

# Messenger

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## Thirty youth decide for baptism!

by **Natasha Mirilov,**  
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**T**hirty young people decided for baptism at the Prayer and Faith Conference (PFC) held at Kingswood Centre, Wolverhampton, between 1 and 4 April.

They were among a group of over 290 teens and young adults who travelled by coach and car to enjoy this four-day-long spiritual event, organised by the South England Conference (SEC) Teens Ministries Department, Thames Valley Youth Federation (TVYF) and the Central Co-ordinating Committee (CCC) of the Ghanaian churches.

As a result of the excellent PFC attendance, including over 30 non-Adventists, the venue was too small to fit everyone inside. The solution was to split up the teens and the youth and have their worship at different times. According to youth leaders and attendees this was a blessing in disguise. Many young people acknowledged the fact that they felt the message was more personalised towards them, and this impacted on their decision to follow Christ. By the end of the retreat, nearly one in every nine had decided to dedicate their lives to God through baptism.

The programme was filled with worships, workshops, a Saturday-night concert and time for testimonies on the closing night. Every day, from morning to evening, everyone was spiritually challenged by guest speaker Edsel Cadet, also known as Mr Edsel Pretzel, who intrigued these young people with real case scenarios, drawn from everyday life.

'The talks we've had here have been very deep and down to the point; they make you reflect. This influenced my thoughts in a way that I



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haven't even thought of before,' said Solace Ayivorh, from South-East London.

The CCC leader, Peter Nti, said it was important to challenge youth physically and spiritually. Every morning, those who woke up at 6am could participate in an early-morning boot camp, but Sunday was 'activities day' and everyone, including the staff, was involved in some way: archery, football, an obstacle course challenge and rock climbing.

The Prayer and Faith Conference emphasised the need for young people to develop and share their faith through friendships. One of the organisers, Nana Bonnie, said that these networks of spiritual development can help many young people when they leave home to attend university.

'When young people are growing up in the church and they have friends and fellowship like this, I think it gives them one more reason to stay in the church,' said Bonnie. 'We can't understand everything that's been going on in their lives, but we have been placed here to provide this opportunity to help in their growth.'

The next PFC will be in October 2016, and according to TVYF leader, Cheryl Singo, it is not to be missed!



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# editorial



**Julian Hibbert**  
Editor

## As pure as the driven snow

Sabbath, 23 April, was a significant date within the English-speaking world, because tradition has it that William Shakespeare was born on this date in 1564. What makes the date of his birth even more interesting is that he died on that very same date in 1616, 400 years ago.<sup>1</sup>

### A massive impact

The literary and philosophical contribution of William Shakespeare to the English language is massive. Perhaps this comment helps put things into perspective:

*'Barry Manilow may claim to write the songs, but it was William Shakespeare who coined the phrases – he contributed more phrases and sayings to the English language than any other individual, and most of them are still in daily use.'*<sup>2</sup>

One source claims that 135 of these can be traced back to the Bard, but only one of them interests me today.<sup>3</sup> It comes from the mouth of Autolycus in *The Winter's Tale*, a comedy written in 1611. Shakespeare has him speak of *'Lawn as white as driven snow'*, which was later to evolve into that familiar simile, *'as pure as driven snow'*.<sup>4</sup>

### It's scarce

This expression is used to describe unusual purity. The kind of purity and transparency that is generally scarce among adults, but often still evident during the innocence of childhood. In fact, we often see that 'pure as driven snow' attitude in the way young children trust their parents.

I will never forget my son's reaction when I came home from work one day to find that he had tried to open and erect the portable screen that I used during my sermons. The result was catastrophic, to say the least. He had caused irreparable damage to its special glass-coated surface!

He knew he had done something wrong but – unlike Adam and Eve – he made no effort to hide either himself or the damaged screen. He stood there next to it and innocently told me

the obvious: *'Daddy, your screen is broken!'*

Upon which his stunned 'daddy' gruffly responded with, *'Yes, son, I can see that. What on earth do you expect me to do now?'*

There wasn't a moment's hesitation or a scrap of disrespect in his answer. *'Just buy another one, Daddy.'* That's what you can call 'pure as driven snow' trust! He knew that his daddy always found a way to mend or replace things that broke around the house. Why should this be any different?

### The lesson of the 'little child'

Was life trying to teach me the lesson of the 'little child' as found in Matthew 18:2, 3?

*'He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."'* (NIV-UK.)

This is not a text to be trifled with because it contains those classic indicators that Jesus used whenever He wanted our undivided attention: **'Truly I tell you, unless you . . . you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.'** (See also John 3:5.)

There are obviously things about pure childlikeness that we have to rediscover and apply in our adult lives in order for us to be authentic Christians. What are they?

### Childlikeness

Space won't permit a comprehensive answer to that question, but let's make a start. My daughter wasn't a perfect child but she had some lovely qualities, two of which often characterise young children. She was warm and loving, and nothing seemed to make her happier than the chance to snuggle up to her parents or her grandparents, especially during family worship or the reading of a story. Isn't that pure warmth and love the very thing that God wants us to rediscover in our relationship with Him?

During my son's childhood he experienced some peer rejection (although he had some close friends too). Three of the boys of around his age with whom he tried to associate – some of the 'tough guys' – ignored him and shunned his attempts to forge a friendship with them. As parents we found this distressing to observe, but how did he respond? Contrary to our fears, he didn't allow this situation to embitter him or make him vengeful. If anything, it has helped him develop a lifelong compassion for the underdog.

These are just two simple examples of those childhood qualities that Jesus wants to see reflected in our adult lives. How about we briefly look at an example that He provided for us in John 6:5-9, NIV-UK:

*'When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming towards him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.*

*'Philip answered him, "It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!"*

*'Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?"'*

### A crisis on their hands

The disciples had a real crisis on their hands. They had so many people around them that not even half a year's wages would make much difference to their hunger pangs. But into that hopeless situation steps a young boy who is willing to give everything he has to help Jesus solve this problem. He is just as hungry and tired as anyone else . . . but that doesn't matter, simply because Jesus needs what he has.

**Isn't that just another of those innocent, 'pure as driven snow' qualities that Jesus wants us to rediscover and apply in our own lives?**



The kind of purity and transparency that is generally scarce among adults, but often still evident during the innocence of childhood.

## Enhancing Health

by Sharon Platt-McDonald, RGN, RM, RHV, MSc  
Health Ministries Director, BUC

### Going natural Part 11b – Longevity tips

A recent health documentary aired on BBC1 discussed *How to Stay Young*, examining factors that help to slow ageing and enhance well-being in the process. But if you were expecting to hear about some 'high-end' age-defying product; specific supplements; or 'must-have' dermatological creams or potions, you would have been disappointed. Instead, we were presented with an array of everyday lifestyle interventions providing a natural prescription for healthy ageing and a slower advance to the grave.

Over the two-part series reporters Angela Rippon, a zesty 71-year-old, and popular TV doctor, 37-year-old Chris van Tulleken, examined foods, exercises, mental attitudes, and religious and cultural practices that boost longevity. Included from their travel across the globe were investigations into the latest research and experiments that are yielding rich data on what helps us to age well.

Once again the cream of the centenarian crop were the Adventists from Loma Linda (with their plant-based diet and religious observance) and the Okinawans with their regular exercise and high intake of antioxidants and nutrient-rich foods such as purple sweet potatoes.

Esher Addley<sup>1</sup> from *The Guardian*, commenting on the first episode of *How to Stay Young* (featuring Adventist lifestyle), stated:

*'Why, for instance, do the inhabitants of Loma Linda, 60 miles from LA, live up to 10 years longer than the average Californian? Could it be because the town has one of the largest concentrations in the world of Seventh-day Adventists, a faith that encourages vegetarianism? A*

*large-scale study suggests so.'* Addley highlights their diet as *' . . . the healthiest diet of all, reducing the risks of cancer, heart attacks and strokes'*.

Episode 2 examined the impact of exercises such as walking and table tennis, and the ways in which they help to preserve brain health and stave off age-related illnesses such as dementia and Alzheimer's. We will explore the theory behind this in the next instalment of *Enhancing Health*.

The EuroHealthNet website<sup>2</sup> promotes some healthy action principles for graceful ageing. Their research on healthy ageing identified the following key elements:

- Diet and nutrition
- Physical activity
- Social inclusion and participation
- Access to services
- Employment and volunteering
- Long-term care
- Education and lifelong learning
- Environment and accessibility
- New technology which keeps the mind engaged

EuroHealthNet suggests the above physical, social and mental health interventions as those things likely to enable older people to enjoy independence and a good quality of life.

### Good health!

<sup>1</sup><http://www.theguardian.com/tv-and-radio/2016/apr/08/review-how-to-stay-young>  
<sup>2</sup><http://www.healthyageing.eu/>

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<sup>3</sup>ibid.

<sup>4</sup><http://www.phrases.org.uk/meanings/as-pure-as-the-driven-snow.html>

### A baptism that almost didn't happen!

Sabbath 12 March was a 'glorious' day for the Welling church. It was the day of the baptism that almost didn't happen. Sinead Scafe had been preparing for baptism into another denomination when she felt impressed to pay the Welling Adventist pastor a visit. One thing led to another and she was soon having Bible studies with the intention of becoming a Seventh-day Adventist!

What a turnaround that was. Once the studies had been completed the baptism took place with Pastor Akakpo officiating and Sinead well supported by her non-Adventist friends and family.

Just imagine the joy of all when, during Pastor Akakpo's appeal for future candidates, both her parents and a friend stepped forward for the next baptism!

ELIZABETH PICART, CHURCH CLERK



Back row: Janet Dust, Aaron Carby, Zoe Theodossiou, Graeme Dust, and Pastor Jon Gendle. Front row: Peggy Ball.

Mrs Margaret Ball, aged 91, into fellowship by profession of faith. Margaret, known as 'Peggy', came to the church through an outreach held at her local library and has since become a wonderful and faithful member of the church family.

In the year when 'Evangelism, Everyone, Everywhere' is at the forefront of church thinking, and on the same day as Peggy joined the church, two baptisms also took place. Witnessed by their family and friends, Pastor Jon Gendle baptised Mr Aaron Carby and Mrs Zoe Theodossiou. Aaron has made the decision to be baptised since attending 'The Church' along with his then-girlfriend and soon-to-be wife, Jhenaya. Over time Aaron has grown in his love for his Lord and Saviour and is a great asset to God's kingdom. Zoe grew up within the Adventist Church but until now had not made the decision to give her life to the Lord in baptism. Having found a loving family at 'The Church', she has become an integral part

of the Children's Ministry programme. We wish Peggy, Aaron and Zoe God's richest blessings.

PS: Peggy loves reading the *MESSENGER*, especially the baptism stories.

JAN DUST (ELDER)

### God goes to the local library

In this day and age when many libraries are closing, God recently chose to use a library to bring one of His children into a faith-filled life. It was with great delight on 20 February that 'The Church' in Enfield welcomed

### North Wembley's first baptism of the year

On Sabbath 23 January North Wembley Church celebrated its first baptism for the year.

Following an emotional praise and worship experience, visiting pastor Rainford McIntosh preached a pragmatic sermon on the blessings, benefits and challenges of the Christian life based on Romans 6.

The three baptismal candidates were Patrice Johnson-Bignell, Marcia Thomas and Naomi Hammond. All three had something in common – praying family members who had earnestly interceded for them. As they accepted the baptismal charges those who had diligently studied with them stood by their side in a gesture of continued support and as a testimony to the incredible journey the three had made.

The moment was made more poignant by the knowledge that less than a week earlier Marcia's family had laid her sister Sarah to rest.

Pastor McIntosh baptised his niece Patrice, while local pastor, Kwesi Moore, baptised Marcia and Naomi.

JUSTIN MALABRE (COMMUNICATIONS TEAM)



Patrice, Marcia and Naomi.

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Ever had questions about our faith, doctrines or practice that you want to see resolved? In every other issue I'll be hosting Q & A in an effort to answer them. *Andrew Puckering*

'In Matthew 1, Jesus isn't a blood relative of Joseph, so why is He called the "Son of David"? If through Mary's bloodline, why is Joseph's genealogy given? If through adoption, then the argument for genetic descent is weakened.' *Ian Sabadin*

Thanks for your question, Ian! Although we touched on the issue of adoption in a previous issue of *MESSENGER*,<sup>1</sup> let's delve into this a bit deeper. Jesus would have been classed by Jewish law as Joseph's son (Luke 3:23; 4:22), and an adopted son had all the inheritance rights of a biological son. We know this because the law of levirate marriage was given for the specific purpose of allowing the continuation of a man's inheritance even in the absence of any of his own biological sons (Genesis 38:8, 9; Deuteronomy 25:5-9): genetic discontinuity was no barrier to the continuity of inheritance, and Jesus was, therefore, legally just as fully the descendant of David through adoption as He would have been by genetics. This explains why Joseph's genealogy is given.

That's not all, though. Jesus is described several times in Scripture as being descended from David 'according to the flesh' (Acts 2:30; Romans 1:3; 9:5, NKJV). Some might wonder if this means 'according to human (fleshly) understanding', thereby corresponding in meaning with Luke 3:23, but the context in each instance precludes it, and we are advised by Ellen White that Mary, too, was of David's lineage.<sup>2</sup> Since her cousin, Elizabeth, was descended from Aaron, there must have been some intermarriage between the tribes of Judah and Levi, but that wouldn't have been unprecedented, as Aaron himself married a woman from Judah (Exodus 6:23; Numbers 1:7). It could even be that, of the two genealogies given in Matthew and Luke, one is Mary's. How? Didn't genealogies (and inheritance) follow the male line? Well, normally, yes: but there were exceptions. . . .

In cases where a father had no sons, but only daughters, God ordained that the daughters should receive an inheritance just as sons normally would (Numbers 27:1-8). Furthermore, it was understood that, when those daughters married, their inheritance rights would pass from them to the family of their husbands (Numbers 36:1-9). Thus, if Mary had no brothers, her father's inheritance would, upon her marriage, pass to her husband, Joseph, who effectively became a new son to her father (his legal son, or *son-in-law*) – and he could thenceforth be recorded as his son in the genealogies.

Is this what happened with Joseph and Mary? We can't say for sure, but if so then it could provide one possible explanation for how Jesus, as well as being the adopted son of Joseph, could be the biological descendant of David, through Mary, in the context of both the genealogies in Matthew and Luke. There's one thing we do know, however: Jesus has every legal right to the kingdom of David. Even David called Him Lord (Matthew 22:42-45).

<sup>1</sup>10 June 2011, p. 7  
<sup>2</sup>*The Desire of Ages*, p. 44

Do you have a question you'd like to see answered in Q & A? Why not send it in to us at: editor@stanboroughpress.org.uk? If your question doesn't appear in the next issue, don't despair – we will deal with it in due course.

# share your ideas

## A novel presentation of Daniel 2

George L. Youngman of Welwyn Garden City Adventist Community Church sent us a sample of his congregation's novel and timely presentation of the prophecy of Daniel 2. They have chosen to hand out 1,500 of these A5-size brochures prior to the Brexit vote, thereby challenging the members of their local community to look well beyond 23 June for a solution to the problems that Europe faces. On the cover they are careful to indicate that it is 'NOT party political propaganda'

The copy is well written and spiritually focused, just the right length to capture and keep the interest of someone who might be searching for deeper and lasting solutions. Wisely, it avoids lots of Bible references and quotes in the main body of the text, but there is a selection of important ones in a footnote.

The inside right-hand page carries a simple but attractive image of Daniel's 'metal man' with the dates of the various empires that it represents: surely something that will prick the curiosity of some readers.

Importantly, the brochure does not adopt a 'sermonic' tone or attempt to make the reader feel that he or she is being herded in a particular religious direction. It closes with an 'if you would like more information on this subject please contact...' followed by Jonathan Barrett's mobile number and the church's website details. Incidentally, this is a website worth visiting – attractive, interesting, up to date and easy to navigate. Pay them a visit for some good ideas.

The church's attractive logo completes the 'package', as it were, and is prominently displayed at the very end of the document.



One of the important issues confronting our politicians today is the crucial question of our economic and political union with Europe.

The formation of the EU in 1975 promised much in the way of free trade, economic and political stability. Has it delivered? All our main political parties, those who would lead us in the UK, all have different views. The EU had 7 member states in 1975, this has now grown to 28 members many of whom are teetering on the brink of bankruptcy and much political unrest. The EU cannot claim to have achieved economic stability and strength. So what happens now?

Our politicians are divided on this issue and it is increasingly difficult to understand both sides of the debate.

The European Union is not the first attempt to secure a Superstate of Nations in Europe: Charlemagne, Charles V, Louis XIV and Napoleon Bonaparte all tried to unite Europe. And in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Kaiser Wilhelm and Adolf Hitler have also attempted it. They all tried to use force, they had varying degrees of success, but in the end they all collapsed and failed.

Other methods have included intermarriage between the crown heads of state, international pacts and treaties, the League of Nations and the United Nations – all have tried to create unity, and all have failed.

The question now is ... will striving to attain unity through economic means succeed where force of arms and peace treaties have failed in the past?

Did you know that there is an amazing ancient prophecy which answers this very question for us? 2500 years ago the Biblical prophet Daniel foretold that after the splitting up of the Roman Empire in AD 476, the nations of Europe would remain divided. All attempts at unity would fail, and the nations would "not remain united, any more than iron mixes with clay."

Daniel, with many of his countrymen, had been taken prisoner to Babylon after the conquest of Jerusalem. While he was there, the Babylonian King had a strange dream of a statue made of different metals. Daniel interpreted the dream for the King, telling him that the statue's gold head, silver breast, bronze belly and thighs, and iron legs represented Babylon and the three nations (Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome) which would succeed it. The statue's feet of iron nations (Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome) which would succeed it. The statue's feet of iron nations (Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome) which would succeed it. The statue's feet of iron nations (Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome) which would succeed it.

The four world empires have come and gone as Daniel predicted. And now we are living in the time of the iron and clay feet, the divided nations of Europe.

Did Daniel tell us any more about this world in which we are living? Yes he did. In the King's dream, a rock struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay, and smashed them to bits. Daniel told the king that this meant that "in the time of those kings" – the nations of Europe – "the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed. It will bring to an end all the other kingdoms, and it will endure forever." You can read about it in the Bible in the Book of Daniel, chapter 2.

What does this mean for us in Britain today, as we ponder our future relations with Europe? Will Europe succeed in its efforts at economic unity? The Bible says that yes, we will have lasting peace and unity, but not through any man-made union of nations. Thousands of years ago God told us that He will intervene directly in the affairs of men. He will completely destroy all earthly kingdoms, and He will set up His own Kingdom in their place, a Kingdom of love and peace and unity which will last forever.

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2 Tim. 2:13; Heb. 9:28; John 14:1-3; Acts 1:9-11; Matt. 24:14; Rev. 1:7; Matt. 24:43, 44; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; 1 Cor. 15:51-54; 2 Thess. 1:7-10; 2:8; Rev. 14:14-20; 19:11-21; Matt. 24; Mark 13; Luke 21; 2 Tim. 3:1-5; 1 Thess. 5:1-6.

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# Dudley House School turns 50

In July 1966 the Stanborough Press workforce moved to the small market town of Grantham in Lincolnshire. The Press workers had been through a difficult time following a disastrous fire that destroyed much of their workplace on Stanborough Park in Watford. The move was challenging, but also very exciting. There was a brand-new, purpose-built printing and publishing house and affordable housing in a lovely town; however, the workers had, with much sadness, left their church and the church school at Stanborough Park.

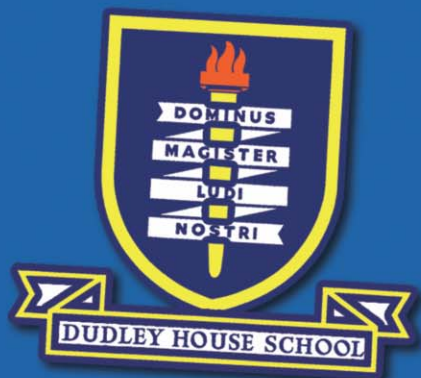
Before the move the Press workers had made it perfectly clear that they wanted their children to continue their Adventist education: therefore a church school was of the utmost importance to them. On arriving they had just a few weeks to organise a school before the beginning of the academic year. With no available building, teacher, or money, the project appeared to be an impossible venture. The Press workers had already witnessed God's leading in many ways; and, believing that all things are possible, they took the problem to God and waited for Him to perform another miracle.

It was about that time that missionaries from Ghana, Glynn and Vi Meredith with their family, returned to the UK and headed for Grantham so that Glynn could take up a

position at The Stanborough Press. It wasn't long before Vi, a primary school teacher, took up the challenge to have a schoolroom ready for the new school year.

In the grounds that surrounded the newly built Stanborough Press, there was an old pay-master's hut that had been part of a military encampment during the war. It was of sound construction and suitable as a small school. In next to no time, materials were donated and hard-working volunteers transformed the dirty, disused building into a small school where the children could continue their Adventist education under the leadership of Vi Meredith and the watchful eye of an inspector from Lincolnshire County Council. It was a miracle!

The school thrived. Four years later the school left 'the hut' and revelled in the luxury of a beautiful purpose-built building that stood proudly alongside the new Seventh-day Adventist church near the centre of Grantham. Dudley House School, on Dudley Road, was quickly recognised for its unique Christ-centred education and its excellent academic achievements. The numbers of pupils attending the school, churchgoers and non-churchgoers, swelled until there was a lengthy waiting list of 'would-be pupils' who wished to be in a school where Christian principles were taught and practised, and



where educational standards were high.

Fifty years have passed since the children of the Press workers excitedly entered their classroom in the 'pay-master's hut'. The pupils of the school have enjoyed and continue to enjoy Adventist education and have learned by word and example that joy can be found in walking with Jesus day by day – as well as reaching their full potential under the guidance of dedicated, hard-working staff.

The world is a better place because of Dudley House School. Its influence continues to be felt far and wide. We are proud and yet humbled when we consider the successes of our pupils – bankers, business executives, doctors, dentists, midwives, musicians, preachers, postmen, aid workers, artists – to name a few. Many past pupils have brought their own children, the next generation, to be educated at the school.

Over the years the school has had its highs and lows, but, with God's guidance ('He is the Master of our School'), the continued support of the local congregation and the committed services of the head teachers – Vi Meredith, Eric Winch, Pat Eastwood, and currently Jenny Johnson – the pupils have enjoyed and continue to enjoy Christian education at its best.

ESME SUTTON (FORMER TEACHER)

Far left: Vi Meredith teaching an early class in the old pay-master's hut. Below: The new Dudley House Church & School in 1966. Top right: Present teachers and pupils. Middle right: Esme Sutton and Audrey Blackburn pictured with their class at Dudley House. Below right: Vi Meredith teaches class 3 in the new Dudley House School.



from the local community.

At a time when 'faith' schools are being tarnished by those at the extreme end of the religious spectrum, Dudley House stands out as a national example of how such schools should operate. Ethnically and racially, it represents the diversity in British society and has such a good ethos that these differences are invisible. It cannot be labelled elitist, because as well as catering for the brightest it also

supports a number of pupils with special educational needs.

Its core values reflect those which are at the heart of Christian, Adventist teaching. It's these values which give it its unique character. Also, because of the generous support of the North England Conference, it stands out from other private schools in the local area, because it makes its special type of Christian education accessible to those from a wide range of household incomes.

The school is thrilled with its recent Ofsted inspection, an independent validation of its excellent work. It is also delighted that a number of parents have moved or are moving into the area, because they feel that Christian teaching and values should be at the heart of a child's education. They realise that, in a secular country, this is no longer available in the state sector.

JIM CUNNINGHAM (RETIRED HEAD TEACHER)

## February 2016 Ofsted report

Running a school is never easy, especially in the demanding educational climate in which we operate in England. As a head teacher you end up being accountable to so many bodies. However, the one body which head teachers fear above all else is 'Ofsted'. This is an independent body which carries out an evaluation of each school based on the evidence found during their visit. Ofsted visited Dudley House School in February and the following is a summary of some of their findings:

- Governors and leaders have created a nurturing culture that focuses on fully developing the pupils' academic, social and emotional needs.
- Reading is a strength of the school.
- Pupils' behaviour is exemplary.
- The school's provision for children in early years is outstanding.
- The caring staff support the needs of all pupils.
- Pupils with special educational needs or disabilities make good progress across all year groups.
- Pupils from across all year groups make good progress in English. The proportion of pupils who make more than the progress expected of them in English is very high.
- From their different starting points, the proportion of pupils making the progress expected of them in Mathematics is high.

These are just a number of the positive findings that have come out of the recent report, which has placed the school at the upper end of good.

This school is run along lines which have placed Adventist philosophy and values at its very heart. Having just received such a good report, based on a new inspection framework, which is much more demanding than previous frameworks, Dudley House has proved that it can compete with the best in the country,



either private or state schools.

Parents in neighbouring churches to Grantham, who are keen to ensure that their primary-age children receive not only an Adventist, Christian education, but also an excellent academic one, are well advised to pay Dudley House a visit.

As the Chair of the Board, I am thankful that we have an outstanding head in Mrs Johnson, who has been the architect of the school's success.

JIM CUNNINGHAM

## From the board chairperson . . .

Currently, Dudley House School is an integral part of the Grantham church. As well as instilling a Christian education into a number of children attending the local church, it also draws a number of pupils



## Our foodbank

A foodbank provides emergency packages for local families and individuals, which include food and other essentials such as nappies, washing-up liquid and shampoo.

Sometime during the early part of 2015 the members of Northampton Harlestone Road Church were introduced to a local charity called Re:Store, who, among other things, run Northampton's largest foodbank. We wanted to see what we could do to help what was already an amazing ministry, so initially we provided them with occasional monetary donations to help with running costs, since their government funding had ceased.

A few months later it became apparent that there was an opportunity to develop that relationship further and be one of their official distribution points. We were delighted to help in such a way, and with the help of Northampton Central Church and the kind donations of our church members we were able to open on 5 October at Highlands Avenue.

Basically, anyone in desperate need of a food package can be referred to the foodbank by any one of over 80 agencies within the town. They then have the option of which distribution point to go to, including our one on a Monday at lunchtime.

Our official opening coincided with our harvest festival, so we had an ample supply of stock to start us off, but it's been the continued generosity of our church members, through monetary gifts and responses to appeals for the foods that we need, that has been key in helping us achieve what we have in such a short space of time.

We estimate that around 50 people have walked through our doors and over 200 bags of food have been given out. We've had a number of people returning to us time after time for help, and a few people have been there often to help us pack away. Several clients have told us it is the best foodbank in town as they not only come to get their needs met but can sit and chat with us over refreshments. We also have spiritual and health books and magazines on the table for them to take home to read.

Two of our clients have gone on to receive regular Bible studies,



while three have also attended church. This has shown us that we can help supply the physical and spiritual needs of our community here in Northampton. It's not just through the two hours on a Monday or the occasional Bible study either. We have formed relationships with them and have regular contact throughout the week, whether it be through a quick SMS to keep in touch or time spent counselling over the phone and in person. Our foodbank experience makes us want to appeal to all churches throughout the UK to get involved in this form of ministry. Give it a try: you won't be sorry!

NORTHAMPTON'S COMMUNITY SERVICES TEAM

## Easter Play Review: *And There Was War*

The reality of a loving God and the existence of evil is a theme that few will easily seek to address. However, in his play *And There Was War*, Jermaine Wong (writer, director and first elder of Kennington Community Fellowship) presents a dynamic response to this age-old dilemma.

His dramatisation of certain biblical narratives invites the audience to capture the spiritual, emotional and intellectual challenges inherent in our personal battles between good and evil. The experiences of characters like Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, and Mary and Joseph, provide moving insights into the contemporary difficulties many in our communities face.

*And There Was War* not only provides a deep insight into the presence and nature of evil, but also highlights the comfort of a constant source of help in Jesus and an eternal hope in a God of love. It leaves listeners with the most important question to consider: 'Whose side will you choose?'

This is a great production for family and friends to attend, and it will generate reflection long after the cast have taken their bows.

PASTOR LES ACKIE

*And There Was War* was presented at the Stratford Circus Arts Centre over the Easter weekend to a sell-out audience.



Photography by Ashley Bloom

## Cheltenham 'Teens & Tweens Day'

A few years ago we wanted to do something special to invest in the spiritual and social future of the young people in our church, something to which they could invite their friends. This resulted in the concept of a 'Teens & Tweens Day'. A 'tween' is aged about 8-12 and a 'teen' is a teen! One of the main stipulations was that the teens and tweens bring their families with them so that their parents could also be blessed.

Sabbath 12 March saw our third annual Teens & Tweens gathering in Cheltenham. They came from as far away as Barnsley, Grantham, Weston-super-Mare and Stanborough Park – 76 visitors, and over 100 attendees in total, our biggest attendance yet.

During the first session of the day, from the youngest to the oldest, the focus was on sharing our faith in relevant ways. For some groups this was done by discussion; for others it was demonstrated by dramatised stories.

Our speaker for the main worship session, Mat Woodyatt, chose to expound on the theme of telling stories by letting the young people tell their chosen Bible stories in their own way while the adults were encouraged to share their stories of their own spiritual journeys. This resulted in the use of mime and spoken drama to good effect. Mat said that, while it is important to tell the stories in the Bible, it is also



important that we tell our own stories about our relationships with God.

The young people provided the music for the whole day, with musicians from age 8 to 20, including violins, a viola, flutes, guitars, a trumpet and a keyboard. In addition, during the morning we were blessed by a vocal solo.

After packed lunches, we headed out into the Cotswold hills for warm sunshine, more fellowship, and the chance to work up an appetite for tea.

The brief message of the Vespers programme was that, as with Jesus' instruction to the healed demoniac, we should also go back home and tell our friends what the Lord has done for us at Teens & Tweens Day.

Once filled with hotdogs, lots of happy people returned to their homes in anticipation of further Teens & Tweens Days this year. Look out for one happening in a church in your part of the country!

MIKE AND VICKY BEAMISH

## Pathfinders flourish in Newcastle

Newcastle is sometimes regarded as 'out on a limb' and isolated. Recently announced as the happiest place to live in the United Kingdom, however, it could be said that the rest of the United Kingdom is isolated from what makes Newcastle special.

The very happy Newcastle church held their first Pathfinder investiture over the Easter weekend with a full complement of Pathfinders, Adventurers, local leaders and staff, Conference leaders and Area Pathfinder co-ordinators.

The older youth had beautifully arranged the platform, the leaders had drilled their charges to perfection, and, this being Newcastle, the afternoon programme opened with songs led by the Pathfinders. Then followed recitations that highlighted some of the things the children had learned, after which the investiture itself began.

Firstly, the Adventurers received their class awards, with one or two having their excellent, but sometimes slightly unorthodox, salutes noted. The youngest of the children, Samuel, was rather over-awed by the occasion and had to be helped to receive his award by his mum.

The Pathfinders, led by captains Hans and Thelma, gained class awards ranging from Friend through to Ranger.

At the beginning of the investiture the Area co-ordinators who had guided the club from the beginning, Levon Johns from Nottingham and Hyacinth Facey, noted the great progress the club had made since its inception. In fact, it seems that Pathfinding is generally flourishing in the North-East!

Conference Pathfinder Director, Pastor Alan Hush, while delivering the charge to the newly invested Adventurers and Pathfinders, assured the children of their responsibility to live up to their pledges, aims and laws. An exciting year lies ahead for Newcastle and the young people of the church.

COMMUNICATIONS TEAM



## Luton Central Women's Seminar and Writing Workshop

On Sunday 13 March, Luton Central Women's Ministries Department held its first Women's Writing Workshop and 'What Women Want' Seminar, addressing the needs of women to be heard, to be valued, to feel safe and to be happy.

Registration and refreshments out of the way, the first presentation by Pastor Maslin Holness, SEC Women's Ministries Director, outlined the SEC's vision of Evangelism, Everyone, Everywhere. She also encouraged them to hold on to their dreams and become more grounded in Christ as they sought to fulfil their God-given ministry: valuable co-workers, rather than competitors, with our men.

Psychologist Christina Mthombeni took the second session, 'Letting Go of the Past'. The women voiced a range of concerns including: how to move on amicably when the relationship with their child's father has broken down beyond repair; regret at not mending damaged relationships with parents and other church members; not having the confidence to report and discuss sexual and domestic abuse; coping with the scars of life-altering surgery.

Christina emphasised that our scars, whether literal or psychological, should be viewed as a reminder that we have overcome and are healing, rather than focusing on the hurt. Other suggestions were to find someone to confide in, or get involved in a support group with others



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Avery Davis

Pastor Maslin Holness

who have gone through similar situations.

Meanwhile, next door, Avery Davis delivered a writing workshop, 'Unlocking Your Potential', to a group of five women attending from London, Watford, Milton Keynes and Luton.

With their goals being to write devotionals, articles and memoirs, the attendees gained insights into 'showing' rather than telling, and the necessity of keeping a daily journal. At the end of the three hours the women were eager for more, and there was a unanimous demand that this be but the first of many.

SHARON DALEY AND AVERY DAVIS



## Dedicated Joshua

Joshua Adriel Puckering was dedicated to the Lord by Pastor Kyriacou at the Grantham church on 2 April. Joshua's parents, Andrew and Julia, had invited many family members; among them was Julia's sister, Lizica Balaj, who sang for the occasion, accompanied by Andrew's mother, Sharon Puckering, on the piano. We thank God for the opportunity to invite family members to our church, and pray that they were blessed by the experience. God bless you, my son.

ANDREW PUCKERING



## Hackney's Easter programme

'Jesus is coming again – that's a fact,' said Terval John, aged 10, preacher during Hackney Church's thirteenth Sabbath programme on Sabbath 26 March. Under the guidance of Junior Sabbath School teachers – Sonia Ama and Miriam Barham – Hackney's children took centre stage. They ministered in a variety of ways: they sang and performed 'Jesus Loves Me' using British Sign Language, and taught the church the days of the week in Portuguese.

The audience was further captivated by a quiz about this quarter's offering beneficiary, the South American Division, including a slide displaying the flags of the Division's countries. Amanda Henry, a proficient dramatist and storyteller, then shared with the children the true meaning of Easter in her own enigmatic style. 'Jesus is the reason for the season,' she said. She added: 'Easter is not merely about chocolate eggs – it's about what Jesus has done for us on the cross.'

The speaker of the hour, Terval John, further expounded upon the true meaning of Easter. Speaking on the theme, 'The Second Coming', he said: 'Jesus is coming again – that's a fact! The Bible says that before Jesus returns things will get worse before they get better. Just as the people were caught unawares during the time of the Flood, so it will be for us if we do not prepare for Jesus' second coming.'

Though tender in years, the hugely perceptive preacher then asked the very interested listeners a deeply pondering question: 'Do you have the oil of the Holy Spirit in your life? The five foolish virgins trimmed their lamps but there was no oil in them. This means that if we're not careful we can accept Jesus as our Lord without taking into account all that He's asked us to do in readiness of His return.' A powerful challenge and real food for thought.

DARELL PHILIP (PR & COMMUNICATIONS ASSISTANT)



## Plymouth Global Youth Day

On Sabbath 19 March Plymouth joined in the Global Youth Celebrations with a special Easter programme followed by a 'Walk and Clean' afternoon of community service.

The Plymouth youth ran the worship service with the help of the teachers and students of Fletewood School. The church was full of visitors from the school who joined the regular congregation to celebrate the Easter story.

According to Kelly Manungo, 'It was an informative but fun service that got the community and church members involved. It was also a great way of reminding people of the real meaning behind Easter.'

The programme featured great singing by the Fletewood staff and students; an Easter poem; an M&M Easter story; and a skit, 'The E Bunny'.

The children's story went smoothly with a special visitor hopping in to meet them, Arnie the rabbit, who reminded the children that the true meaning of Easter is Christ and not chocolate bunnies.

Everyone was invited to stay for lunch, giving all the chance to chat and get to know one another.

Last year on Global Youth Day the Plymouth youth visited some residential homes to sing choruses with the elderly residents. This year

## Chelmsley Wood's Day of Praise

Although the weather was harsh and traffic congested, Chelmsley Wood Church had a good turnout for their recent Day of Praise.

The congregation was treated to a full day of wonderful worship and praise music and two good messages. As would be expected on a day of praise, various groups and choirs featured prominently, as did the Midlands Chamber Orchestra. It seemed as though there was something for everyone.

Although photos don't convey the music we hope this picture will express the enthusiasm of the day.

(BASED ON A REPORT BY KATE HARRIS AND JACQUELINE HALLIDAY-BELL)



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after lunch a dozen youth drove out to Jennycliff to 'Walk and Clean' along the coastal footpath to Bovisand Beach. Fully equipped with litter pickers and plastic bags, the group carefully navigated the footpaths and banks to clear the hillside of litter. Along the way, they filled 10 bin bags in just an hour of walking. Some walkers acknowledged and thanked them for their hard work, asking them what organisation they belonged to. After all this hard work the Hall family treated everyone to dinner and a film at their house – a very nice way to end a tiring but very fulfilling day.

Helping the local community and environment was the main aim of the day. This was achieved with smiles, laughs and hard work. The group are looking forward to many more adventures together in the near future.

JENNIE HALL

## Free hot cross buns

After an initial meeting between Welsh Women's Ministries and Morrisons' store manager, church members in Hereford were able to meet during Easter week at their local supermarket and hand out 200 free hot cross buns generously donated by Morrisons! The napkins upon which they were served were pre-printed with a question: 'Why is there a cross on a hot cross bun?' – followed by a biblical answer. The busy shoppers couldn't believe they were free, and some people offered to make donations. Many thought this was a wonderful idea and some interesting conversations took place as a result. The primary aim of this kindly Christian act was simply to lift up the name of Jesus and remind the recipients that without Christ there would be no hot cross buns and no Easter. What a privilege it was to be involved in this easy form of outreach!

JENNIFER ROWELL (SPONSOR FOR WOMEN'S MINISTRIES IN WALES)



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# Revival

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Saturday 14th May 2016



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General Conference of SDA Church (USA)

**Venue:**  
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**Morning Session: 10:00am – 02:00pm**  
**Lunch: 02:00pm – 03:00pm**  
**Afternoon Session: 03:00pm – 06:00pm**

*"I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters; in the assembly I will sing your praises." Hebrews 2:12*

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For more information please contact: Florence Allen (0192 3663596); Winslow Hunter (0208 9860570); or Terrence Blackman (0750 7643366).

# obituaries



**Jo-Ann Orbigoso-Nazareno (1974-2016) d. 17 January.**

Jo-Ann was the youngest of 11 children, very vibrant, full of life and always ready with a smile. She gained her degree in nursing at the Central Philippine Adventist College (CPAC).

In 2005 she came to work at Rosehill Rehabilitation Centre and Warberries Nursing Home, at which point she joined the church family in Torquay, Devon, where her two daughters eventually joined her.

In 2015 she was diagnosed with breast cancer. For a year, she bravely fought the disease as she went through radiotherapy and chemotherapy, even attending church from her hospital bed. Her sisters and a cousin from the

Philippines, America, and across the UK came to support her during this difficult time.

Jo-Ann was known and loved by many Adventists in the UK through her active involvement in the annual alumni activities of the CPAC, including those at the Isle of Man, Coventry, Birmingham and London.

Jo-Ann had a great faith in our Saviour which never diminished, holding firm to the very end. She died on 17 January at Rowcroft Hospice, with her family by her side.

Her funeral on 26 January at Torquay Church was attended by many church friends, work colleagues, friends and family from across the UK and abroad. Her ashes are to be buried in Antique, Philippines.

She is survived by her 87-year-old mother, Josepha Morales Orbegosso, and leaves behind her

two girls: Jhani, now at Southampton University, and Sean, still at school, until the Resurrection morning.

RUTH MORRIS

**Margaret Mary Hutt (1935-2016) d. 22 January.** Sadly the Shrewsbury Seventh-day Adventist Church reports the loss of another of its dear members, Mary Hutt.

Mary was born on 4 June 1935 in Willesden, London, the eldest of three sisters. At the outbreak of World War 2 Mary and her sister Joan were evacuated to Dawlish in Devon, a time she remembered with mixed feelings. Some years after her return to London, aged about 16 or 17, Mary began to attend the Adventist Church and was baptised when she was 21. She was well known at various church camps in her youth and travelled abroad on holiday with her church friends.

Mary worked as a cashier for various companies for many years, and when she was made

redundant she decided to join her family by moving to Welshpool in Wales. When her father died, Mary lived alone in a cottage in the centre of the town, close to her sister Joan and her husband, Chris, and her youngest sister Marion. Although she received offers of marriage, Mary remained single. She was a great blessing to the Shrewsbury church with her sense of fun, her forthright comments in Sabbath School and her willingness to listen and give wise counsel.

Mary loved socialising with her fellow church members and joined them on many picnics and walks, although by her own admission she enjoyed the company more than the walks. Mary was also a very private person and happy in her own company. She enjoyed knitting and embroidery and was an avid reader, able to talk intelligently on most topics.

Mary died peacefully after a short illness on 22 January, aged 80. Her funeral service was held in Shrewsbury on 11 February by Pastor Jeremy Johnson, and during the eulogy he remembered Mary's great sense of humour and fun. Mary will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved her. Our sympathies go out to her sister Marion Bell and stepniece Elena in their sad loss. Mary loved her Saviour and now lies at rest until the day when He will return to take her home.

VERONICA DOWN

## Party gets the thumbs-up

Reading Central's Senior Citizens' Party 2016 received a well-deserved vote of approval from delighted churchgoers and local community visitors.

It was organised by the Community Services team and took place on 20 March at St Peter's Church Hall in Reading. Half of those who attended were from the local community, making it one of the best-attended senior citizens' events held here to date.

Patronela Munalula, Community Services team leader, said: 'This is about our seniors meeting once a year with their sisters and brothers from other churches and the community. It's a good time for them to meet, greet and reminisce. They look forward to this event every year.'

Mrs Huldah Coutain, who attends Reading Central, brought her friends Kelvin, Gladys and Ruby, who had got to know each other while waiting at a bus stop.

Anthony Samuels, who lived in the USA for almost forty years, said: 'I've been in the UK for just two months and this is the first event I've been invited to, and I've enjoyed myself.'

According to Pastor Dennis Mingo of Reading West Church, 'It was brilliant, creative, interactive and the food was delicious. I'm committed to be here next year. . . . It has exceeded my expectations. It had something for everybody!'

CLIVE MALCOLM



Huldah Coutain and Ruby Mann

## CK Christmas lunch

At Carterknowle (CK) Church they honour the senior citizens and other friends from the local community at their annual Christmas lunch.

It is usually organised by the church's Community Services Department, but it involves those from every department and age group. Last year the event was held on Sunday, 13 December.

Each year, prior to the meal, there is a Christmas programme about the birth of Jesus, which features some good carol singing too. This helps remind the guests of the reason for the season. There was also a special item, 'I'm a little angel', sung by 4-year-old Rueby-Leigh Millin, accompanied on the guitar by Clinton McKoy, a regular visitor to the church.

The church hall was transformed into a fine dining restaurant by the decorative skills and abilities of a team of volunteers, and the kitchen again turned out a mouth-watering array of food to delight and tempt the guests. After eating the lunch a programme of entertainment was enjoyed by all.

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13	8.44	8.56	8.54	9.16	9.20
20	8.54	9.06	9.05	9.29	9.32
27	9.03	9.15	9.15	9.40	9.43

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## 2016 SEC BOOKING FORM

Please complete this Booking Form and send it **directly** to:  
**Pontin's Ainsdale House, Shore Road, Ainsdale, Southport. PR8 2PZ**  
**TEL: 08714 7427765**

### Accommodation:

Booking ref _____		Holiday location <u>CAMBER SANDS</u>		<b>Number of apartments</b>	
Arrival date <u>6 June 2016</u>		Departure date <u>12 June 2016</u>		Club: <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
No. of nights <input type="checkbox"/>		Total persons <input type="checkbox"/>		Total no. apartments/rooms <input type="checkbox"/>	
				Classic: <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
				(K) 1 bedr'm 2 bedr'm	
Number of people between the following ages (age at date of holiday)					
<b>Self Catering:</b>					
X					
Budget: <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>					
(P) 1 bedr'm 2 bedr'm					
Beds: <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>					
Single Double Twin					

Prices	C1 Club	C2 Club	K1 Classic	K2 Classic	B1 Budget	B2 Budget
	1 bedroom apartment for up to 4 persons (min 2)	2 bedroom apartment for up to 6 persons (min 4)	1 bedroom apartment for up to 4 persons (min 2)	2 bedroom apartment for up to 6 persons (min 4)	1 bedroom apartment for up to 4 persons (min 2)	2 bedroom apartment for up to 6 persons (min 4)
<b>Discount to 29/2/16</b>	<b>£575.00</b>	<b>£735.00</b>	<b>£480.00</b>	<b>£620.00</b>	<b>£365.00</b>	<b>£480.00</b>
<b>From 1/3/16</b>	<b>£600.00</b>	<b>£770.00</b>	<b>£505.00</b>	<b>£650.00</b>	<b>£380.00</b>	<b>£505.00</b>

### Party Details:

Title	Initial	Surname	No. of Rooms	Age*	Title	Initial	Surname	No. of Rooms	Age*

\* Please note – first named person must be over age 18. Special requests not guaranteed. Maximum persons in 2 bedr'm Apartment is 6.

### Address of First-Named on Booking Form:

Name:	Home Tel:
Street:	Business Tel:
Town:	Email Address:
County:	Post Code:

#### Special Needs/Requirements Section:

Wheelchair Accessible apartment

Ground Floor apartment

Please note all requests will be dealt with on a first come first served basis.

\*\* OFFER CODE: **SDA16** \*\*

Nb. 1½% admin charge applies to all card transactions.

#### Declaration:

I agree on behalf of all persons named above to abide by Pontins' conditions. I accept the charges for accommodation and agree to pay the balance 58 days before the holiday date. By entering into a contract with you I understand that the details I provide will be used in booking and providing my chosen holiday. **(PLEASE sign here)**

Local Minister's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Ministers Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_