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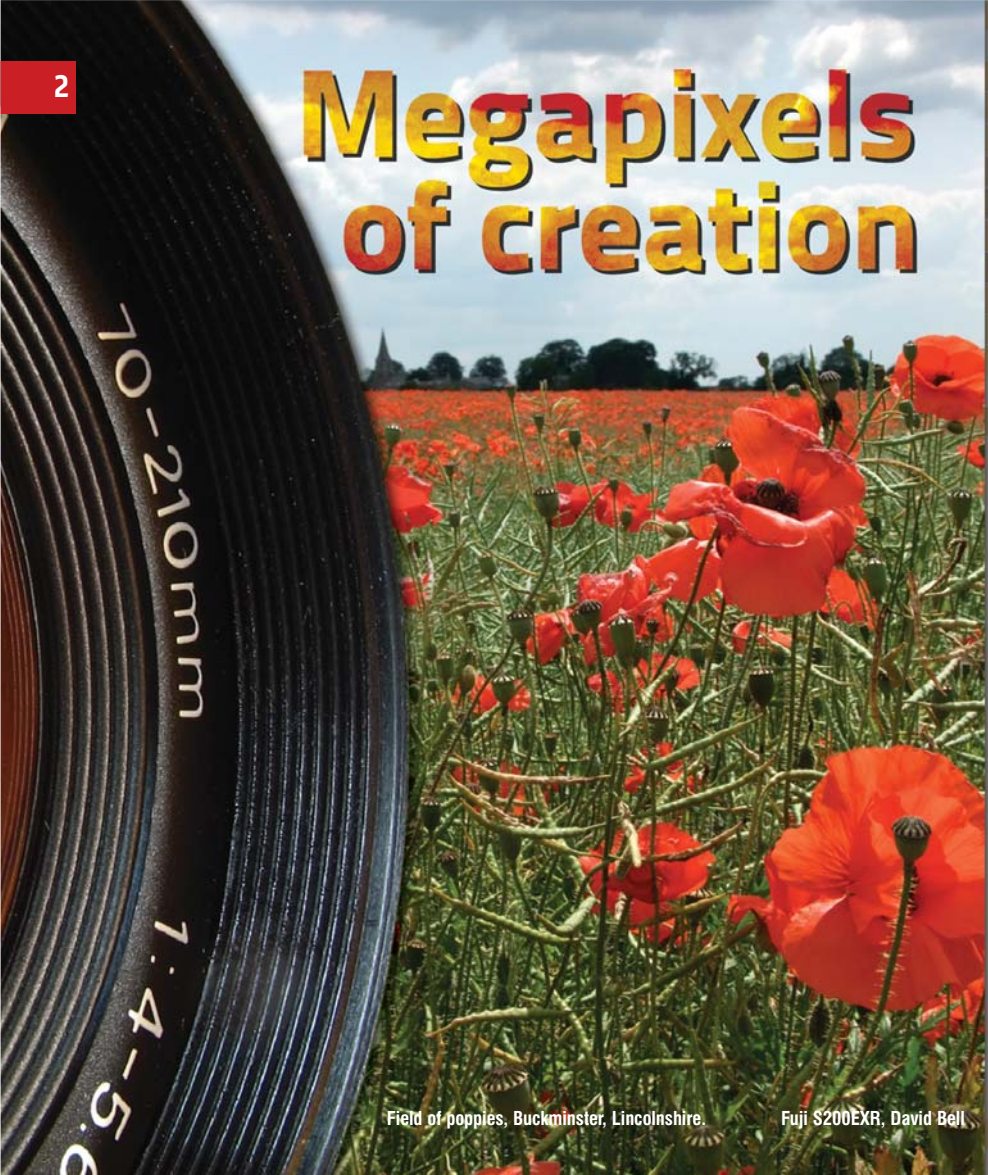


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# Megapixels of creation



Field of poppies, Buckminster, Lincolnshire.

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## Enhancing Health

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### Nature or nurture?

An intriguing BBC 2 *Horizon* documentary entitled *The Nine Months That Made You* was aired on Monday 22 August 2011. The programme explored theories around what produces a long life that is both healthy and happy. The main focus was around the developmental stage of life – the nine months spent in the womb – which, according to the research presented, may affect us in adult life more than our lifestyle or genes.

The key researcher, British scientist Professor David Barker, presented evidence from his twenty years of research in countries across the world. One aspect

of his data indicates that babies with a low birth weight are more likely to develop heart disease and type-2 diabetes in adulthood. His theory has inspired work from professors in the UK and other countries such as India, Saudi Arabia, Holland and the USA, whose studies demonstrate that our time in the womb can affect our health, our personalities and the children to whom we give birth.

These findings have sparked a series of discussions among researchers, medical personnel and the media as the nature-nurture debate is once again re-examined. In this debate the essential issue is: which has more impact in shaping us: nature (what we are born with) or nurture (our lifestyle and environment)? Whatever evidence these new research outcomes produce, enough evidence exists to demonstrate that, even if we have a poor start in life, we can minimise the potential harm by the life choices we make. Yes, nature may put us at a disadvantage – but lifestyle can make it worse. Gwen Foster, an Adventist health and fitness tsar from Philadelphia, is quoted as saying: 'Faulty genes load the gun, but lifestyle pulls the trigger.'

In light of this, what is the best advice we can give? Try this:

'Pure air, sunlight, abstemiousness, rest, exercise, proper diet, the use of water, trust in divine power – these are the true remedies. Every person should have a knowledge of nature's remedial agencies and how to apply them.' – Ellen G. White, *Ministry of Healing*, page 127.

How relevant is this advice today?

In the following issues of *Enhancing Health*, we will examine the impact of the 'golden eight' – these natural health laws which have transformed the lives of thousands. We will share real-life testimonies and examine referenced research on these health principles so that you can check the evidence yourself.

Homework: assess your current health status. What do you think has affected it so far?

**Good health!**

# editorial



Julian Hibbert  
Editor

## Bring back the pillory?

Nathan Harris and Shadd Maruna, in their contribution to *Shame, Shaming and Restorative Justice: a critical appraisal*, quote James Gilligan, an eminent prison psychologist, who argues that the emotion of shame is the 'primary or ultimate cause of all violence' and that he has 'yet to see a serious act of violence that was not provoked by the experience of feeling shamed and humiliated, disrespected and ridiculed.'

I am inclined to agree with Gilligan. What will it help if we humiliate them further? New shame will just fuel the fire of their smouldering anger – anger over their socio-economic and family circumstances; poor scholastic performance; unemployment; low community status; and so on. (I am aware that some looters were from privileged backgrounds, and that some were employed.)

As a young teenager, about the age of some of those arrested recently, I did something really disgusting as a reprisal against a girl who had raked my cheek with her 'talons'!

For a while I sat angrily at the back of the school bus, dabbing my torn cheek. Then I responded to a diabolical impulse – I began to fill my fountain pen cap with spittle. It took a few minutes to complete the task; then, as Jennifer stepped off the bus, I leapt to an open window and flung the disgusting contents of the cap down across her upturned face!

### That evening . . .

Jack and Connie Mattheson, Jennifer's parents, came to visit us that evening. Initially they talked in the lounge with my parents, then my sombre-faced mother called me to join them.

I can't remember all the detail, but the time I spent facing them – hearing their pain; sensing their disgust at what I had done; feeling their tangible sadness over my tarnished reputation – all of this profoundly affected me for the better.

There was no abuse; no screaming and shouting; no threat. But that was probably the most effective disciplinary action I have ever experienced. It changed me!

### Restorative justice

That evening, the four adults who faced me over my antisocial behaviour practised a skill that was well ahead of their time: *restorative justice* – an approach 'which puts repairing harm done to relationships and people over and above the need for assigning blame and dispensing punishment.'

### Is it worth a try?

What if a selection of victims were willing to face the young perpetrators, and talk to them the way Jack and Connie talked to me? What if Tariq Jahan, the father of Haroon, one of the young men who died in Birmingham, were to share his feelings with them in the dignified way it was done on national television? Could this permanently change attitudes for the better?

Naive? Idealistic? Impractical? Perhaps . . . but we won't know until we try it, will we?

<sup>1</sup><http://www.express.co.uk/posts/view/265050/Reclaim-Our-Streets-Let-s-name-and-shame-yobs>. <sup>2</sup>[http://menmedia.co.uk/manchestereveningnews/news/s/1455673\\_manchester-riots-looting-yobs-face-two-year-ban-from-city-centre-shops](http://menmedia.co.uk/manchestereveningnews/news/s/1455673_manchester-riots-looting-yobs-face-two-year-ban-from-city-centre-shops). <sup>3</sup><http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pillory>. <sup>4</sup>Published in: Sullivan, D. & Tiff, L. (2006), *Handbook of Restorative Justice*, Routledge: New York. <sup>5</sup>[http://www.transformingconflict.org/Restorative\\_Approaches\\_and\\_Practices.htm](http://www.transformingconflict.org/Restorative_Approaches_and_Practices.htm).

During the past few days, in the aftermath of the August looting, many community voices have stridently called for the perpetrators to be 'named and shamed'.

This move to expose those involved in this shameful behaviour has strong official support, articulated as follows by Theresa May, the Home Secretary, while on a visit to Manchester. 'What I've asked is that Crown Prosecution Service guidance should go to prosecutors to say that where possible, they should be asking for the anonymity of juveniles who are found guilty of criminal activity to be lifted.'

### Turf them out

In Manchester, civic feeling has risen to the point that a 'shopping ban' has been 'slapped' on those convicted of looting. Photos of the offenders are to be added to those of 'persistent shoplifters' and circulated throughout the city centre, giving security staff the right to 'turf them out if they try to get inside' any of the participating shopping areas. The ban will last for two years.<sup>2</sup>

Plainly put, people are disgusted by what has happened and want some tangible evidence, or practical demonstration, that the guilty are being shamed.

### In days of 'yore'

Two hundred years ago every English town of any repute had a **pillory** or a set of **stocks** to deal with 'petty criminals'. And although these spells of punishment were usually 'only a few hours long', they were not pleasant affairs for the convicted!

Their main purpose was 'public humiliation' – name and shame – and they seemed to work well:

*'On discovering that the pillory was occupied, people would excitedly gather in the marketplace to taunt, tease and laugh at the offender on display. Those who gathered to watch the punishment typically wanted to make the offender's experience as unpleasant as possible. In addition to being jeered and mocked, those in the pillory might be pelted with mouldy fruit and vegetables, rotten eggs, bad fish, mud, offal, and animal excrement.'*<sup>3</sup>

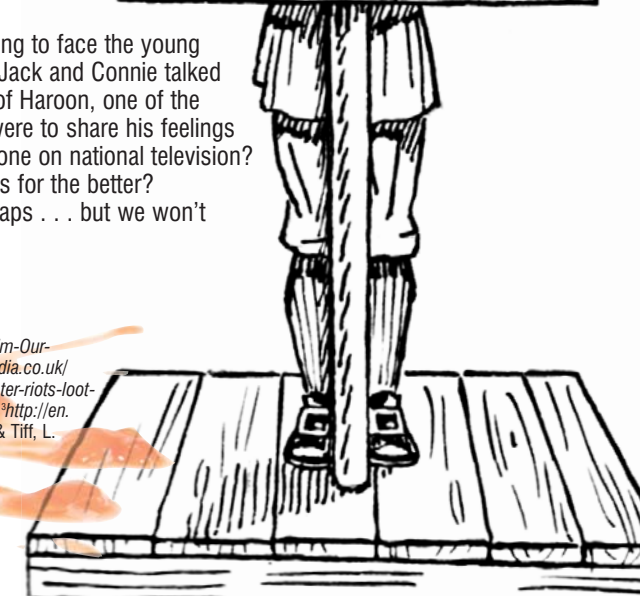
### I'm glad they're gone!

I can understand the desire to see people brought to their senses through practical deeds of penance, under public scrutiny.

But at the same time, I am glad the pillories have gone! I am glad that we no longer have a public institution that encourages us to be derisive, abusive and aggressive in order to shame and humiliate other human beings.

### Is 'shaming' always constructive?

This is the fundamental question: is public 'shaming' always constructive? Was it helpful to you, when you were a teenager?





# nurture

## Are we still Adventists?



by David Neal,  
Irish Mission president

At the end of a summer during which there have been enough global events to make men's hearts fail (Luke 21:26), it was heart-warming to have the following news item drop into my inbox. It is about a leader and preacher with global influence, who unashamedly declares herself to be an Adventist.

'Preacher Anne Graham Lotz, daughter of evangelist Billy Graham, sees recent world events as signs of the imminent return of Christ. . . . Lotz says: "The signs that Jesus gave and the headlines in the news are coming together in a dramatically sobering way. I have held the conviction with intense focus since I was in my early 20s that if I live out my natural lifetime, I will live to see the physical return of Jesus to Earth! . . . Within my lifetime, I have seen the fulfilment of every sign Jesus gave his disciples 2,000 years ago."'

She may not be a Seventh-day Adventist, but she shares that Advent hope which is at the core of our souls. You may have noticed that there are many Seventh-day Adventists who have lost the conviction that Jesus is coming soon. As a friend of mine once shared with me, 'Sure, he's coming – I know that, believe that – but an imminent Second Coming – no! His return will be light years away!'

That conversation started

and stirred me. What had he read and heard to lead him to such a conclusion? Could he not see the signs and the news headlines coming together? He knew the prophetic narrative better than anyone, but somehow, for whatever reason, it no longer had impact.

For a long time now I've felt that we've lost our nerve for holding the Bible in one hand and the news report in the other – bringing the two together. Quite frankly, I'm mildly embarrassed that it takes Anne Graham Lotz to reawaken in me our shared conviction.

From within our own faith community, if there is a quality about Ted Wilson (our General Conference president) that is truly admirable, it is his living and breathing 'expectancy' that Jesus is coming soon – and the fact that he is spending every working hour to move Seventh-day Adventists forward from 'denomination' to 'movement' status.

### October 22 again

How is it possible to keep on preaching with vibrancy and energy that 'He is coming – very soon', when this autumn, on 22 October, we will be reminded that it's the 167<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Great Disappointment? The 'grown-up' Adventism of the West, for the most part, has left its 'movement' roots and become

a 'denomination'. Our preaching reflects this both internally and externally. When did we last hold public meetings with a message that we are a 'waiting people'? Are we now too respectable to share such a message? Are we afraid that nobody will listen? Perhaps we should admit that there may be other reasons for our lack of conviction:

- We fear crying wolf and being sensational.
- The end-time diary of events puts the 'fear of God' into many of us!
- We wonder if our prophetic message is still relevant in the twenty-first century.
- 'Getting ready' for Jesus to come sounds 'works-oriented'!
- Someone gave us the 'bad news' that, just before Jesus comes, we'll be on our own for a little while!
- 'The Truth' these days (with the 'many truths' of post-modernism) seems stranger than it used to be.
- To address an historic imbalance, we would rather focus on God's present Kingdom of Grace than his future Kingdom of Glory.
- And last, but not least, our spiritual condition is Laodicean, and, to deliberately misquote the song, 'the things of this world are not strangely dim'.

### The 'waiting people' spirit

Honesty and integrity demand that we deal with these excuses with an open Bible once again – and with open hearts and open minds – recapturing the 'waiting people' spirit. We need to live and breathe 'expectancy'!

Charles Bradford, in his book *Preaching to the Times*, reminds us of the role of the Adventist preacher at this time:

*"Clearly, the ultimate goal of Adventist preaching is "to make ready a people prepared for the Lord" (Luke 1:17 [KJV]). . . . The Adventist preacher must call attention to the issues. Speculation and sensation are out of place, but using the best hermeneutics available and the soundest principles of prophetic interpretation, we are under solemn obligation to carry out the "watchman" function of our ministry. This does not mean making every military crisis the first phase of Armageddon. It does mean assuring the saints through the skilful presentation of the prophetic Word that the*

*Kingdom of God will not remain on the drawing board of prophecy. . . .*

*"The final crisis is upon us and yet the counsel is not to make the vivid description (often imaginative and fanciful) of the time of trouble the main theme of our preaching. The emphasis should be on the preparation that results from appropriating the benefits of the former rain. We must resist the temptation to act as little prophets knowing the day, the hour, the exact programme of events, or as pontiffs laying down specific directives. Our duty is to humbly call attention to the Bible and exhort the saints to fortify their minds with its truths and leave it to the Holy Ghost to be supreme Magistra and Director of his Church.*

*"An intelligent and dedicated ministry will understand that the whole counsel of God is needed to prepare a people. The Word of God must be preached as reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness. We are reformers. Which is not to say we make the rules and give out prescriptions. We call men back to standards, point out the good way, the tried and true, the old paths. We give men principles to live by, and illustrate from the Word and experience how these principles operate. We demonstrate in every possible way the value of these reforms, their place in the preparation of a people. I take it that declaring the "whole counsel" means preaching that is balanced in its emphasis and holistic in its thrust."*

Spot on Elder Bradford! And so, as we begin the autumn season, I would like to offer – for our personal growth – some of the best spiritual food I can find for you to reflect on. In a box on the next page are ten of the best 'watchman' sermons I can find. They are inspiring and life-changing, and are delivered by a cross-section of high-profile preachers from our faith community (in no particular order of preference). Their topics are mainly about the Church: its characteristics, mission and challenges. Deeply rooted in Scripture, they come with thoughts and ideas to provoke and elicit a response. I invite you to enjoy them. Let them be food for your soul!

<sup>1</sup>Christian Today, 22/8/11. <sup>2</sup>Preaching to the Times (Ministry Releases), pp. 101, 102.

## Sermons to inspire . . .

1. 'Seventh-day Adventists, Careless About the Truth?' Brian Ball at Avondale Memorial Church on the relevance of 'The Truth' in the context of post-modernity. (Audio, 09/02/08.) [http://avondalememorial.adventist.org.au/podcasts/95/media\\_entries/357](http://avondalememorial.adventist.org.au/podcasts/95/media_entries/357).
2. 'Who are the Seventh-day Adventists?' Doug Batchelor helps us understand our message and mission (primarily for an external audience). (Video, spring 2011.) <http://www.dougbatchelor.com/sermons.aspx>.
3. 'The Gift-driven Church.' Charles Bradford at Oakwood University Church on how the Church has caught all kinds of fish in the net, and how they (God's people) are called to live together. (Video, 21/05/11.) <http://www.oucsda.org/article.php?id=80>.
4. 'A Synonym for Grace – Ex Nihilo.' Reinder Bruinsma at Newbold College on the meaning of God as our Creator. (Video, 05/02/11.) <http://newbold-adventistchurch-org-uk.adventist.eu/blogs/sermons/posts/12-reinder-bruinsma-phd-5-feb-2011>.
5. 'Why be an Adventist?' George Knight at Loma Linda University Church using themes from Revelation to answer this question. (Audio, 30/01/10.) [http://www.lluc.org/site/1/podcast/1001-30csermon\\_1-2.mp3](http://www.lluc.org/site/1/podcast/1001-30csermon_1-2.mp3).
6. 'The Gift: Ellen White – Taste Them Again for the First Time.' Dwight Nelson at Pioneer Memorial Church about the Spirit of Prophecy, and why it is a necessary and relevant gift for end-time people. (Audio, 04/12/10.) <http://media.pmchurch.org/media/2010-12-04.mp3>.
7. 'Only the Church?' Chris Oberg at La Sierra University Church on the biblical vision for the Church. Preaching to a primarily young adult audience, she says, 'It's time for the Church to remember who she is . . . what she was for, is for, and shall be for . . .' including what the defining mark of the Church is. (Video, 26/02/11.) <http://lsuchurch.org/sermons/2011/02/>.
8. 'A Place to Feel at Home.' Jan Paulsen at Sligo, Washington D.C. – his classic sermon about his vision for the Church, using Christ's parable of the wheat and the tares growing together. (Audio, 16/04/11.) <http://www.sligochurch.org/assets/112630>.
9. 'A New Kind of Love.' Charles Tapp (senior pastor of Sligo Church) at the BUC day of fellowship, Westminster Central Hall, London. (Video, 02/07/11.) <http://www.hopetv.org.uk/content/media-library/media-story/ml/buc-session-2011/sabbath-sermon-elder-charles-tapp/6/>.
10. 'God's Remnant Church – Finishing Strong.' Ted N. C. Wilson addresses the Adventist Laymen's Services and Industries Convention held in Sacramento, California. 'The Great Blessed Hope is just before us. . . . How can we claim to be God's Remnant Church . . . ? We need to know who we are and why we are here as an Advent Movement. . . .' Significantly, he outlines a plan as to how God's Remnant Church can finish strong. (Video, 06/08/11.) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CkoHGmLhNE>.

PS. I apologise that I'm unable to find any such sermons from preachers in the UK and Ireland. This is not intentional, but due mainly to the reality that churches with online sermon archives are predominantly from the USA. Please let me know if you have some to suggest.

## the Berean column

with Andrew Puckering



## Judge not

'Judge not, and you shall not be judged', said Jesus – 'Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned.' (Luke 6:37, NKJV.) How useful this message would have been to the Israelites after they had conquered the Promised Land. The Reubenites, the Gadites and half the tribe of Manasseh had started building an altar, and the rest of the Israelites, acting on a rumour, very nearly went to war to stop them (Joshua 22:11, 12)!

Reuben, Gad and Manasseh were three of the twelve tribes of Israel, descended, like the other tribes, from the sons of one man, Jacob (Numbers 1:5-15; 13:3-16; Genesis 29:31-30:24). This extended family had wandered in the wilderness together for forty years after being too frightened to enter the Promised Land (Numbers 14:1-3, 33, 34), and they defended each other against attacks from foreigners, together taking possession of the lands of their attackers (Numbers 21:21-35). They camped together again near the Promised Land (Numbers 22:1), and Reuben, Gad and half of Manasseh looked at their livestock, and looked at the land they were in, which was ideal for livestock, and started asking Moses whether they really needed to cross the Jordan with their brothers, because they quite liked it where they were (Numbers 32:1-5).

Moses, reminding them of their fathers' timidity, berated them severely, and they agreed to cross the Jordan and help out their brothers – however long it took – before returning to their nice grazing land (Numbers 32:6-42). This they did, and it took a long time (Joshua 11:18) – an additional five years after the forty years of wilderness wanderings, in fact (Joshua 14:7-10). Joshua was already an old man when they had only half-finished (Joshua 13:1). The wives and children of the men of Reuben, Gad and Manasseh, whom they'd left behind in Gilead, must have started forgetting what their husbands and fathers looked like (Numbers 32:16-18, 26, 27)!

Finally, after many years of toiling and fighting alongside their brother tribes, Joshua allowed them to return (Joshua 22:1-9) – but when the rest of the Israelites heard rumours that they were building an altar, they armed themselves for war against their brothers – the very ones who had just spent years by their side, away from their families, and had only just left them to go home (Joshua 22:10-12)! Apparently the Israelites thought that the men from Reuben, Gad and half the tribe of Manasseh had built a separate place of worship from the one the LORD had chosen (Joshua 22:13-20), bringing judgement on all the Israelites for disobeying the LORD's command (Deuteronomy 12:3-11).

The real reason was much more innocent. Reuben, Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh had been afraid that the other Israelites would want nothing to do with them, and forbid them from worshipping their God; they had set up the altar to remind the other Israelites that they were all God's chosen people together (Joshua 22:21-29). When the other Israelites heard this, they went home again in peace (Joshua 22:30-34) – but it had been a narrow escape. The Israelites had been right on the brink of becoming embroiled in a long, hateful, bitter civil war with their brothers, all because they'd hastily leapt to conclusions and formed rash judgements about their brothers' intentions.

- What illustrations did Jesus use against those who judge others? (Luke 6)
- How does Jesus say we will be judged if we judge others? (Matthew 7)
- Why would this be a bad thing? (Romans 2)
- Some of the prophets were commanded to warn others about doing wrong (Ezekiel 3). What's the difference between warning and judging?
- Who is the only One who knows another person's intentions? (1 Samuel 16)





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## The reflections of a headteacher

In the aftermath of the recent riots there were headlines along these lines in some of the national newspapers: 'Headteachers blame parents'. Here is my take on the issue.

### 'Bad children' vs 'poor parenting'

During my years as a headteacher in a number of comprehensives in the Cleethorpes/Grimsby area, I rarely came across what could be classified as 'bad children', but frequently came across 'poor parenting'.

The substantive part of my headship was in a school which served an area of significant deprivation, mainly a white, working-class community characterised by low levels of educational aspiration and high levels of substance abuse, violence, family breakdown and dislocation. This community reflected the worst features of British society that have bred some of those ingredients that appear to have driven a few of our young people to riot.

As we examine our history, we see occasional outbursts of rioting, but what appears to be unique in this latest case is that it seemed to be a riot without a cause, aided by modern methods of communication (SMS, Facebook, Twitter, and so on).

### Why did some choose to riot and not others?

The fact is, however, that only some children and young adults made a decision to riot, while others did not. These two groups came from similar communities and economic backgrounds, which begs the question: 'Why did some choose to riot and not others?'

The singular conclusion that I must draw is that it comes down to a matter of values: values that are, in the main, acquired through early influences, and further developed by learning and experiences throughout life.

Although headteacher of a secular community school, my leadership and management was greatly influenced by my Christian upbringing and education, particularly the unique emphasis gleaned from Seventh-day Adventist teachings. I clearly understand that God is concerned about the nurturing not only of the spiritual, but also of the moral, physical, emotional and social aspects of our lives. I believe that, if we could share this great heritage of ours – in both our writings and our teachings – with our communities, we could transform society.

### Genesis 1:27 and self-worth

We worship on Sabbath because we recognise God as our Creator. Genesis 1:27 states that we were made in the image of God. What a sense of self-worth that places on those of us who believe in Creation, as well as a huge responsibility to behave in a way commensurate with the actions of Christ.

As well as giving us an abiding sense of self-respect, it places a huge onus on us to respect every other person, regardless of class, sex, colour, race, age or religion. This central, biblical thought must inform the way we respond to people, whether they be pupils, parents, staff or governors.

Because I was headteacher of a school that served, in the main, the working classes, I learned a salutary lesson. Many would not touch my school because they did not want their sons and daughters mixing with the 'lower classes'. But I was always gratified and comforted by the thought that Christ would have chosen a school such as mine.

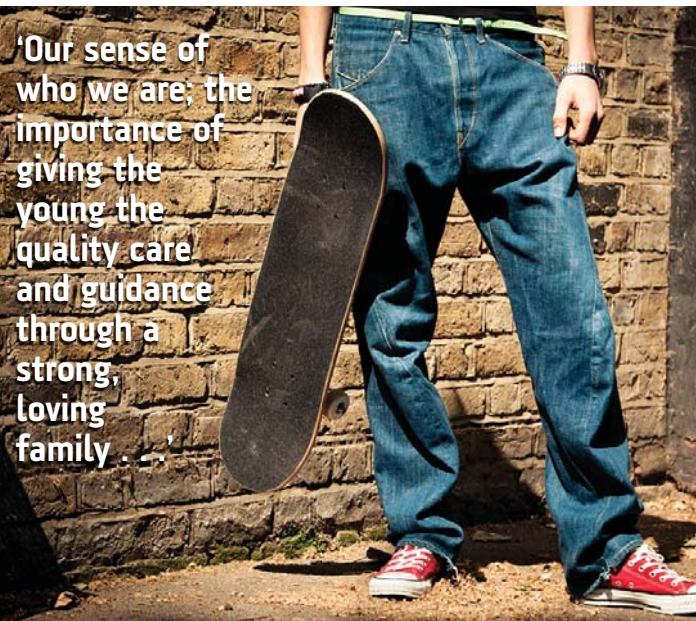
### Nurturing families are critical

One of my most crushing experiences was the number of teenagers who felt unwanted and unloved because their dysfunctional families could not provide the nurturing love and care for which they longed.

Central to our teachings is a family of two heterosexual parents, who remain loyal to each other for life. This is the framework for providing the love, care and proper nurture for our children, which leads them to become contented, respectful and good citizens. This type of upbringing is much more important to our young people than designer clothes, video games and other gimmicks with which we often fob them off. If brought up in such nurturing surroundings, the young people of this country would do our nation proud.



by Jim Cunningham, a retired headteacher



### The role of our health message

Central to our feeling of self-esteem, how we regard ourselves, is how we look after ourselves physically. Here again, I must return to the uniqueness of our Church in recognising that the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, and that it must receive due care and attention. The current obesity epidemic is a function of the lack of self-respect that many have for themselves.

Substance abuse, whether through alcohol or certain types of drugs, also has a huge detrimental impact on the physical, social and mental well-being of many people. Much in Ellen White's writings, encouraging the early church members to reflect upon their physical

and emotional state, is very prescriptive and has been vindicated by research and experience. It's recognised that obesity and substance abuse, in particular, affect those whose backgrounds could be classified as disadvantaged.

### Our message can make a difference!

My central theme is that our Seventh-day Adventist message, if properly taught and applied, not only would have prevented the riots, but would change our society. Our sense of who we are; the importance of giving the young the quality care and guidance through a strong, loving family; the respect that we must give to our physical and emotional development – all of this has a huge impact on how we behave and react.

We do make mistakes and fail, but underpinning all of our teachings is a knowledge that God's grace will make matters right again. This gives us the confidence to start again, afresh. This message gives a much stronger impetus to reform than being 'banged up' in prison.

I was out of the country when the riots occurred, but I did pick up that some of our young Adventist men and women in London attempted to have a calming influence in some of their communities. **These are the role models that I would have liked my pupils to follow.**

## Power-crazy!

by Eglan Brooks



This world has always had its 'power-crazy' characters. A few immediately come to mind: Alexander the Great, Adolf Hitler, Osama bin Laden, and, more recently, Colonel Gaddafi. Such individuals used power negatively, crippling societies, hoarding riches and destroying lives.

Abraham Lincoln said, 'Nearly every man can stand adversity. To test a man's character, give him power.'

As Christians, we tend to shy away from this word 'power'. It conjures up the idea of worldliness, of not being like Jesus, who 'humbled himself' and died a cruel death for us. Power is often at the centre of corrupt governments and organisations. Sad to say, the pursuit of power has often blighted the spirit of love and co-operation in our churches and caused misunderstanding, pain and suffering, as well as making the Church an ineffective witness to the world.

However, it was Christ who commissioned us to go into all the world and preach the Gospel (Matt 28:18-20), and who also said that he would give us power. Yes, power. 'But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses . . .' (Acts 1:8, NKJV).

Twelve men took him seriously and turned the world upside down. So the reason, and the only reason, that God expects us to be 'power-crazy' is when we are out doing his work under the guidance of his Spirit. Imagine what kind of results our Church would experience if we stopped being focused on selfish desires and ambitions, and surrendered to Christ completely.

Picture 32,000 people under the power of the Holy Spirit, submitting their time, energy, talents and resources to go out and spread the message of Jesus

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Christ. Imagine our members so ablaze with power that they became fearless and bold in the spreading of the Good News. Stop for a minute to think: what would be the result?

A few weeks ago, a number of UK towns were overrun with rioters – young men and women who took 'power' into their own hands. The media pointed to the fact that many of these young people were disillusioned about the economy and their own prospects for a bright future. They took to the streets, looting, vandalising and burning buildings. To date, 2,000 people have been arrested and prosecuted – but their misuse of 'power' has

not changed anything.

What if 2,000 of our members took to the streets to do some good – not simply getting involved in a march, with a police escort, but under the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit, in order to effect positive change in the UK? What a difference it would make!

But let's think bigger than that. There are more than 32,000 Seventh-day Adventists in the United Kingdom. What if, for one Sabbath, we ALL became involved in an outreach or witnessing activity instead of just sitting in our pews to receive our weekly dose of spiritual nurture

or dollop of religious entertainment?

On Sabbath 24 September 2011, we are asking you to step out of the comfort zone of your church, be open to the power of the Holy Spirit and get involved in ministry by distributing at least five pieces of literature to your friends, loved ones or immediate community, thereby offering many others an opportunity for hope and salvation.

Come and be a part of the Power of 32,000 – and see what God will do!

Join us! Become 'power-crazy' for Jesus!



# God also loves a 'good' parade

Londoners love a good parade. And recently they showed it, as upwards of a million of them turned out for Europe's biggest, the Notting Hill Carnival (August 27-28). It was an extravaganza of culture, risqué costumes, vivid colours and vibrant rhythms . . . conducted under the watchful eye of 6,500 police, with thousands more on standby.

In fact, Scotland Yard put more bobbies on this 'carnival' beat than they did for the royal wedding of Prince William to Kate Middleton earlier in the year. Why such security?

For the simple reason that, as we all know, only weeks before, thousands of Londoners had taken to the streets in a fiery mayhem of arson, looting, injury and, when the violence spread to other cities, even death.

Against the background of these two events – one portraying the capacity of some for mindless violence, the other humanity's *penchant* for exhibitionism and unrestrained gaiety – the conduct of our London Adventist youth on 23 July makes a powerful statement.

Let the words of an eyewitness, Serene Allen of LIVE Communications, tell their own story:

The weekend of 23 and 24 July marked the beginning of a 365-day countdown to the start of the London 2012 Olympics – and the South England Conference, under the leadership of Pastor Colin Stewart and his team, took this opportunity to witness in a unique way.

This event, the LIVE day of fellowship, took place at the Emmanuel Centre in Westminster. A dynamic praise and worship session, augmented by inspiring sermons from Pastors Paul King Brown and Juan Carlos Patrick, flowed smoothly into a commitment session where hundreds of young people took specially commissioned Oyster card wallets and Pledge cards as a symbol that they would promote peace in the UK.

This was followed by the LIVE Rally – a march through Central London against all those negative things young people find themselves surrounded with – especially gun and knife crime.

Some of our youth formed a street witnessing team, moving ahead of the march, handing out Pledge cards and explaining them to the public.

The march was led by a row of police, followed by Pastors Colin Stewart

and Eddie Hypolite. Behind them marched the Area representatives, the London Youth Federation president and the LIVE London representatives. Next came a Pathfinder drum corps, which beat a lively rhythm for the feet of more than a thousand young people who followed in formation.

Roads were closed as the marchers made their way around Westminster, then on past Downing Street and the Houses of Parliament. It was a grand parade!

Lining the streets were thousands of Londoners and tourists, most of whom had already been targeted by the tireless street witnessing team. How do we know? Because in their hands were our very own Pledge cards and Oyster card wallets, with details of the LIVE movement and the website address from which more information is available.

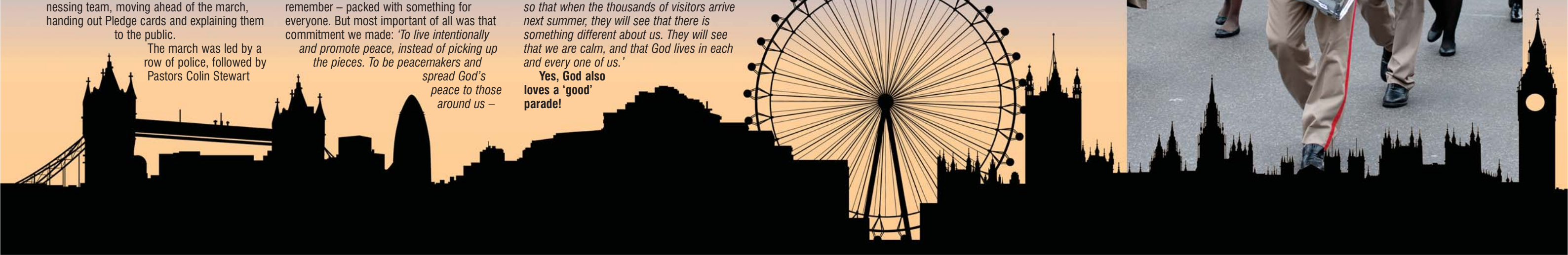
In the afternoon, after the parade, there was more praise and worship, some powerful testimonies and another thrilling sermon.

This day was definitely a Sabbath to remember – packed with something for everyone. But most important of all was that commitment we made: *'To live intentionally and promote peace, instead of picking up the pieces. To be peacemakers and spread God's peace to those around us –*



*so that when the thousands of visitors arrive next summer, they will see that there is something different about us. They will see that we are calm, and that God lives in each and every one of us.'*

**Yes, God also loves a 'good' parade!**





YLC Turkey 2011

## We meet Jesus

The annual Youth Leadership Convention, which started with worship from newly-elected BUC president, Pastor Ian Sweeny, continued with workshops and plenary presentations presented by Japhet de Oliveria (Andrews University), Sam Davis (SEC president) and Eddie Hypolite, with the theme of meeting Jesus every day to overcome our challenges.

Organiser and presenter Pastor Colin Stewart, along with Lavon Jackson, presented the new Adventist Sports Ministry tract focusing on Daniel and the three Hebrew boys, and More Than Gold's Matt Oliver shared a seminar on the biblical theology for sports outreach ministry.

Youth leaders were able to learn about Turkish culture in Istanbul, with visits to the famous Blue Mosque and the Hagia Sofia.

Youth leaders were able to take and complete seminars from levels 2 and 3 of the *Youth Leadership Award Manual* developed by the SEC Youth department, but the blessing was also shared among the hotel staff, who became friends and even attended some sessions! Youth leaders will go back to their churches ready to face the challenges and receive the blessings of Youth ministry.

LAVON JACKSON



## 'Berean' youth

Every Sunday night for eighteen months, five youth from the Welwyn church, or WAY (Welwyn Adventist Youth), met to complete a forty-one lesson Bible study course entitled 'The Moment of Truth', covering the plan of salvation and all other fundamental Adventist beliefs.

They did not want to assume that they knew all there was to know, but to learn more to justify and confirm their beliefs. Like the Berean Christians described in Acts 17:11 (NIV), 'they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures . . .'

This commitment from the youth was especially encouraging in these days with so many distractions. They're now planning a second course of 102 lessons about Bible prophecy.

JOSE BENNELL



## Name the Teddy donation

Sabbath, 30 July was exciting for the Middlesbrough church: members enjoyed the first service in their new church and Pastor Colin had the pleasure of presenting a £100 cheque to Dave and Angela Conlan, of Hope North East.

The money had been raised from a 'Name the Teddy' event, staged by the Priory Social Club in Middlesbrough.

Church members would like to thank the members of the Priory, who so warmly welcomed the idea of staging the event to help a local charity which does so much work for the homeless and people with addictions. The large teddy and a box of chocolates were given to the club, and one week later the cheque was handed over.

Pastor Colin also presented Dave with a large amount of food that had been donated by the church members.

Dave told Pastor Colin that the money would be used to buy gloves and underwear for those in need.

If you would like to do a similar event in your area (it doesn't cost much), get a teddy bear, buy some chocolate and ask the local florists to wrap them (if you tell them it is for charity they will usually do this at no charge): then approach a shop or a club, and ask them if they will support your outreach event. You can turn a few pounds into a lot of pounds for those in need!

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Left to right: Jemima Nambo, Tony Carnell and Natasha Cox display the first box of toiletries for the Grantham Foodbank.

## Grantham Foodbank

When Grantham Church elder, Esme Sutton, visited the newly launched Grantham Foodbank (sponsored by The Trussell Trust), the story of one of the volunteers touched her heart.

The volunteer told of a time in her life when she had no money to afford shampoo, and had to use washing up liquid instead. When a friend heard about this, she gave her a bottle of shampoo and she said she could not express how that 'luxury' made her feel.

Thus, when the Grantham Foodbank organiser suggested that a Grantham church provide toiletries to the Foodbank, Esme said, 'My church could do that!' – one week after she made an appeal, the little box she had left in the church foyer was overflowing and a larger box had to be found!

ELISABETH CARNELL, COMMUNICATIONS SECRETARY

## Blessings galore!

Another baby dedication took place at Middlesbrough church on Sabbath 23 July.

David Cirstea, 8 weeks old, was held by his proud dad Emanuel, while his mum Bianca looked lovingly on as Pastor Colin Woodford dedicated their first child to the Lord.

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## Sports day

With the beginning of the London 2012 Olympics less than a year away, an estimated 1,500-2,000 people came together on Sunday 24 July to support their very own athletes in a Christian-run athletics championship held at the Lee Valley Sports Stadium.

Thirteen teams from the SEC took part in the event, sponsored by the Jamaica National Building Society.

The sports day was well organised, and in the large church competition Watford Town, Balham and Stoke Newington were vying for the top spot, while in the small church competition New Life, Lewisham and Luton ran against each other. New Life won the small church competition, and Stoke Newington won the large church competition.

RICHARD DE LISSER



## Public gratitude



Congratulations to Cecil Woodburn, on whose behalf the Bourville church held an appreciation day on 16 July, to thank him for all his hard work for God.



## Bristol church welcomes FIC Chorale

On Sabbath 13 August, the Bristol Lodge Causeway church was full to capacity to welcome the Filipino International Church Chorale. Pastor Todd Frias delivered a message on unity, and used the choir to emphasise the message.

The FIC Chorale is a family ministry, and children aged between 3 and 12 also presented items.

DES MILLS LEONORA DE SAN JOSE

## Stanborough Park's music summer school

In July, Stanborough Park Church entered new territory by delivering a one-week music summer school, for children aged between 5 and 18, aimed at cultivating an enthusiasm for and appreciation of good music.

Led by the church's Music director, Ji-Eun Ahn, and her sister Jiae, with the support of the church's talented musicians, participants were offered workshops, tuition, and the opportunity to play and join voices together.

The week was such a success that even more exciting plans are being made for autumn and beyond!

SPC COMMUNICATION



## While we wait

Forty-three ladies from Preston, Liverpool and Manchester rediscovered their purpose at a Women's Ministries retreat from 1 to 3 July, at Timberlodge, Ingleton, in the Yorkshire Dales. The guest speaker was Winsome Brown-Baadjes, who spoke about waiting for the Lord's return.

Workshops were presented by Geraldine Farmer (NEC Women's Ministries director), Peninah Kogera and Irene Ongaro. Paulette Newell offered one-to-one counselling and intercessory prayer.

WIMBAYI MPOFU





# Plaistow's summer school

For the second year running, the Plaistow church has conducted a free summer school for 6-16-year-olds in the church and local community. The oversubscribed scheme took place from 25 July to 4 August.

Plaistow members have also been trying to reach out to predominantly Muslim, Sikh and Hindu neighbours – education, health and other targeted activities are, thank God, making an impact.

About forty children attended lessons in Mathematics, English and Science, mostly from the local community. Each day began with a short prayer assembly, and many parents praised the project; one Hindu parent com-



mented: 'I think this is fantastic, one of the best things to take place in our community at no

cost.' The younger children in particular wished it could continue!

E. AMO-ADJEI

## Holiday Bible club

The Loughborough church (which now meets at the Methodist church, enabling evangelism in the village community) held its first holiday Bible club in the first week of August.

Every morning about thirty-five children, most of whom were from non-Christian families in the village community, eagerly rushed to attend, many arriving half an hour early!

Each day the kids focused on a different Bible character, emphasising that the characters were only 'stars' because they trusted in God. Activities were related to the day's Bible story and included bread-baking, stone-painting, parachute games, making windmills, team games, craft work, singing and drama.

On the last day of the club, the families were invited to see their children reading, acting and singing the lively action songs learnt during the week. Not only did this remind the children of what they had learnt, but it also gave them the opportunity to share this with others!

The children all arrived (and left) with big smiles! The feedback from parents was very positive, with many saying they wished the club was continuing for the whole summer holiday!

As a follow-up, Loughborough members have set up a monthly Bible stars club and plan to run a children's Christmas party, in addition to sending birthday cards to the children and inviting the families to regular church events.

VIVIENNE BARRAIT-PEACOCK



## Ken and Leana's fifty years of marriage

On 13 May 1961, Ken and Leana Dell exchanged their wedding vows – and have stuck together in mutual appreciation for fifty years.

In Jamaica, when Leana was 12, Ken had given her a big hug and exclaimed: 'You're mine!' However, it was a couple of years before Ken realised that his boyish exclamation would have such a long-lasting fulfilment!

Leana has given up paid employment so she can look after her husband. The couple said Ken's illness – which has lasted for twenty-one years – has cemented their relationship.

Leana says God enabled her to cope with Ken's illness, and that God is still in control.

Ken's pet name for her is 'Twinkle', because she's always smiling, come what may!

MPHILISI MANOMBE



Left to right: Trevor Browne, Alvin Noel, Joe Adams, Sheldon Ward, Andrei Adeyelu, Natricia Duncan, Rohan Duncan, Joshua Atease, and Pastor E. Picart.

## Eight new members for Hanwell

On Sabbath 18 June, Pastor Everett Picart baptised 13-year-old Sheldon Ward, Andrei Adeyelu, Joshua Atease, Alvin Noel and Joe Adams into the Hanwell church. Rohan and Natricia Duncan, along with Trevor Browne, were also recognised officially as members

on profession of faith. Members were pleased to accept them into the church family!

Sheldon has demonstrated a very keen desire to learn the Bible, and Alvin, who has been attending Hanwell for a while now, was so thankful for the church's welcome and

support. The fact that people did not force the issue of baptism on him helped him to make his decision to get baptised.

The church rejoiced further when, at the baptistry appeal, two more young men came forward for baptism!

SIQBHAN WILLIAMS

## Wellness reaches Gloucester

The Gloucester Health Ministries department fielded a health expo in the local park, one of the main open areas in the city, on Sunday 7 August 2011. Neil Blest (BUC Health Expo co-ordinator) had travelled from Peterborough for the weekend and led the worship on the Sabbath, which featured a sermonette highlighting the impact of health ministries in the community, and Dr Sasha Myers (local Health Ministries leader) also supported the effort.

A deluge of about 200 attendees wanted to know more about the health message and the positive

impact it could have on their well-being, and the Personal Ministries department answered questions and handed out tracts. Around sixty volunteers from the local church supported the event. Volunteer Irene Bennett said: 'Prayer was essential . . . lots of people were interested . . . [the expo] seems to be a guaranteed way of engaging the people.' Rachel Rose added, 'It is all for God . . . I'm glad I made a difference.' Local Authority staff who attended the expo commended the church for its efforts and were keen to know about future plans.

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## Baptism in Fartown

Three precious souls were baptised into the Fartown company on Sabbath 2 July 2011: Raston Tinotenda Dengure (13), and Eric Douglas and Sandra Saunier (a brother and sister). Even before their baptism, Eric and Sandra had been involved in doing door-to-door ministry.

The Fartown company, Huddersfield's second church, was formally established as a church-plant on 1 January 2010 and achieved Company status on 1 September 2010, working alongside the Evangelism Area co-ordinators to set in place an evangelism cycle. So far this year, members have been active in door-to-door ministry using a health questionnaire specifically designed for activities planned within the cycle, with the option of learning more about the Bible. A stress seminar was held during the last week of May, followed by a children's health expo on 30 May.

The baptism, which was carried out in a portable baptistry, came at the end of a six-night series entitled, 'Reach Out and Touch the Lord'. Elder Danny Reid, from the Tamworth church, commenced the meetings on the Sabbath but was unable to continue after his car was hit by a drunk driver. We give God thanks that, after hospital checks, Danny was allowed home.

God was, however, able to use local minister Pastor B. Stokes and Elder John Mowoe to complete the series, with a number of people responding to appeals. To God be the glory.

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## First BUC health summit

Sharon Platt-McDonald

Enthusiastic delegates enjoyed a comprehensive range of courses, workshops and plenary presentations during the wellness summit, which ran from 21 to 26 June.

The GC Health Ministries team (Dr Handysides, Dr Landless, Dr Hardinge), and other presenters such as NAD Health director Katia Reinert, Dr Kittie Randall, Vicky Griffin and Nyse Collins, were also present. In his evaluation, Dr Handysides (GC Health director) classified the event as 'outstanding', and stated: 'The conference achieved its objectives of educating, empowering, and enlisting many to the ranks of a balanced, compassionate and sensitive health ministry.'

The event's organiser, Sharon Platt-McDonald, had in mind an event that would embrace a holistic view of health, covering the emotional, spiritual, physical and social aspects of well-being. She asked BUC health professionals to identify the key health needs in local churches and communities, and also asked how best to meet them.

Sharon (BUC Health director) commissioned the NEC's Pastor

Jackson to evaluate the efficacy of the summit. It was encouraging to see pastors, delegates and sponsors planning how to implement their training. The food health educator, hydrotherapy and massage courses have enabled church health programmes and community initiatives, and proven useful in domestic settings.

Morning exercises were led by Sandra Golding, and laughter therapy sessions were led by Beryl Emm, resulting in a sound night's sleep for most participants.

Look out for enthusiastic health leaders and summit delegates who return to your church armed with skills to run a huge range of health courses to benefit your community!

One local lady visiting the spa was helped with advice for her husband, recently diagnosed with cancer. Delegate Hopieann Platt shared with her the good news of the Gospel and the work of health ministries in our Church. As a result, the lady left with numerous resources, and her parting comments were: 'You just don't know how happy you have made

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me feel today, with the information I have received and the interest you have shown. Please let me know when you have any future programmes, as I would like to attend! She also requested information about the Adventist church in her area.

Several members from a Pentecostal church were pleased to see us leading on health issues, and were impressed with the range of courses and resources on offer. We gave them a gift pack, and they were keen for us to deliver training for their congregation. They also hoped we would be back next year, as they would like to join us.

Kitchen staff at Staverton Conference Centre were so impressed with the vegan and vegetarian meals we'd requested that they will add them to their menu in the future – and we were thrilled to see other customers asking about the meals as the staff served them!

NHS staff member Lilian Wiles, who delivered the 'Beating Bowel Cancer' workshop, referred to the summit as 'amazing', and would like our Church to be further involved in national cancer initiatives. As a result, the BUC Health director recently

received an invitation from Virendra Sharma MP to attend a local cancer awareness event in Southall. Subsequently, two team members – Elsie Staple (SEC Health director) and Millie Williams (Area Health co-ordinator) attended during the ethnic minority cancer awareness week.

We thank the BUC administration for their support, and pray that health evangelism in the British Isles will reap future rewards.

If you would like any of the workshops in your church and community, please ring Sharon Platt-McDonald on 01923 672251.

**Corrigendum:** MESSENGER 17 reported that 'Midianites' and 'Moabites', referred, by Moses' time, to the same people group. While many examples of intermarriage and mixing of people groups exist in the Bible, and while Midian and Moab co-operated closely by Moses' time, the suggestion that these two groups had become united cannot be proven and so we must humbly retract that statement.

# obituaries

## Dr Anna-Jane Elizabeth Vine (1977-2011) d. 15 April.

On Friday 15 April, Anna passed away in the Royal Marsden Hospital, Surrey, aged 33. She was buried in the Bournemouth North Cemetery on Tuesday 26 April.

She had fought a courageous and very brave battle against an aggressive and rare form of cancer for sixteen months.

Anna had a fantastic sense of humour, a great zest for life, and many friends. She loved people and never judged them. She was always kind, both in her words and in her opinions of people. She was an excellent cook and loved to cater for her friends. A friend described her as 'the glue that kept many people together'. It was her delight to help in the kitchen at the Aberdaron special needs camp. She attended the Welsh Mission camps from babyhood until her illness would not allow it.

Anna was a talented singer and musician. She spent many happy hours singing duets with her cousin Tamsin. She also ran a guitar club in Hemel Hempstead Church, sang in a group alongside her brother Dan, and on one occasion recorded at the Abbey Road studios.

Anna gained a PhD in Statistics from Southampton University, where she subsequently was a lecturer in the Maths department. Anna's research contributed to the development of the latest Jaguar car engines. After several years in research, she gained a prestigious fellowship from the Medical Research Council. She made a real contribution to medical knowledge as a statistical geneticist, working on diabetes, Alzheimer's disease and bipolar disorders at the Royal London Hospital, Whitechapel.



Anna's funeral was conducted by the Rev. Bob, of St James' Church (Bournemouth), Pastor Ian Lorek, who spoke of the Resurrection, and Pastor Jeremy Tremeeer from South Wales, who presented her 'life sketch'.

The family would like to thank all the many people who prayed for Anna, who wrote to her, who gave bouquets and cards, and who made visits and telephone calls. Thanks especially to 'Anna's Team', who supported her through thick and thin.

Anna is mourned by her parents Richard and Pam Vine, brothers Douglas and Daniel, sisters-in-law Lynette and Brenda-Louise, nieces and nephews Lucy, Jack, Zoe and Harry, grandmother Peggy Vine and all the extended friends and family.

Anna is sadly missed now, but we shall see her again when Jesus comes back. What joy that will be!

PASTOR RICHARD AND PAM VINE

## Clacton and Chingford

One Sabbath, the large group from Chingford arrived and were warmly welcomed by the group at Clacton. Members had a wonderful morning, and a joyful and interesting afternoon. Pastor Sam suggested the two churches should become twins, and the agreement was accepted. Chingford members will support the new church in Clacton with their prayers, as Clacton will support its 'twin'.

SUE INGRAM

## Homecoming at Leicester Central

During the 16 July homecoming at Leicester Central, many returned to enjoy a day of fellowship – some dressed in national costumes.

The guest speaker was Pastor Cecil Perry, whose sermon, 'Unconditional Love', was based on Luke 10:25-37. Congregants were reminded to love both God and their neighbours – whoever they are!

The afternoon concert, with photographs, solos, reflections, praise and worship, was all compéred by Elder Sylvia Ham-Ying.

PHILIP HERBERT



**Doris May Holden (1932-2011) d. 27 April.**  
Family and friends met on 10 May at the Methodist church, Portland Road, Hove to take part in a service of thanksgiving for the

life and witness of Doris May Holden. The service was conducted by Pastor Leslie Hill, who had known Doris for a number of years, including those when her health was declining due to the effects of Alzheimer's disease. Taking his Scripture text from 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, Pastor Hill spoke of the certainty of those who die in Christ being made alive in him and being raised at his Second Coming – Christ's own resurrection being the assurance of this.

Doris attended the Southern Cross Mission, Portslade in her teens (prior to becoming an Adventist), where she met and married her husband, Geoff, in 1952.

Responding to a card from the Voice of Prophecy school in Watford, Doris had successfully completed the twenty-four test papers that comprised the Bible course and received her certificate and gift book. A letter from the VOP dated 1955 concluded by wishing her God's blessings and the guidance of his Spirit as she continued to study his Word. Subsequently, having had studies together with her husband and Pastor Conroy (senior), she was welcomed into fellowship of the Hove church on 19 January 1955, where she remained a member until her death.

Doris will be remembered as a gentle, unassuming lady with a calm disposition. Her selfless, loving nature saw her always dealing with the needs of others in preference to her own. She had a keen intellect and ample portions of common sense, and was blessed with many gifts and talents, which benefited others.

She possessed great skill and dexterity with dressmaking, which gave her a living for many years. Recognising the quality of her work, her employer included her in part of a small team responsible for creating the initial samples for new lines. These samples were then presented for selection and approval by buyers from major retailers, such as Marks and Spencer, before bulk orders were placed.

In later years when undertaking commission work she seldom charged the right amount for the time and effort spent on producing garments, but always seemed to be

rewarded in full by the clients' obvious delight at her handiwork.

Her culinary skills were often enjoyed by those visiting speakers, students and strangers who were shown hospitality Sabbath after Sabbath having attended the old church in Hove Place. Doris was a good provider and always seemed to be able to handle the unexpected influx and have sufficient for all.

She was always active in the Hove church, regularly taking up office in Sabbath School and as a deaconess. Being blessed with a good singing voice, Doris often gave solos in Sabbath services, and, in later years, provided the floral arrangements from week to week.

Doris is sadly missed by us all, as a wife, mother and grandparent. She leaves us with ample evidence in our memories of all those beautiful characteristics mentioned in the fifth chapter of Galatians: setting a standard for both her family and others to follow – character traits that demonstrated love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

We look forward to that wonderful day when Jesus returns and we will be reunited with Doris restored.

STEVE HOLDEN



**Christian Dalton (1923-2011) d. 15 June.**

Christian was born in Devonport on 6 January 1923, grew up in an Adventist home, and was a pupil at Fleetwood School. He served his apprenticeship

in carpentry and joinery. He married Maisie in 1948, and in 1950 they moved to the small village of Bere Alston. He was a deacon in the Plymouth church.

He will be remembered for his quiet ways and for the many gifts of finely crafted woodwork that churches in the area still appreciate.

Christian retired in 1988, and he and Maisie moved to St Merryn in Cornwall. Sadly, he was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumour this year, and just a few short weeks later he passed away in his sleep. His funeral was held on 27 June in Bodmin.

Chris is survived by his wife, Maisie, their two daughters, Anne and Rosemary, their four grandchildren and their three great-grandchildren.

ROBERT BELL

## Unity in diversity

The Micklefield church is blessed with at least fifteen nationalities, and members see this as a blessing to be celebrated: this they did on Sabbath, 18 June with a visitors' day themed, 'Unity in Diversity'. Traditional clothing represented different nationalities, and youth carried in the different flags. During Divine Service, members prayed in their mother tongues. The language that Micklefield members speak most fluently, however, is the language of love, as the young people reminded them in song.

JEROME LANGENHOVEN

## Calling all Torquay Church friends, former members and ministers

This year Torquay members are celebrating the seventieth anniversary of the dedication of their church in Warren Road, Torquay, and will be holding a reunion day on Sabbath 22 October 2011. The preacher for the morning will be Dr Harry Leonard, and soup and rolls will be provided for lunch. The afternoon programme will celebrate the past seventy years through music and memories. If you have any memories or photographs you would like to share, please email them to: [helensavage798@btinternet.com](mailto:helensavage798@btinternet.com) or write to Jen Read, Seventh-day Adventist Church, 4a Warren Road, Torquay, Devon, TQ2 5TE. Please print your name, address and contact number on anything you send. Thank you.

Contact Jen Read on 07731658552 to confirm your attendance as soon as possible!

JEN READ





## Graduation and donation for Newbold!

The annual Newbold College awards ceremony took place on Sunday 10 July in a packed church centre. Among the audience were mayors, councillors, local politicians and police representatives.

Many students, staff and well-wishers had journeyed to Lampeter for the Degree Convocation of the University of Wales Trinity Saint David on Friday 8 July. As usual, Newbold College staff took part in the academic procession and were on

the platform to witness various awards and degrees in Theology and Business Management being conferred on Newbold College students – in Welsh and in English!

The Newbold College ceremony two days later recognised the achievements of these students, as well as those who had completed their degrees through Andrews University in Michigan, USA.

For a small higher education institution, Newbold College

offers wide academic provision. This was underlined as the college celebrated the success of students from more than twenty countries, in Behavioural Sciences; Diversity Studies; Arts & Humanities; Business Management; and Theology – from Bachelor's degrees through Graduate diplomas to Master's degrees. Many of those graduating with Bachelor's degrees or with Graduate diplomas will be continuing their studies at Newbold College as they enter the realms of postgraduate work, where they will doubtless be assisted by the donation (made on 9 July) of 2,000 books for the Newbold Library, from Mrs Sharon Cress.

In his final role as interim principal, Dr Svein Myklebust presided over the graduation. The speaker for the ceremony was Pastor Wim Altink, president of the Netherlands Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. An alumnus of Newbold College who is currently completing his PhD studies there, Pastor Altink reminded students of the need to be qualified for their profession, their faith and their community. *JOHN BAILDAM*

### SNC photos and anecdotes needed

The NEC's Aberdaron campsite regularly hosts the BUC special needs camp, which is also supported by ADRA-UK.

The camp has been in operation for more than thirty years, and throughout the years many campers and volunteers have helped to create some special fellowship.

Sadly, over the years we have had to say farewell to a number of campers and volunteer staff who have passed away. Therefore, the SNC committee would like to create a memorial journal: we are looking for your photos and anecdotal memories of those whom you know have been involved, so that they can be appropriately remembered.

Please send your photos and memories to: [info@specialneedscamp.co.uk](mailto:info@specialneedscamp.co.uk).

Visit our webpage [www.specialneedscamp.co.uk](http://www.specialneedscamp.co.uk) for information, and download your application to be either a camper or a volunteer for 2012 today.

## 100% passes at Stanborough School

On Wednesday, 6 July, the Year 13 students at Stanborough School learned that they had achieved an outstanding suite of results for the International Baccalaureate (IB) examinations: a 100% pass rate in all subjects and twenty-two top grades.

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