

## Empowered by the Holy Spirit

by Lynette Allcock

**'Would you like to experience unprecedented intimacy with God?'**

Mark Finley posed this question to the congregation at Stanborough Park Church on the first night of his series, 'Empowered by the Holy Spirit', which ran from January 10-14. As he explained, 'The key to a fulfilled Christian life is grasping who the Holy Spirit is and receiving Him into your life.'

Pastor Finley spoke to a packed church, with eager listeners coming from other congregations in the area – and one coming from as far away as Holland.

On Wednesday, Pastor Finley discussed the fundamentals about the Holy Spirit, explaining how He is a Personality and not a mere force, and His role as our personal helper.

On Friday, he shared the lessons for the church to be found in the parable of the ten virgins, pointing out that the difference between the wise and foolish virgins is not in their theology, but their experience. Each person needs to really know God for themselves.

On Sabbath, he preached about the promised revival and the extra power from the Holy Spirit to take the Gospel to the whole world. Commenting on God's promise to pour out His Spirit on all people in the end times (see Acts 2:17-18), he said, 'God is no respecter of gender, age, or social status. God pours out His Spirit upon everyone – men and women, young and old.' He stressed our need to ask for the

Holy Spirit personally, as 'the reason we ask is not because God is unprepared to give, but because we are unprepared to receive'.

The longing in God's heart for a deep, intimate relationship with each of us, as well as our great need of that connection, was the clear centre in each of Pastor Finley's messages.

'Friday night's presentation about the ten virgins definitely impacted me the most,' said one attendee. 'It's one of those stories I've heard so many times before, but I learnt a lot of new things that night. Our relationship with God can't just be a one-time experience; we need to go "buy" oil – spend time with God – to keep our lamps burning. We can't borrow that oil from anyone else, but need to go and invest in it ourselves with our time.'

Another attendee said, 'A group of us young people used to come together to pray for the Holy Spirit. Thanks to this weekend, I'm inspired to start that habit again!'

At the end of the series, there was one request for baptism and eleven requests for Bible studies. Pastor Finley left his listeners with a renewed desire to experience God more deeply, and to pray for the fullness and power of the Holy Spirit in their personal lives, church, and mission.

You can watch the messages on Stanborough Park Church's Youtube channel.



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## How healthy are you? Part 2 – the HEALTHY format

### Health Checks

During my health promotional workshops I have developed the **HEALTHY** format as a tool to assess health lifestyle behaviour. It examines seven segments of our health in an effort to raise awareness and encourage positive health practices in those areas. We examine the first of these in this issue: health checks.

The NHS Health Check is a national risk assessment and management programme offered free for individuals aged 40 to 74 living in England. This provides an opportunity to get an overall check-up which yields information on your general wellbeing; to assess your risk of developing certain diseases; and to receive advice on how to prevent them.

Dr Mike Knapton, Associate Medical Director of the British Heart Foundation states:

'We need to do more to improve the numbers of patients attending these health checks. We also need to ensure that all patients are given the best advice and treatment in the management of conditions such as high blood pressure and cholesterol if we are to significantly reduce the burden of preventable diseases.'<sup>1</sup>

NHS Choices gives an overview of what an NHS health check entails:<sup>2</sup>

- You can book to have an NHS health check at your GP or local pharmacy. It can also happen in your local area's shopping centre, library or leisure centre. Some areas offer them from mobile units to passers-by or in work places.
- An NHS health check takes about 20-30 minutes.

- A health professional (nurse or healthcare assistant) asks some basic questions about lifestyle and family history.
- A physical assessment is undertaken by measuring height, weight, blood pressure and a simple blood test (finger prick blood test) to check blood sugar and cholesterol levels.
- Based on the above assessment, you are then advised on your chances of getting heart disease, stroke, diabetes or kidney disease.
- Personalised advice is then given on how to lower your risk of these diseases. This will entail information on how to improve your diet and the amount of physical activity you undertake. If your blood pressure or cholesterol is found to be high, a discussion will be held on whether medication is required to lower their levels. Advice is also given on weight management and how to stop smoking.
- Individuals over 66 are given the signs and symptoms of dementia to look out for.
- An NHS health check is offered every five years to individuals aged 40-70 if they haven't had a stroke, do not have heart disease, diabetes or kidney disease.

Keep up with regular health checks.

### Good health!

<sup>1</sup><https://www.theguardian.com/society/2016/may/02/nhs-health-check-over-40s-marginal-benefits-study> <sup>2</sup><https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/nhs-health-check/>



## Every woman is a 'somebody'



is one more that I would like to visit briefly, namely, what is called the objectification of women. What does this mean? From the psychologist's perspective, it is most often linked to the Theory of Sexual Objectification, which may be defined as:

'SO occurs when a woman's body or body parts are singled out and separated from her as a person and she is viewed primarily as a physical object of male sexual desire (Bartky, 1990).'<sup>15</sup>

We don't need to look far to see numerous examples of this. The visual products of our entertainment and advertising media (including the internet) are contaminated with it, as is much of our traditional male pub and barbeque talk. We may lack absolute control over the 'visual products', but we do have unhindered control over the things we say and think about women; which means that we can each do something personal and positive to prevent this objectification taking place.

In my preparation for this piece I

found a perspective on this matter of objectification that was particularly insightful, taking the problem beyond the mere sexual/sensual fascination that men (and some women) may have with the female body. Joy Goh-Mah's blog appeared in the *Huffington Post* of 9 August, 2013, under this heading, 'The Objectification of Women - It Goes Much Further Than Sexy Pictures', and included these comments:

'It is because society tells us that women are objects, not subjects, that even good men, when speaking out against violence against women, tell other men to imagine her as "somebody's wife, somebody's mother, somebody's daughter, or somebody's sister," it never occurring to them that maybe, just maybe, a woman is also "somebody".'<sup>16</sup>

### Yes!

Yes! I think Joy has a valid point – something that you and I can apply in our own lives. No matter who the people around us are – women, men or children – **each one is a God-ordained and equal 'somebody'**.

\*This article was written on 8 February.

<sup>1</sup>[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Suffrage#United\\_Kingdom](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Suffrage#United_Kingdom)

<sup>2</sup><http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-42872377>

<sup>3</sup><https://www.ft.com/content/82ecfef6-0be1-11e8-8eb7-42f857ea9f09>

<sup>4</sup>Who Can't Hear, Must Feel', <http://jamaicanpatwah.com/b/things-jamaican-parents-say#.WnxJnZ0fJ0Q>

<sup>5</sup>Sexual Objectification of Women: Advances to Theory and Research, page 8 <https://www.apa.org/education/ce/sexual-objectification.pdf>

<sup>6</sup>[http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/joy-goh-mah/objectification-women-sexy-pictures\\_b\\_3403251.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/joy-goh-mah/objectification-women-sexy-pictures_b_3403251.html)

On 6 February, the UK celebrated 100 years since Parliament's passing of the 1918 Representation of the People Act, through which women over the age of thirty were granted the right to vote. The Act was altered in 1928 to extend equal suffrage to 'women and men, with voting possible at 21 with no property restrictions.' Then, in 1969 it was further modified to allow voting by all those who are 18 or older.<sup>1</sup>

So, we have lots to celebrate? *Oui et non*, or 'Yes and no', as our closest continental neighbours would say. We may have progress on the statute books, but how about that much more difficult task of changing deeply embedded personal, social and organisational attitudes based on the myth that women are inferior or unequal to men?

### Pay issues . . .

Recent events at the BBC have forced the issue of pay inequality into our living rooms. If what you've heard isn't proof sufficient of the problem faced by some of the women who work there, then read 'BBC Women: Their pay gap stories' to see what some of our top female radio and TV presenters have to say.<sup>2</sup> Another example of this is the recent resignation of Carrie Gracie from her position as China editor for BBC News over the issue of gender pay discrimination.

Revelations that have come to hand in the past few days\*, however, indicate that this issue has cast a dark cloud over Tesco too. John Murray Brown, writing in the online edition of *Financial Times* put it like this: 'Lawyers say Tesco could face a bill as high as £4bn in equal pay claims by female employees, with as many as 200,000 people affected.' According to the law firm handling the case, it is 'potentially the largest ever equal pay challenge in the UK.'<sup>3</sup>

To add to that, this source indicates that the same law firm is 'also acting for 20,000 shop floor workers in similar equal pay claims involving Sainsbury's and Asda.' Surely those who manage these massive enterprises must have seen this day coming. Perhaps it is appropriate to quote some fine Jamaican wisdom at this point – you be the judge: '**Who cyaah hear muss feel!**'<sup>4</sup>

### There is another Court

Those who are presently fearful of what such legal challenges can do to their share prices, profit margins and the like, should take the time out to consider this observation made in the New Testament by Paul: 'It is just as the Scriptures say, "Don't muzzle an ox when you are using it to grind grain." You also know the saying, "Workers are worth their pay." ' (1 Timothy 5:18, CEV.)

Well, that wouldn't be a bad closing argument to use in the forthcoming legal battle against the supermarkets. What do you think?

### The objectification of women

Although it is not possible to deal with all the things that foster the myth of 'female inferiority', there

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# ‘You have cancer . . .’

by Lurline Thomas

Lurline Thomas's unexpected journey from care provider to care receiver mirrors the devastating experience that cancer – in all its many forms – imposes on thousands upon thousands of our fellow citizens. Although paper and ink cannot really do justice to the trauma into which Lurline's illness plunged her and her family, here is a sample of what she has gone through. It is also a story of how she let her misery become a ministry. Hopefully, it will provide us with deeper insight into what happens after someone tells you that ‘You have cancer!’

For me, this journey full of challenges, treatments and side effects commenced in February 2016. It couldn't have begun at a worse time. A little over two months before my diagnosis I had buried my father, and my husband (Steve Thomas) had taken up a new and challenging assignment as pastor of the Peckham Church in London. But then, cancer doesn't make appointments, does it?

It all started when I received an invitation from the NHS Breast Screening Service to have a routine mammogram. There was nothing sinister about this, for it was merely part of a follow-up on my first mammogram three years earlier, which had been part of the randomised screening of women under the age of 50.

At that point, I had no concerns about my health, for as

a healthcare professional I had tried to cultivate a healthy lifestyle and implement good health choices.

I went to my breast screening appointment as scheduled. The mobile unit was conveniently located in my local supermarket car park. I was happy, as it was one of those bright but cold winter days that I enjoy – made more special because it was the day in the week that my husband and I regularly spend together. So, I had my mammogram and enjoyed the rest of the day with him.

Two weeks later I received a letter inviting me to attend for a further mammogram. This did not worry me at the time, as the letter was written in a way as to not be alarming. I thought I might be in another randomised group. However, this third mammogram

proved to be a turning point – an abnormality was detected in my left breast.

As well as the mammogram, I also had to have a biopsy. A week later, the results came back with the diagnosis as ‘Infiltrating Ductal Carcinoma Grade 1’. The treatment plan was to have a lumpectomy and then radiotherapy. During the surgery another routine biopsy was taken. The results revealed ‘a more Invasive Ductal Carcinoma Grade 2’ that was ‘HER2 positive’. What did all this medical-speak mean? Simply put, that the treatment plan had to change to include the addition of cycles of chemotherapy and target therapy.

In just a few weeks my life had changed drastically. I had breast cancer. I was no longer the care provider, I was now the patient. And in the weeks and months

that followed I began to learn how to live with cancer and – praise God – how to recover from it.

## I have learnt a lot

During that painful process, certain things have stuck with me, like this comment from Lynda Thomas, chief executive of Macmillan Cancer Support:

‘Life doesn't stop just because you've been diagnosed with cancer. Seeing friends, supporting the family, and finding a way to pay the bills are still important to people, even if you're living with a terminal diagnosis.’

Then there was this observation by James McNaught, 46, from London, who was diagnosed with tonsil cancer in 2014:

‘When I was diagnosed, I wasn't thinking about life after cancer – I was focused on my treatment, on survival. I got through it by keeping things as normal as possible. Meeting friends for a coffee, going for short walks before the tiredness hit me. You start to appreciate the ordinary things that before you'd taken for granted. When I started to feel better there were milestones on my road to recovery. Getting back on the motorbike was a big one. Now I feel like I'm in control again. You realise life goes on even if you continue to live with the side-effects of your treatment.’

Yes, James is dead right. You begin to realise that ‘life goes on even if you continue to live with the side effects of your treatment’.

By far the large majority of cancer sufferers don't want to be defined by their disease; they would rather concentrate on this single attitude-changing thought: ‘Life with cancer is still life’. And this is the way I have tried to live through the course of my illness.

Having said that, we mustn't underestimate the unpleasantness of a cancer patient's treatment journey. It is a tortuous one, with many unexpected and unwanted twists and turns. Along with the expected hair loss, nausea, fatigue and joint pains, I have developed lymphoedema and cardiac problems as additional side effects. It has been a very testing time for me. Not only was I having to manage these side effects, and the impact of a long

absence from work, but I was still grieving – as mentioned earlier – over the unexpected loss of my father.

## I have discovered something

Not only have I learnt from others, especially fellow cancer patients, but I have made some very personal discoveries too. Perhaps the most important of these is this: **if you let Him, God can use your disappointments as an opportunity to glorify Himself.**

I have tried to avoid the ‘*God, why me?*’ question, replacing it instead with this one: ‘*God, show me how you want me to encourage those in similar situations, and to provide help for those yet to be diagnosed.*’

I have also discovered, like Paul, that our weakness is God's opportunity to prove His strength: ‘But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.’ (2 Corinthians 12:9, NIV-UK.)

## To the House of Commons . . .

On Wednesday 13 December last year, His grace was put to the test during my speech to the House of Commons entitled, ‘When you have breast cancer, everything changes’. It was my opportunity to tell my story and promote the wonderful work of Breast Cancer Care.

I have immense gratitude for

the Breast Screening Service. Without this service, I may not have known I had breast cancer. I am very fortunate for their early diagnosis and the subsequent NHS treatment. But most of all, my gratitude goes to God for my new lease on life!

## Her husband, Pastor Steve Thomas, has this to say . . .

Even though Lurline is now cancer free, she still lives with the challenges she has already mentioned. What has impressed me deeply, however, is that she greets each day joyfully, remembering that to wake up and enjoy the day, is not a right but a privilege granted by God. I have heard her recount her cancer journey on numerous occasions, but never with a word of complaint or a question about why this has happened to her. Instead, she has allowed God to make her a witness to many people who are not readily accessible to our church community.

## For support:

For breast cancer care, support and information, call free on 0808 800 6000 or visit [www.breastcancercare.org.uk](http://www.breastcancercare.org.uk).

Macmillan productions in which Lurline features:

Coping with hair loss: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SZzGJBDEfZY>  
<https://www.macmillan.org.uk/information-and-support/coping/side-effects-and-symptoms/hair-loss/index.html>

Eye make up for hair loss: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SPolsdBNTWs>

Booklet (free and downloadable):

<http://be.macmillan.org.uk/Downloads/CancerInformation/LivingWithAndAfterCancer/MAC11627HairLossE09lowrespdf20170904ALM.pdf>

# Is this criticism justified?

by Pastor Jeff Couzins

There is a growing online community that seems committed to undermining the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists (GC) and certain of our Church's teachings. Such activity is nothing new, but what concerns me is the growing number of people who are coming under their influence.

In their attempts to discredit one of our teachings, these online critics are using – or misusing – the writings of Ellen White. In one instance they are using an argument from silence, while in another, they blatantly contradict the writings of Ellen White, twisting writings to their own ends.

In terms of their argument from silence, the online critics argue that Ellen White never used the term *trinity*, and as such, the Adventist doctrine on the trinity (Fundamental Belief no 2) is nothing more than a reincarnation of Roman Catholic theology among the Seventh-day Adventist Church leadership. While Ellen White never did use the term ‘trinity’, she did ascribe divine attributes to both Jesus and the Holy Spirit. For example, there are 1,344 instances in her published books where divine attributes are ascribed to Jesus, either directly or by association; and 579 instances where the Holy Spirit is identified with divine attributes and actions.

Ellen White also used the term ‘Godhead’ three times in *The Acts of the Apostles*. For instance, on page 49 she wrote in reference to the gift of the Holy Spirit that, ‘in all humility they [Christians] submitted to the molding [sic] influence of the Holy Spirit, they received of the fullness of the Godhead and were fashioned in the likeness of the divine.’ In order to help people be fashioned into the ‘likeness of the divine’, the Holy Spirit has to be divine. You cannot give what you do not possess – it's a universal law of inheritance. In the other two instances (pages 239 and 473 of the same publication) the term Godhead is used respectively to refer to our being children of God (and not of images of silver and gold), and to the fullness of the Godhead dwelling in Christ bodily.

I have also noticed that these online writers never refer to the biblical references where Father, Son and Holy Spirit are mentioned collectively. Instead, they tend to be very selective in their use of Biblical texts, and deconstruct Roman Catholic theology, as if it were so-called ‘General Conference’ theology. These critics are being careful to identify the General Conference as being separate to the general body of Seventh-day Adventist believers. I have to agree that Roman Catholic theology is largely unbiblical; however, these critics of the General Conference are creating a straw man by overlaying that denomination's beliefs over those of the Adventist Church, then dismantling the straw man.

In terms of their misuse of the writings of Ellen White, these critics of the GC state that Ellen White associated it with Babylon. It is hard to maintain this argument because, in an article published in the *Review and Herald*, 17 October 1893, Ellen White wrote, ‘How is it that these pamphlets denouncing the Seventh-day Adventist Church as Babylon were scattered everywhere, at the very time when that church was receiving the outpouring of the Spirit of God? How is it that men can be so deceived as to imagine that the loud cry consists in calling the people of God out from the fellowship of a church that is enjoying a season of refreshing?’ This letter is quoted in *Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers*, page 22. In fact, the whole first section of this book addresses White's views on the GC at that time.

On page 41 of the above publication she further states that ‘When anyone arises, either among us or outside of us, who is burdened with a message which declares that the people of God are numbered with Babylon, and claims that the loud cry is a call to come out of her, you may know that he is not bearing the message of truth. Receive him not, nor bid him Godspeed; for God has not spoken by him, neither has He given a message to him, but he has run before God. The message contained in the pamphlet called the *Loud Cry*, is a deception. Such messages will come . . . for they [promoters of this message] are not filled with light, but with darkness.’

These are very strong words of condemnation. Clearly God knew that such ideas would be repeated in the future and warned His people against them. Another important point to note is that, although the foregoing message from Ellen White was published in 1893, we never





find her contradicting it or changing her mind on the subject. Indeed, if she had any problem with the GC it was relating to its organisational structure, not the essence of the teachings it represents. Ellen White was concerned with the concentration of authority, or power, in the hands of one man, or just a few people. She advocated representation from around the globe (see Ellen G. White, 'Principles for the Guidance of Men in Positions of Responsibility', *Manuscript 140*, 1902, Ellen G. White Estate Office.)

In 1892 Ellen White wrote to the General Conference advocating six reasons for introducing certain organisational changes. They were: (1) to provide for the support of the ministry; (2) for carrying forward the work in new fields; (3) for protecting both the churches and the ministry from unworthy members; (4) for the holding of church property; (5) for the publication of truth through the press; and (6) for other pragmatic objectives. There

was never a reference to either the General Conference or our church as being Babylon. (See 'Ellen G. White to the Brethren at the General Conference', Letter 127, December 19, 1892, Ellen G. White Research Centre.) The changes to the General Conference structure were made between 1901 and 1903, with other structural adaptations at later dates.

When the GC made this reorganisation of itself from a structure in which much authority was vested in the GC president, to one where authority was devolved through a system of Unions (1901-1903), Ellen White gave it her unequivocal support. She recognised that this would encourage decentralisation of authority and the promotion of unity in diversity. Similar thoughts were previously expressed to John Harvey Kellogg, when she said that, 'God would not have many minds the shadow of one man's mind,' but that 'in a multitude of counselors [sic] there is safety' (Ellen G. White to John Harvey Kellogg, Letter 7,

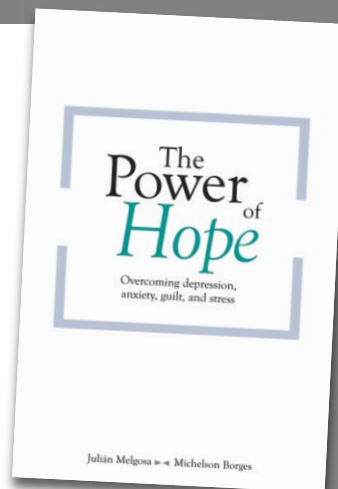
## Missionary Book of the Year 2018

Today, things like Brexit anxiety, loneliness, youth depression and a variety of mental health problems seriously challenge our emotional happiness. There is a desperate need for us to regain our sense of hope, which is why our General Conference has chosen *The Power of Hope* by Julián Melgosa and Michelson Borges as Missionary Book of the Year 2018.

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April 26, 1886, Ellen G. White Estate Office.)

I think it is clear that Ellen White believed in the Trinity, albeit by a different name, and never

associated either the General Conference nor the Seventh-day Adventist Church with Babylon.

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# Sell all and give to the poor

## An exploration of sacrificial giving

by Catherine Anthony Boldeau,  
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Can you imagine the look on the face of the rich young ruler when Jesus invited him to 'sell all that you have, and give to the poor'? (Mark 10:21, ESV.) There was astonishment and surprise and shock and horror. The Bible records that 'he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions'. (Mark 10:22, ESV.)

*Sell all you have and give to the poor...*

A report in *The Guardian* in August 2007 suggested that 'the average house price in England will rise by 40% in five years', breaking the £300,000 barrier. The price of the average three bedroom semi-detached house in London, a year ago, was £583,500, and, in Birmingham, around £236,000. Although house prices in Ireland, Scotland and Wales are significantly lower than in English cities, they are also on the rise.

One of the most inexpensive places to live in the UK is Grimsby, where you can purchase a basic three bedroom house for around £50,000 ([www.toughnickel.com](http://www.toughnickel.com)).

What if God invited you to partner with Him and sell even your £50,000 house and give the money to the poor? What would you do? Laugh? Cry? Scream? Ignore it? Or simply walk away?

Sacrificial giving seems to be a product of a bygone age of Adventist history. The Annual Week of Sacrifice offering came into being in 1922, after the

Autumn Council of the General Conference, when a quarter of a million dollar budget deficit was made up by generous giving. Despite the challenging conditions in the aftermath of World War 1, our members gave more than \$350,000 over the following year to what became known as the Annual Week of Sacrifice offering.\* This amount, that our membership of 208,771 gave nearly a hundred years ago, equates to roughly \$4,189,220 (nearly £3,000,000) today.

As UK Adventists, no-one is actually asking us to sell all that we have and give it to the poor. However, it is imperative that we become more introspective about our giving to those in need. Many of us are 'rich and increased in goods' – and there is absolutely nothing wrong with owning wealth. Many of the heroes of the Bible had very healthy bank balances. But, at the same time, they were also willing to give freely, generously and cheerfully to God. For example, King David was called 'the friend of God' and

he regularly sacrificed to the Lord and donated extensively towards the building of the temple.

The ownership of houses, lands, and other assets is not the problem, but the 'love of money' – the desire to keep it all just for selfish gain – is highly discouraged.

In Deuteronomy 15:11 (NIV-UK), God says, 'There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be open-handed towards your fellow Israelites who are poor and needy in your land.' King Solomon warns in Proverbs 21:13 (NIV-UK) that, 'Whoever shuts their ear to the cry of the poor will also cry out and not be answered.' And Jesus said, 'Sell your possessions and give to the poor... For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also' (Luke 12:33-34, NIV-UK).

From 31 March until 15 April (22 April in Greater London), ADRA-UK is inviting members to participate in the 2018 Appeal to raise funds for the poor and needy. This period is allocated to us by the UK government for our door-to-door collection. However, we are aware that many people want to be involved in the Appeal but feel that their skillset is more suitable to other fundraising ventures. We would encourage as many people as possible to go door-to-door; however, what is vital is that you get involved in raising funds for the poor and needy, not only overseas, but in your local communities in many different ways.

Why not 'sell your possessions... and give to the poor'? You can do this by selling unwanted items

on eBay and then donating the proceeds to ADRA-UK.

Alternatively, you can 'sell' a day's work by donating that amount. Some, instead of 'selling', may want to donate the equivalent of a week's lunch for the poor, or even donate their time by organising an event, be it an ADRA 'coffee' morning, a bake sale or car wash.

This year, ADRA-UK plans to raise over £600,000 during the 2018 Appeal through door-to-door collections, fundraising initiatives, and personal or business donations. We would invite you to give sacrificially, not only of your money but of your time too. The money raised this year will go to the world's most needy, and, for the first time in the history of ADRA-UK, 10% of the amount raised will be returned to local churches to assist with community development projects right here in the UK.

*All this can happen because of you...*

Let's reflect on the way that we give to the poor and the needy and consider sacrificial giving, both during the 2018 ADRA Appeal and the rest of the year. Statistics reveal that 2.7 billion people live in extreme poverty, with half the world's population existing on £2.45 (\$3.50) per day – that's less than £75.00 a month – to feed and clothe their families.

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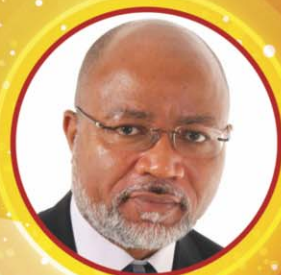
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# Smart Love in Sheffield . . .

Pastor Patricia Douglas, NEC Children's Ministries Director.



There was an air of excitement as our youth from the Sheffield and Chesterfield churches gathered together in anticipation of something special. They were there to discuss dating and what it means to date in God's way. This Smart Love seminar was hosted by the Manor Newstart church and conducted by Pastors Carlton and Patricia Douglas and Dr Irwin Somasundram towards the end of November last year. The event brought the youth into contact with dynamic preachers such as Joseph Philpott, Takudwa Chiogotere and Clinton Waite. The youth were intensely interested in the lessons to be learned from the lives of Joseph (who refused to give in to pressure from Potiphar's wife), Samson (the man who simply could not resist beautiful women), and the exemplary story of Ruth and Boaz. The seminar culminated in a graduation ceremony and banquet, which was held at a local hotel on 3 December. It was a grand event, with young men transformed into dashing princes in their smart suits, and young ladies who looked more radiant than ever in their ball gowns. It was a red carpet affair, a fitting environment for celebrating their Smart Love graduation. Masters of ceremony, Shaun Clarke and Chris Philip, filled the room with laughter as they ensured that this would be an evening never to be forgotten. James and Nazrah gave the response on behalf of the graduates, expressing appreciation for the effort that went into organising both the seminar and the banquet.

## The Youth Perspective . . .

These were among the comments received from the youth who attended:

'I think the Smart Love seminar was very informative and enjoyable for all my friends from church. Then, to finish off the seminar we had a wonderful graduation banquet. With girls dressed elegantly in their ball gowns and boys dressed smartly in suits and ties, we all proudly received our certificates and our copy of the *Smart Love* book.'

'At first I was a bit resistant to going, probably due mainly to the fact that I didn't know what was going to happen. I think that the sessions were fulfilling because they consisted of a starting question, where we shared our own ideas in a group, and then with the rest of the people in the seminar. Afterwards, we were guided through the lesson which had a little bit of humour added to it, making it more interesting. It was overall a wonderful and eye-opening experience.'

'I liked the seminar because it was brilliant!'

## The Parent Perspective . . .

The parents also had their perspective on the seminar. Here are a few representative comments:

'Thank you very much. My daughter thoroughly enjoyed and valued the experience!'

'It was good to know that our youth had somewhere safe and secure to discuss these



topics, and that they were able to do this with their friends.'

'Great for our young people to receive a Biblical perspective on dating and to be able to discuss it freely.'

'Absolutely fabulous. A great opportunity for our children to explore and discuss Smart Love issues and see it's nothing to be ashamed about. These issues are so relevant right now!'

As a church we love our children and our youth, we take their discipleship very seriously, and this has provided the rationale for preparing and presenting the Smart Love seminar. They must be equipped for a fulfilling life, be mindful of possible pitfalls, and believe that God loves them and wants them to know they can trust Him to guide them aright.

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## NEC officer training

According to a well-known and consistent tradition, the North England Conference (NEC) held its church officer training programme on 14 January at the Long Eaton School (a secondary academy) in Nottingham, with around 800 in attendance.

The equipping and training of members is an integral part of the Seventh-day Adventist Church's approach to ministry.

In his opening address, the NEC President, Pastor Richard Jackson, spoke on Matthew 4:1-11, saying, among other things: 'We've all had to face these temptations at one time or another, though in varying degrees, because Satan knows just what it will take to get our attention.' He then went on to say: 'Temptation is nothing more than preparation. When we are tempted, we are being prepared for challenges that lie ahead. How we fare through our temptations will determine how we handle ourselves down the road.'

At hand to support the training were some representatives from the Adventist Disaster Relief Agency (ADRA-UK). They came bearing monetary gifts for some of the community services projects in the NEC. Sharon Platt-McDonald (BUC Community Services Director) and Bert Smit (ADRA-UK CEO) handed out cheques to eleven community projects being run by various community services departments among the NEC churches. In a message to the NEC President, Bert Smit said, 'Today was a great experience for us and we are impressed with the new direction in which you and your team are leading the NEC! The number of people who turned up today was phenomenal, and this indicates that the church is alive!'

Yes, there are challenges ahead for the NEC, but we have a firm hope in the Jesus we serve. In the words of Pastor Jackson: 'The struggles and challenges we face actually serve to strengthen us. They teach us to persevere. They keep us on our knees, connected to our greatest Source of supply. As we struggle in the hands of the Almighty, He strengthens our wings and prepares us for the moment when He will release us to fly. Maybe you need to spend more time in a spiritual cocoon with God!'

LUNGANI SIBANDA



## 'Let your light shine'

On Sabbath 21 October last year, with glorious sunshine streaming through the windows of the Welling church, members and friends gathered for a Community Services day. The sunshine was a reflection of the theme for the day, 'Let your light shine', while the sanctuary looked splendid with autumn flowers along the pews and lanterns with glowing candles.

The special guests were the Mayor of Bexley, Peter Reader, and the Mayoress, Irene Reader, who were welcomed by Pastor Bernard Akakpo.

In response, the mayor thanked Community Services Leader, Patricia Samuel, for inviting him and the mayoress to be a part of the service. He said he had visited a number of communities and faith groups – Hindus, Muslims, Seventh-day Adventists and others – and he was amazed at the amount of community work that all these groups were doing. He encouraged the Community Services ministry to continue working in communities where there clearly is a need.

To mark the event the mayor was presented with a BUC Community Services plaque inscribed with his name, title and date. His wife was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

Other dignitaries present were Pastor Kevin Johns and his family; Liz and Karl Simpson (Liz is the President of Community Service Federation of Area 6B); and Karen



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Jull and Linda Wade from the Welling play group.

The Community Services report was presented by Anne-Marie Gerreyn and Allan Samuel, who mentioned some of the projects undertaken during the year: contributions to a local play group; Grenfell Tower Fire Disaster – donations and support to those

affected by the Grenfell Tower disaster; contributions to various bereaved families; food baskets for a number of needy church members; and the sponsorship of needy children abroad.

The service was enriched by musical items from a variety of talented singers, and the sermon of Pastor Kevin Johns, who spoke

on 'Let Your Light So Shine', drawing his inspiration from Matthew 5:14-16.

The service concluded with the lighting of candles signifying the purpose of Christians to be a light to the world. The praise team then led out in the singing of 'Go light your world'.

BETHENE WITTER WHITE

## Smethwick Breath of Life Church (Birmingham)

On Sabbath 16 December last year, two Breath of Life events took place. The first was an annual meeting at Matalan in Smethwick, where the church choir ministered to hundreds of shoppers on this busy Saturday afternoon prior to the holiday season, with a combination of Christian music and Adventist books and tracts.

Song leaders, Monica Smith and Kerisia Powell-Amadi, introduced a strong choir group from Breath of Life Church that sang a selection of much-loved Christmas favourites. There was also a solo from Kerisia, who sang 'O Holy Night'. This was followed by a special public request of 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing', and a duet by Carol Lee and Kerisia, entitled, 'I shall forever lift mine eyes to Calvary'. The programme was rounded off with two choir favourites, 'Mmm Yahweh, Jesus is coming' and 'Every Praise to our God'.

According to Monica, who is a local elder, 'Shoppers stopped to listen to our ministry, and although we don't celebrate Christmas, it was an opportunity to minister and bring the love of Christ to the community'.

Kerisia noted this experience: 'One Asian male approached us and said he was thrilled that we keep the Sabbath, for he does too!'

Part two of this busy afternoon involved the choir and other Breath of Life members moving on to Charles Pearson House, Smethwick, to present a programme to the elderly residents there. This was Cynthia



Litchfield's comment: 'Every year we book this event and are so blessed by the reaction of the residents as they join in with the singing. They also got a chance to testify of God's goodness and have their prayer requests prayed for'.

Breath of Life's pastor, Eric Lawrence, said: 'These events out in the community are what church is all about: the chance to share Christ's love and tell the local folk that we are there for them and that we just simply like singing to and with them'.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT



Jani and her grandmother

## Huddersfield revival meetings

The Crosland Moor and Fartown Churches were blessed by the ministry of evangelist Simba Muhau, a theology student at Newbold College, during their annual week of prayer in November last year.

The theme for the week was 'By Grace Alone', and each night evangelist Muhau spoke on the grace of God as demonstrated in the lives of different Bible characters, including Adam and Eve; the Shunamite woman; the woman who touched the hem of Christ's garment; and the prodigal son.

On Sabbath 18 November there was a special day of fellowship for all, which culminated in the afternoon with the baptism of Jani Clarke-Isaac, aged 15, from Fartown Church.

Jani chose John 3:16 as her Scripture reading and she was baptised by our local minister, Pastor Chenjerai, as a witness not only to the church members present, but also to the family and friends she had invited. She follows in the footsteps of her grandmother, Veronica Clarke, a longstanding and faithful member. Jani was warmly welcomed in to the church family by all present.

VERONICA WHITTLE

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**Deadline for applications: 28 February 2018.**



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**The closing date is 28 February 2018.**





## Ringway's Christingle service

Every year, the members of the Ringway Life Building, young and old, present their Christingle programme. Last year they held it on the Sabbath morning of 3 December.

To start with, the service included three violin solos by children aged 7, 9 and 12, followed by a well-dramatised report of the work done by ADRA in Laos, as well as that following the various devastating hurricanes the world experienced in 2017.

What followed this was a performance of Little Donkey, done using ringing bells. It was so well done that the performers were asked to do it again.

The children also did the prayer, took up the offering, and explained the imagery of the Christingle. (See box right.)

Thanks to the patient efforts of Chris, Beryl, Wendy and Alla, the children performed their roles to perfection. As someone put it so aptly, 'The children played, sang and prayed their hearts out!'

PHILIP EMM

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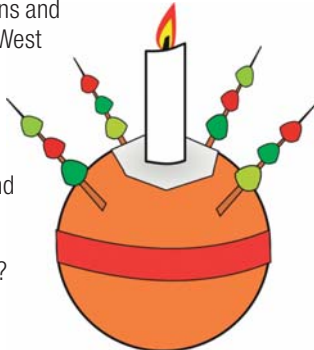
## The Christingle

The Christingle is a Christian symbolism with its origins in Moravian Church tradition. Its roots can be traced back 'to Bishop Johannes de Watteville, who started the tradition in Germany in 1747. At that time it was just a red ruff wrapped around a candle.'<sup>1</sup>

Christingle services became popular in the UK in 1968 as a result of John Pensom's fund-raising work for The Children's Society. It is thought that over 5,000 Christingle services are held in the UK every year. They are popular among many Christians in the weeks leading up to Christmas and provide an opportunity for our members to invite friends and family to join them in appreciating this Christ-centred symbolism in an Adventist church.

'Here's what the different parts of the Christingle represent:

- The orange is round like the world.
- The candle stands tall and straight and gives light in the dark like the love of God.
- The red ribbon goes all around the "world" and is a symbol of the blood Jesus shed when he died for us.
- The four sticks point in all directions and symbolise North, South, East and West – they also represent the four seasons.
- The fruit and nuts (or sometimes sweets) represent the fruits of the earth, nurtured by the sunshine and the rain.'<sup>2</sup>



It is an idea worth considering, isn't it?

<sup>1</sup><https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christingle>

<sup>2</sup><https://www.whychristmas.com/customs/>

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For enquiries or to register and pay, please contact the BUC Women's Ministries secretary, Pilira Zapita, on 01923 672251 or via e-mail at : [pzapita@adventist.uk](mailto:pzapita@adventist.uk). Closing date for registration and payment is Monday 30th April, 2018.

*Esther Institute of Excellence is a nurturing and development BUC initiative for girls and young ladies with a holistic curriculum covering spiritual, emotional, intellectual, physical and social development.*

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## A carolling eightieth birthday

On 23 December Exeter Church held their annual carol service, organised by Stella Jeffery. In addition to singing a variety of carols, there were readings and other items from a number of church members. Stella spoke about Jesus as the King with no crown, as He chose to identify with humanity by becoming one of us and living among ordinary people. However, she reminded the congregation that, one day, Jesus will return as King of Kings, when every eye shall see Him. The church was packed and it was wonderful to hear the heartfelt singing of familiar carols powerfully led by Cor van der Wijngaard on the organ. Church

members were especially pleased to welcome several visitors and contacts for this seasonal service.

It was also a special occasion for Angela Waldron who was celebrating her eightieth birthday. During the refreshment time after the service, Angela blew out the candles on her birthday cake and Stella presented her with a basket of plants and a card on behalf of the church. Angela has been a deaconess at the church and is always a good friend with a sympathetic ear. For many years she has baked the communion bread and has been one of the star collectors for ADRA. She and her husband, Ron, often led church walks, and Angela would love to look for birds' nests in the hedgerows. Her love of nature has always been apparent. We wish



Angela and Ron

Angela well in the future and pray that God will continue to bless her and her much-loved, devoted husband in every way.

STELLA JEFFERY

# Newbold to offer Andrews University Doctor of Ministry degree

Newbold College of Higher Education and Andrews University (United States) have partnered to offer a Doctor of Ministry degree (DMin) at Newbold in 2018.

The DMin, specialising in Multi-ethnic/Multicultural Mission and Ministry, will have a one-off intake commencing in 2018, with intensive classes from mid-May to early June 2018, followed by further intensive classes in 2019, 2020, and 2021, and the doctoral research project.

The programme aims to aid with the normalisation and celebration of racial diversity in the postmodern world. Through the programme, doctoral students will learn to apply principles of racial reconciliation in church and community; transition a church for inclusive mission and ministry; process and manage change; implement spiritual health into twenty-first century life; utilise principles of reflective practice; implement best practices; and establish clear assessment indicators.

'Newbold College of Higher Education is responding to the clear demands of pastors across the Trans-European Division for a professional doctorate in the area of pastoral ministry,' said Dr John Baildam, Principal of Newbold College.

'In collaboration with Andrews University and the Trans-European Division, the College has selected a concentration in Multi-ethnic/Multicultural Mission and Ministry, which we believe is the one best suited to the opportunities within our geographical area.

'We believe that this Andrews University doctorate, offered on the Newbold campus, will give our pastors the opportunity to grow spiritually and professionally, enabling them to approach their ministry with ever greater cultural sensitivity. Church members will be assured that their pastors have undergone this advanced study with the aim of serving their congregations in an even better way.

'This programme is a further example of Newbold reaching out across the Division in response to expressed needs, and it will be wonderful to host what we anticipate will be a highly multicultural group of participants,' concluded Dr Baildam.

Successful applicants will hold a Master of Divinity degree (or equivalent) and have a minimum of three years' experience in ministry, among other admission requirements. Applications close on 16 March, so interested applicants should enquire as soon as possible by emailing [vspoljar@newbold.ac.uk](mailto:vspoljar@newbold.ac.uk); or by calling 01344 407423. More information is available on the Newbold website: [www.newbold.ac.uk/doctor-of-ministry](http://www.newbold.ac.uk/doctor-of-ministry).

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