

Shoeboxes cause smiles in Niger

ADRA-UK's Godwin Benjamin reports from Niger on the 2010 appeal.

Niger is the second poorest and most under-developed country in the world, with a literacy rate among its population of just 25%. It has the highest birth rate in the world, and one in five children die before the age of 5. Many of the children who attend school collapse in the classroom from hunger because they have not eaten for days. This is why the gifts provided in the shoeboxes are priceless to them.

I visited many schools and an orphanage to donate shoeboxes on behalf of the donors in the UK. On Monday morning, 2 May, I accompanied Jason Brooks (the country director of ADRA Niger), a representative from the country's Education department and a film crew from the national TV station to the capital, Niamey, where we visited the Foulan Koira ADRA school in Koira Tekgi, on the edge of the city.

When shoeboxes are given to the kids, you can see from their facial expressions that they are asking, 'Is this for me?' Then, when they sit with the shoebox in front of them, they are still unsure until they are told they can open them. Even then some kids are still hesitant – but, when the shoeboxes are finally opened and they see the contents, the smiles, the cheering and the pleasure can't be put into words.

Jason Brooks made this comment: 'The value of the gifts was not just that desperately poor children received some useful and fun items that put huge smiles on their faces; but it showed that people far away cared enough to do something that touched them so personally, right where they are. The kids were overwhelmed at the generosity and kindness

of those who contributed.'

Every child at our three ADRA schools (1,600 pupils) has received a shoebox, as have children at many other schools and an orphanage. We are now sending shoeboxes to schools and orphanages with ADRA connections in the north of the country and other areas. Due to the exposure on the national news, other schools are also requesting inclusion in the shoebox distribution by ADRA Niger.

During my six days in Niger I saw real poverty, first-hand, particularly evident in the number of children on the street begging. I was shocked to learn that many children go to school in the morning, and go begging in the afternoon. This brought home to me how blessed our children are in the UK.

But my abiding memory of this visit is of the smiles and jubilation on the faces of all the kids when they received a few goodies in a shoebox. For one day we were able to take them away from their mundane lives and give them a gift which brought them some much-needed happiness.

Next time you buy some shoes and the shop assistant asks you if you want the box, say 'Yes', because this box can be used to bring happiness to a child in a far-away country, if only for a day!



Megapixels of creation



Fallow Deer. Victor Hulbert, Nikon D300

MESSENGER is currently running a four-part series over a twelve-month period entitled *Megapixels of creation*, offering you the opportunity to see your pictures in print.

The spring deadline of 21 June is fast approaching, so now is the time to send in your pictures.

Whether you are a 'casual snapper' or a 'budding pro', it doesn't matter. Just send me your finest-quality nature photos – landscapes, wildlife, flora and fauna, cloud formations, close-ups – anything in the UK that you think demonstrates

God's creation at work. Please include a caption for your picture, and what equipment you have used. If your submission is really good, it might even appear in our devotional calendar.

This is not a competition, and the only reward will be to see your photography in print!

Please send your photography to me at:
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Happy snapping!

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Blossom. Jan Pearce

Enhancing Health

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Knowing your body – part 4a Digestive health

When you sit down to a meal, the food you eat is not in a form from which the body can benefit immediately. It has to be broken down into smaller molecules of nutrients before being absorbed into the bloodstream and transported to body cells.

Digestion is the process by which food and drink are altered into materials that the body can use to build and nourish cells to provide energy.

Several organs play a part in the work of our digestive system. The process commences with the first thought and smell of food, when the brain becomes engaged. The brain sends messages to the salivary glands in the mouth, stimulating them to release digestive enzymes. The actual process of

digestion commences in the mouth, where these enzymes in the saliva mix with the food to break down starch and fat. The process of digestion continues with other organs such as the stomach, small and large intestines, pancreas, gallbladder and liver. Additionally, various enzymes and digestive juices from the organs and associated glands enable the food to be broken down further to aid digestion and absorption.

The process of digestion is a complicated one which the body carries out continually, on a daily basis, while we work, rest, play and sleep.

There are many factors that influence digestive health. Here are a few of them:

Food types – The different types of food we eat have an impact on our digestive process and can either help or hinder it. The foods which help to improve digestion in a healthy gut are fruits, vegetables, wholegrains, seeds, nuts and plant-based proteins. However, diets that are high in saturated fats, meat and meat products, processed foods, sugar and caffeine can slow down the digestive process. This has a negative health impact as it reduces the absorption of essential nutrients.

Stress – Ongoing stress can interfere with the digestive process, slowing it down and, in some cases, even halting it altogether if the stress becomes extreme.

Other contributors – Other factors which have a negative impact on digestion are recreational drugs and some prescription drugs, alcohol and smoking. This is because they adversely affect the production of hydrochloric acid in the stomach. Chronic health conditions and ageing also affect our digestion, and we will look at these factors in part 4b of this series.

Good health!

editorial

Yes, the world ended yesterday, again . . . for the umpteenth time!

Harold Camping's prediction that 21 May, 2011 would be 'secret rapture' day has joined a growing list of similar historical failures.

Eighty-nine-year-old Camping has been wrong before. In 1994 his prediction that the world would end failed because of a 'mathematical' error. This time he must have felt really bullish about his calculations because he backed them up with a worldwide US\$100,000,000 advertising campaign.¹

Camping has company

He has not been alone in making prophetic blunders. One source tracks at least forty-four predictions relating to the apocalypse, dating from the time of Jesus to 1920.²

Another online list cites forty individuals or movements involved in such predictions since the start of the twenty-first century.³

You may remember the effect that Hal Lindsey's predictions had on the Christian world. Many took his book, *The Late Great Planet Earth*, very seriously, and expected the end of the world during the 1980s. The book became 'one of the best-selling works of non-fiction in that decade. It was published in fifty-four languages and has sold approximately 35 million copies.'⁴

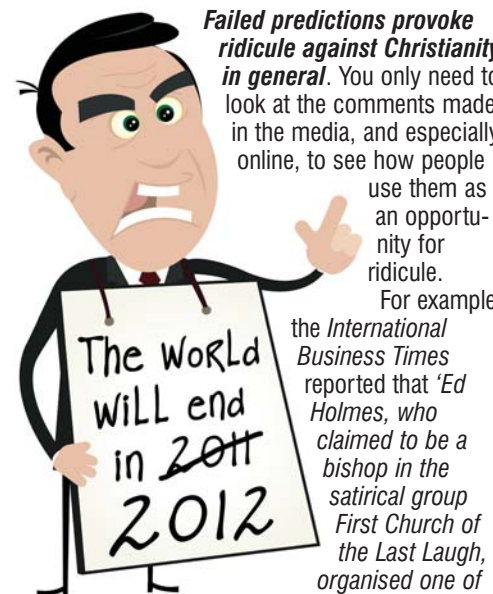
The danger of failed predictions

So what if some psychics, pseudo-astronomers, dispensationalists and fringe Adventists make failed forecasts about the end of the world, Armageddon, the so-called 'rapture' or the Second Coming of Christ? Why worry about them?

Well, I think failed predictions can be dangerous, and here are some reasons:

Failed predictions provoke ridicule against Christianity in general. You only need to look at the comments made in the media, and especially online, to see how people use them as an opportunity for ridicule.

For example, the *International Business Times* reported that 'Ed Holmes, who claimed to be a bishop in the satirical group First Church of the Last Laugh, organised one of



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Julian Hibbert
Editor

the many Armageddon countdowns-cum-parties, as people drank liquor, . . . and released helium balloons symbolising the "millions of souls that would go to Heaven come judgement day", as predicted by Camping.⁵

This type of publicity degrades Christianity, trivialises its teachings and makes people sceptical of religion.

Failed predictions often result in a backlash against Adventism in particular. Our name, our strong belief in the Second Coming, and our historic emphasis on understanding prophecy often lead naïve and uninformed journalists to link us with the likes of Camping.

All of which raises prejudice levels in the community.

Failed predictions may also cause a subtle erosion of our personal faith in the role and accuracy of Bible prophecy. When the 'forecasters' and 'date setters' are from within our own ranks, we may subconsciously distance ourselves from prophetic study or debate because we want to 'avoid their extreme positions'. After all, who wants to be identified with the fanatic fringe!

Why the fascination with dates?

This is an interesting question, which may have something to do with our human need to control life and its events. Knowing when a cataclysmic event (such as the Second Coming of Christ, or the end of the world) is due allows some of us to feel safe, secure and in control.

If it is still distant, we can console ourselves with the thought that there is still enough time to set things in order. If it is imminent, we can intensify our piety and make every effort to 'get ready'!

Seems we will all be surprised

Something interesting emerges as we review the parables that relate to the Second Coming of Christ: precise dates are not important. In fact, Jesus said: 'No-one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.' (Matthew 24:36, NIV.)

What is regarded as vital, however, is a personal connection with the Saviour. Notice Matthew's record of what happens when the five foolish virgins return to the banquet hall: 'Later the others also came. "Sir! Sir!" they said. "Open the door for us!" But he replied, "I tell you the truth, I don't know you."' (Matthew 25:11, 12, NIV.)

Christ expresses similar sentiments when he discusses the fate of those who profess to have worked miracles in his name: 'Then I will tell them plainly, "I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!"' (Matthew 7:23, NIV.)

So it is clear: precise dates are not important, but a relationship is!

A unique relationship

This relationship that God invites us to share with him is a unique one. It is not casual, superficial or sporadic. It is a relationship that brings deep and lasting assurance to our minds. It provides peace – a sense of inner tranquillity – even during the most difficult circumstances.

Norman Gulley describes the basis for this assurance: 'It's time to gaze on Calvary, to see Him hanging there for us. Time to see His death as our forgiveness, acceptance, and assurance. Calvary is concrete, irreversible, irresistible, extravagant evidence that He has paid for our ticket to salvation. All we have to do is accept. His death makes certain our future, guarantees our destiny. Calvary calls to each one of us. Won't you claim your gift?'

The world ended yesterday, again! But that's OK, because our relationship with Jesus didn't!

¹<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/may/22/rapture-harold-camping-end-world>. ²http://www.religious-tolerance.org/end_wri2.htm. ³<http://www.2think.org/hundreds/sheep/skeptical/predictions.shtml>. ⁴http://www.raptureready.com/who/Hal_Lindsey.html. ⁵<http://m.ibtimes.com/end-of-days-judgment-day-harold-camping-radio-group-prophecy-jokes-internet-web-site-150030.html>. ⁶Christ is Coming! by Norman R. Gulley, page 461, Review and Herald, 1998.

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Only from the inside

By Ron Surridge

Just the other day while I was talking with Don Lowe, a long-standing friend, he made the following comment: 'Ron, do you remember all those years ago when our mothers took us ingathering? So many doors remained closed, even though we knocked hard, and knew full well that people were inside?'

Then, thoughtful as ever, he remarked, 'It wasn't very nice, was it, but just imagine that Jesus has been knocking at the doors of men's hearts for over two thousand years with much the same results.'

Jesus said, 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.' (Rev. 3:20, NKJV).

Christianity is unique

No religion in the world, other than Christianity, has a vision of its 'god' or 'gods' in which they are seen seeking or pleading for the souls of men and women.

Some years ago the National Christian Council of Japan was asked to produce a document that would make clear the distinctive difference between

Christianity and all other religions. Their conclusion was that only Christians believe in a God who takes the initiative in seeking out men, irrespective of whether or not they seek for him.'

Hugh Montefiore was born into a well-known Jewish family, but was converted to Christianity while a pupil at Rugby Public School. He later became an eminent scholar, and was eventually appointed as the Bishop of Birmingham. To him 'the conception of God actually going out in quest of sinful men, who were not seeking him, but who were turned away from him' was the basic point of difference between the Christian and Jewish understanding of God.

The words of Jesus we read in Revelation 3:20 paint a picture of Jesus as a loving Saviour, searching for men and women, even those who do not want him, or try to hide from him. Nothing in any other religion can compare with the wonder of this kind of love.

Jesus goes on to say that, to anyone who opens the door, he will come in and dine with them. The Greek word used to describe the meal he will have with them (*deipnein*) is not the word used for the lighter meals enjoyed earlier in the day, but the special, leisurely, evening meal.

This is how William Barclay describes that meal: 'people lingered over it, for the day's work was done. . . .' There was time during it for unhurried and unlimited fellowship together.

Only we can answer

When Christ knocks on the door of our hearts, it is only we who can answer that knock. Christ will never break that door down. He must be an invited guest.

We may not be responsible for what goes on in the world around us, but we are responsible for what goes on in our own hearts and minds. All Christ's offers and pleas will be wasted if we fail to open our hearts to him.

In that famous painting by William Holman Hunt, 'The Light of the world', there is no latch on the outside of the door of the house at which Christ is knocking. The artist depicts a door that may only be opened from the inside . . . and that will be your choice!

'All references are from *The Daily Study Bible: The Revelation of John (Volume 1, Chapters 1-5)*, by William Barclay, pp. 146-148.

A step of faith



Stan and Sophia Sigawale, and their young daughters Litiana and Leilani, are about to begin the biggest adventure of their lives. They are following God's call to Fiji, where they will work as self-supporting missionaries, doing evangelism in close co-operation with the Fiji Mission.

They will use their music ministry to reach unchurched groups in the area, but hope eventually to have a centre in Lautoka town, where they will provide literature, health-food products, and a safe and fun place for parents to leave their children.

One of their challenges is to let their three-bedroom house in Ipswich, Suffolk, before they leave in August. If you are interested in learning more about their ministry or the house, please contact them at sophiasigawale@hotmail.co.uk for these details.

News flash

A Seventh-day Adventist resource centre has opened at the Aston-Newton church in Birmingham. It will supply a variety of Adventist literature, music, witnessing material and health food. The shop times are Wednesday (11am-4pm), Thursday (4pm-8pm), Friday (9am-1pm) and Sunday (11am-3pm). The address is Lichfield Road, Aston, Birmingham, B6 5SX and the landline is 0121 3286380.

Loving Hearts charity concert

This will be held at Newbold Church, Bracknell, on 25 June at 7pm, to raise funds for the purchase of a 'half-way house' to be used by the Loving Hearts charity in its ministry to the poor and destitute of the area. Please contact Bernadette Jerry at ber1268@btinternet.com for more details.

inbox

Wednesday evening prayer meeting – really!

Dear Editor

'Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by *Bible study and preaching*'? False; but true for prayer meetings up and down this land. How much time at a 'midweek prayer meeting' is actually spent in prayer? Most times it is five or ten minutes at the end, with fifteen minutes as the maximum.

The only time that the church comes together to pray corporately and regularly (apart from on Sabbaths) is on Wednesday

evening. It may be the only time that we have an opportunity to pray for an hour during the week together.

We have heard it said that prayer is important, but we pray so little as a church body on a Wednesday evening. My simple question is, 'Why?' Jesus said to his returning disciples, who had a difficult time with a particular situation, 'Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting' (Matthew 17:21, KJV). Is this our default position – do we only pray when things get difficult?

HUBERT SMITH-SAMUELS

Structural change in the BUC

Dear Pastor McFarlane,

I thank you for publicly acknowledging the need for change. Your willingness to envisage

change will strengthen trust in the Church's management.

We pray for the Lord to bless you with humility, wisdom, strength and courage as you lead the way forward.

GRETA POULTON

Dear Editor

I was delighted to read President McFarlane's paper in the *MESSENGER* of 13 May. I congratulate him on his comprehensive review, which I very much welcome.

The objectives are well set out. Surely everybody will agree that we should strive for greater administrative efficiency, so releasing resources to focus on 'the great commission' (Matthew 28:19, 20).

Since we have set our minds to revitalise our leadership and administration, I believe we should take the bull by the horns. It is no time for tinkering. Let us be brave and go for radical reorganisation.

To me the only starter in the reorganisation stakes is the fusion model. By cutting out a complete layer, it brings individual churches and members closer to our leadership. It also releases resources (people and funds) to work at the 'coalface'.

One of the challenges concerning the division into fields is the disparity in number of members. Inevitably big cities, especially London, have a greater membership density than the largely rural fields. However, it is often in these rural fields that the Church is struggling: so we must devote significant resources to preventing the Church dying in the countryside. Thus I see no problem in utilising ministerial resources released by the reorganisation.

As part of the reorganisation, I would urge the BUC to seek a higher profile for our Church in the life of the UK. We have a powerful message, so let us shout it from the rooftops. Let us co-operate with other like-minded denominations to ensure there is a clear Christian input into government and national life.

Also I would encourage the use of suitably skilled lay people in our administration. This would bring in technical and management skills, as well as releasing experienced ordained staff to work in the fields.

ALLAN KISSACK

ADRA-UK will be among the first charities in the country to use its own, unique, personalised text code, ADRA07, to raise funds using JustTextGiving by Vodafone.

This is a brand-new free service that has no set-up or fundraising costs for charities and no network charges for people making donations, and every penny donated goes to charity. Gift Aid can also be added to donations.

From today, supporters of ADRA-UK can make donations of up to £10 by texting 70070 and either 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 10 to 70070 to make their donation. The text message is free and all of the donation will be passed to ADRA-UK.

For further information contact Godwin Benjamin at ADRA-UK on 01923-681723.

MESSENGER news leads to membership

By Julian Hibbert

On Sabbath afternoon, 2 August, I followed the 'Garmin lady's' terse instructions to the village of Farnon, Nottinghamshire. There the Newark members were finishing off preparations for a baptism in the community hall.

All baptisms are special, but this one was also unusual. Peter Jaynes and Peter Sayers baptised Anna and Isaac in a portable baptistery, while Anna's parents from Poland sat in the front row with tears in their eyes. Although not from our faith community, they had come to the UK for this special event.

The couple was also well supported by Adventists from the local Polish community, some of whom performed special items in their language. Even the summary of our beliefs was read in both English and Polish.

There was something else unusual about the baptism – something involving a *MESSENGER* news item and Joan Kirkland.

Joan also joined the Newark church that day, something she thought would never happen. For nearly ten years she had fellowshipped with Adventists, with little hope that she would ever become a member. Her physical condition made baptism impossible.

Joan's story

But let her tell the story in her own words: 'One day in November 2001, someone pushed a pamphlet through my door, announcing that a carol service was to be held at the Seventh-day Adventist church. My husband and I went, enjoyed it, and decided to keep worshipping with them. Unfortunately he died suddenly on 31 December and I became a widow!

'I continued to attend the church. In fact, I hardly missed a Sabbath. During the years I often thought about becoming a full member of the church, but I knew that baptism was out of the question because of my physical condition. Then one Sunday evening, while reading the *MESSENGER* news, I noticed that one church had gained eight new members – six by baptism and two by something called "profession of faith".

'I immediately phoned the elder to ask if this could be done for me. He and the pastor visited me and said it could, and I was so happy. Instead of being outside the window looking in, I could now be on the inside looking out!

'Today, nearly ten years after that invitation was pushed through my bungalow door, I feel as if a weight has at last been lifted from my shoulders.'



'Christ will never break that door down. He must be an invited guest.'

Pick and shovel religion

The *MESSENGER* editor interviews one of The Stanborough Press Ltd's staff, David Selvage, who recently offered up two weeks of his annual leave to help a human rights charity, Amos Trust, rebuild a home in Palestine.

Editor: 'David, I understand that this project was run in the village of Al-Walaja, in the occupied Palestinian territories, outside Bethlehem. Is that correct?'

David: 'Yes Julian, we lived and worked in that village for two weeks, and were well received by the inhabitants.'

Editor: 'What did the project involve?'

David: 'We went to build a home for a Palestinian family whose home was demolished by the Israeli authorities in 2004 – to make way for the infamous wall of separation.' I feel sorry for them –

they spent the last seven years raising their children in a refugee camp!'

Editor: 'How does the trust make selections? Surely there must be many deserving families?'

David: 'They have a stringent vetting process, which relies heavily on the criteria of "deepest poverty" and "greatest distress". This family fully met these criteria.'

Editor: 'Tell us briefly about the challenges of the building process.'

David: 'Well there were fifteen of us in the group, and we were on site from day two. Our first task involved moving 900 concrete blocks from the top of the hill to the cleared area down the hill, where they would become the walls of the home. It was a back-breaking challenge but we managed! Our next hurdle involved

moving twenty tons of dirt, bucket by bucket, in one day, so that the foundation concrete could be poured that evening! It was like that most days during the build, with challenge after challenge, but we managed to finish it on time.'

Editor: 'David, when one thinks of Palestine, tension, unrest and danger spring to mind. Did you experience any of that?'

David: 'We were apprehensive, Julian. We were aware that the Israeli authorities might well stop us from completing the home rebuild, or else demolish it again as soon as we left – for the same reasons that they demolished it in the first place!'

Editor: 'Did you sense God at work in the project?'

David: 'Yes, he was there, in the midst of all the hard work: the mixing, shovelling and sweating. At one point our supervisor, Marwan, made this observation: "I think it is important to pray; everyone thinks it is important to pray – Jews, Christians, Muslims – but this [and he pointed to the fast-growing house behind him], this pleases God as much – I do

this first and pray after!" To him, rebuilding a demolished home for a destitute family was an act of worship, pleasing and acceptable to God, and I totally agree. Why shouldn't you be able to worship God as much with a pick or a shovel in your hands as with a Bible or a hymnal?'

'The separation wall is still under construction and is expected to reach just over 400 miles in length, which will make it four times as long, and in places twice as high, as the Berlin Wall.'

'The Israeli authorities issued a demolition order on the house while David and his team were building it. Initially effective within three days, it was deferred to three months by swift legal intervention. The Amos Trust is hoping that their application for a permanent stay of demolition will be successful.'



David Selvage



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LOVE WINS.



All in the family part 1

When you look through the family album of Jesus in Luke 3, you can't help noticing it's quite different from the one in Matthew 1. In Matthew 1:15, 16, Jesus is called the Son of Mary, the wife of Joseph, the son of Jacob, the son of Matthan, the son of Eleazar, the son of Eliud – in Luke 3:23, 24, however, Joseph's father is called Heli the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melchi, the son of Janna. If there were only one difference, we might have assumed that two names referred to the same person (see for reference *Uzziah*, or *Azariah*, the king of Israel in 2 Kings 15:1 and 2 Chronicles 26:1) – but so many names differ between these genealogies that it's clear two distinct family trees are being described. So what's going on?

Joseph apparently had two fathers, Jacob and Heli (Matthew 1:16; Luke 3:23) – possibly a birth father and an adopted father, which could explain why Joseph was from Bethlehem but ended up living in Nazareth (Luke 2:1-4). Adoption was common in the Mediterranean during Jesus' time, as evidenced by Paul's illustrative references to it (Galatians 4:5; Ephesians 1:5), so this shouldn't come as a surprise – Jesus himself was the adopted, rather than the biological, Son of Joseph (Luke 3:23), and yet his adopted forefathers are proudly listed by Luke and Matthew as evidence that he is the Son of David.

We should note that David is listed as Jesus' adopted forefather in both family trees – according to Matthew 1:6 and Luke 3:31, Jesus' family tree starts to branch among David's sons. One branch, through Solomon, contained all of Judah's kings and is listed in Matthew's Gospel, and the other, through Nathan, is listed in Luke. Interestingly, both Nathan and Solomon shared the same mother – Bathshua, or Bathsheba (1 Chronicles 3:5).

Even more interestingly, the name *Nathan* is derived from the Hebrew word meaning 'give' or 'given', and Solomon was also called *Jedidiah*, meaning 'Beloved of the LORD' – implying that Nathan and Solomon's parents recognised their children were loved by God and were gifts from him (2 Samuel 12:24, 25). *Nathan* was also the name of the prophet who rebuked David for his adultery with Bathsheba and subsequent murder of her husband, Uriah the Hittite (2 Samuel 11; 12), and David's son Nathan may have been named after Nathan the prophet, implying David's respect for the man of God who had rebuked him.

The parallels with Jesus' life and ministry are not hard to see – we are all beloved of the LORD, and for this reason Christ was given (John 3:16). Just as God demonstrated his forgiveness to David, the king and one-time shepherd, by giving him sons, so too he forgives us through Jesus, the King and Good Shepherd, the adopted Son of Joseph (John 10:11). Just as David respected Nathan the prophet and repented (Psalm 51), so too we are called to show respect to Jesus and repent (Acts 2:38): and – as Peter says in Acts 2:39 – the promise of the Holy Spirit is to you, and to your children – to your whole family tree!

- David and Bathsheba had two other sons together. Who were they?
- Who was the son of Solomon, and what happened in his reign?
- Luke's genealogy of Jesus appears after which event? Why is it placed here?
- Who begat all men, according to Luke's genealogy?
- What are we called, according to 1 John 3?

Street parties

History of street parties

No one can really be sure just when the tradition of street parties started. But we all know they have been around for generations.

Some suggest that they started with the 'peace teas' that were held in July 1919, shortly after the Treaty of Versailles brought the Great War to an end. Apparently these tea parties were

'a special treat for children in those times of hardship and were quite formal sit down affairs.'¹ Others have them beginning much earlier, with such events as the Golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria on 20 June 1887.

Whatever their origins, however, street parties are wonderful, and they add colour and vibrancy to the rich texture of UK tradition, particularly in England and Wales.

In fact, organisations like Streets Alive believe that street parties should become more widespread and popular because of their ability

to 'promote neighbourliness'² and transform the country 'from the street up'.³

The Royal Wedding of Prince William to Kate Middleton was the most recent opportunity for many to bring out their bunting and barbecues for a street party. Some of our congregations also used this great opportunity to mix with the local community on 29 April. Here is some of the fun and influence from these events where the church was turned inside-out.

¹<http://www.streetparty.org.uk/history.aspx>. ²ibid.

³<http://www.streetsalive.org.uk>.

Turning the church
inside-out...

Street party to celebrate the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, 1953.
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Janson Road street party, locals enjoy a burger.



Watering Hole project party, residents enjoy the atmosphere and the jelly 'n' ice-cream.



Watering Hole project party, that doughnut looks good!

Janson Road street party

In Janson Road, Stratford, London, approximately 300 people from the community came out to enjoy the Stratford Seventh-day Adventist church's street party.

Church helpers were about early, decorating the road with bunting and balloons, and they were soon joined by community leaders who wanted to help.

The party began at 10am with the Stratford Pathfinder drum corps marching down the street to alert the residents that the festivities were to start. In addition to the main party, there were free health checks and literature, face-painting and bouncy castles, and the chance to explore a fire engine, courtesy of Stratford Fire Brigade. For those who wanted to watch the wedding ceremony, a screen was provided in the middle of the road. The smell of food on the barbecue brought queues to the church gates, and the snacks were enjoyed by everyone. The day was rounded off with music and live entertainment performed by church members and people from the local community.

A real community spirit was felt by all, and one young child brought a smile to our faces when he asked, 'Can we do this again tomorrow?' One young lady was so impressed that she has been attending the church weekly since the party.

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The Watering Hole project party

Practical evangelism 'community-style' is the hallmark of Southampton's Watering Hole project, and things were no different for the Royal Wedding street party that they co-hosted on Friday, 29 April.

More than 500 tickets were sold for this event and almost 600 people, including volunteer helpers, attended.

Bouncy castles, a coconut shy, races, face-painting, various stalls and refreshments, a wedding hat competition and a parade were just some of the events to keep people amused while they waited for the huge wedding tea and the cutting of the cake.

In the evening, a barbecue and band extended the entertainment as people continued to enjoy the sunshine, with many not wanting to leave 'such a wonderful event'!

The event was well reported by local newspapers, and the regional radio station voted their street party as the best local party, with the most activities on offer.

ROSEMARY LETHBRIDGE



Watering Hole project party, everyone enjoying the party.



Janson Road street party, burger production.



Janson Road street party, members and locals together.



Janson Road street party, local Fire & Rescue always on hand.

Walking for ADRA

On a breezy Sunday in March, six children and five older members from Middlesbrough were sponsored to walk six miles through the North York Moors to raise money for ADRA. The walk was great fun, but the plight of the less fortunate was never far from their thoughts, and they wish more people could have joined them.

MIDDLESBROUGH COMMUNICATION TEAM



Harvest Ingathering was never like this!

Small groups of enthusiastic Pathfinders and Adventurers advanced on Garston, Watford – armed with ADRA collecting tins and leaflets, and accompanied by adult collectors – during Stanborough Park Church's *ADRA Special Family Fun Day Collection*, on Sunday 27 March. The Pathfinders and Adventurers set an amazing example to us all.

SPC COMMUNICATION TEAM
PHOTOGRAPHS: ANNE SMITH



Council chairman attends investiture

On Sabbath 14 May, an investiture service for the Stanborough Park Adventurer and Pathfinder clubs was attended by Councillor Alan Burtenshaw (chairman of the Watford Borough Council) and his wife Ellie, who helped to fill a packed church.

The club's success, shown by more than 100 certificates presented during the service, is largely thanks to its director (Mr Bernell Bussue), Pathfinder leader (Paula Yunuen-Carrilo Flores) and Adventurer leader (Miguelle Scantlebury), their associates, and the parents.

Paula Yunuen-Carrilo Flores told the congregation of being blessed since becoming involved with Pathfinders in her homeland of Mexico. She thanked Councillor Burtenshaw and Ellie for their attendance, and Councillor Burtenshaw paid tribute to the Adventurers and Pathfinders' hard work and success. He, with Pastor Nathan Stickland and Vernon Noel, presented certificates and honours. There followed an unexpected but well-deserved presentation to Bernell. Over the past decade, hundreds of children have joined the club and tens have been baptised.

Rebecca de Morais had come to know Jesus as her personal Saviour through the club, resulting in her decision to be baptised.

During the afternoon, Councillor Alan and Ellie rejoined the Adventurers and Pathfinders, together with the Holloway Pathfinder drum corps and drill squad, the Stanborough Park health team, and co-ordinator of Area 6A, Master Guide Kennedy Kundan, for a march and health witness in the main high street of Watford. Many local people were able to visit the health stand, participate in health checks and receive nutritional advice. More than 150 young people participated.

PETE WALTON



Fifty years on . . .

Retired pastors and lay workers met in late March, at Oxwich Bay in South Wales, for some warm reflective fellowship.

Oxwich Bay, named recently as the UK's best and most beautiful beach, was the site of the Church's annual youth camp in the 1950s. Then, it was full of ex-War Department tents and DIY straw-filled mattresses, but camp life, led by Pastor Ken and Beryl Gammon, was a delightful annual highlight for many post-war church youth.

The reunion revived many old memories, and Pastor Martin Bell, who organised the gathering, gave a new perspective on prayer in his evening devotionals.

JOHN WILBY



2011 SEC ADRA fun-run

Heavy rain soon gave way to sunshine at Crystal Palace Park on 8 May for the SEC ADRA fun-run! The participants set off at 10am, instructed by Terry Messenger, SEC Personal Ministries and Sabbath School director, after a prayer and countdown by Bert Smit, ADRA-UK director.

Some ran, some walked and some cycled. Many chose to go the full distance of 12 miles – with many opting to complete the 'golden mile' (which actually came to 13.5 miles). All age groups were represented. Hugh Thomas from the Lewisham church was celebrating his 76th birthday by completing the 13.5 miles!

Milton Rainoso from the South London Hispanic church completed 13.5 miles, being pushed all the way in a wheelchair. Jessie Nolan from the Wimbledon church (who suffers from cystic fibrosis) was let out of hospital by doctors to complete the fun-run. As soon as she finished she went back to the hospital. Many doctors sponsored her.

More than 400 people took part and much funding was raised for ADRA. Everyone agreed that it was a day well spent!

TERRY MESSENGER

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Don't miss this great Adventist family event at The Stanborough Press Ltd, Alma Park, Grantham, Lincolnshire, NG31 9SL.

Fartown's first baptism

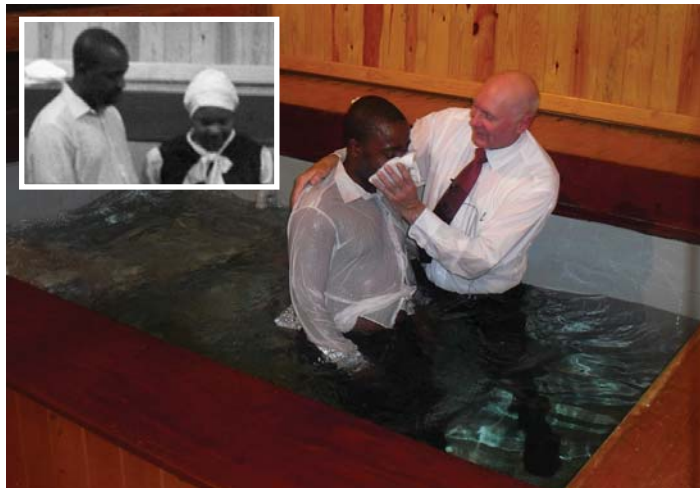
The Fartown church plant in Huddersfield, led by John Mowoe and started in January 2010, had its very first baptism on Sabbath 13 November, 2010, following months of door-to-door evangelism, a series on prophecy, and a health expo.

The candidates were husband and wife, Joseph and Precious Dengure, originally from Zimbabwe.

The Huddersfield 'mother' church, Crosland Moor, was full to witness their immersion by the local pastor, Barry Stokes, at the culmination of a week of prayer led by Pastor Frankie Lazarus.

Several people responded to the appeal, and are now preparing for the next baptism!

BARRY STOKES



Josh Hartnell baptised

On the afternoon of 9 April Josh confirmed his choice for direction in life. As a young child he had been taken to church in Manchester by his father, Mark. Despite living with his non-believing mother after a family break-up, a seed had been sown.

When Josh was a teenager Mark moved to Cornwall and Josh visited his dad at weekends. These trips often included a spiritual aspect, and Josh attended the family's local church at St

Austell. The relaxed, friendly atmosphere played a role in his attendance.

One day the minister, Chris Peake, jokingly asked Josh if he would like to help in one of the church teams once he was baptised. 'Funnily enough I've been thinking about baptism', was the reply. On 9 April Josh was accepted into fellowship at the St Austell church after affirming his beliefs, and was then baptised.

STEVE GREAVES



Baptism and week of prayer at Lewisham

It was the summer of 2000 when Dewaine Frazer (18), on his way home from church, decided to take a shortcut. He was attacked by three men who held a cutlass to his throat and demanded money. Terrified, Frazer made a pact with God: if his life was spared he would dedicate his life to the ministry.

The young man God saved that night kept his promise.

Pastor Frazer has baptised over 100 precious souls. Eight more gave their lives to Christ on 26 March, following a youth week of prayer at Lewisham

Church: husband and wife Gauntlet and Norma Ray, sisters Rhyan and Renée Drummond, Duaine Butcher, Katrina Chambers-Jones, Adrian Chamt and Dwayne Clark.

'The reason so many young people leave church is not because they're bored, but because they have yet to experience an encounter with God', Pastor Frazer told more than 300 people in Lewisham.

'There ain't no party like a Holy Ghost party', he said. 'Jesus can give us 50:50 vision.'

SHADE LAPITE



West Bromwich Church Pathfinder induction

Sabbath 12 March was induction day for the West Bromwich church! The Pathfinders, Adventurers and Eager Beavers came in, smart and prepared, under the leadership of Joseph Spencer. The ceremony was declared open by the director, and the Pathfinders recited and explained the Adventurer and Pathfinder law and pledge.

JADE JAMES-TOMLIN



Investiture in Oxford

The Oxford church reports that four Eager Beavers have now become Adventurers and three Pathfinder Friends have become Companions. Pat Dyckoff (Area 5 Pathfinder co-ordinator) and Earl Ramharacksingh (SEC executive treasurer) attended the Eager Beaver investiture earlier in the year. Pastor Eglan Brooks (BUC Personal Ministries director) attended the March investiture. All six Friends presented an excellent programme, and Nathan Stickland told them they were the first club to be invested in the new SEC Pathfinder uniform!

SOPHIA NICHOLLS



Baptism at Hemel Hempstead

Sabbath 9 April marked the baptism of 17-year-old Jonathon Padley into the Hemel Hempstead church. Friends, relatives and regular church members packed the church, and his mother and sisters, Sarah and Katherine, thanked him for making them happy. The sermon was delivered by Pastor Jacques Venter.

JOHN BUTTERS

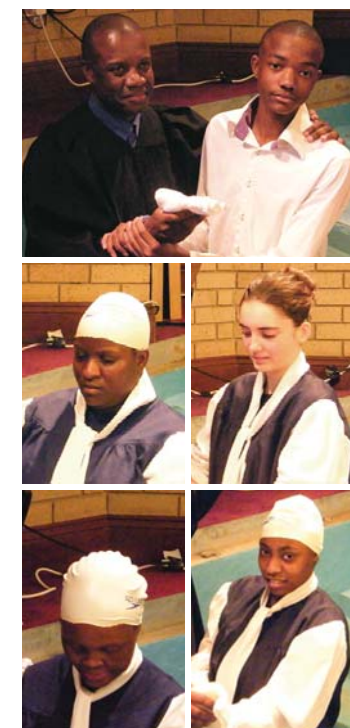


Making a stand in Milton Keynes

In Milton Keynes people make a stand for God by being baptised. On 9 April Pastor Augustus Lawrence, the minister of the Milton Keynes and Bletchley Community churches, helped four candidates make a stand for God by baptising Katie Butler, Pretty Dube, Louisa Frimpong and Shakira Miller. 'Baptism does not mean that you are perfect, but means you are committed and making a stand for God', stated Pastor Lawrence.

April ended with another baptism – Brandon Stewart was baptised by his father, Pastor Colin Stewart, on 30 April.

MILTON KEYNES COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT



To Japan with love

Pupils and parents from Stanborough Primary School collected a special offering at their spring concert to support the people in Japan, following the earthquake and tsunami which devastated the country on 11 March. The headteacher, Kathleen Hanson, had entitled the evening 'No Greater Love', and, after a moving powerpoint presentation to the song 'He's My Brother', a collection was made raising an astounding £505.26! Bert Smit (CEO ADRA-UK) and Godwin Benjamin (Annual Appeal co-ordinator) expressed thanks to the parents and pupils when they received the funds on behalf of ADRA.

Stanborough Primary School continues to be 'a small school with a big heart' – a comment that had been made by the NSPCC earlier in the year, when the school again surpassed itself by collecting £1,075 for the children's charity.



KATHLEEN HANSON



Baptism at Redhill

Doris Adeline, Edith Creasey and Marilyn le Fauve were baptised at the Anderson Leisure Centre in Horley this year – Pastor Opoku-Mensa of the Horley Gatwick church immersed the candidates, and the baptism had been arranged through a group effort from the Redhill church plant (an offshoot of Horley Gatwick, led by Elder Mac Hlabangana), and through the working of the Holy Spirit.

ELDER WILBUR MUTAMBARA

Senior citizens' tea party

The Reading Central church held its annual senior citizens' tea party on 20 March, at St Peter's Church Hall in Church Road, Reading. Volunteers from Reading Central drove to pick up people from their homes and care homes to take them to the venue.

The relaxing, social tea party dates back to the 1980s, and caters for senior members of the



local community as well as regular church members. Among the fifty people who attended was 102-year-old Mrs Griffiths, who attends every year.

ITUMLENG OSUPENG

Prayer and praise in Area 2!

The Area 2 Youth Federation started off 2011 with an evening of prayer and praise on 8 January at Gloucester Church, attended by just under fifty people. The theme was: 'I have a new heart . . . yes, I believe!' based on Ezekiel 36:26.

The speakers for the evening were Shail Summersgill (16) who spoke on faith, and Thokozani Chibowa (17) who gave a four-step guide on how to get a new heart.

Youth from the Bristol Central, Gloucester and Bristol North churches led the worship and presented special musical and dramatic items. There were frequent prayer sessions, including ones where men and women prayed for each other in groups.

The federation enjoyed its first youth retreat during 20-22 May, and has many future events planned. For more, find us on Facebook; just search for 'Areatwoyouth Federation'.

ESTELLE HARTLEY-MCDONALD



Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Teachers required at Newbold School

The Newbold School is seeking to appoint a full-time teacher for KS1, and also a full-time teacher for KS2. The successful candidates will be required to commence in September 2011.

If you would like to join a committed, professional team; are familiar with the National Curriculum; are keen to keep abreast with current educational practices; and enjoy being part of a learning and faith community – we would like to hear from you. The successful applicants will show commitment to the vision of the governors for the school, the Seventh-day Adventist ethos of the school and the inclusion of all learners. Ideally the applicants will have QTS, although NQTs will be considered. The salary will range between 81% and 96% of the denominational pay scale depending on experience and the level of qualifications. A visit to the school is warmly welcomed. To arrange a visit please contact Mrs Pat Eastwood at Newbold School by telephoning: 01344 421088.

The SEC 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 CRB check before they can be appointed. Applicants are required to have the right to work in the UK and to complete an application form. For a job application form, person specification and job description, please email Mrs Jacqui Crawford at: jcrawford@secadventist.org.uk. Application deadline: **22 June 2011**

Stewardship and communication award ceremony and banquet

On Sunday 1 May students and lecturers from the SEC-run Stewardship and Communication courses were reunited at the Stanborough Park centre for an award ceremony and banquet to celebrate their achievements over the past four years. Dr Richard de Lisser (SEC Stewardship and Communication director) welcomed the guests, and Pastor Cecil Perry (former president of the BUC) enthralled listeners with his devotion. Musical renditions were given by Pastor Bobby Bovell and Jader Fiejoe, and the guests were treated to a sumptuous meal by the Adventist-owned CAPS Catering Company.

The highlight of the evening was the awards ceremony, where all students and lecturers received a certificate for their commitment to the work of God in the SEC. Glass plaques were presented to a number of churches and individuals for exceptional service:

- Dwayne Lawson (SEC Stewardship Leader of the Year award)
- Angela Hunter (SEC Leader of the Year award)
- The Croydon church (SEC Church of the Year award for the most tithe returned to the SEC for the year 2010)
- The London Ghana church (SEC Church of the Year award for the most Gift Aid returned to the SEC for the year 2010)
- The Croydon church (SEC Church of the Year award for the highest uptake in Gift Aid in the SEC for the year 2010)
- The Croydon church (SEC Church of the Year award for the largest amount of active Gift Aiders in the SEC for the year 2010)
- The Newbold church (SEC Church of the Year award for the largest increase in tithe returned to the SEC for the year 2010).

The evening ended with a prayer of thanksgiving, offered by Pastor Lewis Quaye, associate pastor of the London Ghana church.

DR RICHARD DE LISSER, SEC STEWARDSHIP AND COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR



Tamworth health screening

On 26 February, the hall of Park Farm Community Centre, where Tamworth members worship, was used as a health clinic by Health Ministries leader Maxine Nicholson and her team. On arrival those present were each given a personal checklist to record screening results as they moved around the different stations: height, weight, blood pressure and BMI. All members were then able to discuss their results privately with health practitioners, who gave them personal advice on healthy eating and dieting.

During the evening the children had just as much fun as the adults! They kept fit by playing on trampolines and the Wii Fit, and doing step exercises.

Maxine is planning to hold a follow-up programme where those who attended will be able to give feedback.

PAULINE NEWTON
COMMUNICATIONS SECRETARY



obituaries



Betty Mann (1931-2011)
d. 27 March.

Betty was a member of the Ipswich church who served as church treasurer for over twenty-five years. She

was baptised into membership in 1957, at the same time as her future husband Bill. Betty and Bill were married at the Ipswich Seventh-day Adventist church in 1959 and remained faithful members.

The eulogies emphasised Betty's love and patience, and her peaceful, happy smile. Until her final illness she was always active, busy, and willing to help, and never had a bad word to say about anyone. She was much loved by

both her biological and church families and will be missed greatly.

Betty is survived by her husband Bill, children John and Gillian, four grandchildren (Nicola, Daniel, Ryan and Emma) and one great-grandchild (Levente). We look forward to seeing her again at the Resurrection.

VERONICA AKROFI



Theresa Zipporah Stephens (1902-2011)
d. 28 March.

Theresa Zipporah Stephens, Britain's oldest Adventist and a member of the

Camp Hill church in Birmingham, died at the age of 108 on 28 March. Theresa

was born in the parish of St Elizabeth in Jamaica, to Arthur John Stephens and his wife Sarah in June 1902. She attributed her longevity to the blessings of God, as promised in the fifth commandment, for looking after her parents until their deaths.

After the passing of her parents, Theresa immigrated to Birmingham in 1961 to join her brother and look after his young children. She asked him to direct her to the nearest Seventh-day Adventist church and was brought to the old church at Camp Hill, where she became a member until her death. Theresa took great interest in the welfare of people and served her church faithfully in the Welfare and Community Services ministry. Many others reflected on her personal generosity.

Pastor Cedric Vine, who ministered as an intern at Camp Hill, recalled his experiences with her and her enormous, ever-present handbag that seemed to contain everything. Olwyn McIntyre recounted a Wednesday prayer

meeting in which her alarm clock went off, to the amusement of all. Her commitment to the services of the church was shown by her church attendance, which only ceased in the last two years because of a fall.

Sister Stephens never married or had children. When she became incapacitated, Sylvia Thompson, a family friend and church sister, moved into her flat to manage her care despite holding down a full-time job.

Sister Stephens was blessed with amazingly good health – never suffering from any of the metabolic and cardiovascular diseases usually attendant on old age. Up until the time of her death she was not taking any prescribed medication. Theresa lived through and beyond nearly the entire twentieth century, with its attendant achievements and challenges. She was a woman of prayer and Christian faith. Theresa died as she lived – trusting in her God and the certainty of the Resurrection.

J. NICHOLSON – NEC COMMUNICATIONS

Mix-d: a platform for mixed-race conversations

Denise Williams, an elder of the Leicester Central church, has recently written a book entitled *Mixed Matters: Mixed-race Pupils Discuss School and Identity*. Having taught for twenty years in primary, secondary and special schools, she is now the deputy head of a provision for 5-14-year-olds who either have

been excluded or are at risk of exclusion.

Denise said, 'As an education consultant specialising in ethnic minority achievement, I was frustrated by the lack of progress made in raising levels of achievement for certain ethnic groups. I found myself saying the same things to different professionals working with mixed-race pupils all across the country, so it seemed to make sense to share the experience of the pupils themselves . . . I was fortunate enough to act as a consultant on a project called Mix-d (pronounced 'Mixed') that set up youth conferences across the country for young people of mixed race and drew on their experiences to inform practitioners and policy makers.'

Pupils of mixed race very often feel unsupported by educational professionals, and are also one of the groups who are least likely to gain five GCSEs with A*-C grades. They say that they are often stereotyped; but their edu-

Dedication and reunion at Latimer place

BUC president, Pastor Don McFarlane, and his wife Mary joined Pastor Sam and Joyce Quadjo and visitors from the Great Yarmouth, Ipswich and Colchester churches at Lowestoft Church on Sabbath, 26 March, for a spiritual retreat.

Pastor Paul Smith officiated as Pastor Michael Walker reminded attendees that 'it isn't *change of men* that God needs, but *changed men*.'

During the second service, Pastor McFarlane spoke about the latter rain, and attendees witnessed the dedication of Keira Sandom, daughter of Karl and Nodia.

IZABELA CLARRY



cation can be greatly improved when parents and carers work in partnership with schools.

Denise started writing the book four years ago and hopes to challenge misconceptions by

placing the pupils themselves at the centre of the discussion.

Mixed Matters is published by Matador Publishing; ISBN: 9781848765719.

PHILIP HERBERT

Blessings keep coming

The sun shone at Middlesbrough Church on Sabbath 26 March as Pastor Colin dedicated Cliona Angelois, the daughter of Rona and Clint Ymballa.

Cliona slept through the whole event, but brothers Hans (10) and Josh (6) looked lovingly on with Rona's mum Elnora.

Elder Jill presented Rona with a certificate and welcomed 'Cay' (as she is lovingly known) into the children's beginner class of the cradle roll.

JUDY, MIDDLESBROUGH CHURCH



Two trainee positions at ADRA-UK

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New Life appreciates its mothers

Fifteen special children are sent by their mothers each week to worship at the New Life church – and on Sabbath 2 April they held a mothers' appreciation day! Miriam Morgan, who travels sixty miles a week to teach them, prepared them with a CD of songs to learn at home, and all mothers were invited by handmade cards. One mother was still insisting she and her three children would not come on the day before the programme – yet on the day she attended, along with the owner of a local pub, and said how much she enjoyed it! Hazel Brown, renowned as 'the mother of New Life' for her cooking, celebrated her birthday on the same occasion, and Winnie Campbell, basing her message on Naomi, told attendees they could choose Heaven or choose to miss out; further evangelistic events are planned for the future.

PATRICK HERBERT



Outstanding achievement

On 26 January, Rochelle Newton from the Tamworth church graduated with first-class honours in Business and Accounting from Birmingham City University. Members of the church would like to congratulate Rochelle and ask God's blessing on her endeavours.

PAULINE NEWTON, TAMWORTH COMMUNICATIONS

Health expo at Leeds Met University

Leeds Central Church members attended a Health and Wellbeing fair on Friday 11 March 2011. The fair was organised by students, for students. Leeds members were supported by NEC Health Ministries leader, Grace Walsh. The stall proved popular with students, and hosted various health checks (such as the health profile and blood pressure). Thirty contacts were made, and the church has been invited to attend future events at the university. V. MAYNARD



Camp meeting transport

Coaches will be picking up members from twenty-eight churches across

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The successful applicant will have QTS and excellent organisational skills, and be a reflective practitioner, a team player, an excellent communicator, flexible and creative, reliable and professional, and committed to the school's Christian ethos and the education of the whole child.

School staff and volunteers are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children and young people. All appointments are subject to a satisfactory enhanced CRB check. To request an application pack, contact the school secretary, Stanborough Primary School, Appletree Walk, Watford, WF25 0DQ – tel: 01923 673291 or email: info@stanboroughprimary.org.uk.

Closing date: **noon, 17 June** – interviews: 20-22 June. Candidates should prepare to teach a literacy lesson.

Stanborough School (secondary) has two vacancies for September 2011:

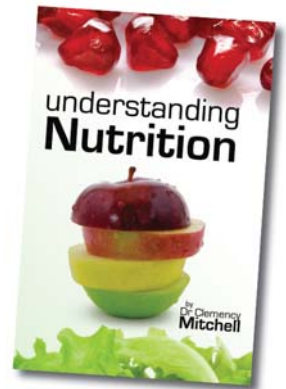
Part-time Physical Education

Co-ordinator (0.6) The school is seeking to recruit a vibrant, friendly and experienced Physical Education Teacher to deliver a balanced programme of education at KS3 and KS4. A full-time position may be available if the applicant can assist in teaching either SEN or a Modern Foreign Language. Preference will be given to teachers with QTS or the Overseas Trained Teacher qualification.

Part-time Physical Education Assistant (0.3) Physical Education Assistant needed to assist the above PE Co-ordinator for KS3 and KS4 Games.

Stanborough School is committed to safer recruitment and the protection of children.

Please kindly email shall@spsch.org in order to obtain an application pack. The closing date for both job applications is **Friday 17 June 2011**.



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