, assisted by WISDAC members, young and old, who happily acted as kitchen staff and waiters for the day.

Whatever the reason for the beauty of the day, it had everything to do with Jesus and the love, joy and peace of the Holy Spirit. While the day is now over, it can be relived by watching it over and over online at [www.mywimbledon.org](http://www.mywimbledon.org).

COMMUNICATION SECRETARY



## Ten baptised at Bradford

The baptistery had the last word as ten souls received Christ. A month of Bible studies and planning culminated in this special day, 16 May, at Bradford church.

Among the candidates were a former pastor of a Pentecostal church, Prince Onwen, and his wife, Lydia Onwen, whose testimonies have been a tremendous blessing.

There was also the Tigere family, as we fondly call them – Chipo and her three daughters, Agnes and the two lovely twins, Beauty and Beatrice. In one of the Bible study sessions they had asked, 'How, then, shall we dress before God?'

There were three young people, Matrida Mazunda, Linley Lita and Prince Chaponda, all shining examples to the youth of what it means to surrender.

Lastly there was Euphrasia Munikwa. Having tried to resist baptism, the conviction had come not to fight the truth anymore. The only option left was to surrender, and surrender she did.

Bradford church was the place to be that Sabbath in all Yorkshire; the church was packed, the food was yummy, and the church rose to the occasion.

Above all, God himself was with us and his presence was felt.

ISAAC TAFATATHA

# AMR\* Retreat

Words and photos: Danny Julie

Friday afternoon, with the rain in full force and the wind blowing, we were on our way to the Adventist-Muslim Retreat at Stanborough Park.

A much-appreciated hot meal was waiting for us in the school canteen on our arrival. Pastor Don McFarlane, the BUC president, gave the opening remarks and reminded us that we need to recognise and know our brothers and sisters in God's family. The evening started with a packed programme introduced by Pastor Petras Bahadur, director of the AMR department at the SEC, and a period of worship led by Joy Braithwaite. AMR's purpose was explained to us by Sharon Rahman, who also gave a testimony. The idea of building bridges and having a common platform leads to great things when left in the hands of God, as he uses these means to prepare our brothers and sisters from the Muslim faith for his soon return.

We were then taken through the 'Concept Of Apologetics' by Pastor Samuel Lumwe who led us in a very deep study. The evening closed after a period of discussion, and Dr Terry Messenger, director of Personal Ministries at the SEC, reminded us that this ministry has great potential, as long as God is in control.

Sabbath morning, Laverne Byng started worship



with songs and prayers. Carol Otunno from the Oxford church remarked: 'I truly have been blessed by this ministry and everyone should take this back to their churches and use it.'

The AMR ministry has changed and expanded and has been richly blessed by new team members from Muslim backgrounds who have a vision of bringing others whom they have left behind in their old faith.

A movie compiled by Danny Julie took us down memory lane, showing highlights of events throughout the SEC. Further workshops by Pastor Samuel Lumwe took place throughout the day. After lunch a very thought-provoking film was screened by Beng Tang, one of the core members of the AMR team.

The theme of the retreat was to train, enrich and make outreach possible in a humble way. Kathleen Connage and her husband Errol from Dunstable shared their testimonies, and they were not for the faint hearted. After a further presentation and a period of worship, it was mealtime with more delicious dishes cooked by our Mauritian chef Rajesh.

Sunday morning. We had half a day to cover plans put forward by Pastor Petras Bahadur. The retreat would not have been complete without a period of Questions and Answers, chaired by John Bishop, a very able speaker in Islamic topics, with support from the AMR team and Pastor Lumwe. Each student left with a copy of the pocket-sized book *Is our Creator a loving God?* by Therese Valsin, who came and gave words of encouragement. Over lunch, while talking with Roger Murphy, headmaster of the Stanborough School, it was a pleasant surprise to learn that there is a demand from the Muslim community for places in the school for their children because of the common values and interests that we share.

Pastor Petras Bahadur is very thankful for all the pastors who came and supported this ministry and are taking it back to their churches, namely, Pastor Shepherd, Pastor Toy, Pastor Steve Roberts and Pastor Michael Simpson from the NEC. In the closing period on Sunday morning Pastor Aristotle Vontzalidis, Church Growth director at the SEC, gave us words of encouragement and left us with thoughts to take away with us.

\*Adventist-Muslim Relations

## Merseyside: Fellowship and witnessing

Opportunities for fellowship can also be useful as evangelistic tools, a fact that was aptly demonstrated in the Merseyside district. On 21 March the Liverpool Central, Stoneycroft, Wallasey and Southport churches came together for a special fellowship Sabbath held at a Liverpool high school, Childwall Sports College.

Rather than limit the occasion to fellowship among church members, the churches decided to use it to invite the community to view and take part in the services of the Adventist church. In a military-style operation, the church had embarked on a leaflet distribution campaign around the school a week before the day. Maps were prepared, members assigned streets in pairs, and over 1,500 flyers were distributed through every door in the area. The members also used the opportunity to distribute invitations to join the Discovery Bible School.

On the day itself, a highly interactive Sabbath School was presented by the youth, followed in the divine service by a powerful sermon addressing the theme for the day – 'Uncertain times! What next?' – from the NEC president, Pastor Ian Sweeney. The afternoon witnessed the presentation of various well-chosen musical items from local groups and individuals, before a final message from Pastor Sweeney. Pastor Mike Simpson, NEC Personal Ministries director, who had also attended the event, closed proceedings with a word of prayer.

As a thank you for the contributions made by both pastors, local minister Pastor Ebenezer Daniel presented them with special T-shirts emblazoned with the Seventh-day Adventist logo on the front and advertising both the NEC motto ('Citizens of God's Kingdom; Loving God and All People') and the Liverpool church website <http://www.liverpoolsdchurch.org> on the back. The district was blessed with a total of six non-Adventist visitors on the day. Among them was the director of a local university's religious department, the Reverend Dr Daniel Jeyaraj of the Andrew F. Walls Centre at Hope University.

MERLVIN MOYO

## Mark leaves for ADRA International

Leamington Mission hosted two special occasions on Sabbath 21 February. The church was filled to capacity with family members and friends of the Powls and the Castellino families.

During the morning divine service Graham and Emma Powls, along with their son Damien and their extended family, presented their daughter Faith Rhiannon to God for dedication. The service was carried out by Nigel Clarke, one of the elders at the Mission. Nigel spoke of the love that parents have for their children, but nothing compares to the love that God has for us. Nigel charged both

Faith's family and members of Leamington to be responsible for our little ones. This service was very special for Graham, Emma and Damien as they stood before God, together with their respective parents, to acknowledge their responsibilities for both of their children. Leamington members welcomed baby Faith, and she has added to the ever-growing number of babies being born to members of Leamington Mission. Emma's brother, Mark Castellino, who works as Programmes director for ADRA-UK, preached his last sermon before leaving England to work for ADRA International in

Washington D.C., as Associate director for Planning. Special music was rendered by a group of young ladies called Unlimited, friends of Mark from his Newbold days. They had also composed a special item dedicated solely to Mark.

A celebration lunch was provided for all visitors and members after the service.

The weather was beautiful and so, as is traditional on Sabbath afternoons at Leamington, many people went for a walk to Jephson Gardens nearby. There we took the opportunity to hand out leaflets advertising Leamington Mission's forthcoming meetings about Science and Faith Conversations which will take place on Saturday



evenings for five weeks. We pray that God will lead people to come and have a taste of the real 'Origin of the Species'. A spiritual vesper service was held for everyone on our return from witnessing and walking at Jephson Gardens.

The evening programme was a farewell party for Mark who leaves us at the end of the month.

Members of the Mission, together with the many visitors who had come from far and wide, hosted an International Evening, where there was a variety of different dishes from various countries to taste. Speeches were given by two of his close friends, Andrew Layland and Matheau Woodyatt, wherein revelations and secrets were divulged, together with photographs depicting the life and times of Mark – some to his embarrassment.

ESTELLE HARTLEY-MCDONALD

HAZEL LAYLAND

## Bristol baptism

It was a lovely sunny afternoon on 14 March when three special ladies were baptised into both the Bristol Central and North Bristol churches. The service was conducted by the minister of both churches, Pastor Richard Daly. The three candidates were Dorothea Murray, Jennie Lindsay and Samantha Douglas. Both Jennie and Samantha have been going to North Bristol church for a while, and Dorothea regularly attends Bristol Central church. The baptism took place at Bristol Central church in the afternoon, when the church was packed full of supporting family, friends and members from both churches who were all very happy as the ladies decided to declare publicly their love for Christ and to give their lives to him.

Guest speaker Namushi Namuchana, who had preached in the morning at North Bristol, gave an inspiring sermonette, encouraging us all to hold on and cling to God who is the 'author and finisher of our faith' (Hebrews 12:2).

Just before Jennie was about to enter the baptismal pool, she and her daughter Leeanna Kelly, a member of Bristol Central, read her favourite scripture, and this was followed by a special musical item, sung beautifully by the North Bristol Choir. Before Samantha entered the pool, her husband,

Tim, read her favourite scripture. Friends and fellow North Bristol members Lori-Ann and her mother Andrea dedicated a special song to Samantha entitled 'Empty and broken I came to him', reminding her that God is the potter, we are the clay, and he is able to make us whole again. The day was a double celebration for Dorothea and her family as she also dedicated her daughter Omara to the Lord during the service. Pastor Daly said a special prayer for both

Omara and her family, asking for guidance and thanking God for the gift of her in Dorothea's life. Just before entering the pool, her sister Claudette also read a favourite scripture and sang an impromptu rendition of 'His eye is on the sparrow'. At the end Pastor Daly made an appeal for people who hadn't already made a decision for Christ to come forward, and five people responded and accepted the call.

## 'Watering Hole' baptism

by Rosemary Lethbridge

'The Watering Hole', a church plant in the SEC, had a special Easter weekend. We had the opportunity to enjoy all those things that have become associated with Easter – you know, eating lots of chocolate eggs and hot cross buns, giving and receiving cards with rabbits. We were also able to enjoy organising an Easter egg hunt.

But we all knew that those things, fun though they are, are not the real reason for Easter. So we made ample time to remind ourselves of what Jesus did to show that he loves each one of us because we are very special to him.

Our Easter service this year was particularly special because it included a baptism. Mrs Stormee McCarthy decided that Easter was the right time to demonstrate her desire to follow the Lord. Friends, family and contacts from the community all gathered to witness her decision and celebrate with her. This is the first baptism that we have celebrated since we became a church plant two years ago. (The first year was spent praying, planning and preparing to launch and the second year we started community ministries

and church services.) Every person in our church plant team contributed in some way or another to ensuring that this event was a memorable one for Stormee.

We also worked together as a team to organise the Calmore Community Egg Hunt and craft activities on Sunday morning. A 'Decorate an Easter basket' competition brought more than twenty-five baskets to be judged before starting the whole proceedings with a countdown, followed by a mass mad dash for eggs.

Ninety-seven people registered to hunt for 1,300 mini eggs hidden throughout the community centre grounds, the recreation field and woodland beyond. In addition, people searched for 245 tokens to exchange for other eggs. There were prizes for the first family back with their quota of eggs, and everyone searched long and hard for the elusive golden token that would be exchanged for a giant-sized egg.

Why put on an egg hunt? Well, we believe that Jesus made opportunities to mingle with people in his community, getting to know them and where possible meeting their needs. He then invited them to know more about him and follow him. So the egg hunt gave us an opportunity to mingle, serve our community and develop friendships where people would feel comfortable asking questions about God and church.

## Newbold's new Business lecturer

by Helen Pearson

Newbold's team of Business lecturers has been reinforced this month with the appointment of a Brazilian lecturer, Ailson de Moraes. Ailson graduated from Newbold with a Behavioural Sciences degree in 2003 and has since studied Business in London, both at City University where he gained an MA, and at Royal Holloway, University of London. For the last four years, he has been teaching Comparative Business to undergraduates at Royal Holloway, guest lecturing at Newbold and other European Business schools in the UK and Belgium, and researching the strategic management of Business schools as part of his PhD programme at Royal Holloway. He is a member of both the Chartered Institute for Professional Development and the Chartered Management Institute.

Ailson – whose wife and two brothers also teach – started his professional business life in international firms in Brazil, Argentina, Portugal, Spain and the UK before moving into teaching. His triple nationality – Brazilian, British and Portuguese – enriches further the already international nature of the team of Newbold Business lecturers. 'Ailson comes to the College with a variety of professional experience and brings enormous energy to his life and teaching,' says his colleague, Marinko Markek. 'A good example of this is his recent fundraising for ADRA-UK where he organised a team and raised £500 with an Italian evening in Newbold's international community. That sort of dedication and commitment will stand him in good stead, and we are glad to welcome him.'

John Crissey, himself once a Newbold Business student, and now, after a distinguished career in IBM, a lecturer in Business, says: 'Ailson brings in an enormous amount of the practical business experience students want most. With this sort of dynamism and passion for Christian Business education in the team, nothing is going to stop us as we continue to expand our programme in the years ahead!'

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**NORAH MARRINER (1910-2009) d. 12 January.** The longest-standing member of the Stanborough Park church, Norah Marriner, was laid to rest on 5 February. As a third generation Adventist, Norah moved to Watford in 1929 when she commenced work as a receptionist at the Stanborough Press. Her grandparents, Mr and Mrs Horsepool, joined the church in Sheffield in 1903 after having provided temporary accommodation to two pioneer evangelists – Pastors E. E. Andross and A. G. Daniels. Norah weighed just two pounds at birth and was not expected to live. Her mother, Ruth, was bedridden for the first five years of Norah's life and, to make matters worse, her colporteur father, Walter James, several years after having established a new church at Bradford in 1915, suffered a complete nervous breakdown. It was only through prayer and trust in God and several special anointings that Walter and the family survived. Norah married Matthew Marriner, an employee at the Stanboroughs Hydro, in 1934 and three years later they were blessed with a daughter, Adina. As a staunch member of her local church, Norah developed a great love for children and initially became involved with numerous young people's activities, including the inauguration of a well-supported Sunday School. She then took on the responsibility of head deaconess and arranged (in conjunction with the Department for Social Services) a regular visitation programme for more than 100 shut-ins. In 1976 she established the Senior Members' group, which still meets every two weeks at the Park church. Following forty years of diverse denominational service, Norah lived a very active life until her 88th year. Her final decade, spent mainly in the confines of her bedroom and several nursing homes, was understandably quite challenging – but she received great support and comfort from Adina, even though she, too, has not enjoyed the best of health.

But, most importantly, Norah's faith was absolutely steadfast to the end. Severe weather conditions sadly limited the size of the farewell congregation, though Gerald Ives from the USA and other relatives from Shrewsbury did brave the elements. The service was conducted by Pastors Patrick Boyle and Ian Sleeman. Dr Cynthia Benz presented a reminder of Norah's favourite scripture, and Sharon Yeo provided musical inspiration. The committal was undertaken by Pastor Richard Vine. Like many other Stanboroughians whose loved ones have been laid to rest in the North Watford Cemetery, Adina and her husband Douglas look forward to the great awakening call of the Master. A more detailed account of the incredible miracles which were experienced by Norah Marriner and her family can be found in a book which she wrote in 1998 entitled *God Always Answers – sometimes yes, sometimes no, sometimes wait*. Several historical pictures are also featured on [www.adventisthistory.org.uk/documents.php](http://www.adventisthistory.org.uk/documents.php).

**PASTOR JOHN ARTHUR**

Adina and Douglas Farrant wish to express sincere thanks for all the cards, prayers, messages of comfort, floral tributes and monetary donations in excess of £500 to assist the work of the Adventist Discovery Centre and Diabetes-UK.

### **MYRTLE ROSALIND STONE (née Maxwell) (1918-2009) d. 15 March.**

Myrtle Stone was born in July 1918. She was just two years of age when her missionary parents took her with them to East Africa. Her father, Pastor Spencer Maxwell, was to begin his work at Kamagambo Mission, Gendia, in what was then called Kenya Colony. Over the next few years Myrtle was to move to other parts of East Africa with her parents. She returned to Britain in 1936. At the beginning of the Second World War she was a nurse in London. An event during the bombing of the East End was to change her life dramatically. A young man, Robert Stone, was injured by a bomb blast. When he regained consciousness, he saw Myrtle and fell in love with this caring

young nurse. They were married within the year and were blessed with three sons, Malcolm, Richard and Andrew. Sadly, in the past few years both her husband Robert and son Richard died soon after one another. Myrtle's father and stepmother retired to Weymouth in Dorset, and at a gathering there, to mark the fifty years Pastor Spencer Maxwell had served in the ministry, Myrtle gave a vivid account of her experiences as a child in Africa. Her memories were of campfires and long safaris through the bush, of being carried across rivers swaying in a hammock, and of long hours of loneliness when her father was away from home. What she remembered most was the fellowship and love and regular worship in her parents' home. Later in their lives, Myrtle and Robert Stone were mainstays in the Guildford church and were often hospitable hosts to visitors, including many students from Newbold College. In 1984 they moved to Llay, near Wrexham in North Wales. They became members of the Welsh Mission Isolated church, and often attended services at Rhyl and Ffynnonogroyw. Among Myrtle's hobbies was gardening, and it was a joy to see her garden at Llay and later in Rossett, where she spent her last years. She loved watching the broadcasts from 3ABN and even enjoyed participating in the physical exercises from the programme 'Body and Spirit', albeit from her armchair. During the past few years Myrtle suffered ill health and grief when close family members died. However, she was always in good spirits when people visited her. She was much appreciated by her neighbours in Rossett. She was closely involved with the local Vision Support group, a registered charity for the visually impaired. She was active in the Art, Crafts and Gardening clubs. She was also a keen photographer. At Rossett, Myrtle found fellowship among the members of the Presbyterian church, and it was fitting that the husband and wife team, Stewart and Paula Miles, both ministers of the church, should take part in the funeral service. The writer spoke about Myrtle's early life, the legacy in souls of the family in Africa, the work of her Uncle Arthur and the blessing the family had been to so many. Myrtle passed to her rest at Wrexham Maelor Hospital on Sunday 15 March and was laid to rest in Rossett Parish churchyard on 27 March. We remember in prayer her sons, Malcolm and Andrew, their wives, her eleven grandchildren and the families of her sisters and brother, Ruth, Enid and Stanley. At the interment Pastor John Surridge closed with a prayer for the family and all those who were close to our sister. We look forward to meeting our sister at the return of Jesus.

**DR B. P. PHILLIPS**



### **KEITH ALAN WILLIAM LETHBRIDGE (1932-2009) d. 20 March.**

Keith (the older – by eight years – of two boys) was born to Albert and Laura (née Bartlett) Lethbridge in London on 29 September 1932. Keith married Elizabeth (née Bryanstone) in the early fifties in London. Their three sons (Gordon, Adrian and Julian) followed in the next four years, during which time Keith went to Newbold to study for a business degree. During Keith's sojourn at Newbold, the Stanborough Press was partially destroyed by fire, and he was called from Newbold to take up the position of treasurer at the Press, and he and his family moved to Grantham with the Press in 1966. Following a call from the mission field, Keith and family

moved to Nigeria in July 1967, where he was to work as the secretary/treasurer of the West Nigerian Mission, based in Ibadan. There, Keith spent the next few years in his main job, as well as overseeing aid convoys (from the Church) to the war-torn east of the country during the civil war, and administering various churches. From Nigeria Keith was moved along the coast to Liberia, where he helped to pastor ten churches. He also served as chaplain and English and RE teacher at Konola Academy. In 1974 the family moved back home to England, and Keith became a licensed minister. He also trained as a marriage guidance counsellor with Relate, and later became an elder in the then fledgling Milton Keynes church. In the mid eighties, Keith and Liz took it upon themselves to run a guest-house up in the mountains of North Wales. It was at this stage that the first signs of the illnesses that eventually took his life began to manifest themselves. However, it was only when they retired to Bala that the full diagnosis was made. It was finally decided that more help could be gained by moving nearer to family and therefore in 2006 they moved back to Milton Keynes. Keith and Liz moved into a purpose-built complex in 2007. It has 24/7 care and specially designed accommodation, and it was there that Keith lived out the remainder of his life. In the early hours of Friday morning, 20 March, Keith breathed his last. His wife and his sons were at his bedside as he passed peacefully away. He is survived by his wife Liz, his three sons, Gordon, Adrian and Julian, three daughters-in-law (Rosemary, Suzanne and Stefanie), four grandchildren (Louise, Charles, Douglas and Sara), one great-grandchild (Bethany), his brother Gordon and his wife (Evelyn), who live in America, their three sons (Kevin, Kurt and Keith), two great-nephews (Adrian and Caleb) and two great-nieces (Lyndsey and Kylee). A service of celebration was held on 3 April, and Keith was laid to rest, waiting for the Lord he served all his life. A sizeable group of friends and those who knew and had learned to love him in his final years met with all the family at the Church of Christ the Servant King in Milton Keynes to say farewell to a man who was much loved and admired. These included a group from Africa who travelled especially to say farewell to the 'father' they had known and loved, and they sang at Keith's graveside. Also there was 'Dr Liz', a friend who is the 'adopted sister' of the family and a great comfort to all who know her. The service was not a sad farewell but a celebration of a life well lived. Rosemary Lethbridge spoke for the family with a message of hope. Julian spoke, on behalf of the family, of a father dearly loved and admired. Mike, the Anglican vicar who had visited Keith in the later stages of his illness, spoke of the love and friendship that he himself had found in Keith. Nia, who was Keith and Liz's vicar in Bala, North Wales, also officiated at the service, reminding us of how Keith and Liz had supported her, too. Other friends from Wales also came to share the occasion. Sons and grandsons carried Keith to his last resting place. Even in death, Keith did what he did all his life – helped others, this time by donating organs to medical research to assist in finding a cure for Parkinson's disease. The family would like to thank all of those who have supported them in these sad and painful times.

**ADRIAN LETHBRIDGE**

**GEOFFREY BAMPFIELD (1919-2009) d. 1 May.** The Huddersfield church is saddened to report the loss of one of its most senior

members. Geoff was educated at Mirfield Grammar School. He joined the RAF in 1939 as a radio operator to work on a top-secret radar installation. He was handpicked to work with Lord Mountbatten in Asia and the Far East. After the war, he was the chief engineer for Pennine Radio. He invented a set-top box that allowed early TV sets to receive both BBC and ITV. He then ran his own TV and radio shop for twenty years. *The Huddersfield Local Examiner* did a full page write-up on his life in April of last year, featuring his distinguished army career and his work as an inventor. Geoff always had a book open on his desk – he would be reading advanced mathematics or a book on the Bible. Geoff was first contacted through door-to-door ministry by the Huddersfield church. He worked through just about every VOP course on offer. He joined the church in August 1999. Geoff's only brother lives in Canada, but Geoff found a brother in Christ in Clyde Facey, the head deacon of the Huddersfield church. Clyde cared for him daily, taking Geoff a hot meal and giving him unfailing ministry for over ten years. Geoff is survived by his sisters Betty and Margaret, brother Brian and ten nephews and nieces. Geoff was laid to rest in the Almondbury Cemetery just a few weeks before his 90th birthday to await the call of his Lord on that great and final day.

**PASTOR BARRY STOKES**



### **GWENDOLINE MABEL BRINSON (1920-2009) d. 13 April.**

It was with great sadness that members of the Gloucester church, along with family, friends and care home staff, gathered on 24 April and celebrated the life of the much loved and cherished Gwendoline Mabel Brinson – affectionately known by many as 'Aunty Gwen'. Born in 1920 to Walter and Edith Carr, Aunty Gwen and her parents joined the then small company of church members in Gloucester following a visit from Bible workers to the family home. This saw the start of her long and dedicated service to the Lord. Aged 7, Aunty Gwen began learning to play the piano, initially at home, and then, after four years of practice, she began to play for church services – something that she did up until a few months before she died aged 89. During this time, and week after week, she skillfully played the organ and piano, as the congregation sang hymns of praise and thanksgiving to God. Soloists, various singing groups and choirs were also accompanied by Aunty Gwen who patiently and lovingly supported them as they sang for various occasions, including weddings, baptisms, funerals and area days of fellowship. Indeed, such was her commitment of service to God that on many occasions visiting preachers would extend a special and warm greeting to their sister in Christ who, despite failing health, continued to serve God and the church in this capacity. In addition, Aunty Gwen had also held many other positions in church, including Sabbath School teacher and superintendent, head deaconess and church cleaner – posts that enabled her dedication and love for Christ to shine through. As head deaconess, she recognised the magnitude of her calling as she undertook her duties in this capacity. Therefore, utensils used only for the preparation and baking of the communion bread were set aside, thus seen as *holy* and no longer for *common* use. However, Aunty Gwen always began the process by cleaning the oven in which the uncooked bread was going to be placed. Outside

of church, in her home and in the wider community, these qualities remained in evidence. Her children, David and Bob, born during her first marriage to Edward Cook, and adopted daughter Mary, who brought additional joy to her second marriage to Harold Brinson, were introduced to Jesus from an early age and saw their mother care for her ageing parents and others needing assistance and a compassionate response. Not without facing challenges herself, Aunty Gwen's faith and trust in God never faltered as she continued to give of her best in all tasks. Employed as a machine presser in a local shirt factory, she took pride in her work and often spoke of the beautiful ball gowns that she also worked on. She later worked as a school dinner lady, a job she loved and held for eleven years up until her retirement. However, after caring for her sick husband Harold until he died, Aunty Gwen continued to serve others as part of the Meals on Wheels service offered by the Women's Royal Voluntary Service. By this time she was 65 years old and, in order to fulfil these duties, learned to drive and passed her driving test – an achievement that amused her family and church members and neighbours alike! Never idle, Aunty Gwen also knitted cardigans for newborn babies and squares that were used to make blankets for homeless people. Living a humble and simple life, Aunty Gwen did so independently until she was 81 years old, at which point she moved into sheltered accommodation before moving to a residential home when her own care needs increased. During this time, Aunty Gwen's physical and mental health began to deteriorate and while at times her memory failed her, the familiar faces of her immediate and church family, as well as life-long friends, kept her going. Remarkably, while she may have struggled with knowing where she was in relation to time and place, her regular attendance at church – assisted by church members – provided her with a familiarity that could only have been reassuring for this ageing servant of God. Not long before Aunty Gwen was unable to attend church due to her failing health, on one particular Sabbath after she had played the piano for the divine service, and as members vacated the sanctuary, she turned to hymn 331 in the *Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal* and started to play this familiar tune to the words that obviously meant so much to her: 'O Jesus, I have promised To serve Thee to the end; Be thou forever near me, My Master and my Friend; I shall not fear the battle If thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway If thou wilt be my Guide.' Therefore, it was with much sadness that the news of Aunty Gwen's death was announced. Throughout her life she had exemplified the virtues of a true Christian wife, mother, grandmother and friend who had dedicated her life to serving God and others. She had embraced people from all walks of life and cultural backgrounds, and her genuine kindness was appreciated by so many in and outside of the church. The beautifully simple funeral service led by Pastor Tarlev, assisted by Pastor Clothier, was attended by Aunty Gwen's children, grandchildren and other relatives who joined members of Gloucester church who had gathered to celebrate the life of a precious soul who was laid to rest on 24 April. Aunty Gwen is survived by her younger sister Ede Iverson who lives in America, her three children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and leaves behind a church family who look forward to that resurrection morning when they hope to be reunited with their dear sister.

**MIRIAM MORGAN**







## Baptism on the beach

The sun shone down on the beach at Aberdaron, and a strong wind did not stop Dave, Iveta and Karolina Picart stepping out in faith into the Irish Sea, protected by wetsuits and sporting special T-shirts to celebrate the occasion.

The service, conducted by Pastor Geoff Smith and witnessed by many family and friends on the shoreline, saw Dave, Iveta and Karolina dedicate their lives to God through the most special of acts, and the setting, down on the Llyn Peninsula, added to the occasion. The event also saw the church membership grow by three, as all of the candidates were welcomed into the Wilmslow and Sale fellowship. Over the past few months we have enjoyed a growing number of regular visitors, whom we no longer see just as visitors, but consider them as part of the church family now. Please keep Dave, Iveta and Karolina in your prayers as they grow in their faith and relationship with him.

Please also keep the church, its growth, and the direction in which it is heading in your prayers. Visit [www.wilmslowadventists.org.uk](http://www.wilmslowadventists.org.uk) for pictures and more information on our church.

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## Mark Bruce and Rene Fox

... are new members of Crieff's faith community.

Crieff church has had the joy of welcoming two new members in the past few months.

Mark Bruce developed an interest in last-day events while serving in the British Army in Iraq. He began searching the Internet, where he came across various SDA sites which he eagerly studied. When he eventually came home to Scotland, he came along to Crieff church and surprised the pastor by asking for baptism on the first time of meeting. Some further studies followed, and on Sabbath 6 December 2008 Mark was baptised. Mark is a voracious student of the Bible and loves to share his faith in the second advent of Jesus with all he can. Mark has introduced his brother and family to the church as well. He has brought a vibrant outlook to the Crieff church and rejoices in the Advent hope.

Rene's journey was very different – she is conscious of following the Lord from her childhood days but recalls a strong commitment to the Lord, which led to her baptism in the Baptist church in her thirties. In 2000 she attended some meetings by Pastor Bob Rodd and began coming along to church. After

some studies with the pastor, she became a part of the Crieff church family by vote on Sabbath 2 May 2009. She brings to our fellowship a gentle and peaceable love for the Lord. We are privileged to have her as part of our church faith community.



PASTOR LLEWELLYN R. EDWARDS

### TENDERS INVITED TO PROVIDE LUNCH-TIME SCHOOL MEALS AT HARPER BELL ADVENTIST SCHOOL

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