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Their moment to shine

by Julian Hibbert

When I started this brief article there were just 25 days, 4 hours and 58 minutes left before the beginning of the London 2012 Olympic Games. Time was running down towards the moment when the Olympic torch would ignite the stadium flame – signal for the Games to begin!

Since 19 May the Olympic Torch Relay has meandered across our island, cheered on its way by countless well-wishers, eventually to pass through 1,019 communities on its way to London.

This torch

The torch 'is made up of an inner and an outer aluminium alloy skin, held in place by a cast top piece and base, perforated by 8,000 circles',¹ each representing one of the torch bearers who 'will carry the Olympic Flame as it journeys across the UK. Nominated by someone they know, it will be their moment to shine, inspiring millions of people watching in their community, in the UK and worldwide.'²

Its designers have done something unique in the history of the modern Olympic movement. They have created a symbolism through which we see the spirit of the Games multiplied and magnified over and over again in the lives of ordinary people. People nominated by other ordinary people whose lives they have touched in some special way.

The athletes will shine at the Games as they always do – some brighter than others. But this torch is giving '8,000 inspirational people' an unforgettable moment to do the same – and not one is a loser!³

Whether the torchbearers have walked, jogged, staggered on prosthetic legs, or been wheeled along, they are all winners. For their relay is not really about physical prowess, is it? It's about the finest qualities of the human spirit. It is about sharing whatever strength or asset you have with your community. It's about overcoming immensely personal, painful obstacles.

Do yourself a favour . . .

If you have internet access, do yourself a favour and visit the London Games 2012

Victoria Freer, 19, of Nottingham carries the flame out of Grantham on 28 June.

Photo: David Bell

website (<http://www.london2012.com/torch-relay/torchbearers>). There you'll find the torchbearers listed for each day. Take the time to read the copy that pops up when you click on the button labelled 'Read full story'. It is inspirational.

Let me just share one with you briefly. It describes Charlie Murgatroyd, a 14-year-old, who helped carry the torch through Leicester on 2 July.

At birth Charlotte was expected to live about eight days due to a serious heart defect. 'Countless operations later' – having 'endured more pain than most would face in a lifetime' – she has personally raised more than £6,500 for the Heartlink charity, including more than £500 of the cash she received on her tenth birthday! Besides this, she has acted 'as a spokeswoman' to campaign against the closure of Glenfield children's cardiac services.⁴

Doctors are 'amazed at her high-functioning life', lived so selflessly in the shadow of a life-threatening condition. She may benefit from a heart transplant in the future – who knows – but until then she intends to adhere to her simple motto: 'Live life like a lion'.⁵

'Read full story'

Reflecting on Charlie's story, I was struck by an uncomfortable thought. What if there was a great screen beyond cyberspace – one with a list of Heaven's current torchbearers on it? Would my name and photo be there? And what would you read if you clicked the button labelled 'Read full story'?

¹<http://www.london2012.com/torch-relay/the-torch/>

²<http://www.london2012.com/torch-relay/torchbearers/> ³Ibid ⁴Ibid ⁵Ibid

Introducing AMEN

Back in 1999 a UK branch of AIMS (Adventist International Medical Society) was started to promote fellowship and support for Adventist practitioners and students in medical and allied fields. Initially they held regular meetings, including fellowship Sabbaths and weekend conferences, but for the last few years they have only met very occasionally.

Recently, two of the AIMS team, Drs Christopher Levy and Clemency Mitchell, heard about AMEN (Adventist Medical Evangelism Network): also based in America,

but differing from AIMS in that it has a very strong emphasis on evangelism – medical mission, health outreach, and the sharing of the Adventist health advantage with friends, neighbours and the public at large. They found that AMEN were keen to see a UK chapter formed.

The first thing Drs Levy and Mitchell did was to arrange a medical fellowship Sabbath for Adventist medics to worship together and discuss the possibility of forming a UK branch of AMEN.

To their amazement, more than ninety medics, nurses, other health professionals and lay people came to the Newbold campus on Sabbath 19 May. They all shared a keen desire to see 'the right arm of the Advent message' used to open doors for the Gospel message. The medical mission emphasis began with Sabbath School, both in the lesson with Dr Adam Ibrahim and the mission news when dentist Mr Peter Yesudian told us about his regular overseas dental volunteer trips. The inspiring theme of Dr Levy's sermon was *The Healing Ministry of Jesus*, based on Matthew 9.

In the afternoon, Dr Levy talked about 'A vision for AMEN', explaining the benefits of joining AMEN, the resources available, their website, their journal, and their willingness to attend the next conference and welcome their UK chapter. The general view was that their offer should be accepted and a local chapter of AMEN formed. Jim Cunningham, the chair



Drs Levy and Mitchell

of ASI UK, challenged the group with the opportunities health evangelism offers in the UK for helping problem families. Peter Yesudian filled in more details about the joys, challenges and practicalities of short volunteer overseas missionary trips, and Dr Roland Karlman of the E. G. White Research Centre discussed its resources. He also shared interesting information about Ellen White's role in health reform. Although she was accused of simply copying her ideas from others, the facts show that she was very specific in her choice of what to share from the vast number of health theories current in her day, managing to avoid the many theories subsequently proved to be wrong and choosing those now supported by abundant scientific evidence.

For more information about AMEN and to listen to their conference presentations, go to www.amensda.org. To contact the UK group, email calevy@gmail.com or clemency@themitchells.eclipse.co.uk.

Enhancing Health

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Golden eight — part 7c

Water – getting the balance right

Several factors influence our requirement for water, including body weight, temperature, dietary practice, exercise, age and gender. Here are the Mayo Clinic recommendations regarding our water consumption needs: (www.mayoclinic.com/health/water/NV00283).

Exercise

- If engaging in activity that makes you sweat, you need to compensate for the fluid loss by drinking extra water.
- Take 400-600 millilitres (approximately 1.5 to 2.5 cups) for short bouts of exercise. However, intense exercise of more than an hour requires a higher fluid intake.

Environment

- When the weather is hot or humid it can make you sweat, requiring you to increase your fluid intake.
- You can also lose moisture from your skin during wintertime due to heated indoor air.
- Altitudes of 8,200 feet (2,500 metres) or greater may trigger more rapid breathing and increased urination, which uses up more of your fluid reserves.

Illnesses and health condition

- Your body loses additional fluids during a fever, diarrhoea or vomiting. Drinking more water is advised at this time. Your doctor may recommend oral remedies to rehydrate you in some cases.
- With some conditions, like bladder infections or urinary tract stones, practitioners will advise an increased fluid intake.
- In other cases, however, health conditions like heart failure and some types of kidney, adrenal or liver disease can reduce water excretion to the extent that fluid intake must be restricted.

Pregnancy and breastfeeding

- Expectant mothers or those breastfeeding need more fluids to maintain hydration.
- The Institute of Medicine's recommendation for pregnant women is 2.3 litres (about 10 cups of fluids) daily, and for breastfeeding women 3.1 litres (around 13 cups) daily.

Water intoxication occurs when excessive water is ingested (usually very quickly). This dilutes the blood content, leading to a condition called hyponatraemia, where blood salt levels become dangerously low – affecting brain, heart and muscle function.

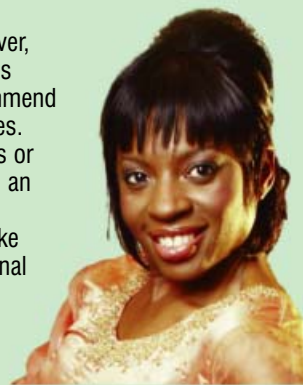
- Symptoms include dizziness, nausea, headaches and disorientation. Swelling of the brain and lungs can occur, leading to death.

Dehydration occurs when there is insufficient water in the body to carry out normal function. Symptoms include:

- Mild cases – dark urine, dry skin and mouth, lethargy;
- Severe cases – muscle spasms, racing pulse and seizures.

Correct levels of hydration produce a clear or straw-coloured urine.

Good health!



editorial

During the past weeks disclosures about investment banks and bankers have dominated our media's attention. The manipulation of the inter-bank lending rate (LIBOR) has been the heart of the issue, with many clamouring for heavy fines or prison terms for the guilty.

All this begs a question: what is there that ordinary people like you and I can do to protect ourselves against exploitation by the 'banking system'? I don't know about you, but in the face of these corporate shenanigans I feel quite helpless.

Once upon a time . . .

When I was a lad, there were some people everyone trusted. There was the local police sergeant. My uncle Fred was one, and everyone in his small town spoke respectfully to him – even when he wasn't in uniform or carrying his truncheon!

Then there was the family doctor. I can still remember the night ours was called out to my bedside. My epiglottis was swelling and I had difficulty breathing. But his calm bedside manner and a good shot of antihistamine soon sorted that out!

Lastly, there was the bank manager. Dad saw him once or twice a year, just to make sure that his investments were in order. That was also the only time Dad wore a suit during the week, except for funerals.

How things have changed.

What can we do?

This has all set me to thinking about the growth and preservation of personal wealth. How can we, you and I, achieve this?

Perhaps the answer lies in a term used recently on a local radio station by a woman caller. She said that the answer to personal wealth creation lies in the concept of 'deferred prosperity'.

By this she meant the practice of saving vigorously while we are young, so as to enjoy a measure of prosperity when we are older. It had worked for her, and her children, and she felt strongly that it could make the world of difference in the lives of most people in the UK today.

And I agree with her, from both observation and personal experience.

Harsh reality

Unfortunately, many prefer to practise 'instant gratification' rather than 'deferred prosperity'. If you don't believe me, these stats may change your mind ('UK Debt Statistics' from *Credit Action* – issued in June 2012):

1. Outstanding personal debt in this country stood at £1.459 trillion at the end of April 2012, up from £1.451 trillion at the end of March last year, and 'individuals owed nearly as much as the entire country produced during the whole of 2011.'

2. 'Average household debt in the UK

'Deferred prosperity'

(excluding mortgages) was £7,880 in April' and the 'average household debt . . . (including mortgages) was £55,483' in the same month.

3. 'Citizens' Advice Bureaux in England and Wales dealt with 8,518 new debt problems every working day during the year ending December 2011.'

To a great extent, this is a statistical snapshot of what the practice of 'instant gratification' can achieve! All of which makes that woman caller's appeal for us to practise 'deferred prosperity' so relevant.

Alexis De Tocqueville

De Tocqueville, a nineteenth-century French political thinker and historian, was known for similar views. According to João Carlos Espada he 'thought that religion provided the ultimate support for an ethic of deferred gratification in a free society.'²

Espada further spells out De Tocqueville's view like this: 'Material prosperity is the product, and sometimes the unintended consequence, of a work ethic, freely adopted by individuals, families, and other civil institutions, that leads people to seek deferred (as opposed to instant) gratification. As prosperity increases, however, people tend to lose sight of the spiritual, mainly religious, dimension that has given meaning to deferred gratification.'³

I am not an economist, but it would be fair comment for me to say that these men make a powerful point.

So does God!

And the Bible actually provides the basis for this view:

- 'Dishonest money dwindles away, but whoever gathers money little by little makes it grow.' (Proverbs 13:11, NIV.)
- 'Those who work their land will have abundant food, but those who chase fantasies will have their fill of poverty. A faithful person will be richly blessed, but one eager to get rich will not go unpunished.' (Proverbs 28:19, 20, NIV.)

Sadly, those 'eager to get rich' often make an even bigger mistake – they try to appear rich first – and the only way that can happen is through *theft or debt!* (Most aspirants choose the latter route.)

He goes further

In reality, God takes wealth creation and preservation to an even higher level than De Tocqueville. He certainly values diligence, hard work, regular saving and the willingness to defer prosperity. But to this set of values He adds:

1. **The opportunity for us to invest in eternity – to become shareholders in the establishment of His eternal Kingdom.** 'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.' (Matthew 6:19, 20, NIV.)
2. **The opportunity to receive His dividends.** 'Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,' says the LORD Almighty, 'and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe,' says the LORD Almighty.' (Malachi 3:10, 11, NIV.)

Maybe that woman caller is right about 'deferred prosperity' – why not give it a try!

¹<http://www.creditaction.org.uk/helpful-resources/debt-statistics.html/> ²'The Perils of Prosperity' by João Carlos Espada in the *Journal of Democracy*, volume 11, number 1, January 2000, pages 135-141 (http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/journal_of_democracy/summary/v011/1.1.espada.html) ³Ibid



Julian Hibbert
Editor



Some words have no substitute

by Pastor John Ferguson

'Like apples of gold set in silver filigree is a word spoken in season.' (Proverbs 25:11, REB.)

'A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.' (Proverbs 25:11, KJV.)

I think you will agree with me that words do matter. So does the manner in which we speak them. They can be a power for good, or evil. Words can excite, or depress. They can inspire and lift our spirits, or they can crush and deflate us.

Words can form a beautiful prayer, create a magnificent hymn or communicate a powerful sermon. Sadly, they can also reveal a mean or bitter spirit, tell a dirty joke or start a violent protest!

Choose them carefully

Our words say a lot about us. They also tell those close to us how we feel about them – which is why we need to choose them very carefully.

One word that has suffered a lot in recent times is the word 'love'. Today it is used to describe a variety of attitudes and emotions – some crude or trite, others deep and noble.

I love pizza. I love curry and chips. I love a good walk in the fresh country air. I love classical music. But I also love my wife and children!

I tried something different

Some years ago, I read some or other book on popular psychology that advocated that we use the term 'value' as a substitute for 'love'. The author did this on the basis that Jesus' love demonstrated the value He placed on people. He valued us so much that He was even prepared to give His own life for our redemption.

He suggested that we should say things like: 'Goodnight, my son, I really value you. Sleep well', or, 'Bye sweetheart. Don't forget that I value you so much. See you tonight.'

'Right,' I thought foolishly to myself, 'I'll give it a try. . . . In fact, I won't wait for tonight – I'll do it right now!'

Down the stairs I went in search of a guinea pig, and as luck would have it, I found one sitting at the breakfast table looking very glum.

I don't know what grim challenges my 13-year-old Martin faced that day, but they probably included such scholastic 'evils' as history, French and science!

Manoeuvring behind his chair, I put my hands on his shoulders and shattered his gloomy introspection with a confident: 'Martin, I value you!'

He turned, looked up over his shoulder at me and said: 'What have you been reading, Dad?'

He saw it differently

I told him what I had read about replacing the word 'love' with the term 'value'. He wasn't impressed, and pointed out that he valued the bottle of milk on the table. It provided the necessary liquid for his cereal! But he did not equate *valuing* with *loving*!

My brief attempt to find a

meaningful substitute for the word 'love' had failed miserably. In fact, for the rest of that day it became the family joke, with both Martin and Zenia (my wife) occasionally telling me how much I was 'valued'!

There is no substitute

I now realise that there is no substitute for love. No matter how much the world at large misuses or abuses the word, we need to keep using it.

How we treat those who hear it from us is what really determines its meaning. We don't need a new word – we need the right attitude to those with whom we share it!

'Christian love – the highest and best gift

'If I speak with the eloquence of men and of angels, but have no love, I become no more than blaring brass or crashing cymbal. If I have the gift of foretelling the future and hold in my mind not only all human knowledge but the very secrets of God, and if I also have that absolute faith which can move mountains, but have no love, I amount to nothing at all. If I dispose of all that I possess, yes, even if I give my own body to be burned, but have no love, I achieve precisely nothing.

'This love of which I speak is slow to lose patience – it looks for a way of being constructive. It is not possessive: it is neither anxious to impress nor does it cherish inflated ideas of its own importance.

'Love has good manners and does not pursue selfish advantage. It is not touchy. It does not keep account of evil or gloat over the wickedness of other people. On the contrary, it is glad with all good men when truth prevails.

'Love knows no limit to its endurance, no end to its trust, no fading of its hope; it can outlast anything. It is, in fact, the one thing that still stands when all else has fallen.

'All gifts except love will be superseded one day

'For if there are prophecies they will be fulfilled and done with, if there are 'tongues' the need for them will disappear, if there is knowledge it will be swallowed up in truth. For our knowledge is always incomplete and our prophecy is always incomplete, and when the complete comes, that is the end of the incomplete.

'When I was a little child I talked and felt and thought like a little child. Now that I am a man my childish speech and feeling and thought have no further significance for me.

'At present we are men looking at puzzling reflections in a mirror. The time will come when we shall see reality whole and face to face! At present all I know is a little fraction of the truth, but the time will come when I shall know it as fully as God now knows me!

'In this life we have three great lasting qualities – faith, hope and love. But the greatest of them is love.'

1 Corinthians 13, as translated by J. B. Phillips

The following are the first two responses to Pastor Jeff Couzins' Issues page article in the 22 June MESSENGER (issue 13), 'To Tweet or not to Tweet?'

I have chosen to make this editorial comment in conjunction with these contributions because of the following: 1) I would like to encourage those who have an alternative perspective to these posted below to share your views with us too. This is not a simple 'monochrome' issue, so let's hear some other opinions – especially from our older children and youth. 2) I would also like to caution us against acting in any way that would make our precious harvest of children and youth (or anyone for that matter) feel threatened or unwelcome at our churches because they use electronic devices during our services.

EDITOR

Re: To tweet or not to tweet?

Dear Editor
The use of mobile phones and hand-held computers in church is out of hand. Church is a sacred place where we come to worship God and commune with each other. If we tweet or are on facebook, or use other similar social networking platforms, we are clearly saying we are not interested in the above two main purposes of coming to church. We are communicating with people outside the church, so we might as well go home and do that at home. God wants our time. He has a message for us through the Sabbath School programme, Divine Service or other programme that we are attending. People in the church want our time too, otherwise they may as well go home and watch the service online. Our young people and children get so busy with these hand-held devices that they fail to listen to the sermon. I remember the days when I could take my son and my friends' children to church and they would sit and listen. Now they want to use their iPads and iPhones.

I have even seen hand-held computer devices being used by children to play games in the sanctuary!

Whose responsibility, Pastor Jeff Couzins asked in his article? Parents in the first instance. Then the church leadership. Finally every member is responsible. We are responsible to let our children and our fellow members' children know

that God's church is a sanctuary. God has a message for them which they may write in the Notes section of their iPad or iPhone, rather than play the latest game in church.

CHIM NUKA

Dear Editor

One time visiting a church I saw a young boy playing games between services on his dad's phone – it made me uncomfortable, but I didn't want to embarrass the parents by mentioning it to them. I turned and whispered quietly to my girlfriend, 'When we have kids, I don't want to let them play on their phones in church.'

I didn't think anyone had heard, but then the father took the phone from his son and switched it off – and a few seconds later turned and smiled at us!

This is a very personal issue . . . but then I don't have children!

ANDREW PUCKERING

Preaching remembered

Dear Editor
David Marshall's excellent article about Bill Cowin (MESSENGER 117/11) brought back a flood of memories. As a result of Pastor Bernard Walton's effective ministry, my mother and I were also baptised in the Liverpool church a couple of months after Bill and Nancy.

I well recall catching the train to Southport for Sabbath afternoon meetings, where the environment was quite challenging for the best of preachers – let alone novices like Bill and me.

In those days the church met at the Conservative club – but right above the room where we worshipped, a tap-dancing class was held every Saturday afternoon. Deafening decibels of secular music, a constant tapping of lead soles on a metal floor and a bellowing instructress demanded extraordinary communication skills on the part of anybody attempting to transmit the Christian message down below.

The open-air speakers' gallery at Liverpool Pier Head was another good training ground for preachers. Here the distraction came from hecklers, the National Secular Society's highly vocal orators and the hooting of ferry boats on the Mersey!

Liverpool certainly proved to be a good launching pad for Bill's commendable contribution to the spiritual nurture of churches throughout the NEC for more than half a century.

PASTOR JOHN ARTHUR, CRIEFF, SCOTLAND

with Andrew Puckering



Sins of the fathers

'Our fathers sinned and are no more, But we bear their iniquities', wrote Jeremiah after the fall of Jerusalem (Lamentations 5:7, NKJV). What did he mean by that – and what did the LORD mean when He told the Israelites that He would be 'visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations' of them that hate Him (Exodus 20:5; 34:7; Deuteronomy 5:9, NKJV)? In the Gospels, the baying mob said Jesus' blood should be on their children's hands as well as their own (Matthew 27:25), and Jesus said that the Pharisees must 'Fill up . . . the measure of [their] fathers' guilt' (Matthew 23:32, NKJV). What do these troubling passages mean?

Sometimes, as did Saul's sons at Gilboa (1 Samuel 28:4-19), children may suffer as a natural result of their parents' sins' – but do these texts imply that they could be held accountable for them?

On the contrary, God is completely opposed to the notion that children should be held responsible for something only their fathers did – each person must bear the responsibility for his or her own sin (Deuteronomy 24:16). This was not forgotten by the Israelites, even after centuries of apostasy (2 Kings 14:5, 6; 2 Chronicles 25:3, 4), but still they claimed they were being punished for their fathers' sins with the proverb, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, And the children's teeth are set on edge' (Jeremiah 31:29, NKJV). God told Jeremiah and Ezekiel that this proverb should no longer be used – everyone dies for their own sins (Jeremiah 31:30; Ezekiel 18:1-3). In fact, God went into a lengthy discourse on the subject, remonstrating with the Israelites for their own erroneous concept of fairness (Ezekiel 18:4-32).

On the other hand, the fact is that children often do end up making the same mistakes as their fathers (1 Kings 19:4; 2 Kings 17:14, 41; 23:32, 37). Some boast about it (2 Chronicles 32:14, 15), and some end up doing worse (1 Kings 14:22; Jeremiah 16:12). The Hebrews were urged not to follow the bad example set by their parents (2 Chronicles 30:7, 8; Psalm 78:7, 8; Zechariah 1:4-6), particularly when they realised just how badly their parents had sinned, and the consequences to which that led (2 Chronicles 29:6-9). In the end though, the sins of the Israelites were too great for God to remain inactive (Isaiah 65:6, 7), and when He caused them to be carried into captivity His prophets acknowledged the sins of both themselves and their fathers (Jeremiah 3:25; Ezra 9:7; Nehemiah 1:6; 9:2; Daniel 9:4-8).

This could explain why Jesus said the Pharisees must fill up the cup of their fathers' guilt – and why He accused them of murdering Zechariah the son of Berechiah (Matthew 23:35), who preached several hundred years before in the reign of King Darius (Ezra 6:13-15; Zechariah 1:1). The Pharisees of Jesus' day claimed they wouldn't have done such things if they'd been around then (Matthew 23:30), but Jesus' reply was that they would repeat their fathers' sins in the future – and He was proved right (Matthew 23:34; Acts 7:51-60). God only holds children accountable for their fathers' sins if the children repeat them. God is fair, and He's calling us today, just as He called our forebears (1 Corinthians 10:1-11; 1 Peter 1:18). Will we follow their bad example, or will we aim for something better in Christ?

- King Amon of Israel set a bad example. What did his son do? (2 Kings 22)
- Who was Ahab's father? (1 Kings 16)
- What kind of example did he set?
- Which of Ishbosheth's brothers was a better man than their father?
- Psalm 106 confesses, 'We have sinned with our fathers' – how does that psalm end?

For more on the natural consequences of sin, see *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, vol. 1, p. 603.

Olympic Adventism – UK style

Victor Hulbert and Colin Stewart provide us with a glimpse of how our members are celebrating the London 2012 Games.

With the Olympic torch currently being carried across the UK in the run-up to the London 2012 Games, Seventh-day Adventists are joining in the excitement and enjoying the opportunity to witness. Special books have been published, events planned and church halls opened to the public. Members are also part of Olympic hosting and greeting teams.

Adventists are already pulling out their flags in crowds and communities all over the country, showing their support for the Olympic Torch Relay. On day one of the torch relay, LIVE: St Austell, a Cornish church-plant, was in town, and when the torch reached Scotland, the Faifley Church youth choir were invited by the local council and the Church of Scotland minister to sing gospel songs as the torch went by. In Nottingham, 16-year-old Leon Squire carried the torch. A keen footballer and sprinter, Leon gave up a potential career with Lincoln City and in athletics, to keep the Sabbath. He was delighted to represent his church and his school. Adventists are among the many denominations and churches that are a part of the celebration and using the opportunity to share Jesus.

The flame draws out the crowds at Leicester.



A man selling flags to raise money for Help for Heroes, Grantham, 28 June. Photo: David Bell

Although sport is the biggest aspect of the Olympic Games, the festival involves much more. From as early as June, Horley-Gatwick Adventist Church started a programme of community gospel singing and a cultural kitchen to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee. Following a great response and support from the community, they have been invited back for the torch relay.

Youth community cafés have opened up in Chatham, Kent and Walthamstow, East London. Here neighbours and friends are welcome to watch the Games, engage with church members and enjoy refreshments. The Central London church will host a myriad of programmes and an open café running throughout the Games.

Members will not be short of literature to share during the Games. A special edition of *LIFE.info* magazine, 30,000 'Olympic Edition' copies of *Steps to Christ*, and a small book, *The Christian Race* by Croydon pastor and Olympic chaplain, Richard Daly, are just some of the resources the church has made available. Churches are also getting ready for the Games with sport and fitness programmes. These include a basketball camp in Islington; a bike ride in Edmonton; netball and football in South London; and



Victoria Freer, 19, of Nottingham carries the flame out of Grantham on 28 June. Photo: David Bell



Excited onlookers watch as the flame passes the Leicester Central church.

sports days in Chelmsford, Chatham, Oxford and even down on the beach in Bournemouth!

With health being the biggest Adventist connection to the Olympic Games, organisers hope to inspire positive lifestyle changes that encourage healthy and active living. As a result many churches are organising health expos, utilising the skills of their health professionals.

Additional programmes are specifically targeting children. In Peterborough and Cambridge, Holiday Bible Schools are being planned during the summer break; while family fun days and festivals are organised for Bletchley, Dagenham, Clapton, and Plaistow.

Evangelistic teams are also in action with programmes running through the Olympic period. Concerts are planned, and some members will be singing in the Olympic choir during the opening celebrations. Former Australian Youth director, Graeme Frauenfelder, an Adventist clown, will spend almost three months in the UK sharing his creative talent, bringing joy and laughter to everyone as he shares the Gospel in his 'heart Olympics'. Two special days of fellowship on the first two Sabbaths in August will be themed: 'Ignite the Flame' and 'Torch Bearers'.

Olympic drama will not just be on the field. Specially commissioned by the South England Conference of the Adventist Church, Mervyn Weir has developed an inspiring theatre performance that highlights important Gospel themes in 'Beyond Gold'.

Church members across the UK have also taken the opportunity to be involved in an Olympic Green Sabbath initiative. This promotes the idea of both being healthy and being visible in our communities. Members have committed to walk at least 1 mile to and from church. Churches have used this opportunity to become more environmentally friendly by making clothes collections, recycling, car sharing, walking to church and much more. The aim is to produce many more 'Eco-Christians' as we care for our bodies and our environment while reaching out to our communities.

The aim of the Olympic Outreach team is to make this the biggest evangelistic outreach ever in the UK. However, while plans are being made for the summer, churches are committed to the creation of an Olympic 'legacy' – that this will be just the beginning of big things for God!

For more on Olympic Outreach programmes, download the official Adventist Church Olympic Outreach app for the iPhone or visit www.live-uk.org.

Dear Editor

I read with interest the Issues section contribution by Dr Waite (*MESSENGER* 25 May), and I agree with his concern over today's generation not knowing there is evidence available to support a belief in Creation. Although Darwin's bi-centenary was celebrated in 2009, due to a media and academic blackout the voices of a growing group of hundreds of scientists, who assert that Darwin was wrong, were not heard.

Earlier this year the joint BUC Family and Children's Ministries committee decided to address this by creating materials on this topic for the annual Children's Sabbath, 27 October 2012. Besides the Sabbath Service and afternoon programme ideas, by Karen Holford, there is also a handout I have put together called: 'God Made Me Special – Creation Resource Page'. This has resources for sharing with children, but adults will also benefit from them. For example, on www.guidemagazine.org, when you click on Title in the Links section list, Creation/Evolution, there is an interactive section for the children/teens. Here they will find that there is evidence for Creation and reasons for doubting evolution. Other websites included are those of the Creation Resources Trust (www.c-r-t.co.uk) and Creation Ministries International (www.creationministriesinternational.com).

The 'God Made Me Special' resource sheet also includes more website details and other resources. It can be downloaded from the 2012 Children's Sabbath material found on the Children's Ministries page at www.adventist.org.uk. Also on the BUC website is a list of many informative articles on this topic, which you can access by clicking on the Resources section (on the top bar), then clicking on the heading 'Creation'.

If we want this generation to be aware of the reasons why they can believe in our great Creator God, then we must be proactive in giving our children access to this information. One such way is to make sure the Creation Children's Sabbath takes place in your church.

HEATHER HAWORTH, BUC CHILDREN'S, FAMILY AND PRAYER MINISTRIES



Useful websites which also sell DVDs, tracts and books for children:

- **Guide Magazine**
www.guidemagazine.org
Click on Links. Click on the Links site menu list (bottom of screen). Click on Creation/evolution. Here children learn in an interactive way about evidence for Creation and the problems with the theory of evolution.
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- **Creation Resources Trust**
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www.veriteshop.co.uk
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The following resources are found on this website:

Video/DVD
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www.adventsource.org

Other resources from the Adventist Church can be found on our website: www.adventist.org.uk. Click on the Resources section (on the top bar), then click on the heading 'Creation'.



Hello Special Stars!

The Olympic athletes have learnt to trust their coach because this person has shown them how to become a winner. Even Jesus needed someone special to train Him. Use this code to find out who it is. The first number in this code tells you which number to find in the mobile. The second number tells you what letter to put on the empty line: for example, 4.3 = I.

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When this young lady trusted God, many other people came to trust God too.

Read the texts in the hearts and then write the names of these people in them.

Luke 2:4

Luke 2:13-20

Luke 2:25-35

Luke 2:36-38

Did you notice how Mary treasured in her heart how God cared for Jesus? How awful she must have felt when she lost this Boy with whom God had entrusted her!

Matthew 2:7-12



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What event is connected with the words in this wordsearch?

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| father | Jesus | questions |
| feast | mother | temple |
| house | parents | twelve |
| Jerusalem | | worried |

CLUE: You will find the answer in the third book of the New Testament, chapter 2, verses 41-52.

When was it?

Y M Unscramble these words and write what job Jesus found out He was to do.

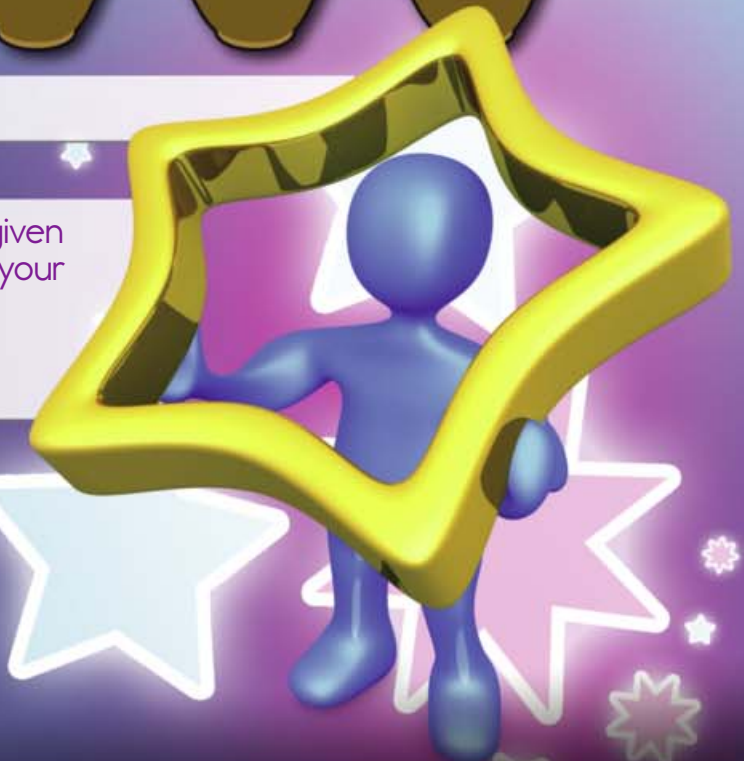
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Mary treasured in her heart that Jesus had learnt to trust God to guide Him in His life too. This is why she was so confident that Jesus could do miracles.

Put the words next to the jars in the correct order to discover what Jesus' first miracle was.

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Today you can thank God that He has given you a mum, or aunt, or grandma, to be your very own coach. If you want to be a winner, then listen to her – so that, like Jesus, your trust in God will grow.

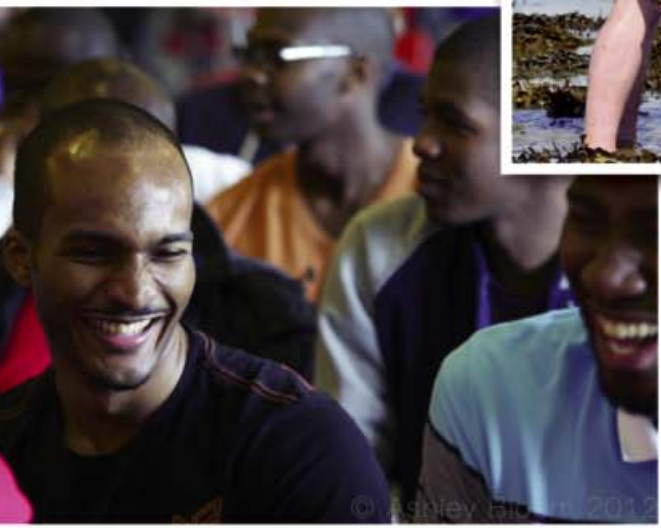




Aerial view of the camp site



Muddy feet



Ian Sweeney



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NEC camp meeting – 2012

'Camp meeting 2012 was truly amazing. The messages were awesome, and the Spirit touched my life and reinvigorated my spiritual experience.' These comments by Toshi of Wolverhampton sum up the feelings of many who recently attended the North England Conference camp meeting at Pwllheli, North Wales.

Brother Z. Campbell, interviewed during one of the camp's bright sunny afternoons, recounted memories of earlier 'camp meetings and difficulties with poor weather in Wales – at Pwllheli actually. I can recall camp meetings that were cold and wet all the time – but here we are in Wales enjoying the biggest North England Conference camp meeting ever, basking in glorious sunshine and sharing fellowship, prayer time, praise time and social highlights. What more can we ask for?'

Well, to tell the truth, he could have asked for another three or four days of glorious summer! It really poured for the rest of the camp – but God kept our spirits up, despite the deluge!

There were challenges
These started a few days before the event began,

Reporting by Peter Jeynes, Melissa Nicholson and Jeff Nicholson

when one of the main venues was flooded out, causing great inconvenience and disruption to our youth programme. Then our media team had vehicle problems and – to cap it all – Pastor John Ferguson had his car written off by an articulated truck while on the way to camp. Fortunately, he survived unscathed.

Pastor Williams' testimony

Our challenges, however, seemed a lot smaller after we listened to Pastor Robert Williams' testimony on Tuesday evening. It wasn't your average 'God-did-everything-for-me' type of tale. This time it really was as he said: 'God did everything – and you'll read about it in a book in the future.' His story includes being stricken with malaria; staying on life support for over two weeks with the doctors in doubt about his recovery; and being unable to walk and talk – with the likelihood of kidney and liver damage. His riveting story held many spellbound and gave courage to all who heard it.

Plane buzzes the camp

On Wednesday there was a surfeit of sun, and the NEC media team were out among the campers, interviewing and filming while a light plane buzzed noisily overhead. Those interviewed provided a kaleidoscope of interesting responses like: 'Best preachers yet'; 'excellent workshops'; 'the weather is

beautiful'; 'Pastor Williams' testimony moved me – I was going to the youth hall but God wanted me in the main hall.'

Technical glitches

Despite their best efforts, the media team finally gave up trying to 'stream' the programme due to various technical difficulties at the site. But that didn't stop the Holy Spirit working directly on the hearts of holiday-makers who were invited to, or simply followed the crowds into, the meetings. Several of them responded to the call to enter into a relationship of faith in Jesus Christ. One of them, Irene from Southport, said, 'I have been welcomed so openly, and simply made to feel loved – it has been a really wonderful experience.'

Meanwhile the youth were growing in skill and in maturity as they learned to operate equipment that appeared to need the odd touch of Divine Intervention. Well, how else do you explain a telephone call about equipment repairs made from a phone with no apparent signal?

Wednesday afternoon activity time featured the Newbold College-sponsored annual cricket match between clergy and members. During the last match the ministers thrashed the members, and there was a great desire for revenge this time round! The members duly delivered – beating a much-depleted ministerial team.

Standing room only

For Wednesday night's meeting the hall filled to capacity, and there was standing room only! Camp security and other staff were also listening in at the back of the hall – and they invited any

curious passersby to join them. 'If you're happy and you know it, your face will surely show it', said Doctor Byrd. That evening he shrugged off the label of 'showman' that some had given him and delivered a powerful sermon under the title, 'Prison Breaks'. It was an examination of the convict stories in Acts – a simple message about the fact that God delivers – but not always as we expect.

The messages of Andrea Trusty King, the midday speaker in the adult hall, had a profound effect on the negative talk that one too often hears from our members. 'The words we use decide and reflect our daily decisions . . . there is power in the words of our tongue. Too often we speak death and destruction upon ourselves. If you can't speak a good word then speak a silent word. . . . We bring doom on ourselves by the atmosphere we surround ourselves with and by the words we use to define ourselves.' It was gratifying throughout the week to hear campers stopping their conversations in full flow and saying: 'I can't say that because I am fasting from criticising and complaining!' Long may that fast last!

More positive comments

There were some complaints about the lighting in the main hall, but people soon realised that some things were beyond the NEC's control. Fortunately, the positive comments kept flowing from the hearts of those who were blessed: 'Very good meetings, nicely organised, with good speakers'; 'Best speakers I have ever heard'; and 'a real spiritual atmosphere'.

Speakers

The camp meeting programme was very pleasing and featured a well-rounded group of speakers and presenters, who met the needs of most campers in the content they covered. Along with Dr Carlton Byrd and Dr Andrea Trusty King, the adult programme also featured Tony Moore (Hope Channel and



Tony Moore



Cyril Sweeney presents the Newbold College football award



3ABN TV) and Dr J. Jackson and his wife Laverne from MEET Ministries, who delivered a well balanced series of health presentations.

For many the highlight of camp meeting was a well organised and executed Communion Service following the Friday evening sermon by Dr Byrd. It also featured a choir comprised of the ministerial workers and their wives singing the Song of Meditation.

NEC Bible Bowl Quiz

The Sabbath afternoon programme featured the finals of the NEC Bible Bowl Quiz competition. The process started nine months previously when the churches were invited to hold elimination quizzes. Contestants had to study the books of Genesis, Daniel, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts and Revelation. The level of Bible knowledge evidenced by the youth was very gratifying, and the winners were: Nokuthabe Moyo of Handsworth Church (13-18 years); and Desire Ncube of Leicester Church (19-30 years). Both winners received iPads for their efforts.

This site gave our youth access to new facilities and activities. These included a large indoor pool, beaches, water sports, football and basketball, adventure golf and a gym. The relationship workshops for the young men and women encouraged healthy discussion about the roles and expectations of both genders, while the teens studied Sex and the Sanctuary and discovered ways in which they can live sexually pure lives. Last but not least, the youth programme speakers, Peter Gregory, Charissa Fong and Ian Sweeney, did a fantastic job too.

All in all, challenges aside, camp meeting 2012 had a powerful spiritual impact on the lives of the attendees. Our hope and prayer is that it will be a lasting impact.

To see more pictures from the NEC camp meeting, go to: <http://www.adventistpictures.org.uk/gallery/2012/NECcampmeeting/>.

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Victor Hulbert, Peter Jaynes, Ashley Bloom & Donald Mckenzie

Steve Bull running power boat trips around the bay



Mark Bunney



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Cyril Sweeney with Carlton Byrd



news

FOCUS on the Jubilee

After years of circulating our small close of ten houses with a copy of *FOCUS* magazine each Easter and Christmas (when I also include an Autumn House calendar), I was able to use the *FOCUS* on the Queen's Diamond Jubilee when we held a street party.

Well, we'd organised the party in the street, but the rain was so bad that, rather than cancel the event, our next-door neighbours invited us all into their recently-built large extension! There were fourteen of us, and we started off by singing 'God Save the Queen', plus a loyal toast to Her Majesty, and then I said grace. Our neighbours knew us well enough to know that as Christians that's what we wanted, and I will never forget the thrill of hearing the four children of the close say 'Amen' when I'd finished the brief prayer. It has become my sweetest memory of the day.

Before the 'non'-street party, only a few of the fourteen neighbours knew anything about the others (though we knew and had made friends with most of them). Now we all know each other, even the two rather reclusive older folk who really needed to have caring neighbours. They came 'for a bit', but stayed all afternoon. Everyone naturally received the Jubilee *FOCUS*, and nearly all said how much they appreciated the magazine, and the yearly calendar.

The day was such a success that we plan to have more get-togethers in the future, and one couple have been asking about our faith. Impromptu Bible studies are getting to be a bit of a regular feature! We will continue to work and pray for all our neighbours, as we firmly believe that there's no better way to introduce people to Jesus than by being their friends – and there's no better Friend than Jesus to help them find a place in God's Kingdom.

ANITA MARSHALL



Great Yarmouth street party

Great Yarmouth Seventh-day Adventist Church put on a spectacular Jubilee street party on Monday 4 June, which brought together strangers and neighbours alike.

'It's seen as a method of evangelism; it's not to push the church on people, but just to let the people in the community know that we're friendly, to build bridges and break down any barriers. People we've invited to things at the church previously have come out today too!' enthused Pastor Michael Walker.

The church had been granted funding for the street party by their local council and had officially cordoned off their street, Burnt Oak: a large portion of which was filled with endless tables of party, picnic and posh foods while church members managed the stalls.

To make the atmosphere even more special, John Sampson, from Lowestoft Church, had brought his accordion to perform songs such as 'God Save Our Gracious Queen' as he walked tirelessly up and down the street.

James Leggatt, a neighbour living on Burnt Oak, brought his daughters to the street party. They enjoyed the bouncy castle, face-painting and crafts throughout the day. James later made this comment: 'It's been an absolutely fantastic day.'

Bertie De Nysschen, pastor of Great Yarmouth Church and hardworking 'barbecueonist' for the day, found the day a success. 'I think it's gone great. We really didn't expect so many people to come out. I think it's been fantastic and it's really done something for the church in this area.'

COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT

Hyland House Jubilee party

The children of Hyland House Seventh-day Adventist School, in Waltham Forest, had their very own street party on Friday 1 June. Having been invited to the beginning of the Queen's Jubilee Tour around the country, the whole school was excited to further celebrate the special occasion in their own style.

The children made every effort to co-ordinate their outfits with the Union Jack; some even came as the flag itself! There were all types of activities and festivities throughout the day, including a 'Hyland House's Got Talent' competition.

'Since the Queen came to Walthamstow, we had planned to have a Jubilee party', explained the headteacher, Gina Abbequaye. 'We thought we'd do things from the past, and add an element from the present, like the talent show.'

When asked about how the children performed, one of the talent show judges, Mrs Asafo-Ajei, commented, 'They were fantastic. They've been really excited and really geared up for it. They made "Hyland House's Got Talent" better than *Britain's Got Talent!*'

For the ultimate British lunch, the children and staff ended the day enjoying a special school dinner of fish and chips!

COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT

Messy Church Jubilee at Stanborough Park

The Queen's Jubilee was celebrated at the June 'Messy Church' meeting at Stanborough Park Church with an 'indoor street party'. Every 'Messy Church' session ends with a meal, but this time the hall was decorated with Union Jacks and decorations galore!

Messy Church has now entered its fourth year at the church. Intended as an outreach activity for children aged 0-13 and their carers, it regularly hosts around 200 children and their carers, mostly from the local community. The current leaders are Estelle Elias, Emma Stickland, and Judy McKie, with an army of helpers to ensure that the children find Christianity exciting!

COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT



Top: Great Yarmouth street party in full flow. Above: a happy visitor to the Great Yarmouth event. Right: red, white and blue were the official colours at Hyland House. Below: 'Hyland House's Got Talent'. Bottom: the Messy Church indoor street party at Stanborough Park.





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Champion of Love at Leicester Central

On the evening of 16 June, Peter Tabornal was the main solo artist at a gospel concert, 'Champion of Love', raising £500 for the new Lucena Adventist Elementary School in the Philippines. The concert was compered by Pauline Matturi, Leicester Central's PAEB Club director, and also included music from Spencer Williams, Thenji Banda, Camryn Joseph, Joel Casayuran and Philip Herbert. Food was laid on by Peter's mother Redeem Tabornal, Suzette Jeannon and helpers.

The funds will be appreciated as much as the concert – children in Lucena have been having Sabbath-keeping difficulties at non-Adventist schools, so the money for their new school should make a huge difference.

PHILIP HERBERT



Corrigendum: MESSENGER staff would like to apologise for printing a photo, wrongly said to portray the SEC Adventist Muslim Relations department's tenth anniversary retreat, on p. 10 of MESSENGER 8 June – the correct photograph appears above.

Adventist programmes hitting new audiences

It is now almost one year since Seventh-day Adventist programmes first started being aired on the Christian TV channel, Revelation TV. The variety of programmes aired on the Monday and Thursday 8.30pm slots have successfully increased the awareness of the Adventist message and lifestyle within the larger Christian community.

A lady at the NEC camp meeting shared how her Christian neighbour so loves *Adventists In Conversation* that she records every episode to share them.

The Adventist Media Centre UK (BUC) and SECmedia have worked hard to give viewers outside our faith community a greater understanding of Adventist faith. This has clearly worked. Lesley Condor, co-founder of the channel, told us that the programmes are well received, and when occasional viewers question an Adventist presence on the channel, she tells them to watch the programme, and then write back if they have any complaints. So far that has not happened!

The schedule changed from the beginning of July: programmes will continue on Thursday evenings at 9.30pm on Sundays, in order to increase the audience reach. Revelation airs on Sky 581 and Freesat 692, reaching audiences in the UK and across Europe. With the recent addition of the Roku box in the USA, the channel is expanding again.

Share the good news of these programmes with your friends and neighbours, and let them hear the Adventist message in the security of their own homes!

BUC NEWS

Transport to the Stanborough Press open day

Coach transport is now being organised to take church members from London and the Midlands to the Stanborough Press open day in Grantham on Sunday 2 September! Coaches will pick up members from Brixton, Battersea, and Fulham in London, and Birmingham and Wolverhampton in the Midlands.

For details, contact Hubert Smiley on 01384 213803, 07868288310, 07831958114 or 07736509625. We look forward to seeing you there!



obituaries

Robert Joseph McIntyre (1918-2012)

d. 18 April. Robert was the fifth child of George and Elizabeth McIntyre. He was born in Ireland, County Donegal. He also had twin brothers: Herbert and John.

Bob, as he was affectionately known, joined the army as a young man, where he learned various building skills.

Bob decided to come to England, as many of his countrymen did, in search of work: this proved useful, as he helped to renovate the early church in Camp Hill with his plastering and roofing skills.

While Bob was in Birmingham, he completed a Bible course and was invited to a

campaign during the early 1950s at the Theatre Royal on New Street, held by Pastors Ken Lacey and Tom J. Bradley. Bob was baptised after hearing God's word presented with clarity.

Bob was known for his bicycle, which he rode everywhere he went; he was a keen gardener; he was witty with the stories he told; he had a sharp sense of humour; he was a preacher in the pulpit and a faithful Ingatherer – but most of all, he was faithful to God.

He was always in church until 2011, when health problems started to plague him. Bob lost the fight and succumbed to death on 18 April 2012. He had received excellent care

iTap

Young adults at the SEC camp meeting, under the guidance of Youth director, Pastor Steve Thomas, didn't want to move from their seats! They were enjoying iTap (I testify and praise). Worshipers joined in online from as far as Russia and Australia, with tears and laughter and lives given to God. Everyone loved testifying of God's goodness, and the youth can't wait for the next camp meeting!

ANDREW DAVIS



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from his loving niece, Claire McIntyre, and from the St Joseph residential home in Coleshill, Warwickshire.

On 14 May the family and friends came to say their last goodbyes. The service took place at the Camp Hill church, and the officiating ministers were Pastors R. McIntosh, J. Nicholson, E. Bran, and A. Layland. Elders Olwen McIntyre and H. Mitchell led out with the tributes.

Pastor A. Layland delivered the sermon and reminded all 'to fight the good fight and finish the course' and, 'if we are faithful, we will meet Bob on that great day when Christ returns.'

Bob was laid to rest at Robin Hood Cemetery; he now awaits his Saviour's call. Robert Joseph McIntyre leaves a daughter (Barbara), brother (John), niece (Claire), nephews (Graham, Steven, Paul, Dr John McIntyre), sisters-in-law (Sue and Olwen), and other family and friends.

The McIntyre family wish to express heartfelt thanks for all the support they have received from the wider church family during this difficult time. HEAD ELDER C. G. MORGAN

Dorothy (Dot) Olive Heath (1927-2012)

d. 18 May. Shrewsbury Church members, family and friends joined on Wednesday 30 May at the Shrewsbury church to lay to rest Dorothy Olive Heath, affectionately known as Dot.

Born in Chepstow in 1927, in a very cold winter during the Great Depression, Dot weighed only four pounds and was not expected to live. Against the odds she did survive, and moved to Church Stretton in Shropshire, where her parents found employment in the hotel trade and where she grew up. Dot loved books and earned the nickname Dolly Day Dream, a name she did not seem to mind. She loved nature, and in her later years enjoyed feeding the birds and her adopted cat.

Dot worked at Rolls Royce in Shrewsbury, where she became a union representative; this enabled her to show her care and

concerns for her fellow workers.

There were difficult years ahead for Dot – but she finally found happiness with Geoff, and they had many happy years together until his death twenty-six years ago.

Dot always had a strong belief in God, and attended a local church for some years. After completing a VOP course she had studies with Pastor Richard Vine, and was baptised into fellowship in Shrewsbury Church on 30 June 1990. Dot was a very active church member, being a deaconess and church correspondent. She was very well loved, a real live spark – and her love for her Lord shone through everything she did. She formed a lasting friendship with the late Nellie Cook, and they were a great blessing to each other and the church.

Dot had two great loves in her life – her family and her Lord. She was blessed with two children, Robert and Elizabeth, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and she proudly displayed many photos of them all in her house.

Dot struggled with her health, and five years ago was no longer able to attend church. The last eighteen months were particularly difficult, but she always remained cheerful and positive: never allowing, as she said, the devil any foothold. She was always delighted when church members visited her and would chat away happily.

A few hours before she died Dot was visited by Pastor Roger Neal at Holy Cross Residential Home in Shrewsbury, where she had recently taken up residence. He read to her Psalm 19, her favourite Scripture, which brought her great comfort. Pastors Neal and Len Lane officiated at her funeral service and interment in Longden Road Cemetery, where she awaits the call of her beloved Lord.

Our sympathies are extended to Dot's children and wider family. She will be greatly missed, and we look forward to hearing her irrepressible chuckle on the great day when we are all reunited with our Lord.

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'Give and it will come back to you'

When Gloria Davis of the West Bletchley Community church needed care, Willen Hospice in Milton Keynes was outstanding.

Following a stay there, Gloria actively shared her faith with the chaplain and medical staff, one of whom was moved to tears by her faith and optimism. Their interest grew with her Bible-based replies, and they requested additional literature and a website address!

A collection was made at Gloria's funeral, and the chaplain of the hospice, Steve Barnes, was thrilled to attend the morning service at West Bletchley Church on Sabbath 23 June to receive a cheque for £812.

We thank God for Gloria's witness during her illness, and for the generosity of so many.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT



Chaplain Steve Barnes presented with a cheque by Sylvonie Noel (Gloria's daughter).


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Sanctuary Day at Newark

The Newark church held a 'Sanctuary Day' recently, inspired by interest from Joan Kirkland, who became a member a year ago after seeing a *MESSENGER* article. Joan's interest led to a very meaningful evangelistic event in the church on a Sabbath morning, as guests walked in to find a large rectangle and other shapes marked on the floor, representing the sanctuary floor plan. Pastor Jeynes and Andrew Palmer literally walked the congregation around the sanctuary furniture, as guests and members sat in rapt attention.

During Divine Service, 'David Ben Hosea' was introduced to the congregation: really Andrew Palmer, dressed in a replica of Hebrew clothes, complete with prayer shawl and the correct undergarments! He drew attention to God through the experience of a man from the time of Moses as the Day of Atonement approached.

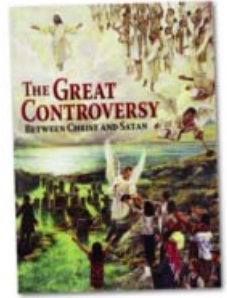
The whole service, acted out, helped the congregation realise that the sanctuary still has real meaning today. Visitors were both impressed and drawn into conversation about God and His work.

The next task is to follow up the interests and draw them into the life of the congregation!

PETER JEYNES



SEC camp meeting videos available
Good news for those who were unable to attend the SEC camp meeting, and for those who were there and wish to experience it again – videos are now online and available for viewing!
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Jul 20	9.06	9.18	9.16	9.41	9.44
27	8.56	9.08	9.06	9.29	9.33
Aug 3	8.45	8.57	8.54	9.15	9.20
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