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The Chorale at 21

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The buildup began when I interviewed Chorale conductor Ken Burton in Watford last month.

How did it all start, Ken?

My involvement with the Chorale began in 1990. But the Chorale itself kicked off in 1982. I was 12 at the time. John Tolman, a member of the Croydon church, began it. My sister Vanessa was a member from the first.

So how early did you get into music?

My family – I was the youngest of ten – was very musical. Every family member played an instrument at one time or another. We had an orchestra in the house! It all started with my parents singing around home. They’re uninhibited, even at six o’clock in the morning!

What part did the Croydon church play?

Outside the Croydon church, both the LAC and the Croydon Seventh-day Adventist Gospel Choir received valuable experience by singing at big church events, including sessions, camp meetings and days of fellowship. John Tolman’s Greater London Council was generous to music projects at the Croydon and Fulham churches in that period. The GLC bought me a brand-new keyboard, among other things.

What gave the LAC a national profile?

We were first involved in the televised (BBC2/Sainsbury) Choir of the Year competition in 1991. In 1995, of course, the LAC and the CGC took first and second places, respectively, and received massive exposure.

What have been the main national events at which the LAC has performed in their 21-year history?

Three choirs were involved in the national commemoration of VE Day in 1995 and two of them were the Chorale and the CGC. That was a Royal Gala Special. We did a Royal Gala Special in 1996, too. In 1997 we sang at the International Eisteddfod.

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Assurance in troubled times
A report on the NEC Camp Meeting 9-15 June
by Pastor Des Rafferty, Communication sponsor and Pastor Paul Liburd

In a week in which European Union membership and a cabinet reshuffle made headlines, over 700 people gathered on Monday 9 June (a total that rose to 1,200 by the weekend) at Pontins holiday centre, Southport, for a spiritual retreat. Under the theme ‘Assurance in troubled times’, commitment speaker Dr Gene Donaldson, from the Allegheny East Conference USA, collaborated with Pastor Anthony Anobile (pronounced an-no-bil-lay), Power Hour speaker, and Professor Walter Velth (announced right), Bible study and health hour presenter, in sharing the best news of the week: we can have assurance in God’s word.

The speakers quickly endeared themselves to everyone with their friendly manner and challenging messages. Meanwhile, those gathered for the week participated in a variety of workshops organised by the department of the North England Conference. Each workshop saw a unique collaboration between Adventist World Radio and the NEC Communication department providing a daily workshop, resulting in a live Sabbath pm broadcast from the main hall. The thirty-minute programme was hosted and presented by those practicing the skills acquired during the week. One of the interviews featured Mark Bunney, a talented young saxophonist. The programme was broadcast on AWR on 30 June.

Daily presentations were based on the scriptures to dispel completely the myth of religion. It is the joy of the forgiven and the hope that some can provide his unique personal answer somewhere in that message. God opened the mouth of Dr Gene Donaldson and spoke through him to his people, and from that moment on, lives were changed and souls were brought to Christ.

As the week progressed, the listeners were brought face to face with their own emotional and spiritual failings. They were not left to wallow in despair, but were introduced and reintroduced to the divine healer Jesus Christ. With every sermon the written word became the Living Word, able to change lives.

Bible Study
Professor Velth used his vast knowledge of scripture to dispel completely the myth of gradual evolution so that no one was left in any doubt concerning the biblical account of creation. The presentations were so filled with clarity and substance that even those with no scientific background understood every word, and yet those with scientific letters following their names still found sufficient content to provide intellectual stimulation and challenge. Each Bible study left the congregation eagerly awaiting the next instalment.

Health Spot
Professor Velth also brought the health message to life. His enthusiastic, informative presentations were clear and supported by current research. Every dietary prohibition was counterbalanced by an alternative that was not only practical and affordable but also scientifically credible. The business of change was made easy.

Introduction to the ordinand: Pastor Trevor Thomas
Pastor Trevor Thomas was ordained during divine service on the Sabbath of the Southport camp meeting. In the week prior to his ordination Trevor’s mother died. It came as a terrible shock to the entire family. Trevor was born in Reading on 2 May 1963 to Lauren and Camilla Thomas and raised in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.

As a child he was sent to school and consequently attended irregularly. There he was looked after by his uncles, Tony and Levi. However, he started attending school at 15 and pursued a lifestyle apart from Christ until the next few years.

During that time Trevor left school and won an apprenticeship with a large engineering company in the area, ‘Compaq’, and completed a degree in Technical Production Engineering in 1982.

Eventually Trevor began to see the way his lifestyle was affecting the lives of others and was challenged to ask serious questions about the direction of his life by Pastor Felix McHeron.

Power Hour
Latino American Tony Anobile was Power Hour speaker at 12.10 each day. Tony, born in Canada to an Italian father and an Argentinian mother, is assistant president of the Southern California Conference. His wife and children—aged 9, 12, and 13—were very friendly and chatted to the youth. Tony himself interacted well with youth and was a frequent attendant of workshops. He did one workshop himself. Tony’s presentations stimulated and challenged the young people. If something is popular, it doesn’t make it right,” he said. ‘And if something is right, it doesn’t make it popular’. His presentations were based on the parables in Mark’s gospel.

Sharing your gift
Nottingham Central was the place to be when the East Midlands Community Services department hosted its annual Day of Fellowship. The theme for the day was ‘Sharing your gift’ and this was the theme of guest speaker Rachel Kamal (third left in photo), director of ADRA-UK. Nottingham Central had many visitors from neighbouring churches in the East Midlands.

The day was action-packed with various Community Services specialties such as fellowship lunch, a presentation by Pastor Cyril Sweeney (third from right), Community Services director at the NEC, street witnessing and tract distribution, mini concert, and Community Services awards presentation to three members at Nottingham.

Also seen in the picture, from left, are Murel Elson, Nottingham; Christine Buxton, Bulwell; Joyce Sharp, Bulwell; and Wilfred Anderson, Nottingham.

PRESTON AND LANCaster DAY OF FelLOwship
‘United to Save’ was the title of Preston and Lancaster’s day of fellowship, held on 10 May at the Lancaster University chapel.

The sun shone brightly as members assembled for worship. The atmosphere was one of reeling as the song services were led out by the enthusiastic ‘Praise Team’ and band from Manchester. The programme included a variety of musical items from Preston and Manchester, and Preston children’s Sabbath school performed an item using mime.

The visiting speaker, Pastor Ergatian Francis, pastor of the North England Conference, based his sermon on the theme for the day. The afternoon’s programme was one of musical praise including songs and solos from various groups from the two churches. One member commented on feeling spiritually blessed by the day’s programme.

Prior to the afternoon’s programme, the catering committee treated everyone to some wholesome physical food, which was very much appreciated by all.

East comes to the West
It’s not often that one gets a visiting speaker from the Orient, but on Sabbath 5 April, Preston church were truly blessed by the visit of Pastor Isaiah, Ministerial secretary and Stewardship Ministries director for the Southern Asia Division.

‘The Kingdom of God is joy’ said our speaker. ‘Joy every one of your citizens will enjoy . . . . The homecoming of a loved one makes us happy, an increased salary makes us happy, but the happiness relating to the Kingdom of God is not participating in eternal’s of religion. It is the joy of the forgiven and the hope that even if we die we will rise again. Joy is a guilt-free life in Christ and that is the Kingdom of God.’

Don’t just wait, the Kingdom of God should be within you right now.”
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In my work I prayed all the time; while walking around the prison, entering prison cells, meeting new prisoners getting settled in on the first day, ministering to the bereaved, before chapel service. In 1999 businessman Paul was sentenced to nineteen years in prison. The prospect of this hung heavily on him, although he was in the process of appealing. Paul began attending the prison chapel services and there he met Sephlyn Campbell, a member of the Croydon Church Prison Ministry team. Sephlyn's prayers, letters and words of encouragement helped him through that devastating experience. The Croydon Prison Ministry team pulled together and organised a barrier for Paul. After he had served just one year Paul’s conviction was quashed. On Sabbath he could not contain his joy as he told the story of God’s victory in his life. Paul’s testimony was summed up in the song, “Thank you, Lord, for Your Blessings on me,” which he sang with such passion that it was impossible to be untouched.

Recently-appointed Magistrate Ana-Maria Bradshaw shared with us some insights into the important role of mentoring. Her experience over the years served at Feltham Young Offenders Inchstitutes as a mentor gave her the authority to talk about the qualities and skills needed. Pastor Chisholm recruited Ana-Maria who, with Tracey Moses, trains mentors and helps their developing writing skills. Like becoming a prison visitor, becoming a mentor does require some training and this is the work in which Ana-Maria - a non-Advivist - is involved. Ironically, we all find ourselves playing the role of mentor at some time in our lives when we advise, listen, encourage, or act as a role model. The qualities listed are considered some of the most important for becoming a mentor: commitment, empathy, patience, a sense of humour and a non-judgemental attitude.

We didn’t spend the day just listening or being entertained. We were also invited to participate in role play when we discussed the issue of re-offending. According to Dr Martin Feldbush, the main guest speaker, this is a serious issue and one which enables church members to play an important role through mentoring. Associate Chaplaincy director of the General Conference, Dr Feldbush spoke of the mysterious (or, as someone said, ‘ministership’) way God works. In his sermon ‘The Genealogy of Jesus’, he illustrated how often the most unlikely people can play an important role in God’s plan.

After all the presentations, questions and answer sessions and special items, one man’s testimony stuck in my mind. Like Paul, Bill had had a life-changing experience in prison. He shared this simple truth: ‘The Lord has a plan for you but Satan has one too.’ Prison Ministry Day challenged us all to ask, What is the Lord’s plan for my life and how would he like to use me to serve others?

Walter Roy Chisholm pastored the Wood Green, Palmers Green and Harrow churches. God’s work at palmers green has been serving the Wandsworth prison since 1989. Donna Murray has been the resident minister at Wandsworth prison for the past fourteen years, and travels to the prison every Sunday morning. Imagine the number of inmates she has led in worship during that time.

The Croydon Team Serving for more than ten years The Croydon prison ministry team has been working with inmates for more than ten years. They travel as far afield as the Wem Prison in Dorset, Blandford in Suffolk, and Long Lartin near Evesham. They have been to at least fourteen prisons, and have distributed thousands of pieces of literature, enrolled hundreds of prisoners in Bible correspondence courses and have received numerous letters and testimonies of life-changing experiences.

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Messenger were those, on the other hand, who, thought it would be a breeze. There was a 'doll' to look after; the majority were excited at the prospect of having they were to become parents! Most were thrilled for them – little did they know back the next day at noon as we had a twenty-one teens were asked to come about the way they conduct some tend to make more informed choices course (a weekend), young people after experiencing a baby for a full along with the programme shows that about parenthood by experiencing Baby Simulators. The research done alongside the programme shows that after experiencing a baby for a full experience with a real baby, many of them grasped the ocean compared with having a real although the amount of experience they received was only a test drive in the ocean compared with having a real child, many of them grasped the gigantic and many times overwhelming responsibility that is involved in caring for a baby. They come to terms with that!

On a serious note, feedback from the 'teen parents' suggested that many of them would not definitely not have babies before they were married. It also reinforced the importance of abstinence as being the only true contraception against pregnancy. Although the amount of experience they received was only a test drive in the ocean compared with having a real child, many of them grasped the gigantic and many times overwhelming responsibility that is involved in caring for a baby.

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