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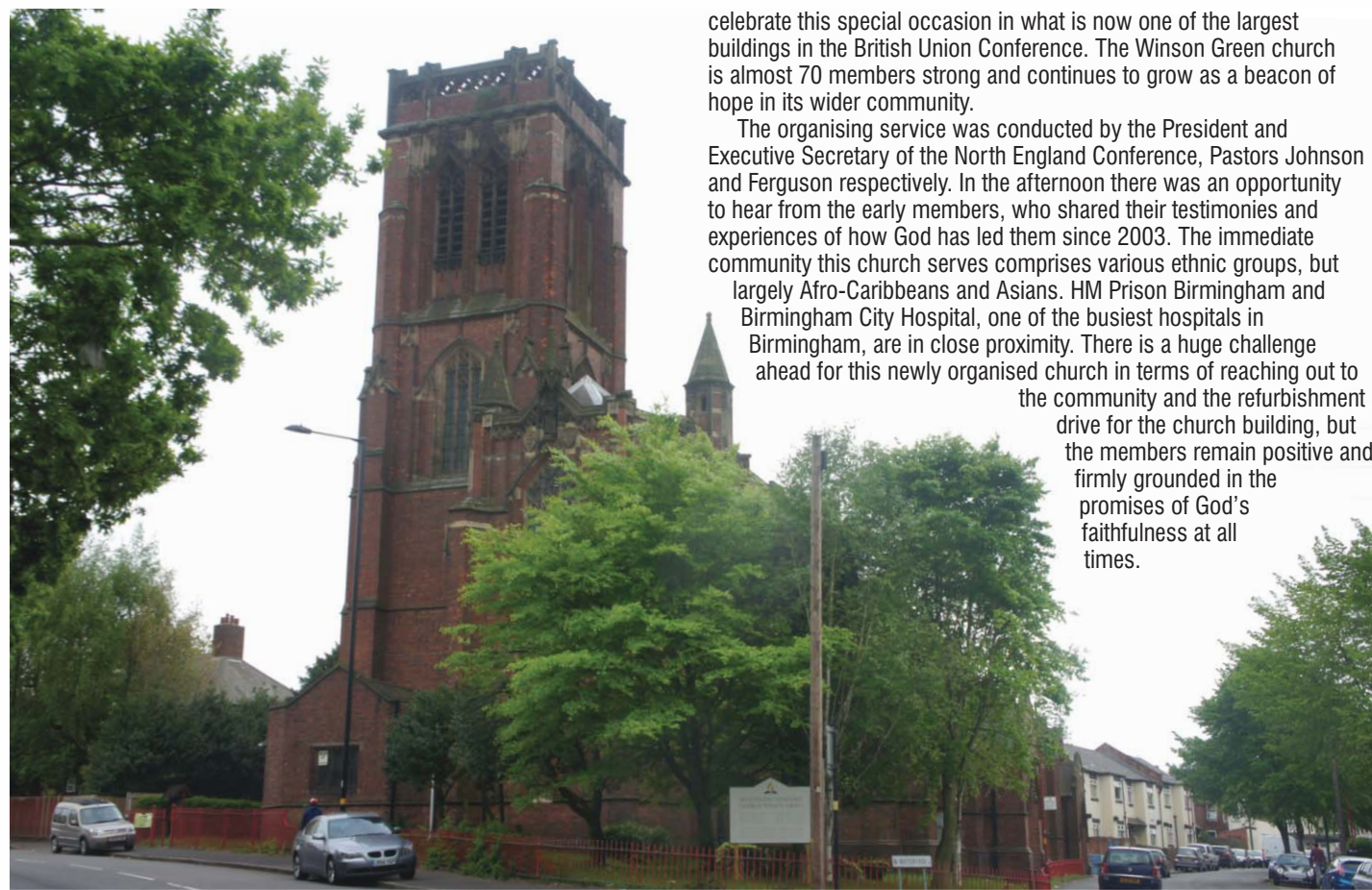
Winson Green Church is organised

by Pastor Wilfred Masih

The Winson Green Church story began in 2003 during an evangelistic tent meeting run by the West Midlands churches under the leadership of Pastor D. Masih. These meetings resulted in a number of baptisms, and the team members – Pastors Nicholson, Watson and Haworth and Sister Mardiner – decided to set up a company which worshipped at various locations during the next few years.

In 2011, they ended up worshipping in the hall of the Bishop Latimer Memorial Church in Winson Green, Birmingham. Pastor E. Lawrence, who is currently serving as the pastor, asked the Church of England whether they could worship in the sanctuary itself and the request was approved. The sanctuary has a capacity of 1,000-plus, but due to the dwindling congregation the Church of England could no longer maintain the facility. After dialogue with Pastors D. Masih and E. Lawrence an agreement was reached whereby the building was donated to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The company took on the challenge of maintaining the building, and the refurbishments are ongoing.

On 12 March the company was officially recognised as a church and became part of the sisterhood of Seventh-day Adventist churches. The sanctuary was almost full as friends and family members joined to



celebrate this special occasion in what is now one of the largest buildings in the British Union Conference. The Winson Green church is almost 70 members strong and continues to grow as a beacon of hope in its wider community.

The organising service was conducted by the President and Executive Secretary of the North England Conference, Pastors Johnson and Ferguson respectively. In the afternoon there was an opportunity to hear from the early members, who shared their testimonies and experiences of how God has led them since 2003. The immediate community this church serves comprises various ethnic groups, but largely Afro-Caribbeans and Asians. HM Prison Birmingham and Birmingham City Hospital, one of the busiest hospitals in Birmingham, are in close proximity. There is a huge challenge ahead for this newly organised church in terms of reaching out to the community and the refurbishment drive for the church building, but the members remain positive and firmly grounded in the promises of God's faithfulness at all times.



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editorial

The case of the church telephone



Julian Hibbert
Editor

I stumbled upon this quote the other day: 'Questions are only offensive to those who have something to hide.'¹ – and it opened up a rusty can of memories.

Years ago, I was assigned two congregations in a city not far from Johannesburg, South Africa. The city had started life almost a century before as the village of Little Cornwall, initially populated by Cornishmen who had arrived to open the Chimes gold mine in what was then the Boer Transvaal Republic.²

I really enjoyed my years as pastor/evangelist in this city, especially in the more active of the two churches. It was well spiced with interesting, hard-working and enthusiastic members from whom I learnt a great deal. But, like most vibrant congregations, it was home to some who tested my pastoral patience . . . and our Lord's abundant grace!

The telephone

The events I am about to relate started with the church's telephone. Although only accessible to a few privileged members who carried keys to the room where it was kept, our monthly account had climbed alarmingly. It was obvious that calls were being made outside of the normal church opening hours and so the account recipients took it upon themselves to find out who was responsible. Without fuss or fanfare they arranged for the telephone provider to attach a call-logging device to the phone.

Initially they told nobody about the problem, or their arrangements to get to the bottom of it. Then, once they had the first month's printout in hand, they asked to meet me. What an eye-opener that printout proved to be, as the three of us methodically pieced together the telephone habits of some of our prominent 'saints'!

We let the logging device run for another month and it told a similar story. The numbers they called soon gave up their secrets. Someone was making costly international calls; another was regularly calling her sister 800 kilometres away; and a third person was using the church phone to make dozens of business calls during work hours. Those records suggested other things too, but you have heard enough to get the picture.

The visits begin

It is best to deal with such matters within as tight a circle as possible, thereby limiting the embarrassment of the guilty and giving them the chance for a fresh and private start. We spoke confidentially with each 'suspect' and, one after another, they acknowledged the error of their ways.*

The last of our visits took us out to a cluster of smallholdings beyond the city limits to meet with a woman of whom Solomon once wrote:

'Better to live on a corner of the roof than share a house with a quarrelsome wife.' (Proverbs 21:9, NIV-UK.)

She had not the slightest inkling of the purpose of our visit so I briefly sketched the problem of the high accounts and asked her if she knew of anyone who was making private use of the church phone. 'No pastor,' she assured me.

I then asked if *she* had perhaps made long-distance private calls to anyone. Her answer was emphatic: 'No Pastor, not me! I would never do anything like that!'

Then I produced the phone log with the calls to her sister all neatly underlined . . . and she blew her top!

Suddenly it was my fault!

Suddenly it was my fault that the whole thing had happened. I was to blame for the situation. Her words just poured forth: 'You caused this problem! You behaved like a lawyer! You asked me those questions! You set a trap for me!'

Well there we are, back to where we started: 'Questions are only offensive to those who have something to hide.'

Thomas Jefferson once said, 'Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom.' If only this angry 'saint' had discovered that before we visited her home. If only she had been honest with us, instead of objecting to the questions. If only she had responded like the woman who had been making the overseas calls. When confronted, she immediately admitted that she had done wrong; sobbed her heart out because of it; and mended her ways.

Something to be avoided

Sadly, when one reflects on what is happening both locally and globally, it seems that too many people have assumed the default position that *honesty is something to be avoided*. From the corridors of political power to the 'castles' of commerce and industry, *honesty is frequently the last line of defence*.

What frightens me the most, however, is that church affiliation doesn't automatically ensure that our actions will be honest. The deceiver is as active within the church as he is in the streets beyond. The saint is as open to temptation as the sinner!

Honesty is refreshing

It has been said that '*honesty is refreshing*', and this is so true. But there is more to honesty than the mere willingness to come clean about our deceit or misdemeanours. *The honesty that heaven prizes most is that which is determined to remain uncorrupted in the first place*. For example:

'Now Joseph was well-built and handsome, and after a while his master's wife took notice of Joseph and said, "Come to bed with me!"

But he refused. "With me in charge," he told her, "my master does not concern himself

with anything in the house;

everything he owns he has entrusted to my care. . . . My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?" And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even to be with her.' (Genesis 39:6-10, NIV-UK.)

How about you? Does God need to be concerned?

¹Gary Hopkins, quoted on <https://www.pinterest.com/explore/honesty-quotes/>
²<http://www.norval.co.za/history-of-benoni/>

*Editor's note: These events took place nearly forty years ago and those involved have long since passed to their rest in Jesus.



Enhancing Health

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

Going natural Part 11d – Longevity tips – final thoughts

This issue features the final instalment in the mini-series on longevity. Let's review the journey:

In the first segment, we highlighted some national statistics which identified the gap between the genders, with women continuing to live longer than men. Also highlighted were the diseases that advance ageing and the regional disparities in health (the North-South divide) affecting longevity in the UK.

In the second and third instalments, we reviewed the findings of the BBC documentary, *How To Stay Young*, which showed how the right type of exercise, food, mental wellness practices, social experiences and brain health progression promoted healthy ageing.

This issue gives an overview of some well-known longevity research from areas around the world where people live the longest.

In an article titled, 'Eating to Break 100: Longevity Diet Tips from the Blue Zone', Eliza Barclay takes a round trip to the global spots with the largest numbers of centenarians. She was looking at lifestyle factors and here is what she found:

'The people who live in the Blue Zones – five regions in Europe, Latin America, Asia and the US which researchers have identified as having the highest concentrations of centenarians in the world – move their bodies a lot. They have social circles that reinforce healthy behaviours. They take time to de-stress. They're part of communities, often religious ones. And they're committed to their families.'¹

Dan Buettner's book (various editions), *The Blue Zones: 9 Lessons for Living Longer from the People Who've Lived the Longest*,² is a combination of work undertaken by a team of researchers,

anthropologists, demographers and epidemiologists. The team gave official Blue Zone status to the regions that met all their longevity criteria. These were: Ikaria, Greece; Okinawa, Japan; Ogliastra Region, Sardinia; Loma Linda, California; and Nicoya Peninsula, Costa Rica.

Here are two research findings from these longevity studies:

Exercise

'Walking five miles or more a day as Sardinian shepherds do provides cardiovascular benefits and has a positive effect on muscle and bone metabolism without the joint-pounding of running marathons or triathlons.'³

Food

Health reporter Barclay states:

'Health researchers have long praised the Mediterranean diet for promoting brain and physical health and keeping chronic diseases at bay.'⁴ She reports the key food tips that promote longevity as:

- 'Stop eating when your stomach is 80% full to avoid weight gain.'
- 'Eat the smallest meal of the day in the late afternoon or evening.'
- 'Eat mostly plants, especially beans.'

Here's to a long life.

Good health!

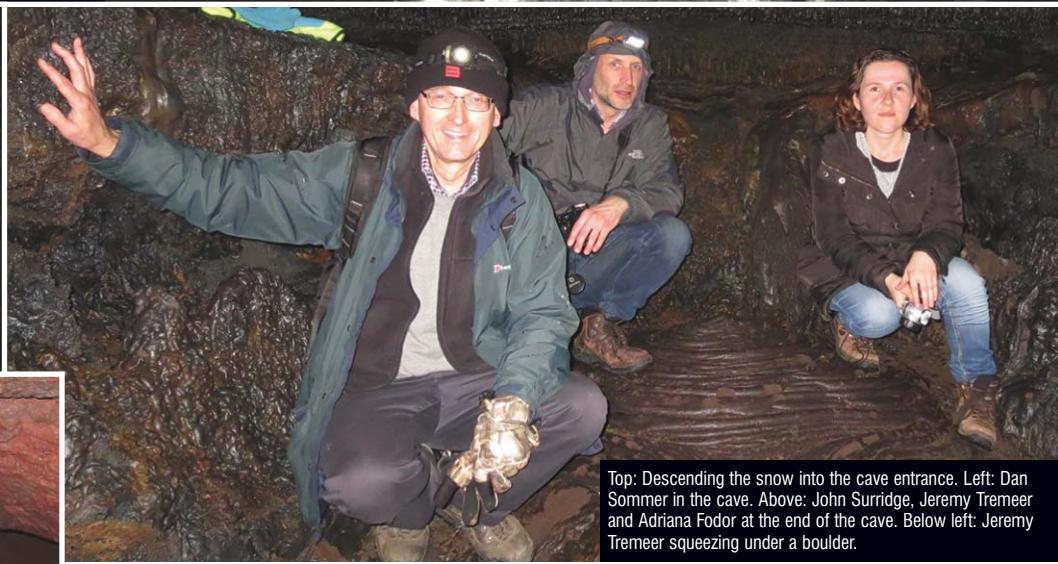
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take a moment



Lessons from the cave

by Pastor John SurrIDGE, Welsh Mission President



Top: Descending the snow into the cave entrance. Left: Dan Sommer in the cave. Above: John SurrIDGE, Jeremy Tremeer and Adriana Fodor at the end of the cave. Below left: Jeremy Tremeer squeezing under a boulder.

There can't be many Adventist institutions around the world which own a cave. The retreat centre of Hlíðardalsskóli in Iceland is an exception, in this and many other respects. As part of their annual training and team-building programme, pastors from the three Missions recently visited this amazing place and on Wednesday 27 April a group from the Welsh Mission set out to explore the cave.

Now let me explain about the cave. Known locally as Raufarhólshellir, this is not some slight hollow in the rock: it is a rugged lava tube 1,350 metres long which penetrates deep into Iceland's basalt interior. As the fourth-largest cave in Iceland it is a major tourist site, attracting professional and amateur cavers from all over the world. You may or may not end up visiting here

yourself but, just in case, I'd like to share with you some of the useful lessons that we learned on the trip. You may find that some of them apply to more than just caving.

1. Get a good guide (Jeremiah 3:4). As guides go you couldn't find one any better than ours. A former soldier who ran his own security company for many years, Dan Sommer is an expert caver. He also pastors a non-denominational church in Reykjavik. Dan regularly takes groups into the cave and knows it like the back of his hand. He knows every risk and every obstacle and he also understands the geology of the place. With Dan as our guide we knew that we would never be in any real danger.

2. Take the right equipment (Ephesians 6:11-18). I thought I was well-equipped. Having heard about the cave in advance I took sturdy hiking boots, warm

clothes, a waterproof jacket, and everything else I thought I might need. But Dan brought things that we hadn't even thought of: a thermal blanket in case of an injury, metal studded-over shoes to grip the ice, emergency flares, candles, matches, spare batteries. You name it, Dan had it. And he was very generous. Those who were less well-equipped were given what they needed. He even gave his best spare pair of boots to someone whose footwear wasn't quite up to the task.

3. You need a light (Psalm 119:105). The most important piece of kit in a cave is a light. I had a really good torch, again brought from home in anticipation of this adventure, but it was of the hand-held variety. The problem in this particular cave, Dan explained, is that you need both hands free to support yourself as you climb over the rocks. So the best light is one which you wear on your head, angled downwards so that you can see where you are putting

your feet. Naturally, Dan had extras in his rucksack.

4. Think two steps ahead (Proverbs 16:9). Knowing where to put your feet is crucial in a world of uneven, often unstable boulders. Dan re-taught us how to walk. The idea is to see where you are going to put your foot but always have the second step planned as well. That way, if the first rock moves or gives way, you are ready to put your foot on the next one. This 'plan B' approach saved me on more than one occasion.

5. The big rocks are your friends (1 Peter 2:4-8). In the whole of the cave there was hardly a flat patch anywhere. Just occasionally the smooth, formerly molten floor would be exposed, but generally we were negotiating rocks. When faced with a wall of rocks, often involving a climb or descent of twenty metres or more, what do you do? Well, the timid can tackle it one small step at a time, but the best and quickest way to do it is

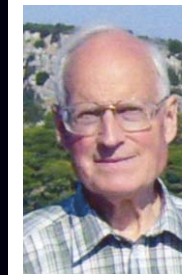
to pick the biggest boulders and step, or leap, from one to another. Dan explained that the big rocks are your friends. Big as they are, they tend not to move when you walk on them. Also, one long stride from boulder to boulder takes you the same distance as many shorter steps, so, although it requires a greater initial effort, in the end it is less tiring.

6. Keep to the high ground (Habakkuk 3:19). The rocks in Raufarhólshellir are strewn randomly across its entire length and breadth and you can choose an infinite number of paths between them, or over them. If you try to walk on top you risk falling between the rocks and cutting yourself on their sharp edges. If you walk between them there's less risk of falling but you often reach dead ends where you'll have to climb anyway. Dan told us that the best approach is to keep on top as much as possible. You can see where you are going so you're less likely to get disorientated, and it somehow just feels better, being up rather than down. Strangely enough, although the sharp edges on the top of the rocks are a potential hazard, they also provide excellent grip, especially in the icy section of the cave.

7. Travel in a group (Ecclesiastes 4:12). Dan has explored the cave on his own, and even slept overnight in its pitch-dark interior. It's a good experience for the guide to have had, but it's not for everyone. The safest way to negotiate unknown territory is to travel as a group. If those in your group are your friends and colleagues, so much the better. At no point in the entire trip did I ever feel afraid. If anything went wrong I knew that the others would get me out. When one of the torches died, someone rummaged around in his backpack and found spare batteries. In a group you are much stronger, safer and happier than you would be on your own.

These are just a few of the many lessons that Dan teaches on his regular excursions into the cave. As we stopped for prayer at the furthest and deepest point of the cave we realised that they all have spiritual parallels. Review the main points again and you'll see what I mean. You may even be able to think of some more Bible texts to match each lesson.

a perspective



What! Visit?

Pastor Ronald V. Edwards (retired) reminds us that there are still some things that social media, email and telephone calls cannot do.

Since my retirement, and recall into service on various occasions, it has come to my mind that there are three basic necessities for the effective pastoring of a flock: apart from, and without which, no pastoral ministry can be truly effective and satisfactory. Conversely, if these necessities are incorporated into that ministry, every need of the flock will be provided for. They are: to **know** the flock; to **feed** the flock; and to **multiply** the flock.

Getting to know the flock is not possible during the brief contact of the Sabbath services; nor even in the closer opportunities for acquaintance offered during prayer meeting; nor during any other meetings of the church. It is only as the pastor **visits** the members (and interested visitors) in their homes, that an acquaintance with their individual family, spiritual and practical circumstances can be gained. Practical needs (as Jesus met them) are to be no less our concern; although the spiritual ones should, of course, always remain paramount. In fact, in meeting the one, the door will be opened to meet the other. Since 'telepathy' is not the gift of any pastor, pastoral visitation becomes an utter necessity!

In the homes of our members we will become acquainted with their life-circumstances and needs. Everyone has needs: even if only for encouragement, affirmation, or counsel. And wonderful it is when a pastor has a gift for sharing just a meaningful and pertinent fragment of Scripture, before concluding his or her visit with prayer, and departing. When it was my own privilege and responsibility to commence my ministry nearly six decades ago, I felt that my greatest inhibition, when visiting, was simply knowing what to talk about. But immediately when I started, I realised that it was no problem at all: for they talked, and I listened; then perhaps asked such relevant questions as might come to mind. Even Moses, 'slow of speech' though he was, could have coped.

It is in the home, and there alone, where the true shepherd becomes acquainted with his flock. There the pastor is in the position to meet spiritual and practical needs, as he or she may become aware of them. By such acquaintance the pastor can know the needs of his flock: apart from and without which, how can he satisfactorily fulfil the second necessity for a shepherd: to feed his flock; to lead them to 'green pastures' and 'beside still waters'?

The second necessity, then, is to **feed** his flock; and there is one prime source of sound spiritual nutrition: the Scriptures! Feed the flock by their true and careful exposition – not psychology, nor current news, nor



philosophy, nor any '-ism' that may momentarily be current, but by the careful and inspiring exposition of the sacred Scriptures. That is not to suggest that we should avoid using current experiences and realities to illustrate their teachings, just as Jesus used parables.

Thus, in order to feed the flock, one's own original, systematic study of the Scriptures must be daily and incessant. Such study should not be limited to what others have said or written *about* the Scriptures (though this is not to be excluded, but only used after we have done our own original study, reflection and research).

The two former having been attended to – **knowing** the flock and **feeding** the sheep – the third necessity will inevitably follow: to **multiply** the flock. As pastors, let us never err by putting the third (multiplying the flock) prior to the former two. You cannot; and it will not work (in any permanent way).

May God give us true pastors (elders, deacons and deaconesses too), who **care** for their sheep and are practical in expressing that care: by **visiting**, by **feeding** and (consequently) by **multiplying** the flock. In conclusion I commend to every pastor individually and to each pastoral team the prayerful and conscientious consideration of these Scriptures: Jeremiah 23:1-4, 18, 21-25, 28-30; Ezekiel 34; John 10:1-16.

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2016 NEC Session notification

Notice is hereby given that the 62nd Session of the North England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held from 10am Thursday, 21 July 2016 and conclude on Sunday, 24 July 2016.

Registration begins at 7.30am on Thursday.

The venue is the Macron Stadium, De Havilland Way, Bolton, BL6 6SF. Sabbath, 23 July 2016 will be a Day of Fellowship and more details will follow later.

NEC Executive Secretary

share your ideas



Banbridge 'creativi-tea' for ADRA

The Banbridge church set out to raise £150 for ADRA at a special event on Sunday 1 May. Little did they realise, however, what a surprise 'brewing' for them when the money was tallied up at the end of the day: it was such a surprise that it was difficult for Pastor Curtis Samuel to re'strain' his enthusiasm as he shared the story.

'The people at ADRA are always encouraging their volunteers to be creative with their fund-raising efforts for the charity,' said Pastor Curtis. 'The members in Banbridge decided that they would take up this challenge and the idea that they came up with was afternoon tea. People would be invited along to the church hall and asked to give voluntary donations while enjoying the food and tea on offer. Tea is the great social equaliser here, and not something that is turned down often; and around 30 people had signed up. The target was set for £150.'

Having set the plans, the hard work began.

With much dedicated, behind-the-scenes work and the kind of baking that, according to Pastor Curtis, 'would make Mary Berry proud', come 1 May there were some delightful meringues, scones and sandwiches on offer. The hall was beautifully decorated, bunting was put up and there was even a warm log fire projected on the wall to add to the aroma-filled atmosphere. It gave it a real homely feel. Each table had an ADRA Ingathering tin on it and people were asked to just give their voluntary donations as they saw fit.

Curtis reports that 'while the teabags were straining, there was no restraint in the conversation and social interaction.' By the end of the day, the donations were counted and amazingly the target of £150 was not only doubled, but tripled! A total of £521 was raised in the space of a few hours.

'A huge thank-you to the organisers Carol Magee and Sharon Burns (a mother-and-daughter team), who worked tirelessly to make this a success, and to all those who attended and contributed to the worthy cause.

'Church members were enthusiastic about the outcome of the event, and they have accepted the challenge to do even better next year. Being creative with your fund-raising is the way to go. It certainly brought out the generosi-tea in the members.'

PASTOR CURTIS SAMUEL (A 'TEALOGIAN')

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innovation

Truth for the taking!

Sutton-in-Ashfield, a Nottinghamshire town with a population of around 45,000, isn't your typical British tourist destination. It isn't quaint, famous or thriving. In fact, it is one of those towns hard hit by the closure of the UK's many collieries. The local Sutton Colliery closed in 1989, leaving many jobless. In subsequent years the hosiery industry in the town has also fallen on hard times due to various factory closures.

Despite these socio-economic hardships the faith and energy of the local Adventists is remarkably buoyant. They have a number of outreach projects, some of which have been mentioned before in the *MESSENGER*. Recently, however, the editor preached there and was invited to observe one of these first hand.

Here is what he found. About four years ago one of the members, Moray Stewart, was appointed the church's personal ministry leader. One of the first things he did was to check on the literature stocks, only to find that the church had an oversupply of literature – books, magazines and tracts – that were simply gathering dust. Moray was appalled by this and set about changing the situation. He went down to the centre management at the Idlewells shopping centre, the most prestigious in town, and asked whether they would let him set up a 'free book' table on two Saturday afternoons a month. Once they had seen the quality of the literature involved they agreed, giving him a space directly in front of their offices.

Since then, with the enthusiastic help of Diane Morton, Linda Nix, Mervyn Mason and others – and the generous financial support of certain members – the 'free book' table has become a fixture at the Idlewells centre.

No 'hard sell' tactics

Those who man the table do not use any 'hard sell' tactics. When passers-by show an interest in the books they answer their questions, make 'gentle' suggestions as to what may best meet their needs, and make friends. They don't shrink from mentioning the Church's name if asked and are quite ready to engage in deeper discussion when the opportunity arises.

There are people who return every so often for further titles and the team have been surprised to see how popular Bibles have become. There is also a healthy interest in books about Jesus, especially around Easter, when many seem more open to religious matters. The large, colourful versions of *The Great Controversy* and *The Final Crisis* are very popular, as are the children's books they now stock.

How much does it cost?

Well, you might think that such a project is beyond the financial capability of the average church, but that is not so. This project is funded by donations, costs around £1,000 a year to support and results in the distribution of upwards of 300 books per annum – books that people select for themselves and will hopefully read!

What are the results?

Who really knows? Only the divine records will fully answer that question. According to Moray, however, a few people have attended church because of the impression made on them during their discussions at the 'free book' table and their subsequent reading of the books received.

For more information on how to run your own 'free book' project please feel free to contact Moray Stewart of the Sutton-in-Ashfield church on 01773 609100, 07480 934847 or at 2atcodnor@gmail.com.

For a selection of books and Bibles to use in such a project please contact Pastor Sam Quadjo at souadjo@stanboroughpress.org.uk or a member of the ABC team on 01476 591700.

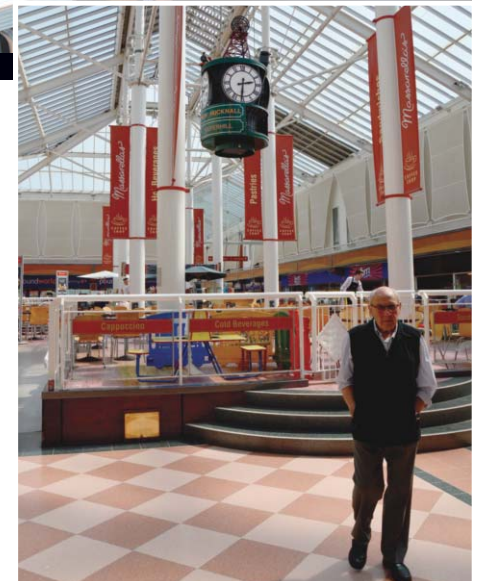
THE EDITOR



Moray shows Julian Hibbert some of the stock



Diane, Mervyn and Moray



inbox

Thanks for the music

Dear Editor
I just wanted to pass on my sincere thanks to Alexander Douglas for his succinct but honest assessment of the way the Seventh-day Adventist

Church has dealt with issues around music in the church over the years ('Is the problem with music?' *MESSENGER*, 8 April). His assessment is absolutely correct, and, more often than not, when it comes to music, the church fails to carry out any serious and rigorous analysis before it speaks on the matter. The church often simply relies upon superstitious notions of music and/or cherry-picks those examples of a negative impact to support its position without looking at the multiple positive examples that actually contradict its position. What good is a watchman that you can't trust?

WORTH QUARRIE, CAMP HILL CHURCH

The Holy Spirit and the Godhead

by Ángel Manuel Rodríguez, prominent Adventist theologian and former director of the Biblical Research Institute of Seventh-day Adventists.

In the *MESSENGER* of 22 April we featured an article that outlined the historical development of our present doctrine of the Trinity. In this follow-up study Rodríguez specifically addresses the question raised by some that the Holy Spirit is neither a person nor a member of the Godhead.

Some Adventists have discovered that practically all of our pioneers were anti-Trinitarian and have concluded that the church today should reject the doctrine of the Trinity. The truth is that the Lord guided this movement to a more biblical understanding of God. Today, based on the Bible, we affirm the truth of one God in a plurality of Persons. I mention here just some of the biblical support available.

1. The Spirit as power. The opinion that the Spirit is not a person is partially based on the fact that very often He is described as a power coming from God, falling on people, and enabling them to do certain tasks (e.g., Judges 3:10; Acts 2:4). Moreover, the Greek word for 'spirit' (*pneuma*) is neuter: that is to say, we can refer to the Spirit as 'it', implying that He is not a person. But that is a phenomenon of Greek grammar that doesn't necessarily have any theological significance.

2. The Spirit and Jesus. With the coming of Jesus our understanding of the Godhead was greatly enriched. Because Jesus was God in human flesh (John 1:1; 20:28; Titus 2:13), distinct from the Father (Matt. 3:17) yet one with Him (John 14:10), His followers began to realise that there was in the mystery of God a plurality of persons. The mystery increased when Jesus described the Spirit not as something but as Someone, who would take His place in the experience of the disciples: 'I [Jesus] will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor . . . the Spirit of truth' (John 14:16, 17, NIV 1984).

Jesus introduced His disciples to the mystery of a Godhead that consisted of three distinct Persons: Jesus, the Father, and the Counsellor/Spirit. In this particular passage

the Spirit is not described as an impersonal power, but as a Person. Jesus refers to Him as 'another [Greek: *allos*] Counsellor', one who intercedes for someone else. He is called 'another' because Jesus is also a Counsellor (1 John 2:1). Only a person can function as a counsellor.

But there's more to it. If the Spirit was going to continue the function of Jesus as Counsellor, then He had to possess the same nature Jesus had: that is to say, He had to be divine. Jesus said that 'no one else [*allos*]' could do the work He did (John 15:24, NIV), but He clarifies that there is One who, like Him, will be a new Counsellor. When Jesus refers to the Spirit as Counsellor using the masculine pronoun (He), Jesus is identifying Him as a Person: ' . . . he will testify about me' (verse 26, NIV). Hence the Holy Spirit is both divine and a Person.

3. The apostles and the Spirit. When the disciples received the Holy Spirit they experienced Him as a power poured out on them by God (Acts 2:33); but they also recognised Him as the divine Person promised to them by Jesus.

In the narrative of Ananias and Sapphira we find a clear view of the disciples'

understanding of the nature of the Spirit.

Peter confronted the guilty couple with their sin by saying to them, ' . . . you have lied to the Holy Spirit.

. . . You have not lied just to human beings but to God' (Acts 5:3, 4, NIV). We have here two

important pieces of information. First, the Spirit is a Person, because we can lie only to persons, not to things. Second, He is divine, because lying to Him is the equivalent to lying to God.

Throughout the New Testament we find clear evidence that the apostles believed the Spirit was a Person on a par with the Father and the Son. They knew that the Spirit speaks (Acts 21:11), exercises His will (Acts 16:6), sends messengers (Acts 13:4), reflects theological truth (Acts 15:28), can be grieved (Eph. 4:30), apportions gifts (1 Cor. 12:11), intercedes (Rom. 8:26, 34), gives joy (Rom. 14:17), etc. These are all characteristics of persons that allow us to definitively refer to the Spirit as a Person. By mentioning Him in conjunction with the Father and the Son the biblical writers were testifying to the unity of the three Persons (2 Cor. 1:21, 22; 13:14; Rom. 15:30; Eph. 2:18; 1 Peter 1:2; Rev. 1:4, 5). As a church we simply proclaim the biblical teaching without attempting to explain the mystery of God's unity.

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Irish Mission of Seventh-day Adventists Triennial Session

Notice is hereby given that a Triennial Session of the Irish Mission of Seventh-day Adventists will be held on 1-2 October 2016, at Emmaus Retreat Centre, Swords, Dublin, Republic of Ireland. Delegates should note that registration will commence at 6pm on Saturday evening. The opening of the Session is scheduled for 7pm. Delegates are required to have registered prior to the commencement in order to participate in choosing members of the Recommendation Committee.

D. R. Neal, President
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Newbold



Newbold students impact local community

Newbold College staff and students headed out into the community again on Friday, 15 April, on the college's biannual Impact Day of volunteering and service.

Groups of students participated in what have now become regular trips to Bracknell locations that, for this semester, included the Birdsgrove Care Home, Jealott's Hill Community Landshare, and South Hill Park.

Dr John Baildam, Newbold's Principal, is a regular member of the team that visits Birdsgrove. 'As always, it was a joy to see the pleasure in the residents' eyes. One lady was so moved by our group's visit that she had to be taken back to her room! To see such an international group of staff and students working so well together to bring joy, peace and hope to others at the end of their lives is another demonstration of what Newbold is all about,' he said.

The Jealott's Hill Community Landshare is another location that has become a regular spot for Newbold students to volunteer. The garden project is managed by volunteers and, according to the organisation, features a 400-tree orchard, half-acre vineyard, large polytunnel, and three acres of cultivated ground with plans to develop a half-acre sensory garden. The Landshare actively encourages community members with special needs, including the elderly or those recovering from physical illness or addiction, to connect with nature on their land.

'Our students and staff enjoyed getting their hands dirty, even in the pouring rain, as they helped prepare new features at the Landshare. We were able to contribute to a sensory experience park for blind people and a new exercise frame for the visitors. Connecting with David, the friendly project manager, was great, and he thanked Newbold for the college's engagement with the Landshare over the last few years. Serving and doing physical labour is a blessing,' said Dr Bjørn Ottesen, who accompanied the group to Jealott's Hill.

While the free car wash, which is a regular favourite with locals and has brought many new visitors onto the campus, was cancelled later in the morning due to inclement weather, students were able to complete a painting project at South Hill Park, a local community arts centre.

Pastor Alastair Agbaje, the College Chaplain, said he thought the day had been a success. 'It is a privilege to see students and staff from Newbold serve the community as a part of this event, which follows on from our recent participation in the Global Youth Day programme of ministry and evangelism. Service is very much part of our ethos at Newbold.'

The day concluded with a thank-you dinner for volunteers and a vespers programme designed to encourage participants to reflect on the impact of service on the local community.

KIRSTY WATKINS



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news



The countdown has begun!

by Pastor Sam Davies, SEC Communication and PR Director

In about three months' time the South England Conference, in partnership with 3ABN, will begin the much-anticipated massive evangelistic outreach scheduled for London. Originally planned as a huge single-venue event, it has been modified to include eleven locations in London and two in the provinces. This unprecedented event will thus involve simultaneous evangelism at thirteen centres within the Conference.

3ABN will provide nine of the thirteen speakers and they will also televise it live on their network from one of the London venues, with additional recordings at selected sites for on-demand viewing.

The line-up of speakers includes the 3ABN Director of World Evangelism, Pastor John Lomacang; the General Manager of 3ABN, Pastor C. A. Murray; the Programme Development Manager, Shelley

Quinn; and Pastor Kenny Shelton of 'Behold The Lamb Ministries' based in Herrin, Illinois. Five of the other speakers are from the USA and four from the UK.

The churches selected to host the programmes have already started their groundwork in earnest. Notable among them is Tottenham West Green Road Church, whose efforts in Haringey have caught the attention of Councillor Barbara Blake. She wrote to thank the church for its work on a street regeneration project that is benefiting local residents. She was particularly impressed by the Pathfinders: 'They were a delightful, hard-working, humorous, interesting and very lively group who are clearly a credit to the Church, their families and Haringey.' Tottenham members will soon start a community chaplaincy service as well.

In support of the selected churches the London Area Advisory Council are putting their weight behind the project financially and by rallying members in London to support the project, some of whom have made significant donations towards it.

The September outreach will be preceded by 'HealthFest London', a unique health outreach weekend scheduled for 27 and 28 August (see adverts on pages 12 and 13). It will showcase the Adventist health message on Sabbath 27 August, followed by a health festival featuring our lifestyle TV doctor, Chidi Ngwaba. Dr Chidi will present practical seminars on disease prevention and the reversal of certain lifestyle diseases. The healthfest will also include health checks and cooking demonstrations, and will conclude with the premiere of a Mervyn Weir musical drama featuring the 'Rhythm of Life'.

As the SEC prepares to impact London with this 'ONE LIFE – The Best You Can Be: Body, Mind and Spirit' initiative, the Conference President, Dr Richard de Lisser, encourages all our members to embrace it as an opportunity to invite their non-Adventist families, neighbours, work colleagues and friends to attend. He encourages all to become real champions of 'Evangelism, Everyone, Everywhere'.

Mental health awareness event

Earlier this year some members of the Bristol Central church held an event that brought over 60 people from the community together to discuss the stigmas and discrimination that mental health sufferers experience.

The team, led by the writer, also included Rani Pawar, Naomi Watson, Marcia Henderson and Lanolin Dowe. It was held in Fi Real Caribbean Cafe in St Phillips (owned by members, Clive and Jeanette Campbell) on Sunday, 28 February from 12.30 to 3.30pm.

This team was assisted by several presenters. Ollie was a volunteer from Avon Fire Rescue, who spoke about fire prevention and safety. Anna Balcerek from CASS (Community Access Support Services) spoke about mental health and well-being, and Narinder Chana from Rethink spoke about anxiety and depression. The latter topics generated considerable discussion among the audience, with many people feeling that they had been discriminated against at some point due to mental health issues. Bhavesh Hindocha, who works for Time To Change, travelled all the way from London to film the event. He was full of praise for the activities of the day and how well they were organised.

Overall, responses and feedback to the event were very positive. One person who wanted to stay anonymous remarked, 'Excellent event. It focused on a holistic approach to mental health.'

We gave out several leaflets on mental health, along with seventeen copies of *Steps to Christ* and a number of other items of Adventist literature.

MARY PHILIP (HEALTH/COMMUNITY AND DISABILITY MINISTRIES, BRISTOL CENTRAL)



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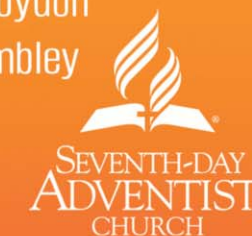
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Welsh Women's Ministries retreat

Hebron Hall, near Cardiff, was the venue for a recent Welsh Women's Ministries retreat, attended by 23 women, including some non-members and some from the North England Conference.

Gifts and giftedness were a focal point of the weekend's discussions and there was a concerted effort for each attendee to discover her spiritual gifts and to use them, as Paul admonishes us. It seemed appropriate that the group was accommodated in 'The Potter's House' because discussions took place about God being the Master Potter. Furthermore, their creative skills were put to the test when they were asked to form their own pots. This resulted in lots of fun and laughter and some amazing end products! They were reminded of 2 Corinthians 4:7, which mentions 'treasure in clay jars', and that we are all created for a purpose – to be filled with the very essence of Jesus. As is customary, the group spent a lot of time in prayer, specifically asking



that they would be transformed into vessels fit for the King of Kings. Eirlys Broome led out in an interesting exercise during which the group learned about some of the lesser-known women of the Bible; so many of them aren't even named. They concluded, however, that they were no different to these women. They felt that God had created them all in His image, each with a special uniqueness, to be used for different purposes but ultimately to reflect His glory.

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

Lodge Causeway baptism: 9 April

Lodge Causeway, one of several churches in Bristol, has a very cosmopolitan membership which now includes its first Cuban, Hilda L. Leyva Reve. She gave her testimony the morning of her baptism and told this remarkable story.

Hilda was brought up as a Catholic in Cuba by her grandmother. In 2003 she came to Britain alone but, unfortunately, her grandmother died in Cuba just three months after her arrival here. Suddenly Hilda was alone in a strange country and mourning the loss of someone she loved. She told how she had been brought up to believe that the dead go either to heaven or to hell and that they are close to their loved ones, offering support. One day at work a customer noticed how upset Hilda was and gave her a Bible. For the next three years she studied her Bible alone. Then one day she came across the following verse: 'For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten.' Ecclesiastes 9:5, KJV.

She looked for a church that followed the principles she had been learning from her Bible. Eventually she began having studies with the minister of one of the Bristol Seventh-day Adventist churches. Feeling confident that she had found what she was looking for, Hilda entered the waters of baptism, with her husband looking on.

Pastor Rudika Puskas conducted the baptism in Lodge Causeway, the church closest to their home. It was a privilege to hear Hilda's encouraging story and to see her give her life to her Saviour. She is a welcome addition to our church family.

STEPHANIE ANDERSON (COMMUNICATIONS SECRETARY)



Baptisms in Scotland

Dr K. Thomas held a week of revival and outreach in the Scottish Mission, from 26 February to 5 March.

The meetings started in Faifley and ended in the Glasgow church, with all who attended enjoying an enormous blessing, including Pastor Bernie Holford, the Mission's president.

The event ended on a high note as three new members were brought into God's church by baptism – Sidumiso Gwizi, Louis Douglas and Masitula Kironde.

BEVERLEY MAKWAKWA



From Hackney to Hampstead

Five special ladies, members of the Hackney church, successfully completed a 30-mile walk from Hackney to Hampstead on Sunday 3 April, raising approximately £1,000 between them for ADRA (Adventist Development and Relief Agency). Hackney's ADRA walk co-ordinator, Suzanne George, was pleased with the efforts of the participants. 'To have completed a 30-mile walk for ADRA from Hackney to Hampstead was an amazing experience,' says Suzanne. She added: 'This was my third time organising the walk and it will be great to see the group grow. One has got to do it in order to know how it feels. Plus it's all in the name of charity, which is important.'

DARELL J. PHILIP



Crieff member honoured

Mr Harry Wilby, an 84-year-old member of the Crieff Seventh-day Adventist church, was greatly surprised and delighted when he was presented with a crystal ADRA 'Lifetime of Service to Humanity' award and certificate at the church service on 9 April. Harry had been asked to be on the platform for the morning service and his face showed his surprise and delight as the story unfolded.

The award was presented by Bert Smit, ADRA-UK Director, who had been invited to take the morning service. Also honoured was Tony Welch, who was visiting his family in Crieff. Attending the service were Pastor John Arthur, a former director of ADRA-Europe, and Pastor Douglas Sinclair, a former director of ADRA-UK, both of whom have retired to Crieff.

Harry and Tony were key truck drivers for the ADRA aid shipments to Europe for many years until 2006. They drove over 90 sorties between them, carrying humanitarian aid to poverty-stricken people in Albania and the victims of the Balkans war. On their long journeys over unfamiliar and dangerous roads, they were shot at, endured long hold-ups at the border and had testing driving conditions in all sorts of weather. Tony still has a case with bullet holes in it – a reminder of his trip into Sarajevo. They believe they were given special protection as they carried out their work to help those in need.

Mr Smit said that charities like ADRA depend on the help of willing volunteers, and he was so grateful for helpers like Harry and Tony and the many hundreds more from the Adventist churches in Britain. The award coincided with the launch of the 2016 Annual Appeal.

BOB RODD

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'One is a whole number'

A report on the recent singles' conference

When you read these words, 'One Is a Whole Number, *Completeness in Christ – Celebrating the Journey*', what is your initial reaction? What immediately catches your attention? What will you focus on: 'one', 'whole', 'completeness' or 'celebrating the journey'? This theme was used for the recent singles' conference hosted by the BUC Women's Ministries Department as part of its Women of Virtue programme, and it generated some deep discussion. Here are some of the reasons for its choice:

- To celebrate wholeness in Christ
- To address the brokenness we experience on our journey, through holistic ministry
- To emphasise that being single does not denote being incomplete, as singles are sometimes made to feel that they are not complete without a 'mate'
- To challenge and address the negative behaviour singles often have directed at them
- To remind singles of their value, purpose and potential

The event was held on Sunday 24 April in Stratford-upon-Avon at the lovely Stratford Manor venue, as a statement of the value we place on our singles.

The main auditorium held beautiful and carefully crafted exhibits capturing the varying aspects of singleness and life stages. Each stall represented segments of the conference theme and the focus for the afternoon workshops. The vivid displays and riveting presentations engendered a sense of purpose, expectancy and the celebration of one's season of life. Yet, in the midst of beauty was the painful 'thorn' – the lack of effective ministry to singles in a number of our churches. Sadly, this was a recurring theme in the interactive plenary exercises, the testimonies shared and the workshop discussions, and it ended with a call for our churches to sit up and listen to the needs of our singles.

The conference aim was to highlight the varied and complex aspects of singleness while showcasing how singles can become purposeful and productive in spite of the challenges that confront them. Due to the nature of the event and the sensitive issues that could have been raised, prayer intercessors as well as counsellors were invited as part of the ministry to attendees. The counselling service and prayer ministry were appreciated as numerous women opened their hearts and shared their experiences.

Raw emotion was also evident in every workshop as the reality of the current challenges and issues our singles faced became evident. Coupled with this was the inadequate church response and the damaging encounters some singles had experienced from fellow church members and leaders. A support network is now being developed to redress this.

The diverse segments of singleness were examined in the context of the word 'completeness'. This entailed exploring the 'highs' and 'lows' women experience in these varied life seasons while realising that God still has a plan for them, which they can achieve through Him. There was much reflection on Colossians 2:10 – 'and you are complete in Him . . .' (NKJV) – and this wonderful scripture was embraced as an affirmation that gave value and assurance to the women.

The conference gave specific attention to all the various aspects of singleness, particularly during the various workshops where a range of probing questions were thoroughly discussed, with each facilitator being asked to capture the key aspects and provide feedback for the panel discussions. A full report based on the workshop feedback and panel discussion will become available to the membership at large in due course.

The conference speakers included Halcy-Ann Platt: *What does singleness mean to you?* (interactive exercise and personal perspectives); Jaz Rodney-Sargeant: *The purposeful single woman* (making the best of your life); Hopieann Platt: *While I wait, I will . . .* (how to live a full life while still hoping for marriage); and Lydia Simon: *Red-flag scenarios* (a discussion of the 'no go' areas and how to avoid them).

One goal of the conference was to speak to real issues but look at them through a prism of possibilities that included the healing Christ offers. According to the numerous positive evaluations of the event, this was achieved. Respondents also reported the importance of being able to share their stories, be listened to and, hopefully, have their Church respond appropriately.

Subsequently, a number of conference attendees have shown interest in being part of a singles' ministry and have returned to their churches to discuss this possibility with their church leadership.

A powerful prayer session ended the day, with Karen Plumb leading out in a prayer of blessing for our singles. This is something our churches need to spend more time doing for singles, and less time criticising them.

A hand massage session provided a welcome relaxation point and helped the women feel pampered and valued.

The conference outcomes are too many to mention here, but one thing has come through clearly – that singles' ministry is an essential ministry, which requires more attention that it currently receives – something to which our BUC Women's Ministries Department is totally committed.

SHARON PLATT-MCDONALD (BUC DIRECTOR FOR HEALTH, WOMEN'S MINISTRY AND DISABILITY AWARENESS)



Adventist Family Resources Exhibition

Sunday 3 July 2016

Following the BUC Quinquennial Session
(30 June - 2 July)

Newbold College of Higher Education's Centre for Christian Leadership will host the Adventist Family Resources Exhibition from 9:00am to 5:00pm on Sunday 3 July 2016. The Exhibition will be open to delegates and invitees of the BUC Session from 30 June - 2 July, and will be open to all church members on 3 July.

The Exhibition will showcase a variety of Adventist ministries and businesses, such as the Stanborough Press, and will also feature a series of free lectures from leading Adventist speakers, including Dr Chidi Ngwaba.

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Southall Music and Health Fair

On Sunday 26 June from 1pm to 6pm, the Southall church and the Music and Evangelism Departments of London Area 6D will offer 'A Merry Heart Doeth Good Like a Medicine', a community-wide music and health fair that will take place at Southall Seventh-day Adventist Church, North Road, Southall, Middlesex, UB1 2JL.

- There will be:
- health checks,
 - juicing demonstrations,
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 - fitness testing,
 - massages and
 - presentations by health professionals and others. These will include: diabetes, music and the mind, obesity and cancer.

If you are in the Southall area, we invite you to join us for this free fair.



Leamington Mission raises funds for ADRA

Sunday 17 April was a bright sunny day, just right for an organised outdoor event like Leamington Church's annual ADRA-sponsored cycle ride. The location? This year it was held at Draycote Water, a freshwater reservoir in Warwickshire.

A large group of 38, mainly from young families, gathered for the event. Although called a sponsored cycle ride, their brief was to complete some or all of the five-mile circuit by whatever means they wished. One person jogged, some walked, others rode their bikes. There was also a large spread in participants' ages, ranging from 3 to over 70. Things began with a picnic before everyone set off around the reservoir.

The walk was of particular interest to one young man, Michael Harrison. His great-great-grandfather had once farmed the land now lying underneath the waters of the reservoir. He had to sell up the family farm, under compulsory purchase order, when the project to create a fresh water supply for the local community was proposed.

Now, four generations later, Michael was helping to raise money to provide clean drinking water for impoverished communities in Chad, Africa – one of the projects to benefit from the ADRA funding.

LORRAINE GLINTON

ADRA marathon man

Sunday 24 April was a busy day on the UK marathon calendar with both the London and Stratford-upon-Avon marathons being held (among others) simultaneously.

As with previous years these events provided a perfect opportunity for the Leamington Spa Mission members and others to help raise funds for the annual ADRA Appeal.

With the very generous sponsorship of £1,000, Nigel Clark, one of Leamington's members, completed the 26.2 miles of the Stratford-upon-Avon marathon in a time of 3 hours 47 minutes. According to Nigel, 'It's amazing how all that support manages to keep you going when things begin to hurt a little towards the end of the race, and great to be cheered to the finish by family and friends from The Mission.'

Nigel thanks everyone once again for their support for the annual ADRA Appeal.

LEAMINGTON SPA MISSION CHURCH



Erdington supports BCH

Erdington's Easter treat

When our Pathfinder Unit Counsellor, Director Davis, asked us what we were going to do for our special outreach project, we got our thinking caps on and decided to do something for children. Our idea was to collect and distribute Easter eggs to the children in Birmingham Children's Hospital. We chose BCH because of our club's longstanding relationship with it, plus the fact that one of our group has been undergoing treatment there and wanted to give something back to the hospital.

We approached our families, friends and church members to donate either the eggs or cash for us to buy the eggs. We collected over £70 in cash plus a number of eggs. The fund-raising team at the hospital advised us to get art supplies as well as eggs, as many of the children are not able to have chocolate; besides which, quite a few companies already donate Easter eggs to them each year.

With more than £70 in our pockets we went shopping on 18 March for art supplies, and, with the help of Councillor Dawkins, carefully displayed our purchases for BCH representative Nancy Lillington to collect on the afternoon of Sabbath 19 March. Nancy said she was very grateful for the gifts, and that the children at the hospital would



have great fun using them. She gave a brief presentation about BCH to members before bagging up the items and heading back to the hospital.

On reflection we are very happy with how the project turned out and with the response we had from everybody concerned. It has encouraged us to do similar projects in the future.

KYLIE ANDERSON AND YNIQUE YEARDE
(EXPLORER UNIT – ERDINGTON COMMUNITY PATHFINDERING CLUB)

Pathfinders are 'sent packing'

Erdington's generosity went beyond the supply of Easter treats for the children of BCH, for on the same day their Pathfinder club presented the Birmingham Children's Hospital with a cheque for £270 raised during various Packathon (bag packing) events held by the club over a three-year period. Club Director, Trevor Davis, said: 'We have been doing bag packing for the last four years to raise funds to purchase equipment for the club. Each time we would put a percentage of what we raised away for the Children's Hospital. It is a case of trying to help others while helping ourselves. Our Pathfinders are inspired to know that they are able to help such a worthy cause.'

Church minister, Pastor Steve Palmer, along with the club members, was on hand to make the presentation to Nancy Lillington from BCH. The club requested that the funds be allocated to Ward Seven, where one of its members is currently undergoing treatment.



Baby Oscar Pierre Boureau with parents, Cyril and Megan

Baby dedication

On 23 April, the newest member of Bristol's Lodge Causeway Church was dedicated to the Lord. Aged two months and three weeks, baby Oscar Pierre Boureau was brought by his parents, Cyril and Megan, for dedication to God. Cyril is French and Megan from South Africa, and a number of their family members and friends were present, including some visiting from France and Holland. Pastor Rudika Puskas conducted the uplifting service and the little church was full of happy people, pleased to witness this joyful event.

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10	9.17	9.29	9.29	9.57	9.59
17	9.21	9.33	9.33	10.02	10.03
24	9.22	9.34	9.35	10.03	10.04

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Be there!

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- ★ Marching in the city
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