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## £14,000 raised at Stanborough Park Flower Festival

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**A** weekend flower festival has raised almost £14,000 for Helen and Douglas House Hospice, a home providing care for teenagers and young adults. 'God has been so good to us and blessed us mightily,' said Audrey Balderstone, organiser of the Stanborough Park church flower festival. 'Our goal was to raise £10,000, and I am so excited that we have surpassed this!'

'At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow', sung with power and conviction, was a fitting hymn with which to end the flower festival that ran from 25 to 28 June. Entitled 'Windows on to God', it drew hundreds of non-members into the church each day to marvel at the superb floral displays which interpreted words of Scripture. Focusing on the attributes of God, the ways in which he interacts with his people, his redemptive love and power, and the ways in which we respond to his love, the aim of the flower festival was to uplift the name of Jesus and to remind our visitors of his great creative power.

Thirty-five arrangers drawn from local non-Adventist churches and flower clubs in the area joined with the Stanborough arrangers to create forty displays of stunning beauty. On the hottest weekend of the year it was a challenge to keep the flowers looking fresh over four days, but as Audrey said at the preview on Thursday evening, 'God works miracles in this church' – and he did. The flowers, with a lot of tender loving care, stayed fresh, and even a torrential thunderstorm and local flooding did not prevent the church being filled for the excellent Saturday evening classical concert. It took the prospective Tory parliamentary candidate, Richard Harrington, three hours to make a half-hour journey, but he brought a warm personal message of support from Tory leader David Cameron whose late son benefited from the care at Helen and Douglas House Hospice – our chosen charity this year. An offering collected over £1,400 and reflected appreciation for the excellence of the music organised by Roland Guenin.

The 'River of Roses' was a popular feature of the flower festival, with visitors able to give a donation for a rose which they then placed in the water to remember a loved one, say 'thank you' to family and friends or to give praise to God. Associate pastor, Mary Barrett, was thrilled at the opportunities she had to talk with visitors about spiritual matters, and all involved were able to answer many questions about our beliefs. Most of the congregation who attended the 'Hymns and Songs of Praise' service introduced by Valerie Fidelia were non-members. The singing, conducted by Pastor Roy Burgess, was led by the Stanborough Choir and young instrumentalists from the church. The Sabbath morning service, at which Pastor Paul Clee spoke, had an overflow of over 100 who watched the service via a video link in another room.

Audrey says, 'Our God is a God of miracles and we witnessed his power, his love and his goodness in mighty ways during our flower festival. We are truly delighted with the amount we could raise for Douglas House and for the witness of this festival.'

DVDs of the flower festival are available by sending a cheque made payable to 'SPC Flower Festival' to: Flower Festival, Stanborough Park Church, 609 St Albans Road, Watford, WD25 9JL at a cost of £6 including postage and packing. All profits will go to Helen and Douglas House Hospice. Photos are available in the BUC picture gallery: [www.adventist.org.uk](http://www.adventist.org.uk).



Sister Frances and Audrey Balderstone

What do you make of this latest survey which shows how little is known in this country about the Bible?

The public is widely ignorant of the stories and people who provide the basis of Christianity, a survey has found, despite 75% of respondents owning a copy of the Bible. The National Biblical Literacy Survey found that as few as 10% of people understood the main characters in the Bible and their relevance. Figures such as Abraham and Joseph were a source of puzzlement and it was rare to find anyone who could name the Ten Commandments.

St John's College in Durham carried out the survey. The full report is expected to be published. Researchers found that 57% of people knew nothing about Joseph or his brothers, despite the hit musical *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*, and 60% were ignorant of the story of the Good Samaritan.

The Revd Brian Brown, a Methodist

minister and visiting lecturer at St John's, said he was startled by the lack of knowledge and understanding among people questioned, despite a third of them saying that the Bible was important to them.\*

Unlike the Methodist pastor, I am no longer startled by such findings. I am not exactly delighted with them, but I am not surprised, as it becomes obvious, from other surveys and when you talk to people, how little biblical knowledge they have. The next question is: Does this mean people are worse, that is, is their behaviour less moral, because they don't know much about the Bible? Not necessarily. Consider this statement:

'Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.' James 1:22.

I suppose it may help to a certain extent if people know the biblical stories and teachings. However, the above quotation from the book of James (and just in case anyone is reading this who is not familiar with

with Jonathan Barrett



## Bible survey

Christianity, James is a book of the Bible) makes it clear that knowledge of the Word (the Bible) is not as important as actually responding to it. Those of us who are familiar with these things have to make sure that we don't fall into the trap of thinking that we are OK because we have a certain level of biblical knowledge. That is a good starting point, but is of little value unless we internalise it, think it through, take note of its implications, seek help from God, and decide to act upon it.

\*www.independent.co.uk/arts-entertainment/books/news/britain-knows-little-about-bible-1722933.html



# One day in Jerusalem

David Marshall

Traffic congestion where the Joppa-Jerusalem and the Damascus-Jerusalem roads met just north of the City. And it was vexing. Those coming from both west and north had walked all night and all day to be at Jerusalem in time.

The congestion was made up of hundreds of thousands of pedestrians – interspersed by occasional donkey- and camel-riders – all packed into a wedge of people determined to get into Jerusalem. The aim had been to arrive before 3pm when the priest slew the Passover lamb. As 3 approached, some were wondering if they would make it into the stuffed-full ancient city by sundown.

So what was causing the hold-up?

Ahead, outside the walls, was Golgotha, the northerly outcrop of the Moriah ridge. The Roman authorities were taking advantage of a feast to terrify the visiting Jews with a crucifixion. The uprights were kept in place more or less permanently. All the Roman centurion and his execution squad had to do was to nail the criminals' wrists to the crossbeam, hoist it up the vertical, nail it, and nail the feet, one on top of the other, to a wooden wedge attached to the vertical for that purpose.

Before the oncoming pilgrims had sight of the three crosses, nerves had been taut.

Shortly after noon had passed, a woman had told her husband that it was becoming difficult to see. There were no clouds, but the sky was inexplicably darkening.

Golgotha was a hill about twenty feet high where the Joppa and Damascus roads came together outside the city. Even in the unnatural dusk there was no way the thousands who shuffled on by could miss the three crosses.

Those passing Golgotha at three heard the man on the centre cross cry out, 'I'm thirsty,' then, 'My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?' and then, 'It is finished.' Thereafter his body hung from the cross in a way that indicated he was dead.

At the same time a sound was heard that made the crowd think of a herd of ani-

mals stampeding underground. The earth shook for some time. A small crack fissured the earth from west to east, and split the road and the Golgotha rock itself. The crowd panicked and tried to go in all directions at once. In the temple, built on the southernmost outcrop of the Moriah ridge, an unseen hand rent the inner veil of the temple from top to bottom 'throwing open to the gaze of the multitude a place once filled with the presence of God'. The knife of the priest about to slay the lamb dropped 'from his nerveless hand'. The lamb escaped. 'The great sacrifice has been made. The way to the holiest is laid open. A new and living way is prepared for all.' (DA, 756, 757.)

As crowds continued to push past Golgotha, a wife told her husband that at least the light was better now.

But the death of the Man on the centre cross had attracted attention. As the light improved it became evident that the crowd around the crosses included a sizeable segment of Jerusalem's religious establishment. They had chosen to absent themselves from the temple services to make sure that this Galilean was dead and buried by sundown. They knew that death by crucifixion was slow and agonising and came by suffocation when the victim was unable any longer to relieve the constriction of the chest by using his nailed feet to support some of his weight.

It was so that the Jews could go home for their Sabbath and the Romans could go home for their tea that one member of the execution squad, with an act of extreme violence, broke the legs of the criminals on either side of Jesus. Suffocation came in minutes.

The Man on the centre cross was already dead. But could the centurion and his four-man squad be sure? The Romans had not invented crucifixion but they had refined it as the ultimate in torture. Romans knew about torture. And they knew about death. There was not one of the passing pilgrims who would have argued with that.

There were Roman rules on how to make crucifixion as excruciating as possible. There were further rules to ensure that circumstances could not transpire in which a condemned criminal could survive crucifixion. Responsibility was down to the centurion and his four-man squad. Under the rules, their own lives were on the line.

That was why, just to be sure, a member of the squad stuck a spear into Jesus' ribs. It would either kill him or prove that he was already dead.

John provides evidence that it did the latter: 'One of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water.' (19:34, emphasis supplied.)

After death, the body fluids separate out. Jesus was dead.

Satisfied, the chief priests left the scene.

Stragglers en route to Jerusalem would have seen, finally, just the execution squad, a youth and four women and, at a respectful distance, two members of the Sanhedrin in distinctive attire.

For some time it had been known that some of the Jewish leaders were undercover followers of Jesus.<sup>1</sup> At the foot of the cross two of them – the owner of the nearby tomb, Joseph, and Nicodemus – broke cover. They sought and received from the Roman governor permission to remove and bury the body of Jesus.<sup>2</sup>

That must have come as a relief to the youth and the four women who wept nearby: the mother of Jesus, his mother's sister, Mary wife of Clopas and Mary Magdalene.<sup>3</sup>

To the last of the pilgrims straggling by it looked as if the show was over. It was.

Through what had happened on the centre cross the plan for mankind's salvation was both *finished* and *completed*. Through a torn curtain 'he entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption'. (Hebrews 9:12, NKJV.)

References:

<sup>1</sup>John 12:42, 43. <sup>2</sup>John 19:38-42. <sup>3</sup>Colin G. Kruse, *JOHN: Tyndale New Testament Commentaries* (IVP, 2003), pages 367, 368.



## Enhancing Health

by Sharon Platt-McDonald RGN, RM, RHV, MSc  
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### Vegetarians and cancer risk

When UK researcher Tim Key and his team published the findings of a study in June 2009 in the advance access issue of the *British Journal of Cancer*, it came as no surprise that the overall cancer rates in vegetarians were lower than those of meat-eaters. What was surprising, however, was the data which showed that in one type of cancer – colorectal cancer – the vegetarians had a significantly higher rate of cancer than meat-eaters.

#### Background

The twelve-year study was the work of researchers working on the European Prospective Investigation into Cancer and Nutrition – Oxford (EPIC-Oxford). Lead author Tim Key, a Cancer Research UK epidemiologist from Oxford University, having examined studies about general cancer risk in vegetarians, wanted to undertake a comparative study to analyse individual cancer risks for specific types of cancer in both vegetarians and non-vegetarians.

EPIC data on 63,550 men and women aged 20 to 89 (recruited throughout the UK during the 1990s) was examined, and twenty types of cancer were studied.

#### Results

The key findings of the study were:

- After adjusting for potential confounders like age, sex, smoking, alcohol, BMI, physical activity, and so forth, the vegetarians showed an 11% lower incidence rate of all cancers compared with meat-eaters.
- However, for colorectal cancer, vegetarians showed a 39% higher incidence rate compared with meat-eaters.

#### Some discussion points

- Commentators on the study noted that non-vegan vegetarians tend to eat more dairy foods than meat-eaters in order to get enough protein and suggested that the increased consumption of dairy foods might

account for the spike in colon cancer among the vegetarians.

- However, the study data showed that the meat-eaters actually drank more milk than the vegetarians, though the vegetarians ate more cheese.
- Both groups in the cohort ate dairy and, since the vegans weren't evaluated separately, the impact of dairy wasn't measured in this study.
- Previous studies in China looking at cancer rates among people eating a diet almost void of dairy found a 90% reduction in cancer rates.
- It is possible that these vegetarians ate less healthily than the meat-eaters, compensating for the lack of meat by opting for the junk-food vegetarian diet that relies on cheese, pizzas and desserts which may be higher in unhealthy fats and sugars.

**Be vigilant!**



## Why roses have thorns

by Sylvia Spearing

The rose. Exquisite, perfected beauty. Nothing matches a rose.

Have you ever walked in a rose garden? I have. We used to have two rose beds in the garden of my childhood. I could never choose a favourite rose – they are all so beautiful! From pure white, lemon yellow, ripe apricot, dawn's pink blush, damask rose, salmon, crimson red, deep carmine to dusky plum. And that only skims the surface of their splendour. I would never attempt to describe their unique scent!

I remember my cousin and I as small girls trying to make 'rose perfume'. We collected fallen rose petals and stuffed them into dirty glass bottles, topping them up with water! These unwashed bottles from my shed probably at one time contained chemical substances! Needless to say, when we then wore the 'rose perfume' our ears and wrists experienced a tingling, mild burning sensation! It was my mother who pointed out the folly of our experiment – mainly the filthy bottles!

These days I live by the Atlantic Ocean. During the summer, the shoreline is filled with wild beach rose

hedges. I love all the colours: light pink, dark pink and white. They bloom on their prickly, thorn-covered stems, speaking out to the world. Reaching out with their beauty, gentleness, continuity, showing kindness through adversity. The air is sweetened by their breath, and our eyes are pleased with their charm. Every year they come. But why the thorns? *Why not?*

The man grumbled and complained bitterly because he needed new shoes. Until he met a man who had no legs. He then found his own problem so trivial an issue, because under his broken soles he had feet!

So when going up to smell and admire the roses next time, please marvel that the thorn bushes do indeed have rose blooms on them! Isn't it wonderful that those prickly shrubs should adorn themselves with magnificent, velvety, perfumed flowers?

Today, do not feel downcast about pain, grief, tragedy, sadness, illness or loss. Instead find the 'rose' on the thorn bush. Rejoice in something new; be happy with someone, even if it is only through a TV broadcast or magazine article; find fresh hope and believe.

'If the sun's not shining on me then at least it's shining on someone else.' *Guideposts*, June 09, p. 52, 'Taking wing' by Marg Helgenberger.

But why do roses have thorns? They don't! Thorns have roses!

## New cooking school Healthier food and cookery

by Angelette Müller

Experts predict that when today's children become middle-aged (by 2050), 90% of them will be overweight, obese or at risk of developing chronic diseases. Currently the UK ranks number one in Europe for obesity. And for child health and well-being the UK ranks 24<sup>th</sup> out of 29 in Europe according to the Child Poverty Action Group. The British Heart Foundation reports that 85% of the UK population do not meet the daily recommended intake of fruit and vegetables. This, together with a lack of knowledge of food and basic cookery skills, has resulted in directives from the European community and the Department of Health to call for intervention strategies that can positively impact the health and well-being of the nation.

The Adventist community has long had a reputation for a healthier lifestyle, and that has been equated with longer life and lower disease risk, including dietary choices (vegetarianism).

Interestingly, over the past ten years the health benefits reported for vegetarianism in the UK may be beginning to change. Tim Keys, an Oxford University researcher, has

spent almost twenty-five years looking at the influence of nutrition on disease risk. In 1999 in the Oxford Vegetarian Study (subjects recruited for study from 1980 to 84), vegetarians showed a significantly lower risk of cardiovascular disease compared to non-vegetarians (Appleby *et al*, 1999). Ten years later, research reported in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition* showed that there were no significant differences between UK vegetarians and non-vegetarians in circulatory diseases such as cardiovascular disease (Key *et al*, 2009).

Why has this change occurred? There may be many reasons for the change (including reasons related to the subjects chosen for the study). But we also know that changes in our overall lifestyle over the past ten to twenty years may influence our health. These lifestyle changes could include dietary changes. There could be a greater dependence on specific food choices that overall play a role in reducing the health benefits of the vegetarian diet.

- Processed pre-prepared meals – high salt (often overcooked) chilled or frozen meals or

desserts.

- White flour foods (white bread, pasta, cakes, biscuits).
- Highly processed oils (often used for frying).
- High intake of animal fats (hard cheese, higher fat creams, high intake of butter), applies to lacto vegetarians.
- Highly sugary foods.
- Lower levels of fibre.
- Lower levels of fruit and vegetables.
- Lower levels of natural plant-based protein such as pulses and moderate intake of nuts and seeds (up to one handful a day).
- Snacking on sugary foods or fizzy drinks.

Of course, the food choices listed above may apply to all diets, including omnivorous diets. Whatever your diet, everyone can benefit from healthier choices.

We understand that people live busy lives or may not be able to prepare their own food easily so may not be aware of how to manipulate the food choices they are making to have a healthier outcome. We recognise there are patterns of cooking or eating in a specific way that are difficult to change. Some individuals may know how to cook, but may need to be inspired with more ideas including healthier food choices and food preparation. Others need support to know how to cook healthier meals.

In response to this need for health and culinary education, a joint initiative to set up a cookery school with

support from Stanborough Park Secondary School and BUC Health Ministries has begun. The centre of education will be called the CREATE School of Integrated Health and Culinary Education, and we aim to open its doors in 2009/10.

Our mission is to create a centre of excellence, providing tailored interactive health and cookery courses for all ages. We want to have a positive impact on the health and well-being of our community. We plan to educate children and adults about their health and the benefits of food and culinary skills. Our aim is to create positive learning experiences tailored to meet the needs of each audience. We want to enable individuals both young and old to make positive, informed health and lifestyle choices that can impact their health today, tomorrow and for life.

Our aim is to improve knowledge of health and food (and its health benefits) and to develop culinary skills to enable people to prepare healthier dishes.

All our culinary courses are integrated with a health theme. We will modify the recipes to increase the overall health benefits of the final dish. There will be a growing range of courses to meet different levels of culinary skills and health knowledge.

We believe that childhood is a window of opportunity where children can make choices for health that can have an influence over their health for a lifetime. Our courses for children will provide a multi-sensory learning experience to engage young learners.

Additional courses will be designed to cater for professionals such as teachers who are interested in introducing basic health and culinary training in their classroom. We also are offering a Community Health and Culinary Education course that would be ideal for Health Ministry leaders and their teams, or anyone interested in health and nutrition. This will cover many aspects of nutrition, health promotion and culinary skills, including food demonstration. This is aimed to help support the work they do at health events, churches or in the community.

We are also offering basic healthy eating in-class attendance days that are interactive; or a ten-week course called Transition Nutrition for people who want to transform their diet.

Our courses will be offered through distance learning or a combination of e-learning and in-class attendance. The school will be located in Stanborough Park, Watford,

Hertfordshire. Most of the in-class attendance will be located there. The distance learning courses will include units that can be completed online and will be supported with a tutor.

Our health and cookery education courses will be unique in the way they combine health, food and culinary education. We hope to address the health and culinary skills needs in our community for children, individuals, families and professionals.

If you are interested in finding out more about the CREATE School of Integrated Health and Culinary Education, please contact Angelette Müller at [createnutrition@gmail.com](mailto:createnutrition@gmail.com) or 07599 199 948. We look forward to hearing from you.

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The deadline for this application 1 September 2009

## Holloway's young men in health outreach

by Ranette Prime

It is a well-known fact that people of African Caribbean descent are more likely to develop high blood pressure and diabetes, more likely to have a stroke and more likely to be affected by both these conditions at a younger age, compared with other populations within the UK. So where better for a healthy lifestyle outreach than at an Afro Hair and Beauty show?

The 27<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Afro Hair and Beauty Show was held at Alexandra Palace in North London on 24-25 May. Since 2006, Holloway church's healthy lifestyle outreach team have been invited to take part in what is regarded as one of the biggest annual events of north London. Amid stands and exhibitions displaying products and makeovers catering for external beauty, the healthy lifestyle stand had its own unique attractions. Firstly, its holistic approach to catering for the body, mind and spirit through the offer of the *Focus* magazine, back massages by Serita Tapper and the offer of pastoral prayer by Pastor Richard Holder and Pastor Nerine Barrett. But more striking this year was the team's choice of 'health assistants' to administer the blood pressure checks of the visitors.

'We wanted to use the young men of Holloway church, because we believe the best evangelism tools we have to reach young people are young people themselves,' stated Joyce Riley, a nursing practitioner and joint co-ordinator with Sister Ishie of the outreach programme. Other members of the team included Sister D. Ryan and Sister B. Davidson who provided the equipment and vision for the outreach programme.

The nine young men who volunteered to take part are regular members of Holloway church and range in age from 16 to 21. Prior to the event the young men were provided with an induction course on how to operate the blood pressure equipment and practise customer service skills supervised by qualified nurses.

And the training definitely paid off. The young men arrived promptly,



sometimes waiting in the rain to help set up the stands and the equipment for the visitors. Between 9am and 7pm over 400 people visited the stand for health checks and advice over the two days. Selected clients were offered as a token gift a CD entitled 'Understanding and managing diabetes' and a diabetes self-check machine, which they really appreciated.

The young men showed great initiative and enthusiasm by interacting with the many visitors around

the exhibition hall which held over 2,000 people a day, handing out over 250 *Focus* magazines, which included an article by Elsie Staple, the SEC Health director on the laws of health. Many visitors from various ethnic backgrounds were recruited this way. 'It was an amazing experience. I like helping and talking to people and felt really supported,' said one of the young men. The younger clients were also fascinated and encouraged to see young black men in particular involved in this form of community outreach.

## 'One soul — a victory'

May 9 was a very special Sabbath in Swindon church. Justin Cockett was baptised into God's family.

Readers may remember last year's report from Swindon church regarding the re-baptism of Linda Johnson after many years away. The Holy Spirit led her, with elder Ray Clarke, on a mission to spread God's Word here in Swindon.

Ray says, 'When you embark on a mission like that to spread the Word of God, the devil puts fears before you, like, "What if no one attends the seminars?" But we both agreed it wasn't up to us to worry about that, because that was the work of the Holy Spirit. Sister Linda and I agreed that if only one person accepted Jesus from these meetings, then it would be a victory. One soul is a victory for Jesus.'

The seminars started in October 2008. One of the church members, Bea Avanco, guided by the Holy Spirit, invited Justin to the Daniel and Revelation seminar. Swindon born and bred Justin does not have any Christian background but he accepted the invitation and came faithfully to the meetings.

Since then he has attended church faithfully each Sabbath, attended weekly prayer meetings and studies God's Word and the Spirit of Prophecy diligently. This culminated in Pastor Rudi Puskas baptising him into the fellowship of Swindon church.

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## Newbold College Awards Ceremony 2009

# Graduates challenged to be agents of change

by Helen Pearson

Pictures: Asun Olivan and Costa Vaggas

The fifty-three men and women who marched down the aisle of the Newbold Church Centre on 5 July were marking a significant step forward in developing their professional skills. The Awards Ceremony offered the members of the Class of 2009\* an opportunity to catch their breath and think about how they will use those skills in the world in which most of them are already working in one way or another. The various speakers at the Awards Ceremony

described the varieties of change needed in that world and encouraged the graduates to be agents of change.

In his welcome to the borough, Ian Leake, the Deputy Mayor of Bracknell Forest Borough Council, described a world in which 'poverty and oppression are a daily medicine'. The main speaker to the graduates, banker, lawyer and philanthropist, Dr Herta von Stiegel, pulled no punches as she listed the chal-

lenges of the 'global mountains' of poverty, climate change, deep spiritual hunger and a leadership vacuum. Focusing on the Old Testament leader Caleb, she urged the graduates to fill the leadership vacuum and seek the courage to conquer the

mountains and become 'cities of refuge' for those whom they seek to serve.

Leading out in her first Newbold Awards Ceremony, principal Jane Sabes extended a generous welcome to the visiting civic and religious dignitaries, the staff behind her on the platform and the graduates from twenty-six nationalities with their families and friends. She had an appropriate welcome, too, for a group of about thirty alumni from the 1950s, including seven alumni of the original nineteen men and women who had graduated from Newbold in 1959 and returned to celebrate their 50th anniversary at their *alma mater*. 'These are the men and women in whose footsteps you will walk,' she told the graduates of 2009.

The class included eleven UK

students. Christer Muloba received a Diploma in Therapeutic Counselling and Daniel Surridge a BS (Behavioural Science) degree. Burthlar Abrahams, Alastair Agbaje, Jonathan Holder and Bernadette Jerry all received BD Hons degrees. Craig Baxter, Pauline Bindra, Novey Medley, Kwesi Moore and Daniel Thompson all graduated with MAs in Theology, and Paul Tompkins received a DMin.

Music for the Awards Ceremony was provided by the graduates themselves. Swiss/Icelandic opera singer, Manfred Lemke, graduating with an MA in Theology, sang, 'Lord God of Abraham' from Mendelssohn's *Elijah*, and Behavioural Science graduates Sherri-Lee Galloway, Cindy Grey and Marianne Ottesen sang, 'My Tribute' by Andraé Crouch.

As the programme ended, the graduates and their friends spilled out for refreshments on the lawns in front of the Newbold Church Centre to the accompaniment of music by Korean violinist, Kai Choi. 'The sun shone, the violinist played, and the refreshments circulated. The whole occasion had the air of a real celebration,' said one participant. \*There were 60 graduates; 7 of them graduated in absentia. For further details and pictures go to [www.newbold.ac.uk](http://www.newbold.ac.uk)



1. The 1950s alumni group



2. Three generations of Newbold graduates



3. The UK graduates and staff

- 1. 1950s alumni and spouses.** Back row, (left to right): Ron Edwards, Philip Anderson, Verna Anderson, Siegfried Edwards, Iris Edwards, Watson Southcott, Cynthia Southcott, Alec Freeman, Leona Gullely, Peter van Bemmelen, Colin Mitchell, Clemency Mitchell, Derek Clothier, Margaret Clothier. Front row: Bernie Baerg, Jean Baerg, Christine Wood, Frank Wood, Ken Clothier, Valerie Freeman, Norman Gullely, Kobie van Bemmelen, Myrna Dorland, Don Lowe, Ron Surridge.
- 2. Three generations of Newbold graduates.** Left to right: Pastor John Surridge, Rachel Surridge, Daniel Surridge and Pastor Ron Surridge.
- 3. UK students and staff.** Front row (left to right): Pauline Bindra (MA Theology), Laurence Turner (DTS lecturer), John Baildam (Director of Academic Affairs), Mike Pearson (Vice-principal), Val Bernard (DMASS lecturer), Erica Hole (Director of School of English), Cedric Vine (DTS lecturer), Sandra Rigby-Barrett (DMASS lecturer), Robin Anthony (DMASS lecturer). Middle row (left to right): Bernadette Jerry (Bachelor of Divinity), Lynda Baildam (associate librarian), Craig Baxter (MA Theology), Christer Muloba (Diploma in Therapeutic Counselling). Back row: Alastair Agbaje (Bachelor of Divinity), Daniel Thompson (MA Theology), Jonathan Holder (Bachelor of Divinity), Daniel Surridge (BS Behavioural Sciences), Kwesi Moore (MA Theology), Burthlar Abrahams (Bachelor of Divinity), Novey Medley (MA Theology).

**Abbreviations:**  
DTS – Department of Theological Studies  
DMASS – Department of Management, Arts and Social Sciences.

## Sabbath School Enrichment Day

### The driver's testimony

by Beulah Plunkett, Sabbath School director, NEC

This was the first Sabbath School Enrichment Day to be held by the newly elected NEC Sabbath School director Beulah Plunkett, with guest speaker Pastor Michael Hamilton, Sabbath School and Personal Ministries director for the Trans-European Division. The delegates arrived safely and the room was full to capacity as 87 attendees took their seats around the round tables set out in the Chatsworth Room at the Barceló Palace Hotel in Buxton, Derbyshire. Sister Plunkett welcomed everyone and talked about putting the Es back into Sabbath School. The Es suggested were Energy, Enlightenment, Empowerment and Engagement. The attendees sang in beautiful harmony 'Tis the blessed hour of prayer' and then prayed for each other in pairs and threes, setting the spiritual tone for the day.

The feedback at the end of the day was very positive and affirming. 'How has it been for you today? What have you gained?' There were several vibrant responses, but it was the testimony of the driver Gregory John that brought the house down – as a round of unexpected applause rang through the air. He was only there because he was the driver, he said. Sabbath School wasn't his thing, but at 5pm as the day drew to a close he was so impressed, inspired and enlightened by all that had taken place that he could not hold back his joy. Gregory stood up and told the whole room that he had only come because he had to drive the minibus that carried the ten enthusiastic Sabbath School team members, led by Eunice Mukwala, the superintendent from Sheffield Burngreave church. He had come with a book to read as he had expected to be bored and was sure that he would not find anything of interest or of benefit to him. But he was wrong! He said, 'Because today I have talked in the small groups, I've been listened to, I've got involved and I've learnt so much about Sabbath School that I did not know. I feel included and if this is what Sabbath School is about, then from next Sabbath I will be at Sabbath School.' It was a tear-jerk-

ing moment, and we were all blessed by his sincerity. Pastor Hamilton had delivered three inspirational presentations, which had members enthralled. The one that best summed up the day (and what Gregory said in his testimony) was 'Hook, Book, Look and Took' that was used to take members through the process of a Sabbath School class, that would be effective and soul winning. It can safely be said that Gregory got hooked! Praise the Lord!

As Sister Plunkett ended the day, she encouraged the superintendents to write their vision for Sabbath School, and many inspiring ideas came out. Newcastle's vision statement for Sabbath School was 'Discipling together for Jesus', and was based on Pastor Hamilton's presentation on Discipleship and Sabbath School. The day was a

success and those who attended were all Enriched, Enlightened, Empowered and Enthused to put the Es back into Sabbath School. As we closed in song and prayer we knew that 'Surely, surely the Lord has been here, surely angels still linger near'. The day was spiritual and full of learning, and the task for the superintendents and their teams was clear: 'Go and make disciples for Jesus and work with them to win souls for the Kingdom.' As the song says: 'Go! Go! Go!' We ended the day as we started it, in much prayer, and we were all blessed.

I rang up the following week to check how Gregory was getting on with his promise to attend Sabbath School. Sister Eunice, the Sabbath School superintendent, informed me that he had kept his promise and was in attendance, God be praised! Evangelism is the goal of the Sabbath School, Bible study is the heart, and fellowship and mission are its hands and feet. I pray for all the Sabbath Schools in the North England Conference that with renewed enthusiasm we will 'Go!'



## Stanborough Press

### OPEN DAY 2009

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### Star performers

Joseph may have had problems with wild dreams and jealous brothers, but one thing he learned as a child was that it was always important to do his best.

Whether he was taking food to his brothers, being a shepherd, a slave, a prisoner or a dream-interpreter, he worked hard, and his bosses knew they could trust him. Finally, because he had done his best in lots of small, boring and difficult jobs, he was promoted to Prime Minister of Egypt.

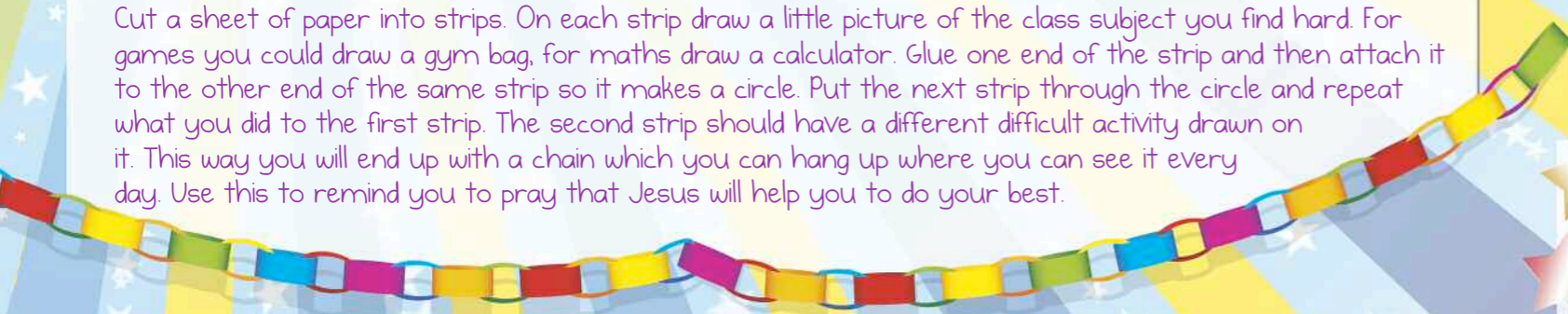
Barack Obama, the new President of the United States of America, had to work hard on lots of small and boring projects, like the laws about people living in caravans, and how to tax farmers with old tractors, before he showed that he was able to run a huge country! What small things can you do well this week? Doing every small job well, and each piece of homework as carefully as you can, will prepare you to do amazing things in the future.

### Doing my best

I can do all things because Jesus helps me. (Philippians 4:13)

Starting back to school is fun because we meet up again with our friends, but sometimes we are worried about some schoolwork because we find it hard to do. The text was written by the apostle Paul who found Jesus could help him cope with difficult things like being shipwrecked and beaten up because he was a Christian. What helped Paul was that he asked Jesus to help him do his best. You can do that, too, by making a prayer chain.

Cut a sheet of paper into strips. On each strip draw a little picture of the class subject you find hard. For games you could draw a gym bag, for maths draw a calculator. Glue one end of the strip and then attach it to the other end of the same strip so it makes a circle. Put the next strip through the circle and repeat what you did to the first strip. The second strip should have a different difficult activity drawn on it. This way you will end up with a chain which you can hang up where you can see it every day. Use this to remind you to pray that Jesus will help you to do your best.



### Puzzling it out

Use the coordinates to help you work out some good habits you can develop so that you will always be your best at school.

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4	P	I	U	K	G
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6	E	A	O	H	R

E2	B4	B3	B5	A6	C2

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D1	C6	E2	E2	C6	A2	B4	C2	B3	B5	E6	C4	D2	B5	B4	C6	C2	B3

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### Star trophy

Design a special trophy for a Bible character you admire. Draw a trophy that matches the person's skill in some way. Write their name, what they did, and your own name on the trophy base.

### Star verse

Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might.  
Ecclesiastes 9:10

Use a clapping rhythm to help you practise this verse. Clap your hands whenever you say any of the bold (darker) words or bits of words. Start speaking and clapping quietly and get louder and louder until the last word and clap is as loud as you can make it. If you are reading this in church, wait until you get outside, or go home, before you practise the verse!



### How to be a star!

List three things you find difficult, and think of lots of things you or others could do to help you get better at doing them. List three things you are good at and think of ways you could use your skills to help your family or church.

# Pathfinder leader in bungee jump

Wearing his Pathfinder scarf and singing the Pathfinder song, Pastor Nathan Stickland, SEC Pathfinder director, completed a 170ft bungee jump one Sunday in June. Most people thought he was completely mad but, typically, when asked after the jump how it was, Nathan said, 'It was a bit up and down and then I went home and into the garden.' Video footage and photos of Nathan's jump are available on the SEC Pathfinder website: [www.secpathfinders.org.uk/home/Welcome.html](http://www.secpathfinders.org.uk/home/Welcome.html).

The Stanborough Park Adventurer and Pathfinder clubs are the beneficiaries of Pastor Stickland's efforts. Two of Nathan's children, Luke and Sara, who attend the Stanborough club, witnessed their dad's leap which took place at Big Bang Promotions International, Bray Lake Watersports, Monkey Island Lane, Windsor Road, Bray, Berkshire, SL6 2EB.

The club is currently in a period of fundraising mania with the twin objectives of raising £7,500-£10,000 to help defray costs for a group of twenty-two from the club going to the International Camporee in

Oshkosh, Wisconsin, USA, and towards the cost of a new club minibus. It is anticipated that Nathan's jump will add over £200 to this fund.

There is excitement and anticipation about the Oshkosh trip, and registrations and flights have been secured, but there is still a massive effort needed to fulfil our objectives. Fundraising activities and pledges of funds from the church give a total so far of nearly £4,500, and several more events are planned to raise the remainder of our total.

The Stanborough club restarted in 1998 after a short period of inactivity with twenty-four Adventurers (age 6-9) and no Pathfinders (age 10 upwards). Since then the club has grown year on year and now it has 101 registered members, including thirty-eight Pathfinders. Fifty members of the club come from the local community or neighbouring churches.

For information about the club contact the club director, [bernell.bussue@virgin.net](mailto:bernell.bussue@virgin.net) or [alison.burgess4@btinternet.com](mailto:alison.burgess4@btinternet.com).

EMMA STICKLAND and NATALIE DAVISON

# Love in Action wins Queen's Award

Love in Action from Milton Keynes has been announced as one of ninety-five volunteering groups from across the UK winning this year's Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, recognising the outstanding contributions made to local communities by groups voluntarily devoting their time for the benefit of others.

The prestigious national honour, which is equivalent to the MBE, sets the national benchmark for excellence in volunteering, and the activities of those awarded have been judged of the highest standard.

Love in Action (MK) has received the award for its work in relieving the hardship and distress among people who are homeless, living in poverty or suffering from social or economic adversity.

Winners of this year's award were selected from 406 groups nominated by members of the public who have been helped personally or have witnessed the benefits of a group's work in their community.

Love in Action (MK) will receive a certificate signed by the Queen and an exclusive commemorative crystal. These will be presented by Her Majesty's representative in Buckinghamshire, Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher, at a special ceremony arranged by the Lieutenantcy Office. Group representatives have also

received an invitation to a Royal Garden Party event at Buckingham Palace this summer.

Speaking of their success, Mike Johnson from Love in Action (MK) said: 'We are thrilled to have received this prestigious honour for the work we do among those in the local community who are often invisible and forgotten. This award is due in large part to the vision of the local Seventh-day Adventist church in Fishermead, who formed Love in Action to bring hope to people in their hour of need. The dedication of the team of volunteers, led by Anne Loftman, is the cornerstone on which this project has been built and continues to thrive. We are also grateful for the support of Tom and Isabella Fraser and their fellow councillors from Campbell Park Parish Council who have championed this project on every level.'

The award is overseen by the Office of the Third Sector in the Cabinet Office. Kevin Brennan, minister for the Third Sector, said, 'Volunteering binds communities together and builds a stronger and kinder society. Often these unsung heroes go about their work without much recognition. That's why I'm particularly pleased to see their efforts recognised and rewarded by the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.'

More than 700 groups around the UK have now won the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service over the seven years since it was created by Her Majesty to mark the occasion of her Golden Jubilee.

MIKE JOHNSON

# Gloucester open day

Sunday 19 April saw Gloucester church opening its doors to the community under the theme 'Sharing Christ's Love'. This was a joint effort by virtually every department in the church.

The objective was to show the community what activities go on inside the church, to get to know them and enable them to know us and to minister to their physical

and spiritual needs.

People walking into the foyer were met by three tables full of free literature – books, magazines and ADRA information leaflets.

In the youth hall were various displays by the Junior Sabbath School and the Pathfinders club, showing off their achievements, as well as more information on the club and on the Adventist pioneers. Great satisfaction was gained from being able to show parents, who themselves don't attend church, but allow their children to be part of our church family, exactly what it is their children are involved in.

There was a health corner, which was manned by the church's health professionals, with free blood sugar and blood pressure tests, as well as calculations of Body Mass Index (BMI). The results were available instantly, and medical advice was dispensed to those who requested it.

The Community Services department had arranged a rack full of clothes donated by the church members, to which the guests were able to help themselves.

There was an array of wholesome vegetarian food, as well as assorted cold and hot drinks buffet style.

The youth were not to be outdone – they organised a concert to round off the day, which was very well attended and received.

All in all the open day was deemed a success by all who attended. Twenty-six contacts were made which the pastor and elders are following up.

The general consensus was that this may have been the first open day, but it should certainly not be the last!

ANGELA CONNICK



# Stoke Newington graduates

Two members of the Stoke Newington church graduated in their respective fields of study: Angela Dooley and Paul Bulgin.

Angela Dooley was one of the fifty-five graduates who received a certificate of Personal Witnessing and Stewardship following the courses held at the Advent Centre.

Angela graduated in Personal Witnessing and said she thoroughly enjoyed the course which lasted from May to November. She said it was hard work, because she had to submit written work, complete practical assignments and attend various presentations. She now hopes to put into practice all that she has learnt on the course.

Paul Bulgin gained his Bachelor of Science degree in Electronics from the University of Westminster, London. His graduation ceremony took place at the Barbican Centre in the City of London. Paul is one of our church children and received part of his early education at Hyland House School. He went to Jamaica at the age of 10 where he finished his primary and secondary education, returning to London to attend university.

Congratulations Angela and Paul.

FLO SUTHERLAND



Angela Dooley



Paul Bulgin

# Ordination

On Sabbath afternoon 10 January church members, friends and family celebrated the ordination of two elders, one deacon and three deaconesses. The ordinands were Lascelles Mason and Mark Dooley as elders, Charles Paton as deacon, and Mavis Foster, Tomasin Murray and Margaret Joachim as deaconesses.

Our minister Pastor Wilfred Blake officiated and he reminded the ordinands that they were set apart to work for the Lord of lords. Pastor Blake was ably supported in the service by first elder Rory Mendez.

Special items were rendered by our head deacon Seymour Foster and our group Infinity. To mark this occasion the ladies were presented with special floral bouquets as they were welcomed to their new office.

The service concluded with a consecrated prayer by Dr Richard DeLisser, SEC Communication director.

FLO SUTHERLAND



# From pool to pulpit!

André Roberts decided that on Sabbath 28 March he was ready to declare publicly that he wanted to follow Jesus. André, son of a praying mother, Peckham member Angella Roberts, stood alone as he faced the congregation to take his vows of commitment. Head elder Serophena Morgan read the vows, and André responded with a combination of 'I do,' 'I will,' 'It is', and 'Yep!' The church was full to capacity of both young and old to witness André's baptism, and we all watched in anticipation as this lovely young man prepared to make one of the most important decisions of his life.

André, a young 17-year-old talented and active member, heard the voice of the Lord and, as Samuel responded to the call, so did André as he realised God was calling him to face a new direction. A special

item was sung by a young group from Brixton entitled 'Just Stand' – a very appropriate message in today's climate, after which Pastor Jones-Lartey delivered his sermon. André was baptised by his uncle, president Pastor Sam Davis.

André began his new journey by preaching his first sermon at Men's

Day on Sabbath 4 April in Peckham the following week, entitled 'Stand up or bow down!' The Spirit of the Lord was truly resting on him as he delivered his thought-provoking sermon with confidence, authority and power. Let the name of the Lord be praised!

CAROL JOSEPH

# GBK's new baptistry

July 2 heralded the completion of Great Brickkiln's newly built baptistry which was dedicated on 18 July. It was a wonderful, blessed day at GBK church, Wolverhampton. Church was packed to capacity with members, visitors and friends from other churches. They all listened to the thanks and praise given to God for guidance of the baptistry project to a successful conclusion. The vision began several months ago when Pastor Palmer challenged the members to have their own baptistry instead of routinely undertaking baptisms in one of the larger Adventist churches in Wolverhampton. The members rallied to the cause and were motivated by the idea, as each donated generously towards the project. Enough funds were raised and the baptistry was completed in a remarkably short length of time. The next step is to have the first baptism at GBK by the grace of God.

DELVA M. CAMPBELL

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The South England Conference wishes to appoint an inspirational and committed, practising Seventh-day Adventist head teacher to lead Newbold School. Our aim is to provide a holistic education and develop the talents and abilities of every child.

Our school community is looking for someone who:

- has a clear vision and commitment to the Seventh-day Adventist ethos and the inclusion of all learners.
- has a strong personal faith which will enrich the life of the school.
- has proven leadership skills that encourage, support and challenge the work of the school and bring new and innovative ideas to further improve our practice.
- is an effective communicator with good interpersonal skills who will support and inspire pupils, staff, governors and parents/carers.
- will continue to build links with the community and manage use of the school's facilities.
- has experience in the UK school system and has the right to work in the UK.

Our school community offers:

- a rich and diverse intake of children and their families.
- a friendly, dedicated staff team committed to the school and its community.
- a supportive governing body, church and conference.
- an exciting opportunity to lead in shaping the future of the school.

Visits to the school are warmly welcomed. For an appointment, please contact Jacqui Grant, South England Conference HR manager, on 01923 232728 or email [jgrant@secadventist.org.uk](mailto:jgrant@secadventist.org.uk)

Please request an application form by sending an email to [jgrant@secadventist.org.uk](mailto:jgrant@secadventist.org.uk)

Closing date: Monday 31 August 2009 (noon)

Interviews: Wednesday 16 September 2009

South England Conference is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. All successful applicants will be required to undertake a criminal record check via the CRB before they can be appointed.

# Helping exploited women

by Bert Smit, Executive director, ADRA-UK

Watford, England. Visiting a GP, receiving a fair wage and living without fear of exploitation and abuse are things we generally take for granted here in the UK. Many in the world fare differently.

Thailand's Tak province is on the border with Burma (Myanmar) and is host to thousands of refugees. There are about 60,000 who are registered but also an estimated 150,000 unregistered Burmese migrant workers. Women make up about 50% of these migrants.

The Thai government has established a registration system for migrant workers, but there is confusion due to the limited flow of information to the migrant workers regarding this process and their entitlements. If you are not registered, you have no access to health services,

and often employers are abusing workers who have to work in poor conditions with limited entitlements, resulting at times in bonded labour and reduced wages.

Once workers have registered and paid the insurance fee, they are entitled to similar health care entitlements as Thai citizens. Migrant women face language and cultural barriers and lack of access to culturally appropriate reproductive health information and services in their own language. ADRA is now working to create change.

From 1 August this year ADRA will work to improve registered migrant women's knowledge of their legal entitlements. This will help them to get access to basic health care, work in safe labour conditions, receive fair compensation and have documented registration.

The fifty-four-month project will build the capacities and work implementation of local grassroots civil society organisations (CSOs), who will then advocate for and protect the rights of migrant women. ADRA will also support and participate in advocacy through migrant rights advocacy networks to influence change and the enforcement of policy. The project will also seek to increase the recognition and enforcement of migrant women's rights among employers, health care institutions and the government.

Funding for this project, valued at £550,000, comes from the Department for International Development (DFID), ADRA Norway and ADRA-UK.



## Leading ladies and sisters in Christ

Back in March 2008, at the joint Dutch/BUC women's retreat, Marci Neal, Irish Mission sponsor for Women's Ministries, invited three leading ladies to be speakers at her 22-24 May retreat at the Emmaus Centre in Dublin. Heather-Dawn Small, who is the Women's department leader at the World Church

headquarters, Washington DC, said, 'I am excited to be meeting with this diverse group of 100 women from the Irish and Scottish Missions, because this is how I envision Heaven. On the sea of glass, John saw in vision a group of people from a myriad of nations, and this is how I see you. If we

cannot get on during our stay on Earth, then we will not be one of those standing on that sea.'

Where do you stand in your relationship with God today? Has God done anything for you lately? Do you love God unconditionally? – were some of the questions Heather-Dawn asked in her first presentation 'Getting out of God's Way'. 'These really made me think deeply,' said Judith Martin, the Scottish Mission Women's Ministries leader.

Anne-May Wollan, the Division women's leader, in her presentation 'United We Stand', looked at how the apostle Paul's message to the Ephesians affects Christians. 'It is the grace and love of God that unites the forty countries of the TED and enables us to share the wonderful news of a soon coming Saviour.' Both women emphasised the study of God's Word as instrumental in shaping God's women to be effective sharers of the Gospel.



Left to right: Heather-Dawn Small, Heather Haworth, Marci Neal and Anne-May Wollan

# Pathfinder investiture at Leicester Central

On Sabbath 4 July, Leicester Central Pathfinders, smartly attired in their uniforms, processed into the church to the pulse of a drum corps, who led the way with their exacting marching rhythms. The service was opened with the ceremonial flag raising that was carried out with precision and attention to the detailed commands issued by their director, Pauline Matturi. The spectacle of 120 uniformed Pathfinders of Leicester Central, combined with visiting Pathfinders and Master Guides from Coventry, Northampton and Wellingborough, held the congregation spellbound.

The Pathfinders presented the various pledges, law and songs, which are an expression of the Christian lifestyle and character that each member is expected to uphold in their lives.

The service was led by young people. The text 1 Peter 2:13-17 provided the focal point for the sermonettes entitled 'A Strength in Weakness,' 'Can You Be Strong?' and 'A Different Type of Freedom'. These talks were clearly and confidently delivered by three young people – Marie Pangani, Taku Zembe and Féa Matturi. In addition musical presentations by the Nsingo Quartet and the Sunbeam Class enhanced



the service. The very young Jordan Lake, the Eager Beaver who had achieved the most, recited a little poem. Pastor Kumi offered a prayer for the candidates who were being invested on the day, and Daniel Felmmings-Danquah outlined his role as Area co-ordinator and some of the major develop-

ments he had helped to shape.

The director, Pauline Matturi, presented a report, which outlined some of the major achievements that had taken place in the life of the Pathfinder club during this year. She explained that the club has clearly defined goals, targets and aspirations that are being reached, making

in the process a significant impact on the young lives of those involved.

There were forty-six candidates invested, with ten receiving chips and honours. This has been achieved through the collaboration of a very dedicated team of instructors who possess a broad range of professional skills. Pauline Matturi said, 'Over the years I've put a great deal of effort into gaining academic and professional qualifications, but to be invested as a Master Guide along with so many of my club members is probably one of the most gratifying and moving endeavours of my life. I am constantly amazed at the continual dedication shown by staff and counsellors, alongside the grit and determination of even the tiniest of club members. More than anything, I would testify to the ministry of the Pathfinders. I have seen at least fifteen young Pathfinders baptised over the years and see more and more

children wanting to join the club from inside and outside the church.'

The investiture included the presentation of an array of honours to Eager Beavers, Adventurers and Pathfinders, as well as those who were elected to become Friends, Companions, Explorers, Rangers and Guides. The husband-and-wife team, Pauline and Bona Matturi, were invested as Master Guides. To close this investiture, Pastor Silton Browne, president of the North Caribbean Conference, gave the benediction and commended the Pathfinders for their achievements. Following this, the Leicester Central Pathfinder club ceremoniously lowered the flags and processed out of the church on to Newarke, a foot-path which leads into the city, led by the vibrant sound of the drum corps. It was an inspirational service!

PHILIP HERBERT

## Physical blessings + spiritual blessings = truly blessed

### Physical blessings

God loves to give good gifts to his children and delights in blessing us with physical things – food, a car, a place to live, money and so on. He wants us to put him to the test to see if he will come through for us when we make personal sacrifices.

The members of Balham church have challenged God a number of times to help them raise funds for their building project. Instead of using their money on themselves (holidays, new car and so on) on 11 April 2009 the members were urged to come with a special offering to help furnish the inside of the recently completed church.

The members did not disappoint and came in their numbers. We had put God to the test and he had not let us down. On that day we raised in excess of £18,000! The project still requires more funds but the people of Balham will not grow weary of giving because we serve a mighty God who never grows weary of helping and blessing us.

The pastoral team, including all the elders, would like to say a special thank you to all those members, friends and family who

through the years have contributed to our building project. Thanks, too, to our sister churches in advance for your future physical and spiritual support.

### Spiritual blessings

In addition to the material blessings on 11 April, there were also spiritual blessings.

What better way to end a day of sacrificial giving than with a time of spiritual celebration? Five people dedicated their lives to God through baptism – Luke Graham, Carlissa John, Andrew Fuller, Clive Hayles and Colin Anderson.

One of the candidates, Clive Hayles, was born in Jamaica and has been in England for over nine years. While he was working in Kingston, Jamaica, he met some friendly Pathfinders who seemed to be different from others of his own age. He began attending tours they organised for tourists. These were no ordinary tours as they included prayer and devotion. Clive was drawn to this way of life and the next step for him was to attend Meadowvale SDA church.

When Clive came to England he attended different Adventist churches sporadically, looking for

the same friendly camaraderie he had experienced at Meadowvale. In April 2008 Clive began attending Stratford church but it was quite a distance for him to travel. By chance (or rather, God's providence), one of Balham's communication officers, Alison Thomas, had a birthday party, and a number of people from Stratford church, including Clive, attended. Clive thereby discovered that Balham was his nearest church and decided to attend.

Clive soon came to realise that

there is nothing more important than following God and decided that April 2009 was the right time to show his gratitude to him by being baptised.

Balham church would like to take this opportunity to welcome Luke, Carlissa, Andrew, Clive and Colin.

Let us never forget we are a blessed people and remember to use both physical and spiritual blessings to give glory and praise to God.

NATASHA SHARMAH



Pastor Keith Boldeau baptises Clive Hayles

**JOYCE MARGARET GRIFFITHS (1926-2008) d. 10 December.** Joyce Margaret Griffiths (née Selby) had only one sister, Doreen, and they both grew up in the Watford area. She entered denominational employment in 1941 at the age of 15 at the Stanborough Press Ltd, working first as a clerk and then in 1944 as an accounts machine operator. By 1952 she was working as a shorthand typist at the Transport Office and the following year she became a secretary with British Advent Missions. She eventually worked for the BUC Treasury department and it was in Watford that she met William Griffiths and they married on 26 September 1966. In 1969 the Church called her husband to be the new treasurer of the then North British Conference in Nottingham, and they responded. They settled first in the Radford area of the city before moving to their final home in the new development area of Gedling in 1970. Joyce, no longer employed, concentrated her efforts on their two sons, Michael and Stephen, who were still quite young when they moved north. She later returned to denominational employment at the NEC, working as a secretary until July 1989 when she retired, having worked for the church for forty-four years. Her husband Bill died in 1996, which was a devastating loss for her. She was helped through this very difficult time by having two of her grandchildren living nearby, Charlie and Ellis, born in 1994 and 1995 respectively. These two children helped her to refocus her life, and she very much enjoyed their company and bringing them to church on occasion. She was so proud of them, and loved to see their involvement in the quarterly youth service. She dearly loved her other three grandchildren, Elliott, 16, Casey, 5 and Ryley, 1. Michael said that his mother was the most selfless person he had ever met. She always put others first. She nursed her sister Doreen for many years and was her main carer. She could never stay for any programme at church because she knew her sister depended on her, and she was very faithful to those she loved and cared for. Her sister survived her by only seven weeks. Joyce's greatest wish was that her whole family would get to know Jesus personally so that they will all meet again when Jesus comes. Joyce had been diagnosed with skin cancer about five years ago, and she kept her faith as she went through the treatment. When she fell ill last summer for the final time, her faith was strong, and remained until the end. She was a regular attendee at our Nottingham Netherfield church, and she is sadly missed by the whole congregation. We look forward to that resurrection morning.

PASTOR MELVYN ELLIS

**LEONARD CHARLES (1929-2009) d. January.** I met church elder Charles of New Life on 21 December 1991. He was playing the piano. The previous Sabbath one of my friends from London asked if I still played the piano. When I said yes her response was, 'Brother Charles would love you. They need support with the music.' Brother Charles knew of my talents as he had already adopted my fiancé. I was also adopted into the Charles family, receiving spiritual, emotional and financial support from 'Mom' and 'Dad' for more than eighteen years. I think that our love for music and the fact that I was a teacher made our bond even stronger. As I settled into English and married life 'Mom' and 'Dad' gave guidance in terms of family life and career options. He signposted me and my husband to areas and courses that would help us develop further in our careers. After working at nursery and primary levels of education, I finally settled at the John Loughborough School. I sensed his joy that I was teaching in one of our church schools. He would always discern when something was not right with me because of work, home problems or church leadership difficulties and would give wise and very effective counsel. He really encouraged me to get on

board and help my local church develop and would give the quiet tap on the back to show how proud he was of what I accomplished in the various departments of which I was part. He was overjoyed when I decided to take my singing more seriously and joined the London Adventist Chorale. When I was asked to be an elder at New Life, he was one of my best mentors. On the day of my ordination he, along with a number of my friends who were all living in Milton Keynes, came to support me. In February 2001, after almost a year and half of sudden and at times unexplainable health problems, including a miscarriage and anaemia, I was diagnosed with the chronic/incurable medical conditions of Systemic and Discoid Lupus Erythematoses. When my treatment began and I had to be at the hospital almost every week, 'Dad' and 'Mom' took me to appointments and when 'Dad' couldn't 'Mom' would go on the bus with me or take over the driving. Throughout the first two years of my condition they ensured that I was fed and watered and looked after when my husband or any of our lodgers were out to work, and this care continued even after they retired to Milton Keynes. When my husband abandoned our marriage, 'Dad' and 'Mom' were practically first on the scene with counsel and support. As I developed Lupus workshops and extended my training ministry, 'Dad' and 'Mom' continued to support in the most practical ways. Even as 'Dad' lay in the hospital bed and I spoke to him, I always got that squeeze of the hand of approval or disapproval. It was a pleasure to spend some of his birthday with him, and in my heart I felt that would be the last time I saw him. I'm at peace, because I know he is simply waiting for his heavenly Father to awake him to eternal life. Little did I know that dealing with Daddy Charles's passing was preparation for the passing of my own father, Pastor Lawrence Modeste. I praise God for the blessed hope and for the lives enriched by both these fathers who have richly blessed my life. I'm grateful for the enjoyable life I have had and will continue to have because of them.

LOUIANNE J. SAMPSON



**ANNE HELOISE LLEWELLYN (1937-2009) d. 26 April.** On 26 April 2009 one of the liveliest and loveliest women I have ever known fell asleep in Christ after a brave five year eight month battle against ovarian cancer. Anne was born on 8 June 1937 in Cardiff to Horace and Marjorie Smith, the youngest of three daughters. Her sisters thought she was a miracle because they were both more than nine years older than she. Both Anne's sisters were at the remembrance service held at Southampton church on 19 May. The day itself was lovely and the church was full of family, friends and more pastors than you could shake a stick at. As I looked around it became obvious that Anne was one of those people who attracted others. She was kind, loving and always there with a helping hand. Pastor Barry Alen was the compere, introducing Anne's favourite hymns and those of us who took part in the service. The writer was privileged to open the service with prayer. Pastor Martin Bell read the scripture from 1 Corinthians 13. We heard personal memories of Anne from Jean and Len Lane, Judith Redman, Doug Sinclair and Don Lowe. Anne's sister Jean told lots of lovely stories about the 'Smith family'. For me, the best one was taken from Anne's early childhood. She had a long illness which had kept her off school for quite some time, and on Anne's return the most noticeable thing

was that all the other children could read. Jean took it upon herself to teach Anne everything about reading. It was this very act that saw Jean go into education and she has been teaching ever since. She is still teaching at the age of 79! After the war, and to pay fees for the next year's youth camp, Anne would go from door to door selling old copies of *Our Times* for 4d each (2 new pence). Anne and her friend Pat Bone (née Watts) would often go down to the beach, and on one lovely day she met the man she would marry, young Viv Llewellyn. Nearing the end of his apprenticeship as a cadet deck officer Viv had little or no interest in religion. Saturday nights Anne would go to the young people's meeting, and Viv would be hot foot to the dance hall. Love is so wonderful, ours for each other or God's for us. As Viv was onshore taking his Second Mate's Certificate, he found himself beside Anne, giving out handbills for Denys Baildam's campaign being held in the very hall where Viv had done his dancing. Now tell me that God doesn't have a sense of humour. Exams passed and sailing from Bristol to USA and Canada, Viv would return every three weeks and on those visits he could attend some of the meetings along with Anne. In 1957 he left the sea and went to Newbold Missionary College and later the following year Viv was baptised in the Cardiff church by Denys Baildam. On 2 September 1958 Anne and Viv were married in the same church. In the fifty-one years that followed their marriage, Anne and Viv loved and laughed, celebrated the births of their two wonderful girls, Stephanie and Elisabeth, thirty-six years pastoring to six churches, and in 1998 the Llewellyns retired. With retirement in full flow the Southampton church members were devastated to hear the news in 2003 that Anne had been taken ill on holiday in Devon and was diagnosed and operated on for ovarian cancer. During the following five years and eight months she bravely undertook six full courses of chemotherapy that enabled her to live a very full life with minimal side effects. Anne Llewellyn was tenderly laid to rest on 6 May at a private ceremony in the peaceful cemetery at Netley near their home. The memorial service for Anne was a celebration of her life, the funny girl she was and the blessing she had been to so many of us. There were tears of laughter and so many memories. After the service a tea was laid on. Looking around me I saw friends from all parts of the United Kingdom who had come, distance no object, to say farewell to our softly spoken, wise and wonderful friend. We shall see you soon. Viv, Stephanie and Elisabeth wish to thank so many friends who sent beautiful messages of support and for their prayers at this sad time.

WENDY BRADLEY

**DOREEN CAMPBELL (1930-2009) d. 26 May.** 'A lovely girl, with a kind and friendly disposition.' Words penned by Doreen's brother John Oddie and forwarded as a tribute from the United States of America, where he now lives after retirement from pastoral ministry, are words that were readily recognisable to her many friends both within and outside the Grantham church when shared at her recent funeral. Doreen became a Corein from 1970. She was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist in her mid-20s, her parents and younger brothers Henry and John having already joined the Church in the mid-1950s as a result of a series of evangelistic meetings conducted by Pastor W. R. A. Madgwick (then principal of Newbold College) in her native Oldham. Doreen's professional life

was devoted to her nursing career, a profession that in turn served her well in her later years as she became increasingly dependent on persons with a caring disposition. She is survived by her husband of thirty years, Alva, and by her children from her first marriage, Andrew, Carol and Rosalind, the latter proving singularly caring and devoted to Doreen during her last few months of life in hospital. Helpful, gentle, devoted, sunny, intelligent, generous – but a few of the words of tribute noted by those who came to pay their respects at her funeral – words that describe one whose life was a testament to her determination to follow the Saviour from her first commitment. That commitment was not just one of the mind but of the heart, and she is sorely missed as a faithful church member, mother, grandmother, wife and true friend. 'Come, O Lord. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.'

PASTOR J. FERGUSON



**WARWICK DAVID REED (1930-2008) d. 31 August 2008.** Warwick was born in Plaistow, Essex, to Adventist parents who subsequently moved to Romford. Both worked in various departments

of the hospital in Romford. Warwick passed the 11+ exam and travelled by bus to Leyton County High, twelve miles away. He spent the war years working in the Forestry Commission and in hospitals. There was no Adventist church building in Romford, so the members met in a YMCA hall. Apart from his younger brother, Malcolm, and his parents, there were just a few elderly folk. Warwick often attended young people's meetings at the Ilford church. The Ilford church exchanged young people's programmes with Walthamstow church. As a young person he sang in the New Gallery (Regent Street) Choir under the directorship of Pastor Russell Kranz both in campaign meetings and The Best Saturday Night In Town. Warwick met a young lady, Mary Todd, and after a long courtship they married in Walthamstow church in January 1959. They lived in Walthamstow for some years and later moved to Beckley, near Rye in Sussex. After the death of his father they moved back to the family home in Romford and attended Waltham Abbey church. In 1968 Warwick left hospital work and formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, Nigel Todd, making ladies' clothing, later branching out into kilt making for the various West End Scottish stores. Sadly, in December 2003 his wife died after forty-five years of marriage. He had been a lay preacher from east to west and loved his Lord very much. He was always ready to go whenever he was called; he was known as the minute man. In January 2005 he met Magdalena Maria Wilkin. Their courtship was short but full of love. They married on 25 November 2005 in Southend-on-Sea Register Office, then later on 16 April 2006 at Canterbury church by Pastor Richard J. B. Willis. Not only did he marry but he gained a step-daughter, Angela, her husband, Roger, and a step-granddaughter, Georgia, of whom he was very proud and he loved them all dearly. He was a very kind, gentle, loving husband who is missed very much. On 18 August 2008 he had a very severe stroke and sadly died on 31 August. The family and friends said their farewells to him on 17 September 2008 at Corbet Tey Crematorium, Upminster, Essex. Magdalena, Angela, Roger and Georgia would like to thank their relatives and friends for their support.

PASTOR MIKE TOY

**Pastor Charles D. Watson (1923-2009) d. 27 May**

Pastor Charlie Watson died aged 86 in Deltona, Florida. He served in Youth and Temperance leadership in Britain and at the Division as a division president in the Middle East and East Africa and ended his forty-seven-year church career in the General Conference Secretariat. From 1943 to 1954 Charles served as an evangelist in Wales and north England. Here his lifelong friend Jack Mahon writes a detailed appreciation and life-sketch.

'I am now able to look back on a half-century of service and forward to the twenty-first century. Time is running out – for our world these are the sunset years. Contemporaries of mine have experienced lives richer in material possessions but I doubt if any lived a more rewarding life. It has been encouraging to see so much which I attempted awarded a measure of success – little could I have dreamed that so much good could come from such limited effort. Like the boy with five loaves and two fishes, I have seen the Master transform my offering to become sufficient to meet such great needs. I have walked alongside individuals who have led in the expansion of the Church and shaped the course of its history. In some ways I was privileged to participate in the moulding of my world. I like to think that I was able to play a positive if only a minor part. I therefore do not shrink from looking into the sunset – it too will be beautiful.' *cdw*



It has fallen to my lot to write many obituary notices – this can be difficult if acquaintance with the departed has been limited and much research has to be undertaken. What I am now discovering to be much more difficult is to write about a lifelong friend whom I greatly admired and loved. I met 17-year-old Charles at Newbold College in 1940 and only very recently, when ill-health stopped his email flow, did daily contact cease. I can offer only a few lantern slides from the highlights of what he truly described as his 'more rewarding life'.

When in 1924 Harry and Ada Robson, travelling through Kenya to their own mission appointment in Tanganyika, took the opportunity to call on their friends Albert and Hilda Watson at Gendia Mission on Lake Victoria, they saw Hilda's big blue eyes all red and swollen. Charlie, her younger son, just turned one year old, was suffering from cerebral malaria. In those days that meant one of two outcomes – the patient would die or go mad. Albert Watson knew about that kind of malaria. Before he went to Kenya his own elder brother, Joseph, had succumbed to it only three months into his first mission appointment in Malamulo, Malawi, and lies buried there. Albert, receiving the dread news while ploughing on the family farm at Banbridge, had told the messenger, 'I will train and take his place.' He kept his word and God kept his! The 'prayer of faith saved the sick', and baby Charlie revived and lived to become an athletic schoolboy, swimming and playing soccer for his South Devon School when the Watsons returned to their UK homeland in 1930.

Charlie was to become God's effec-

tive agent on four continents. His natural gift was for making friends and holding them through life. That was apparent when, as a teenager, he entered Newbold College which changed the youthful Charles's aspirations from making a fortune in business to 'being about his Master's business'. There he joined Todd Murdoch's farm boys to earn his fees on Newbold Revel Estate. He participated in that amazing wartime harvest when Britain's daily bread was at risk from Atlantic submarine action. Todd had ploughed the pastures with their centuries of accumulated fertility and planted wheat. Such a phenomenal crop ensued that War Agricultural officers came from miles around to view it. When, years later as president of the Afro-Mideast Division, he was charged with hosting in Nairobi the Spring Committee meetings which preceded the Autumn GC session, the huge Plenary Hall of the Jomo Kenyatta Centre was insufficient to house the many thousands of Adventist members who wished to attend the Sabbath meetings. Hence the country's biggest sports arena was hired to accommodate the largest SDA gathering ever! Charles's memory returned to that fabulous forties harvest which he now likened to the enormous host of new East African members resulting from the preaching of the early missionaries. Such a vision of expansion gave 'Kenyan' Charles a persuasive platform from which to negotiate with the State President's Office that same year, a grant of land for the Adventist University which now serves the East African churches at Baraton in the Nandi Hills – a timely replacement for the only division college then available for Africans in distant, dangerous

Lebanon at the height of the tragic Lebanese Civil War. Seeing for the first time a visible head-count of the 'harvest' of the early missionaries and their African converts was a great joy in the midst of troubled times.

In 1975, when Charles had taken on the responsible task of division president of Afro-Mideast Division, there was no need of celebratory fireworks at his inauguration in Beirut. The rattle of machine guns, the blast of rockets and the red nocturnal glow of the burning port installations were pyrotechnics enough to focus the mind of the new president. Pressured to evacuate the division establishment, Watson stood firm. In fact the Adventist presence continued on Sabtieh Hill – Middle East College continuing its classes. Advent Press increased its multilingual output despite staff casualties. Charles 'having done all' had stood fast. No doubt the warring factions were aware of the Adventist continued presence of the large, international Adventist community throughout time of trouble. Sabtieh (Arabic = Seventh) became iconic – 'God is with them and we are safe when they are here.' Congregations burgeoned. When an artillery shell pierced Pastor Borge Schantz's home next to the division office, it failed to explode – a 'Divine Protection' indicator to Church and populace.

As if war on the division doorstep were not enough, almost every country in the division territories during the Watson presidency suffered adverse political change. In Burundi the Adventist churches were sealed shut, and in Uganda the tyrant Idi Amin outlawed the Church which, in membership, was second only to Catholic congregations. In spite of all these circumstances, or perhaps because of them, the Church in East Africa multiplied and prospered. Of Charles Watson it might be said as of Joseph in the olde English, 'The Lord was with him and hee was a luckye fellow.'

There was no element of luck when Charles Watson 'entered Parliament' soon after his promotion in 1954 from the NEC Youth leadership to direct at Union level Youth, Temperance and PR departments. Charles then was briefed that his priority was the Youth and the other two could be allowed to be kept 'just ticking over'. Temperance tick-over Watson-style would have nationwide reverberations! 'Little Red Books' were coming into prominence in world politics, and Watson and GC Temperance colleague Scharffenburg followed a little-read, red book – a collection of practical instructions on promoting a liquor-free, non-smoking community – where the Church is admonished to work closely with 'the highest in the land'. Scharffenburg had influenced the production of a film innocuously titled *One in Twenty Thousand*, which was dynamite. It portrayed an operation for a cancerous human lung from the first

blood-spurting incision to the withdrawal of the hideously blackened organ.

With the assistance of Dr Horace Joules, BMA president, Watson arranged to show the film to groups of GPs and hospital surgeons around the country. They gave an emphatic Yes when asked if the film should be shown to the general public. When Charles was invited to present the film to MPs in the Palace of Westminster, surgeons of the Central Middlesex Hospital left their operating theatres to answer members' questions. That brief film show and its shock-horror effect on the witnessing MPs changed views on smoking across the nation. Could it be calculated, its life-saving effect would be enormous. As for PR, in those years column inches of news reportage, radio and TV interviews 'ticked over' to an unprecedented extent! The fact that Charles was on first-name terms with so many influential people and the respect they showed for his beliefs and lifestyle remain exemplary to every Adventist believer. His parliamentary coup remains a 'one off'!

When in 1965 Charles was appointed to go back to his native Africa as president of the Ethiopian Union Mission, he could look back on six vibrant years of service to youth in the wide Trans-Europe Division territories from the Equator to the northern ice-floes. He had been charged with the chore he last carried out as Clerk of Works in the building in England of the first post-war new church, Derby Chester Green, when pastor there in the early fifties. He did a similar task for the new division office in St Albans city centre, incorporating some new practical concepts of his own. That is the dignified structure which carries the brilliant sculpture of the Three Flying Angels by the young British sculptor Allan Collins.

It is scarcely surprising that, based on his phenomenally wide experience, technical knowledge and spiritual experience, Charles Watson should be invited to finish his long and illustrious service as part of the General Conference Secretariat until his retirement in January 1991.

One most important element is missing, and traditionally 'she' must have the final word. Charles met Kathleen Emm at Newbold before he was 20 years old. She has been a vital spiritual influence in his home since their marriage in Reading church on 15 August 1946. Their hospitality is legendary, not only to colleagues and friends but to young people desperately needing encouragement and, rather frequently, people with 'drink problems', for Charles Watson was not a theoretical Temperance type; he cared about people and quite often 'brought his work home'. Understandably she is devastated by her loss and needs our prayers.



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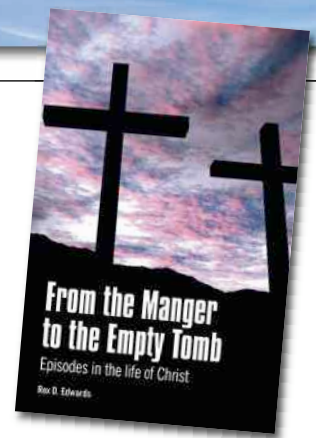
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