

## Tottenham WGR ground-breaking ceremony

by Natasha Pujols

With a drumroll and the loud sounds of drilling, Tottenham West Green Road Seventh-day Adventist Church celebrated the ground-breaking ceremony which commenced the construction of their church refurbishment on Sunday, 4 March.

Their plan is to build an extension that will allow them to bring the sanctuary downstairs and locate the Sugar Plum Day Nursery upstairs. Currently, they struggle to get their less able-bodied members upstairs,

and in the event of an emergency worshippers would be able to evacuate more effectively. The members are mostly excited for the baptismal pool, as, according to the church leaders, 'giving birth' to new Christians is at the forefront of their ministry.

Local Councillor Barbara Blake, who was in attendance, thanked the church for all the community service and the friendship they have created over the years. She hopes for an invitation and requested that several flowers be planted in front of the building when the project is complete.

'I hope my connection with you and the love that I get from you will continue,' said Ms Blake. 'You have my best wishes.'

Pastor Jude Jeanville explained that under no circumstance will the church discontinue its community outreach programmes. Because of the relationship the church has formed with the council, it has been given permission to use the Green Park located just across the road for any community event.

'Many folk know us for the Green,' said Jeanville. 'We will be able to continue our work in the community in many areas.'

The building was bought over 30 years ago and, as pioneer Newell Riley explained, the church had hoped and planned to make the necessary refurbishments 20 years ago. He gives all credit and thanks to God for leading Pastor Jeanville into their church – someone 'who is so energetic' and has managed to motivate the members to do the job.

The project enjoys the support of the entire congregation, who have accepted the challenge to collectively gather £170,000 in a year. In addition, the members were not shy to roll their sleeves up and help clear out the building on 24 February after the Sabbath had closed.

The main project contractor is Simon Parton, Director of Desire Construction Ltd, who has worked alongside Seventh-day Adventist churches for almost a decade. His first church project was with Pastor Jeanville in Wolverhampton, and he understands exactly what the members' expectations are with respect to no work taking place over the Sabbath.

'Rest assured that the church renovations will be done to the highest standards,' said Parton. 'I like to hand the church back to its members and see the smiles on everyone's faces.'

The project will cost up to £600,000 and is estimated to be completed by 14 December 2018. During this time the church

will congregate in the West Green Road Baptist Church, 182-184 West Green Road, N15 5AF. The members are thankful to their minister, Dr Stephen Agilinko, for opening his doors to them.

The church also gives special thanks to Steve Okelo, British Union Conference; Pastor Steve McKenzie, South England Conference; and Project Manager Mike Coleman, who have assisted in the realisation of this dream.

'This project is much more than the rebuilding of the church; it's about building faith and building relationships within the church and in the community,' said Pastor Jeanville.



Left to right: Pastor Jude Jeanville, Councillor Barbara Blake and Steve Okelo



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

### Liquids

In this issue we look at the fourth element in the HEALTHY format series – liquids.

The Natural Hydration Council's website<sup>1</sup> answers a range of questions relating to how much fluid we should be ingesting, the best types of drinks for hydration, and how we can encourage children to make healthy choices for their fluid intake.

Quoting from recent studies on liquid intake, the council highlights this recommendation from the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA).

'The European Food Safety Authority recommends an intake of 2.5 litres of water for men and 2.0 litres of water for women per day, via food and drink consumption.'<sup>2</sup>

The EFSA further suggests that:

- 70-80% of the daily water intake should come from drinks.
- The remaining 20-30% should come from food.

The British Nutrition Foundation gives guidelines for the types of fluid to drink, stating that water is the only fluid which they recommend drinking 'plenty of' because it contains no sugar, calories or additives.<sup>3</sup>

Research demonstrates that adequate hydration can enhance children's performance in school, particularly in the areas of visual attention, fine motor function and cognitive skills.<sup>4,5</sup>

The Cleveland Clinic gives advice about some fluids which actually tend to dehydrate rather than hydrate.

'Alcoholic and caffeinated beverages, such as coffee, teas, and colas, are not recommended for optimal hydration. These fluids tend to pull water from the body and promote dehydration.'<sup>6</sup>

Additionally, the Cleveland Clinic gives this advice for hydration while undertaking sports activities:

'Water is all you need if you are planning to be active in a low- or moderate-intensity activity, such as walking, for only an hour or less. If you plan to be exercising longer than that, or if you anticipate being out in the sun for more than a few hours, you may want to hydrate with some kind of sports drink. These replace not only fluid, but also chemicals like sodium and potassium, which are lost through perspiration.'

Maintain hydration for well-being.

### Healthy drinking!

<sup>1</sup> [www.naturalhydrationcouncil.org.uk](http://www.naturalhydrationcouncil.org.uk)

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<sup>6</sup> <https://myclevelandclinic.org/health/treatments/9013-dehydration-avoidance-proper-hydration>



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# It was for Julie . . .



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### The chilling questions . . .

To my mind, this fresh story of remarkable courage and heroism begs these questions: *Would I have swapped places with Julie? Would I have had the courage to be 'a dead man walking', in order to set some unknown woman free?*

Beltrame did have other options: wait for a more senior officer to arrive and hand the tactical command over to him or her; bring in a highly skilled hostage negotiator and hope that he would defuse things; play for time until one of his snipers had a 'clear shot' – to mention a few. Why didn't he use one of them? Simply because none of them could guarantee Julie's safety. He saw a hostage swap as the only way to get her out alive.

### Did he know her full name?

It doesn't seem so. He may not even have known her first name, for all we know. He couldn't have known anything about her background: whether she was married or not, a good person or not. But, in a sense, none of that was important to Beltrame. What mattered to him was that she was a helpless hostage, and he was in a position to take her place – to save her life.

Through his attitude and actions Lt. Col. Arnaud Beltrame provides us with one of those precious opportunities to reflect on a similar, yet infinitely greater 'hostage swap' that is summarised by the apostle Paul in these words:

*'And we can see that it was while we were powerless to help ourselves that Christ died for sinful men. In human experience it is a rare thing for one man to give his life for another, even if the latter be a good man, though there have been a few who have had the courage to do it. Yet the proof of God's amazing love is this: that it was while we were sinners that Christ died for us.'* (Romans 5:6-8, PHILLIPS.)

Beltrame, the hero, died to set Julie free. Jesus, the Son of God, died to grant a far greater freedom to every human being with a mind to receive it – **freedom from the domination of sin and the destiny of eternal death!** Jesus died, not just for the unknown, but also for the ungodly – truly a strange and exceptional act. Yes, Jesus died in a potential 'hostage swap' that could have set His accusers and tormentors free, but for their asking. Instead, it seems, most of them chose to spurn His gracious offer.

**But what of you and me all these centuries later? Let's not waste His sacrifice again.**

For me it was *The Sunday Times* catch line that said it all: *'He gave his life for that of another, for someone he didn't know.'* It so aptly summed up the attitude and actions of Lieutenant-Colonel Arnaud Beltrame, hero of the siege at the Super U budget supermarket in the small French town of Trèbes.

At this stage, the precise details of what happened on Friday, 23 March in that supermarket have not yet been fully pieced together. What we do know, however, is that after a five-mile car chase a radicalised gunman, Radouane Lakdim, burst into the supermarket, causing mayhem. Without hesitation he 'shot dead the supermarket's butcher and another person, wounding staff and customers in a spray of gunfire.'<sup>2</sup> Then, as elements of France's crack GIGN anti-terrorist unit closed in on him, most of the 50 others on the premises managed to escape.

### Arnaud for Julie

At that point, Lt. Col. Beltrame, the ranking officer at the scene, took a brave but unusual decision. He personally offered to exchange places with the gunman's last hostage, a woman. The offer was accepted and Julie – the only clue to her identity so far – was set free.

According to *The New York Times*: 'While he did not carry a gun as he went inside, Lt. Col. Arnaud Beltrame did bring in his phone, which he left on a table with the line open so that his colleagues outside could listen in. . . .'<sup>3</sup> The report goes on to say that 'the officer spent about two hours inside the Super U market facing the gunman,' until his colleagues heard 'gunshots through the phone', rushed in, killed the perpetrator and found Beltrame suffering from severe stab and gunshot wounds. Tragically, he died overnight from these injuries.

### A remarkable man

The French authorities will no doubt release more information about this horrific incident as it becomes available. I already know enough, however, to see that the hero of the story was a remarkable man, even when judged by the high standards we have come to expect from the world's elite police forces. My reason for this is quite simple.

Arnaud Beltrame did something that I have already alluded to as 'unusual': **he led by example.** He was in operational command of the GIGN anti-terrorist unit that surrounded the supermarket. He was expected to monitor the situation, create a workable plan of action, then deploy his highly trained men to their specific tasks. Beltrame was **trained to manage** terror-related incidents, but that fateful day **he chose to manage by leading!**

Having said that, I asked myself these questions: Why did he choose to lead his men rather than deploy them? Why did he do it himself, rather than assign the task to someone else? I think the answer is quite simple: **it was for Julie!** He was committed to the safety of any hostages. They were his foremost concern, and he knew that the only way to guarantee Julie's safety was a hostage swap.

He also knew that any member of his team who volunteered to take her place would be 'a dead man walking'. Or, as *The Guardian* reported it: 'By offering to swap places with hostages held by a terrorist gunman who had already killed three people and had declared his allegiance to Islamic State (ISIS), the decorated officer would have known he was almost certainly walking to his death.'<sup>4</sup>

So, then, why did he choose to lead? **Simply because he could not expect any of his men to**

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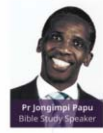
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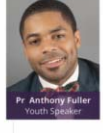
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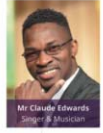
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# My journey

Soon after I was baptised my hands began to heal, and I was able to get work on a building site.

In Psalm 33 we are told that God looks down from heaven and sees all mankind. He watches and considers everything we do.

When the Lord looked down from heaven and saw Desmond, He didn't like what He saw.

I was born in India, as my father was a military man stationed out there. I had no religious upbringing. Dad and Mum had nine children – five girls and four boys – and I was second from the bottom. At the age of five I was sent with a servant to a military school situated in the Nilgiri Hills in Southern India. I came home only once a year as the school was about 2,000 miles away from my home.

They were very strict with us and I found it difficult to learn, so much so that I was called 'Dopey'. I never passed one examination and I always longed for the time when I could go home.

Sometimes at night I would lie on my back and look up at the night sky and see the stars twinkling in the Milky Way and say to myself, 'I would like to go there someday, but who is going to take me?'

The years went by, and as I neared the time to leave school war broke out in Europe. Three of my brothers joined the Army and I joined the RAF. I had to go to a

camp to be toughened up through what they called 'square-bashing'. After this I applied for training as a fighter pilot, but instead they wanted me to be a radio operator. I refused.

'What was that you said?' demanded the commanding officer.

I repeated, 'No!' 'Listen here, laddie, you are just a number now and you will do as I tell you!' was his shouted response.

I can still remember my number to this day. It was 772847. So they decided to make me do guard duty on the airfields and at times guard ammunition dumps. One night I fell asleep! Luckily I was not caught out, as the punishment would have been very severe. I did some driving as well.

Time came for me to be de-mobbed. I boarded a troop ship called SS *Worcestershire* which sailed from Bombay to Liverpool.

Now what to do? I had no one and nowhere to go. I mentioned this to my friend, who was also being de-mobbed, and he told me not to worry as his mum and dad would put me up. We continued on our journey to York, to a pub called The Cygnet Inn. His mum and dad were very good to me.

I got work on the railways. I wanted to be a fireman on the

footplate of those steam locomotives. I enjoyed my job, but in my spare time I became a compulsive gambler, played the horses and also got myself into bad company.

I liked going to the theatre. One day a famous hypnotist came to town and claimed that ten minutes' hypnotic sleep was equivalent to eight hours' sound sleep. One particular day I was due to work the night shift, but I decided not to rest that day and went instead to get my ten minutes of hypnotic sleep. The hypnotist asked for eight people to come onto the stage, and I was one of the first.

He lined us up and clicked his fingers at each one. Immediately, he had control of their minds. When he came to me, I did not respond. (I now believe that this was because the Lord was protecting me.) To cover his embarrassment, he turned to the audience and claimed that he was unable to hypnotise me as I had a screw loose! He then invited me to assist him.

First, he gave me a basket of onions. He persuaded the volunteers that they were tropical fruit and then instructed me to hand them out. They were soon devoured and the people wanted more!

Next, he lit a flame and got

them to sit down and put their hands out. Then I was told to place this flame under their hands. They suffered no burns! He did many other amazing things as well. But I didn't get my sleep!

A year or two went by with me living this kind of lifestyle, and I think the Lord was not pleased, so He decided He was going to do something about it.

One day, I noticed my hands had begun to swell. Blisters broke out all over them and my nails were discoloured.

I got frightened so I went straight to the hospital. They had never seen anything like this before. Various treatments did not help and I soon lost my job. I eventually found myself on the street as I was not welcome anywhere with my mystery disease.

I can't remember how it came about, but one day I heard that my mother had arrived in England and was residing in Bournemouth. So I went down to see her.

She was distressed when she saw me with my hands bandaged. She took me in, and I had only been there two or three days when there was a knock at the front door. I answered it and there stood a young lady. 'We are about to hold evangelistic meetings in this town. Would you like to come?' she asked.

I paused for a moment and thought to myself that it must have something to do with religion, so I said, 'No, thank you,' and closed the door.

A day or so later while I was standing near the front door I heard someone knock. It was the same young lady, and I said, 'Not you again!'

'Yes,' she said. 'I felt impressed to call on you again.' This time I thought I had better agree to go, otherwise she would likely be back again!

The meetings were held in a large hall. I used to sneak in and sit at the back, then leave just before it finished. One evening the preacher met me and asked if I had enjoyed what I had heard and if I would like to learn more.

I agreed, and my Bible studies began. I told him how I had looked up at the night sky when I had been in India and how I had wished to go there some day, but there was no one who would be able to take me.

'I know who can.'

'Are you sure?' I asked, incredulously.

He taught me about a wonderful Saviour. He read from John 14 and 1 Thess. 4. Yes, that's it! Jesus will take me there. I accepted Jesus as my Friend and Saviour.

Soon after I was baptised my hands began to heal, and I was able to get work on a building site. On receiving my first wage packet, I held it up to the Lord and promised to return to Him that which belonged to Him – and I have done it ever since. I have never been in want or debt. I have proved that the Lord is faithful to His promise.

One day I noticed in the papers an advertisement for firemen to work on the railways in Southern Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe), so I applied. I had to go to Plymouth for the interview and I was accepted. This job had a great deal to offer – a house, a servant and excellent money. I was to leave in a few days' time. I had just accepted the Lord and promised to keep His commandments, which included keeping the Sabbath day holy. So I asked the interviewer if I would be able to have Saturdays off. He shook his head. I asked if I could leave the room for a moment to think. I prayed to the Lord to tell me what to do. The answer came to me, 'Do not go!'

So I went back home to Bournemouth. Soon afterwards I went to work at Stanborough Park, where I met a young lady named Phyllis. We got married and eventually had two children.

Many years later I heard that Vilma and Barbara, two of my four sisters who were living in Adelaide, were ill, so I decided to go and see them. The plane touched down on Friday morning. When one of my other sisters, Doris, met me, I could tell that she was anxious to say something to me. 'Desmond,' she said, 'some time ago I accepted Jesus as my Friend and Saviour and I am a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and go to church on Saturdays. Would you like to come with me?' What rejoicing to share with her my story – my journey into the Adventist Church!

The rejoicing was not to stop there. I went to church with her that Sabbath morning. Looking around at the congregation I noticed a lady staring at me. When the service ended, she began to walk up to me and only then did I realise who she was. It was the same lady who 40 years before had invited me to the evangelistic meetings in Bournemouth! She was overjoyed that I had remained faithful. There is no greater joy than leading someone to Jesus.

The Lord has been very good to me. I've led a varied and oftentimes exciting life. I had always wanted to learn to fly. When hang-gliding was introduced in this country in the early seventies, I was one of the first few to qualify. Since then I have had four hang-gliders and three microlights, and I've spent many hours in light aircraft after obtaining my pilot's licence.

When you accept Jesus it's not all plain sailing. There are tough times as well as good ones. When I was baptised the minister warned me that I would meet with many trials – and I have. But he also advised me to keep my eyes fixed on Jesus, who would never fail or forsake me. I am now 91 years of age and can testify to the truth of that promise.

I'd like to share a text that has sustained me for many years: 'The Lord Himself will go before you. He will be with you. He will never leave you nor forsake you. So don't be afraid and don't be discouraged.' (Deuteronomy 31:8, author's translation.)



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# A Creation and Science Conference report . . . and news of what lies ahead

Mention the words *creation* and *science* together in a sentence and you have the ingredients for a serious debate. The quality of this debate can vary from explosive mud-slinging to quibbling over arcane scientific details that are only accessible to truly committed scientific minds.

It was in an attempt to frame the debate in constructive and accessible terms that some pastors and a handful of church members from the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland met in Dublin on 6 March for a conference on creation and science.

Joining them around the table were four distinguished scientists: Dr Alastair Noble from the Centre of Intelligent Design in Glasgow; Professor John Walton from the School of Chemistry at the University of St Andrews; Dr Robert Beckett, a scientist and Evangelical Presbyterian minister from North Belfast who is connected to the organisation

Answers in Genesis; and Dr Mart de Groot, former director of the Armagh Observatory. All four scientists have a professed commitment to affirming the biblical story of creation in a way that engages constructively with science.

Each presentation acknowledged the difficulty that the scientific method poses. 'At the heart of current scientific method lies a commitment to the philosophy of naturalism,' said Mart de Groot. 'In simple terms, this means that scientists are only interested in the basic constituent parts of the universe: mass, energy, time, motion. They do not allow for any interference or input from outside. As Christians, we still believe in a God who is separate from the universe, who can interfere if He wants to – a God who can choose to let axes float on water.'

Robert Beckett raised some of the big questions that life poses: 'Who am I? Where do I come

from? Is there life after death? What are my responsibilities in life?' He said that 'In Ireland for centuries there has been a traditional answer that the Bible gives, which affirms that there is a God who made us and gave us a purpose and responsibilities in life, and that we are accountable to God for how we live.' People did not like this answer, and 'evolution has become an alternative answer to these big questions. It says that God did not create you. It all happened by chance. It took millions of years for this to happen. And if this is the case, the purpose of life and morality becomes relativised.'

The presentations made it clear that these scientists believed that there was a compelling truth in the biblical story of the origins and purpose of life on earth. This does not mean, however, that one completely discounts science. Each of the scientists seems to have found enough evidence in the practice of their scientific discipline to affirm their belief in the claims of Scripture, and to undermine some of the stridently anti-theistic claims of science.

Here the conversation did become technical at times. John Walton spoke about his experience in the field of chemistry.

He described some of the thinking around the concept of *chemical space*, which tries to estimate the staggeringly large number of compounds that can possibly be formed from all the chemical elements and compounds in the world. 'The amount of protein polypeptide chains of modest length – perhaps 250 units – that you can derive from combining 20 natural amino acids, for example, exceeds 10 to the power of 325. Given this huge potential for various combinations it is really hard to think that a random process in a primordial soup could locate and make just the right, comparatively small, selection of special molecules that are needed to set in motion living organisms.'

Alastair Noble's presentation was filled with quotations from highly respected scientists who find that scientific theory falls short on giving fully convincing explanations for the origin of life. He also outlined several specific cases where scientific research seems to point incontrovertibly to evidence of design in the workings of life. One of the key areas of research that offers such evidence is in the extremely sophisticated mechanism that DNA uses to transfer all that is needed for life to exist and to replicate itself. As he summarised the literature on the topic, he concluded that 'DNA must contain the mind of God.'

A conclusion that was reiterated by more than one presenter was that recent scientific research has raised many questions that point to gaps in some of its most sacred theories of origins. They went on to say that with careful scientific reasoning it is possible to point out these anomalies even without

needing to mention what the Bible teaches on the issue. This provides a glimmer of hope at a time when many scientists are overtly hostile to any mention of God and His plan for creation.

Each of the presenters made passionate pleas for the church to engage with science and to encourage the study of science. Robert Beckett said that our young people often do not know what questions to ask to bring their faith into conversation with science. Alastair Noble quoted research by the Discovery Institute that 79% of American pastors address science and faith issues approximately once a year, and that a mere 1% of youth pastors ever address these issues. Evidence is that 60 to 70% of young Christians drop out of church in their twenties. Could we arrest such a drop-out rate somewhat by providing quality tuition and resources that help young people find meaning and purpose in the belief of a Creator God?

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Ireland is planning to take one step to meet this challenge during April this year. On 21 and 28 April congregations across the island of Ireland will screen a recent documentary entitled 'Is Genesis History?' in a European premier. The documentary features well-known creation scientist, Del Tackett, as he explores those places where science and the Bible affirm each other.

You can be part of this event. Follow the Facebook page and share the information with your friends; or sign up for tickets to any of the screenings in your area by visiting the website: [www.genesisperspectives.info](http://www.genesisperspectives.info). Not all the venues are listed on this page yet, but as soon as they are confirmed they will appear.



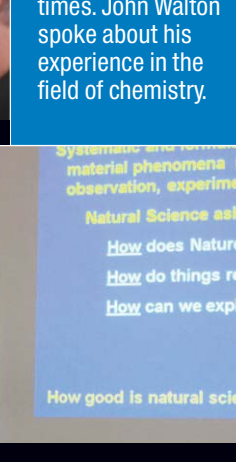
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# Help in time of need

ADRA's response to humanitarian crises, disasters and emergencies

by Catherine Anthony Boldeau,  
ADRA-UK Development Education Officer

The 2018 ADRA Appeal is almost at an end, but the work of ADRA continues on a daily basis. Although the principal work of ADRA is development, we also respond to humanitarian crises, disasters and emergencies across the globe.

ADRA-UK is part of the global network of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency, which means that ADRA offices around the world can pool their resources to respond to such events. This, along with the outstanding generosity of the Seventh-day Adventists, means that funds can be raised quickly to help feed the hungry, treat the sick and empower the poor. In 2017 we were able to provide relief in Syria, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nigeria, Nepal, St Maarten, Acklins and Ragged Islands, the Bahamas and Tortola, as well as in the UK (Grenfell Tower).

## East African drought

As part of our relief work, we responded to the persistent East African drought crisis caused by the El Niño weather phenomenon which has faced millions with starvation. One such project is in the Mandela County, North-eastern Kenya, where ADRA is working with 500 households to change the lives of at least 5,000 people.

Genie Issack Adow benefited from this particular intervention. She is a 58-year-old single mother of eight children and grandmother of three. Her home comprises three small

grass-and-stick huts, one of which is used as a kitchen. ADRA trained Genie and others in her community in water-saving vegetable cultivation technologies and livestock fodder production. This has enabled her and others in her community to harvest spinach, kale and tomatoes to feed their families, while selling the surplus for money to buy cereals.

ADRA also provided training on the rehabilitation of rangeland degraded by the drought. When the rains failed to come in December 2017 and drought set in, all the livestock from the neighbouring areas was drawn to the project, as this was the only place where fodder was available.

## Rohingya crisis

Samira and her grandson arrived in Bangladesh in September 2017 from Rakhine State in Myanmar. Her four daughters were killed by militants with machetes, leaving her to flee with the young baby to save both their lives. They are two of the more than 436,000 Rohingya who fled to Bangladesh in just over a month. More than half were children, many of whom have faced trauma unlike anything we can imagine.

These refugees now reside in camps, some of which were built more than 30 years ago, while others were constructed spontaneously in response to this crisis. There are not enough supplies in these camps to match the overwhelming need of these refugees. Samira says that she does not have enough to feed her grandson. ADRA is on the ground in Bangladesh responding to the



needs of these refugees, working to distribute food to more than 7,000 refugee households that will last them for three months. We are also supplying other vital resources to assist with the provision of shelter.

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Dr Richard de Lisser

## Assassination and Adventism

Fifty years ago, on 4 April 1968, Dr Martin Luther King, Jnr, was assassinated by James Earl Ray in Memphis, Tennessee. Dr King had been called to Memphis to champion the cause of civil rights and racial equality by leading out in a protest supporting the black sanitation workers' strike.

Adventists also found themselves front and centre in the civil rights struggle in Memphis with Dr King, as Samuel G. London, Jnr, in his book *Seventh-day Adventists and the Civil Rights Struggle*, explains. According to him, Dr Charles Edward Dudley, one of the longest-serving administrators in the history of the denomination, dispatched the South Central Conference's medical van to Memphis to help provide healthcare to the poor people of that city and stand shoulder-to-shoulder with Dr King.

Following Dr King's assassination, Dr Dudley, as part of the Poor People's Campaign – the brainchild of Dr King – helped to transport demonstrators from Mississippi, Tennessee, and Virginia to Washington DC. Dr Dudley once again dispatched the medical van and its team to assist in providing healthcare in the nation's capital for the occupants of Resurrection City, a

shanty town set up on the National Mall. There he stayed, in Resurrection City, for six weeks. The General Conference under the leadership of Pastor Robert H. Pierson, president from 1966 to 1979, granted money and supplies, along with the denomination's eighteen-wheeler trucks, to transport supplies of cots and blankets to Resurrection City.

There were two other Adventist ministers working in Memphis at the time of Dr King's assassination. Dr Charles Joseph and Pastor Earl Moore, both ministers in the South Central Conference, were responsible for raising the funds, some \$38,000, that were used for the purchase of the medical van that Dr Dudley despatched to Memphis along with the necessary volunteer doctors and nurses.

Just a few days before Dr King was assassinated, Pastor Moore took the medical van to Jackson, Mississippi, to have it repaired. While there, Moore stayed at the home of

**'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.'**

Dr Charles Joseph, who lived next to the brother of the slain civil rights leader, Medgar Evers. It was while at the home of Charles Evers, according to Samuel G. London, that the following transpired:

"When word arrived of Martin Luther King Jnr's assassination, Moore and Joseph went to Evers's home. As the three conversed the telephone rang and Charles Evers answered. It was Sen. Robert F. Kennedy (1925-1968), the former US attorney general and brother of slain president John F. Kennedy (1917-1963). In an effort to curtail anger within the black community, Kennedy asked him to deliver a message on national radio. Evers told Kennedy he would. Before hanging up, Moore overheard Evers say: 'I hope that it'll help, but this is a tragedy that America does not need.' Sensing that violence was imminent, Moore left for Memphis the next day to provide medical care for the injured.'

World-famous evangelist E. E. Cleveland, upon hearing of the assassination of Dr King, headed for Washington DC, where he found it ablaze. Upon learning that there were food shortages in the nation's capital, Cleveland turned the city's first Seventh-day Adventist church into a food distribution centre, where volunteers under his direction and that of his friend, John Trusty, fed thousands of destitute people during this crisis.

As we remember the life of Dr Martin Luther King Jnr fifty years on it is good to know that the Seventh-day Adventist Church played an active part in the civil rights struggle. May we continue this legacy, following these words recorded in Luke 4:18-19 (KJV):



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Gina Abbequaye



Brighton Kavaloh

## Education and the law: a wake-up call

On Sunday 28 January, teachers, parents, and church members gathered at the Advent Centre in London for a seminar entitled *Education and the Law: Challenges Facing Schools in a Secular Society – How to Be Wise, Yet Harmless*. This informative and very well-delivered event was organised by the South England Conference's (SEC) Education Department. Hearts were directed by the two main speakers, who looked at the issues from the perspective of God's law and the law of the land. This was done in view of the upcoming Government proposal to teach children as young as five according to the proposed sex and relationship education/SRE strategy. The Government opened this to public consultation and the last day for response was 12 February 2018. The immediate response of the audience after this event was, 'This is a wake-up call!'

The issues at hand are the Government's plans to make sex education compulsory in all schools in England. Primary school children will also get education on safe and healthy relationships and children will also be taught about transgender and same-sex relationships. This is derived from the Government's desire to promote British values – in this case sexual orientation. Other British values include tolerance of different faiths and beliefs, democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect.

During the devotional SEC President, Dr Emmanuel Osei, read from Mark 8:23-25, where Jesus healed a blind man in two stages. With Jesus' first touch the man could only see people as walking trees, but the second touch restored his vision totally. Dr Osei made the point that 'we too have blurred vision, and today we need the touch of Jesus so our vision can be clear.'

The guest speaker, Roger Kiska, a legal counsel at the Christian Legal Centre in London with extensive experience at the European Court of Human Rights, brought good news to the audience: first through the encouragement found in his favourite scripture, Deuteronomy 31:6 (KJV), to have 'courage [and] not ... be afraid'; and then through his knowledge of the law pertaining to the dilemmas parents and teachers are confronted by in the secular school system. He said parents have a right to remove their children from the classes which they feel are inappropriate for their children, and teachers also have a right not to teach sexual relationship classes.

Kiska's organisation deems that teaching sex education to young children is inappropriate. He added that deciding to teach the children is what is inappropriate. He also informed the audience of what other ministries of education in Europe are teaching. For example, in Belgium, primary school children are taught to name different varieties of sexual positions, while their class teachers use Gummy Bears to demonstrate them. The World Health Organisation has some courses that teach sex education to children as young as four; therefore 'we cannot guarantee what will be deemed as appropriate to be taught to our youngest children under our Government's new Sex Education proposal', Kiska said.

Pastor Kavaloh, retired Seventh-day Adventist pastor and current director of the Advent Religio-Legal Perspective ministry, highlighted how vital it is for every member of the Church to respond under such circumstances.

He made it quite clear that not all British values are at fault. Therefore,

fundamental British values like democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and the mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs are to be embraced. However, 'when fundamental British values contradict fundamental biblical principles in public life, my liberty of conscience dictates that the latter take precedence,' said Pastor Kavaloh.

'I really liked how Pastor Kavaloh taught on this subject by using the backing of Bible texts,' said one attendee; 'he showed that religious liberty is not a religious licence to provoke anyone. One can be assertive without being aggressive.'

SEC Education Director and Head Teacher of Hyland House School, Gina Abbequaye, who organised the event, said she and her team would continue to support teachers and parents in the area.

The event ended with a season of prayer led by Dr Osei.

JUDITH MAKANIANKHONDO NYIRENDA



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## Retain Reclaim – 2018

On one of the coldest weekends of the year and with the challenge of snow-ridden roads, more than 250 people still made their way to attend the 'Retain Reclaim' conference organised by the British Union Conference (BUC) Evangelism Department.

The conference, held at the popular De Vere Hotel in Staverton, Northamptonshire, from Friday 2 to Sunday 4 March, provided a top line-up of more than 10 overseas speakers. These included the main speaker, Dr Duane McKey, recently appointed as the President of Adventist World Radio, and Pastor Gary Blanchard, the General Conference Youth Director.

Some participants travelled from as far as Scotland. One, whose wife had recently passed away after being booked together with him, felt it necessary to attend and represent her commitment as well as his. Pastor Jeff Couzins from the Preston, Blackburn and Blackpool churches, despite breaking his arm the previous week, still attended, bringing with him a number of representatives from his churches.

So, in the midst of surmounting obstacles to be a part of a weekend of training, attendees reflected a spirit of resilience and defiance that they believed would benefit them greatly to become better leaders and exemplars in the process of membership retention.

Those who braved the adverse weather were not disappointed. After introductions by event organiser Dr Kirk Thomas, Dr McKey led the Friday evening plenary session with his heart-warming presentation on the need to be intergenerational in how we do ministry in our churches. This theme was developed by Pastor Gary Blanchard on Sabbath morning when he spoke of the importance of involving the youth. Reclaiming lost members would be made a lot easier if we got it right in the beginning by ensuring that our youth are involved, ministered to and empowered. 'When youth feel they belong then they will believe,' was a nugget of truth shared by Pastor Blanchard.

Throughout the weekend prayer was a focal point, with six breakout 'prayer point' sessions during which attendees were encouraged to pray about certain areas of soul winning and reclamation within the BUC. There was also a dedicated prayer room that was open from 6.30 each morning.

A host of other guest speakers led out in various workshops: Trans-European Division Youth Director Pastor Zlatko Musija spoke on 'How to Build Nurturing Intergenerational Church Communities'; Pastor Ramón Canals, Director of the Sabbath School and Personal Ministries Department of the General Conference, gave workshops on 'Relationships: Key to Reclaiming and Retaining in the Church'; Pastor Jim Howard, Associate Director of the General Conference Sabbath School and Personal Ministries Department, spoke on 'Systematic

Discipleship'; while Dr Samuel Telemaque, Director for Adventist Mission and Sabbath School from the Inter-American Division, spoke on 'How to Restore Former Members to Fellowship'.

Dr Jeff Brown, a welcome speaker and former minister in the North England Conference, returned as one of the evening speakers, now representing the General Conference as Associate Secretary of the Ministerial Association and Associate Editor of *Ministry* magazine.

Attendees were not disappointed in the options for seminars, nor the quality of the presenters. Speakers local to the BUC also contributed equally to the positive array of teaching, specifically BUC Ministerial Director, Pastor Eglan Brooks, and South England Conference directors, Anthony Fuller and Michael Mbui.

Challenging issues were addressed over the weekend, such as an analysis on why people leave the Church and the factors that need to be in place to stem the tide of apostasy. The participants also heard about the initiatives and case studies where churches and groups have been successful in reclaiming and retaining their church members.

With fellowship over meals, the sharing of experiences and the making of new friends, the weekend proved to be an event worth attending, which was reflected by the many positive comments that were made towards the end. One attendee from Sheffield remarked, 'I was in two minds whether to come, but I decided to at the last moment, and I am truly grateful that I did. It's been an amazing weekend; I have learnt so much that I will take away with me to my local church.' Another attendee from Reading Central simply said, 'I got what I was looking for; there was a reason why I was here, and I thank God.'

In reflecting on the weekend, Dr Kirk Thomas, with his trademark broad smile, said, 'I am very pleased at the way things went. We were not sure how things would shape up with the bad weather, but I have been encouraged by the commitment and support given by people who came from all over the country. This weekend touched on a very important theme with which I hope those who attended will now go back to their churches and share with their fellow members and then lead by example.'

RICHARD DALY

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## Kings Norton Church Plant blossoms

Kings Norton Community Church Plant, Birmingham, is blossoming. It holds a weekly Creative Church for local children to drop in to the community centre where the Kings Norton church plant is based and get involved in arts and crafts that teach them about God's love and care for them. The feast of food on offer at our weekly community lunch has drawn these local children, and now their parents too, to stay a bit longer each Sabbath. Birthdays are also being celebrated at the end of each lunch.

Together the church children and those from the community have formed a thriving Pathfinder club, with its own marching band and drum corps. God has also opened the way for opportunities that allow the younger believers to showcase their talents for God. The Kings Norton Pathfinder club and its drum corps have been invited to open official community events in Birmingham, such as Black History Month celebrations. These displays have encouraged other young people to want to join the club.

Our 'New You' health expos and children's exercise challenge events have attracted a number of local adults and children who are interested in health, some of whom have really benefited from the practical tips and advice based on the NEWSTART principles.

We have also been blessed with three baptisms and seven other people who have decided to become Christians and join us in the Kings Norton church plant.

2017 ended on a high note: as a celebration of God's blessings in Kings Norton we invited the local community to a Christmas concert. We were overwhelmed by the number and range of local people who came, from young children to older people. Our community children, many of whom had never spoken publicly and are often quite nervous, valiantly led out in the nativity play. The following day a lot of fun was also had at our community Christmas dinner, with activities such as a colouring competition and a Bible Christmas quiz that got everyone thinking. On the



first Sabbath of 2018 we held an open communion service, which brought church and community members together to celebrate Jesus' sacrifice.

HERMINE GRAHAM

## New arrival at Lewisham Church

Lewisham Church welcomed the arrival of Pastor Greg Wilson at the start of 2018 and are enjoying having him as their intern resident pastor.

Pastor Wilson was born and bred in Bedford and was benefited greatly by the love and guidance of his mother and grandparents, who were all strong Adventist Christians from Jamaica.

He made the decision to become a minister in 2009, although the calling and leading of God had begun many years earlier. However, before beginning his theological studies at Newbold College, he obtained an MSc in Advanced Automation and Design.

Over the course of his studies, Pastor Williams has found that his design background has often strengthened his understanding of the Bible and helped him to simplify difficult theological ideas during his presentations.

One of his goals is to make the Gospel more accessible and engaging for young people with the creation of intelligent tools (smartphone apps). One such tool that is nearing its completion will help both novices and professionals alike to prepare sermons and short messages quickly and efficiently.

Well, it seems as though Lewisham has lots of good things to look forward to.

COLIN STEWART



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## Aberdaron Work Camp report

Aberdaron Advent Campsite was historically owned by the Youth Department of the NEC. Although this is no longer the case and it now operates under its own management structure, the Youth Department remains a prominent user of the site. There are many youth today who have 'grown up' at the site, spending the last 10-20 summers going to the various camps – Family, Junior, Earliteen and Youth.

Last year at Youth Camp two of the regular campers, Joel and Josh Robinson, spoke to the Site Manager, Steve Bull, and shared their interest to come and assist in any jobs that needed doing around the site in the off-season. One conversation led to another, and what began as a small conversation grew into an NEC youth event. Youth were invited to come and volunteer for the week – a week of their time to help with site upgrades.

From 10 to 18 February there were nine volunteers who braved the winter weather and cheerfully set about their tasks. Chalet 1, which is closest to the playground, was due an exterior refit. Having withstood the elements for 15 years it was time to take off the exterior, much of which was rotten, and replace it with superior cladding. It was quite an intricate procedure, but under the guidance of Stephen Bull, and with patient and hard work, the job was completed.

## First baptism in Newtown (Powys)

On 15 July 2017, 14-year-old Olivia, daughter of Newton and Andrea Brown, was baptised at Newtown Church in Powys, Wales, by Pastor Jeremy Johnson.

The baptism took place in the sunny outdoors under a shelter, and the song service was ably conducted by the youth.

After the baptism, a radiant Olivia joined her family in singing 'Write Them On My Heart', after which she was lovingly welcomed into membership by the members.

PASTOR JEREMY JOHNSON

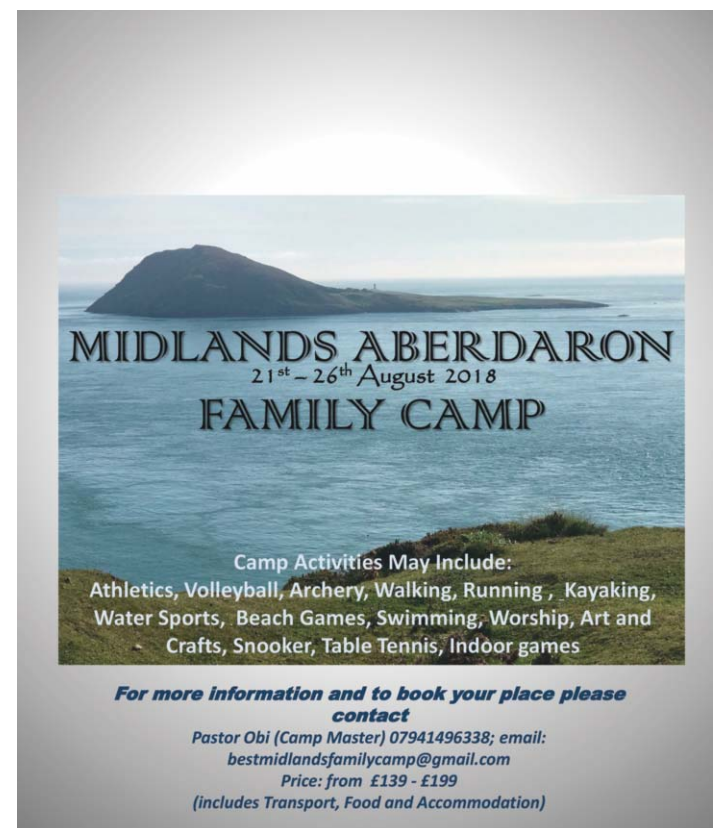
Editor's note: The only reason this very late report has appeared is that it is about the first baptism in Newtown Church.



In addition to this outdoor work, the crew also did the yearly deep clean of the kitchen and added an excellent new piece of art on the far wall of the main hall. It depicts the nearby landscape of Anelog and adds atmosphere to the room.

The NEC would like to thank all those who attended for the week. As a church we cannot always afford to hire in outside contractors, and, even though it can take semi-skilled labourers longer, it does save us money and forms a vital part of our identity as a church. The spirit of volunteerism is the spirit of Adventism, and we look forward to the future work projects that will take place at the site. Please check the NEC youth website ([www.necyouth.org.uk](http://www.necyouth.org.uk)) and NEC youth socials (@necyouth) for news of when future projects will become available.

PASTOR ADAM RAMDIN



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## 350 Attend BUC Treasurers' Weekend

From Friday 23 to Sunday 25 February, more than 350 local, Conference and Mission treasurers and assistants from across the BUC gathered for worship, networking and an intense programme of presentations at the De Vere Hotel in Staverton, Northamptonshire.

All meetings, from morning till evening, were filled to capacity, beginning on the Friday evening with a vespers programme involving the North England Conference President, Pastor Richard Jackson.

BUC Treasurer, Earl Ramharacksingh, then introduced his treasury counterparts from across the Union as well as his own team at the Union office. The atmosphere was relaxed as the spiritual focus of the weekend continued with a presentation on stewardship by South England Conference (SEC) Stewardship Director, Pastor Todd Frias. He stressed the importance of living according to God's plan that each of us becomes

a good steward of the gifts God blesses us with.

The Sabbath morning devotional was presented by BUC Executive Secretary, Pastor John Surridge, who set the tone for the rest of the morning service, including the ADRA Appeal that raised almost £1,200 for the educating of excluded women in Bousse, Burkina Faso, a country which is mainly rural.

Other BUC departments were also present during the convention, including The Adventist Discovery Centre, represented through Director Pastor Maureen Rock, who appealed to treasurers to work in partnership to see lessons distributed on a much wider scale.

BUC Associate Treasurer Steve Okelo took the Sabbath School lesson, which created much discussion on tithing in particular, with a lively debate on what constitutes the 'storehouse'. Okelo skilfully outlined how and why we designate the local Conference/Mission as the storehouse.

He portrayed these entities as the overseers of church funds, providing uniformity, transparency and effective co-ordination of the distribution of tithed funds, a directive which is embedded in church policy.

BUC President Pastor Ian Sweeney delivered the sermon for the morning, using the title, 'It's all about the money'. He stressed the importance of 'heart surrender' as a precursor for any sacrificial offerings we make.

The business side of the conference commenced after Sabbath with presentations and discussions focusing on property and General Liability Insurance; auditing (GCAS); tithe handling and internal control; the legal framework of the church; and local church audits. There were examples given by Conference treasurers that revealed God's providence at work in certain new opportunities that have arisen to purchase new church buildings; evangelism activities involving local churches within the community; and the gift aid return increases in certain areas.

The question-and-answer session at the end gave opportunity for further discussions on areas that were not addressed, as well as clarification on treasurers' roles, procedures and expectations. By the end of the weekend many commented on how informative the meetings were and that they had provided an opportunity for greater understanding of the roles involved. One treasurer said, 'It's been a very informative weekend; a lot of the things I'd learnt had been based on hearsay; this weekend has enabled me to learn first-hand the importance of my role.'

Earl Ramharacksingh, in summarising the weekend, highlighted the spiritual aspect to what treasurers ought to be doing: 'The whole purpose of the conference was to motivate, mentor and inspire treasurers for mission in their local churches.' Earl pointed out that 'many of the treasurers know how to do the number crunching, but, beyond that, the message I would like treasurers to leave here with is to get involved in local evangelism, in supporting church initiatives as well as doing their roles as treasurers.'

PASTOR RICHARD DALY, BUC COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR



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## Baby blessings at Lewisham

On Sabbath 13 January, Lewisham Church had a favourable start to 2018 when five families came forward to have their precious sons and daughters blessed and dedicated to God.

Close relatives and friends came to support these families, some of whom had come from as far as Birmingham to have their children blessed.

The parents involved were Ichema and Marcus (son – Malachi), Terry and Rebecca (daughter – Shiloh), Richard and Michelle (daughter – Mercy), Rodney and Rachel (son – Levi), and Earnest and Michaela (daughter – Yasmin).

The five couples, three of which shared related sisters, were happy to make space for each other across the closely packed church floor as they stood while Pastor Colin Stewart prayed for the Lord's guidance and blessing on the life of each tender child. A number of church elders helped hold the babies for the dedicatory prayer.

To commemorate the service, each couple received a certificate of dedication for their child, along with gifts such as children's Bibles from the church. These tokens serve as reminders of the commitment they made on behalf of their children before God.

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## Charles Glynne Meredith (1926-2018)

**d. 19 January.** We were saddened to learn of the death of Charles Glynne Meredith on the morning of Friday 19 January. Glynne was born in Leavesden, near Watford, on 4 April 1926. He attended Stanborough School in his primary years, and then Leggatts Way Senior School.

In August 1940, at the age of 14, Glynne commenced work at The Stanborough Press as an apprentice compositor until he was conscripted for national service in November 1944 as an agricultural worker, and then, from April 1946, as a support worker at the Stanborough Hydro. In March 1948 Glynne returned to the Stanborough Press, where he completed his apprenticeship in December 1949.

For the next four years, until May 1954, Glynne worked as a journeyman compositor. During this time he married Violet May Owen in March 1951 and the couple had their first child, Suzanne, in February 1953. In June 1954 Glynne was called to Ghana to be the factory superintendent of The Advent Press in the West African Union, an appointment which began twelve years of missionary service with the Press there. During this time Glynne and Vi's family grew with the addition of two sons: Roland in April 1955, and Jon in May 1957. Glynne's role as Factory Superintendent was followed by seven years as Manager and a further eighteen months as Editor.

In 1966 the family returned to the British Union Conference and Glynne recommenced working for the Stanborough Press, now in Grantham, as the bindery foreman. In 1971 Glynne took over the role of Compositor Foreman, and in 1979 that of Deputy Foreman/Estimator. In 1985 Glynne became Works Foreman, and continued in that role until his retirement in April 1988.

Following retirement Glynne and Vi moved from Grantham to their new home in Pontargothi, near Carmarthen in South Wales. They became very active members of Carmarthen Church and involved themselves with other local community groups. Glynne lost the love of his life in January 2017, and later last year was diagnosed with cancer. Thanks to the support of Jon and his wife Janet and the



Marie Curie nurses, Glynne was able to remain at home until he died.

Our love, thoughts and condolences go out to the wider Meredith family at this time. Glynne died with a great faith, reminding the family that he would see them again soon, in the Kingdom.

PASTOR PAUL LOCKHAM

## James Samuel George Frost (1921-2018)

**d. 31 January.** After a long and fulfilled life, Jim Frost passed away peacefully at 2am in the James Paget Hospital, Great Yarmouth, on 31 January. The nurse attending him that night remarked that out of all the deaths she had witnessed in hospital, his was the most calm and peaceful she had ever known. When it was mentioned to her that Jim was a preacher, she remarked that that must have been the reason!

Jim was born in Walthamstow, London, on 30 March 1921. While still a boy, he was encouraged by his grandmother to attend an evangelistic series conducted by Pastor John Howard in a large tent. Along with some other boys, his intention had been to cut the guy ropes during the meeting, but as he listened to the evangelist he felt the desire to preach like him and to learn more about Jesus. At the end of the series he surrendered his life to Christ. At the age of 14 he was sponsored to attend our missionary college at Newbold Revel, Rugby, but due to a lack of funds he was unable to complete his studies, and returned to London two years later. While attending the Edmonton church he was invited by Pastor L. Lane to conduct his first evangelistic series at Forest Gate and was given the princely sum of £6, which he used on advertising. Evangelism was in his blood, and he and his friend, Andrew Farthing, who later became a missionary to India, frequently held meetings on Edmonton Green and Tottenham. As their courage grew, they would preach at Speakers' Corner in Hyde Park, where they captivated crowds with their knowledge of the Bible.

Jim first met his sweetheart, Joan Holland, at a day of fellowship in Walthamstow, and they were married two years later at Walthamstow Adventist Church by Pastor W. W. Armstrong in



September 1944. Four years later, the SEC President invited Jim to complete his ministerial training at Newbold in its new location at Binfield in Berkshire. He graduated in 1950 and was assigned to minister at Watford Town Church; and the following year they relocated to East Anglia to care for the churches in Lowestoft and Great Yarmouth. In 1953 Jim helped to open The Dell Rest Home at Oulton Broad, which was donated by the late Brother Dowd. Much of Jim's ministry was given in conducting evangelism in Great Yarmouth, Lowestoft and the City of Norwich, as well as other towns. In those days crowds attended the meetings where Jim preached and many were baptised. We could dub Jim as The Singing Evangelist or The Sweet Singer in Israel because he loved to sing duets with his wife at these meetings. In later life, due to ill health, he had to resign from the ministry and took up a post as Caretaker in a Church of England school in Grantham, resulting in him becoming a good friend of the bishop, enabling him to gain a positive understanding about

Adventists. After this period he was asked by Pastor John Arthur, then BUC President, if he would be willing to care for our church in Torquay.

The tireless couple finally retired in Cheltenham, but after five years returned to their old parish and resided at Oulton Broad. It can be honestly stated that wherever Jim and Joan went they were much loved. Although retired, they continued to enhance the worship services with their gospel duets, and Jim continued to preach on Sabbaths until he reached his ninetyeth birthday. John 14:1-3 meant much to them both because they had experienced the loss of two children: their daughter Carol at the age of 33, and their son, Pastor Jim Frost, Junior, who tragically lost his life in a plane crash while serving as Vice President of the Georgia Conference in the USA. Jim spent his remaining years in a nursing home due to his deteriorating health, but his faith remained strong, and he would often be heard singing his favourite hymns with great gusto – one that is especially vivid in the writer's

mind was 'Love Lifted Me'.

The funeral service took place in Lowestoft Church on Monday 26 February and those in attendance came from Scotland, Northern Ireland, Northamptonshire, Berkshire, Hertfordshire, London and East Anglia. The service was conducted by the writer, assisted by Pastor Paul Lockham from the British Union office and Pastor Mark Borrett, our new minister. Tributes were offered and his granddaughter, Ruth, read a poem that Jim had composed about his conversion. We continue to remember his surviving family in our prayers – namely his dear wife, Joan; their three daughters, Sandra, Wendy and Lorraine, together with their families; which include not only grandchildren, but also great- and great-great-grandchildren; and also his aged sister, Clarice. " 'Blessed are the dead who from now on die in the Lord.' 'Yes,' says the Spirit, 'they will rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them.' " – Rev. 14:13, NRSV.

PASTOR MICHAEL I. WALKER.

## Gwendoline Marina Olney (1934-2018) d. 3 February.

Gwen was a much-loved worker in the British Union for forty years, serving in the South England Conference office for most of that time. She also worked in the British Union and the Trans-European Division, which was then known as the North European West Africa Division. Her great love, however, was for the South England Conference, in whose territory she was born.

Gwen worked with and for a variety of pastors and presidents. Lionel Hubbard observed, 'She was the most competent secretary one could ever wish for. Pastor Watson Southcott wrote of her, 'She was pleasant, helpful, reliable, punctual and trustworthy.' Pastor Don McFarlane said this of her in a tribute published in the *MESSANGER*: she '... autographed her work with excellence'.

Those who knew Gwen, both in work and in retirement, found a gracious, kind and faithful Christian friend.

Gwen was a lifelong member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, first in Luton and later at Stanborough Park in Watford, where her talents were employed in



various offices at both churches.

Pastor Jim Huzzey, who grew up with her in Luton Church, gave a memorable eulogy at her funeral service, recalling happy and instructive Sabbaths with young people in her mother, Dora's, home in Oak Street, Luton.

In retirement Gwen enjoyed working in the Peace Hospice charity shop in Garston, doing similar work when she moved to Luton a few years before her death. Her last couple of years were spent in a care home, during which her sister, Anne Harris, and her husband and family were a tower of support to her. They all mourned her deeply, and during the funeral service Anne's son, Adrian, gave a beautiful testimony about his aunt on behalf of his parents and brother.

The service took place in the chapel of the Vale Cemetery, Luton. Her committal was with her family in the same cemetery. Gwen now rests with her loved ones, waiting for the Saviour's promised return.

The service and committal were conducted by the writer and Pastor Jim Huzzey.

PASTOR PATRICK BOYLE

## Joan Moore (1927-2018) d. 13 February.

Joan was born in South Shields in 1927, and had an elder brother. Her mother taught piano, and was a lay preacher for a local chapel. Her father was unemployed at times due to the Great Depression, but eventually became a coal miner. Although money was in short supply, her childhood was very happy. She learned the piano from her mother, and, unlike many teenagers, she kept up the practice and became very proficient.

Joan married in her early twenties and had three daughters: Karen, Therese and Denise. However, the marriage failed, and she was left to raise her daughters alone. Although she had been raised as a Christian, she had always said that it didn't mean that much to her. However, this major crisis in her life led her to rethink her need for God. One day a lady came to her door selling magazines advertising Bible lessons for adults and children. She sent for them, and upon their completion she requested a visit from the local pastor, Derek Clothier. Studies



followed, and she was baptised as a Seventh-day Adventist around 1961.

After a few years she was offered a job at the Stanborough Press in Watford. A fire had destroyed the building and the plans were for it to move to Grantham in 1966. Joan agreed, and moved from South Shields to Watford in the summer of 1965. This was extraordinary, considering she didn't know anyone in Watford and would be leaving her parents and her entire extended family in South Shields, but she truly believed that God was leading her.

In 1966 Joan and her daughters moved to Grantham, and she and Karen became charter members of the newly organised church. She believed that God had given her a special gift: not only to play the piano, but also to write music, songs, and choruses, and to be able to play with or without music, which was very useful in church services and in the church choir. She also wrote poetry and painted in oils. She loved her garden, and loved growing flowers in particular.

She was an enthusiastic Primary Sabbath School teacher, leading the classes every week for many years. She also lovingly provided childcare for her grandchildren when needed.

Joan loved children, and many of the children in the Grantham church received cards and presents from her at Christmas or on their birthdays, as did the children of her neighbours. Towards the end of her life, even when she was so unwell, she always wanted to stop and see the babies and young children in the church.

She played the piano for church services for almost 50 years. For many years she also volunteered at Dudley House School, listened to the pupils read, played the piano for assemblies and for school concerts, and gave many children piano lessons. She was very happy during this time and loved the contact with the children, many of whom called her 'Aunty Joan'.

As she became more frail she was unable to be as independent as she would have wished, and was eventually admitted to the local 'Hospice in the Hospital', where she died peacefully. Her funeral took place at Grantham Church, the service being conducted by Pastors Solon Kyriacou and John Ferguson. The largest part of Joan's life revolved around her family and God

and the church. She had faith in the word of God and believed that Christ will return one day to gather His people together to start a new life with Him. She will then have hands and knees that are not painful or letting her down, and will again be able to run and jump if she wants to. She won't be forgetful or need glasses, and she can spend her days playing her piano and tending her garden in the company of the people she loves, in the presence of God. May that day come soon.

KAREN SHELBOURN

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