It was an outstanding day for Cottage Beck Café church, the Adventist church for the unchurched in Scunthorpe, North England Conference. Two volunteers, Andrew Wright from Melbourne and Eija Koivuranta from Helsinki, were married at the Café church which brought them together from opposite ends of the earth. As Andrew said in his personally-written vows, 'I have no idea of how a man from Australia and a woman from Finland could meet in Scunthorpe unless there was divine intervention. I thank God for providing you.'

Andrew, whose father is Scottish but who grew up attending an Adventist church in Melbourne, came to Scunthorpe temporarily as part of a planned year seeing Europe. On discovering that Cottage Beck Café was an Adventist church especially developed to reach people with no church background, he volunteered all his spare time to help. His IT skills have been invaluable, literally a God-send, in setting up the Internet section of the Café.

Eija, unemployed for some time because of Sabbath convictions, began to consider spending some time in voluntary mission work, and mentioned this to TED's Peter Roennfeldt, saying that she was thinking of somewhere warm and exotic such as Thailand. Pastor Roennfeldt, knowing the needs in Scunthorpe, suggested she consider Cottage Beck Café! Not warm, and not generally considered exotic – but the ‘Wright’ place for Eija!

Both have become popular and well-known in the locality, as the Café church is a favourite place and they have made many friends. Their romance has been followed with interest by everyone! Yorkshire Television filmed the entire wedding, for televising on 15 May, and also televised an interview the previous week. During that interview the couple, and also the pastor, Bryan Webster, were able to talk about some of the vision behind Café church. The Scunthorpe Telegraph too, was inspired by the story, running a full page with the headline ‘World Wide Wed’, because Andrew arranged web cameras to both Australia and Finland so that family and friends at home could take part in their celebration.

The wedding, a deeply spiritual service during which Andrew and Eija made clear the centrality of their Father God in every aspect of their lives and marriage, was attended mostly by unchurched people; to have it filmed in its entirety by a television crew was to give God glory in a way we could hardly have hoped for.
Ghana Mission project: overview
by Pastor Des Boldeau, Youth director, BUC

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The difference between Christian and other kinds of music is not as clear as we like to think. As a matter of fact, we may wonder if a definition of Christian music is at all possible when so much overlapping has taken place between the secular world and the Christian Church.

Music has always been a controversial subject in Christian congregations. Some have argued that the Devil makes the music, the centenary of which we celebrate. The screaming of the delectable are indeed as true: ‘There is nothing new under the sun.’ To illustrate this words of the wise man are absolutely true: ‘There is nothing new under the sun.’

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Has this been associated with jazz music, though that was not the original intention. This instrument came into being through a Belgian instrument maker. A cymbal, a sentimental ballad, a college choral, and a hymn in one. 20

Not every hymn satisfies individual taste. Nevertheless we need at least to be consistent if we are to worship in the church simply because of the music. With a swing. It is reckoned that he borrowed as many as eighty music hall songs and adapted them to a secular tune. The SDA Hymnal

The Gospels while written to religious ends about the importance of music in the church. The late Sir Malcolm Sargent, a respected conductor of the BBC Symphony orchestra 1950-57, once commented that the beat is the most primitive of all musical sensations, which can be found, he went on to say, in ‘completely barbarian societies’. Surely this primal dimension of rhythm should be taken seriously. When the beat overrides the other elements in a song, the communication channel is significantly changed to one which is primarily physical and often specifically sensuous. 3 ‘Music which is directed predominantly towards the sensitive motor responses of man is not worthy of liturgy. This music makes it a appeal only on the level of the purely sensuous, even to the possible exclusion of the spiritual faculties.

Clear that our bodies are the temples of God. If we wilfully destroy any part of that temple, can we hope to worship God with favour? Excessive sound levels are destructive.

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The Daily Mail newspaper in January 1999 printed the words, ‘The 90s was the noisiest decade ever, music exploiting the ingredient of syncopation, thus movement and its association with drugs, reggae music exploits the ingredient of syncopation, thus giving this element in music a bad name. Syncopation seems to be found in classical as well as church music. Once again something perfectly harmless in itself, like many other things, when taken to excess is never in our best interest. Nothing has been said about lyrics, the obvious reason being that those who feel upon the Word of God will recognise false or harmful teachings in any secular songs of the day, just as Jesus himself rebuffed Satan in the wilderness. The emphasis has been on the music using just a handful of illustrations that could be of use when tackling current issues in some of our churches today. Compromise and balance are definitely not synonymous most of the time. Extremists have never contributed positively to the growth of the Church. Where God allows, let us be willing to change. It may only need an ounce of flexibility to retain harmony among the saints. God has chosen to proclaim a special message for the days in which we live.

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The creation vs evolution debate has recently acquired a new intensity with Oxford professors and Christian bishops and politicians. SAGES gives the background to the debate and outlines the arguments from an Adventist perspective. He also brings news of a creationist revival. Genesis 1:2: ‘In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.’ That is what Seventh-Day Adventists believe. We are uniquely under the heading of ‘creationists’. That is one of the two views of the origins of life and of the origin of the universe.

Between creationism and the extreme view of atheistic evolution there is the view, called ‘thes‘ist evol’ation’, that evolution was used by God in the eventual creation of man. And to put it simplistically, there is the view that God stepped in at different stages of the evolutionary process to guide it towards the creation of humankind. That is called ‘progressive creationism’. ‘Would you Adam and Eve it?’ A reminder of the more generally accepted view of atheistic evolution was a recent article in The Times of 3 July 2004 with a full-page heading which said, ‘Science icon fires broadside at creationists.’ The evolutionary biologist Ernst Mayr, about to celebrate his 100th birthday, is still active at Harvard University. He is to release a research paper later this year that will examine and refute the creationist ‘intelligent design’ theory. Back on 22 February a half page in The Times by Francis Wheen carried another bold eye-catching title, ‘Creationism returns: would you Adam and Eve it?’ The subheading said, ‘Mad theories are making a comeback and politicians are giving a helping hand.’

Creationism Vango’reous’

In the Educational section of The Times on 20 June, there was another half page section entitled, ‘Questionable foundations’. The introductory paragraph reads, ‘Providing millions of pounds to schools to teach creationism is dangerous,’ says atheist Richard Dawkins and the Bishop of Oxford.’

Sir Peter Vardy, described by both the bishop and Richard Dawkins as ‘an extreme creationist’, was brought by Blair for services rendered to business and education. The Verdy Foundation sponsors Gatahead Emanuel College, and Vardy is known to have been invited by the government, along with other business people, to be more involved with sponsoring education. This has led to the possible sponsorship by the Vardy Foundation of six more schools.

It appears that in these schools creationism will share the curriculum with evolution. The current row is over the Vardy Foundation adding the second school, Doncaster Northcliffe Comprehensive, to what the bishop and Dawkins exaggerate as ‘its growing empire of schools noted for their controversial teaching of creationism’. In this article both the bishop and Dawkins use ridicule and dersery language, like “laically anti-scientific; ‘bookies’; ‘Vardy’s fundamentalists’; ‘bad science and lousy theology’ and ‘an insult to the idea of God’. When he uses dersery phrases like Christian fanatics.

Dawkins, in particular, is known for his ruddeness to those with whom he disagrees, and he does violently disagree with the idea of a God. To pick one example from The Times, 12 February 2003 (page 17), Mary Warnock, in reviewing Dawkin’s book, The Devil’s Chaplain, made the comment: ‘The other thing that irritates (indeed it is intended to) is Dawkins’ hostility to all religions.’

What is surprising, then, is that, whatever disagreements there may be between Christians over the reading of Genesis, a Christian bishop, the Bishop of Oxford, would ally himself with someone who opposes the very idea of the existence of God and denigrates fellow Christians who do.

Logan champions creationists

But what brought these sniping, caricaturing attacks against creationists? For the British scene it is best described by us for Kevin Logan in his 200-page book called responding to the Challenge of Evolution. (Kingway Communications Ltd, Eastbourne, 2002, 289 through your local Christian bookshop, or through the ABC.) Battle lines are drawn is the title of the first chapter. The book is about a clash...
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Heaven came down
at NEC Camp Meeting
A report by Pastor Des Rafferty, Communication director, NEC

T here is always a sense of cheerful anticipation on the opening evening of North England Conference Camp Meeting and this year was no different. The pleasure in friends’ greetings, mingling with the gentle strumming of musicians setting up their instruments, combined with an atmosphere of invariable expectation as people looked forward to a week of spiritual challenge and uplift.

In his welcome, NEC president Pastor Egerton Francis introduced our theme, This world is riddled with problems and heartaches even for Christian believers,” he said, “and from time to time they need to be reminded that the answer is in Jesus Christ. That is the reason we have chosen this theme for our week. Reach Out To Jesus. “Is your burden heavy as you bear it alone? Does the road you travel harbour dangers yet unknown? . . . Reach out to Jesus, He’s reaching out to you,” was the thrust of the president’s message.

Pastor Francis closed his introduction to the week with this encouragement: ‘As the Holy Spirit moves upon the speakers no one will go from this camp meeting empty. You will be able to return to your homes and your churches spiritually revitalised and blessed. Pray for the blessings of the presence of the Lord.

Pastor Cecil Perry, president of the British Union Conference, also encouraged us at the start of the week: ‘I always feel the camp meeting is that convocation where we go from this camp meeting empty. You will be able to return to your homes and your churches spiritually revitalised and blessed. Pray for the blessings of the presence of the Lord."

Pastor Trotman began by asking us, ‘What would be your biggest wish for tonight?’ He went on to propose that politicians might answer, ‘Peace on earth,’ ‘Economic recovery,’ or ‘Law and order.’ He suggested we might answer, ‘Money,’ ‘A nice car or house,’ ‘More luxuries,’ ‘A happy marriage.’

‘The thing that will satisfy us most this evening is salvation from sin in Jesus Christ our Lord. There is nobody here who does not have a sin problem! Being in the church does not mean we are saved. Lots of people come to church dressed in religious garments, but are not saved. There is nobody here tonight who cannot be helped by Jesus Christ,’ said the speaker. ‘There is no situation that any of us can be in, from which the power of Jesus cannot release us. The trouble is, sometimes we don’t realise that Jesus is all we need, until Jesus is all we have.

‘What we need more than anything else is somebody who can take us out of this world, with all of its trials and confusion, and give us eternal life. . . . Jesus came to walk with us on the battlefield of life, to show us that we are never alone. Whatever your need is tonight; that need can be met in Jesus tonight! Each of us needs to run to the Lord Jesus Christ ourselves. It is not something anyone else can do for us; we must do it ourselves.”

Pastor Trotman spoke seriously. On Wednesday evening his topic was ‘How to break the curse of Satan’. He warned us, ‘Everyone here tonight who cannot say “I am under the control of Jesus Christ,” is under the control of Satan. Satan is a loser from the beginning – Jesus is a winner man. That’s why we want to be on the side of Jesus Christ. But Satan is determined to continue the warfare down here on the earth. This is a spiritual battle in which we are all engaged. Each of us is a

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- **10-10.40am**
  - Karen Holford
    - Family Matters

- **10.45-11.10am**
  - Deborah Harris
    - Money Matters

- **11.15-noon**
  - Dr Clemency Mitchell
    - Health Matters

**Special Guests**

- Ken Burton and the Adventist Chorale
- Keith Burton, author of ‘The Compassion of the Christ’
- Dr Roy Adams, associate editor of the Church’s No. 1 international magazine, Adventist Review
- Charles Ngandwe, winner of TV’s 2004 ‘Stars in Their Eyes’ and author of ‘The Voice He gave me’, the epic story of his life

**Afternoon Events**

- Book launches with Keith Burton and ‘The Compassion of the Christ’
- and Charles Ngandwe ‘The Voice He gave me’

- London Adventist Chorale
- ROY ADAMS
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We are a great soldier on one side or the other.

Jesus, his Son, whose sacrifice has saved by grace, the joy and gratitude for all that God has given us in his gracious love, but most of all for the death of Jesus, his Son, whose sacrifice has made possible our hope for eternity, and the joy we find in meetings such as we enjoyed that week. Sabbath events were marked with the traditional format of power hour and divine service following each other, the congregation was blessed with the opportunity of discussing the Sabbath school lesson. A panel of members and ministers chaired by Pastor Roy Morgan discussed key highlights of the lesson. With the

The evening meeting all led towards Friday evening’s Communion service. After the praise team led worship with hymns, gospel praise and worship, choruses, and spirituals, the Tuckley twins pointed us towards the Communion table. I’m just a sinner saved by grace.

Pastor Trotman spoke of the story of blind Bartimaeus. He described the misery of the beggar’s life, and then reminded us, “For Bartimaeus today was going to be different. He knew what he wanted God to do for him. He is here tonight — what do we want him to do for us? Today can be different. Today can start our course for tomorrow. Today is a great day to be alive. The fact that we are living and breathing today means that God isn’t finished with us yet.”

The congregation were then led through the Bible account of Christ’s sacrifice for our sins, in song and reading, before coming to the communion table. At the end of this time of worship, there was a united sense of joy and gratitude for all that God has given us in his gracious love, but most of all for the death of Jesus, his Son, whose sacrifice has made possible our hope for eternity, and the joy we find in meetings such as we enjoyed that week.

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Bournemoum celebration - 50 years

Betty (nee Elizabeth Ponder) and Arthur Cooper celebrated 50 years of wedded bliss on 9 June, Meeting at Newbold College in 1934, their relationship continued to blossom in correspondence after graduating in 1935, as Betty and Arthur worked in different areas of the UK and Ireland during the following two years. Church rules of the day dictated a waiting period of two years' service before marriage. During this period Betty was responsible for feeding everyone at Newbold, as head cook, then she became a Bible worker in Norwich and Scotland, working with Denys Baidam. Arthur became evangelist with his brother John, and the baptismal key had turned: doors finally opened for Arthur's ministry in the early 1950s, as well as becoming POS for the London area, the Scottish Mission, and the Irish Mission. It was during the Coopers' moves back to Edinburgh in 1952 that their third child, Sharon, was born, and in October 1962 Arthur was ordained. With a family of five, Betty was often busy with her needle and thread; she has turned many a collar and lisle inside out! Many more moves were to come! Back to Wales, across to Leeds, and then POS for Wales, attending the North England Conference. Arthur has pastored at York, Scarborough, Rhy Llandudno, Llanfairfechan, Wimblebury, High Wycombe, Aylesbury, Reading and Maidenhead, completing his ministry in Bournemouth. It was here that Arthur and Betty became "business people", responsible for the negotiation of funds to open an out-of-date, damp church. They were key fundraisers, and became experts at cashing in on a new craze - car boot sales! - every Sunday until the project was completed on time and in profit.

When Betty and Arthur graduated, they made a joint decision to accept any call that the church made for their services and they have continued willingly to serve both the church and individual members (telessly) for the good of all. I know there are many members and friends throughout the years who have felt the benefit of their 50% support, and to this day, if they hear of anyone in need, they are first to pass the word. Betty and Arthur are now the proud grandparents of seven grandchildren, and on Sabbath 24 July, Bournemoum church held a day of recognition for this wonderful anniversary. May they remain richly blessed for many more years to come.

JOHN CAUDRY

GBK: A new beginning

As the final flickers of sunlight con- tinued to burn a red sky purple, it was clear that Sabbath was bringing an end not just to a week but to an entire era. With 3 July fading fast, the key had turned doors finally locked to members of the Great Bricklin Street Adventist Church. For the next fourteen weeks the church will become home to builders: heapers of wood and drawers of water of a different kind, as the first stage in the church's refurbishment project begins. When members finally return, pews of battalion, which have for decades separated worshippers and rendered the main service area impracticable, will have been torn down. In their wake a sanctuary without partition of wall or veil will have been established.

Nevertheless, away from home, members and friends will continue their worship at the St Chad and St Mark's Anglican Church, Lime Street, Penisthelf, Wolverhampton (about a 6-minute walk from Great Bricklin Street church). An open invitation is extended to all.

Your continued prayers are kindly solicited as every effort is made, by God's grace, to 'make strong The Bricklin.'

Congratulations

• to Louise Hill for receiving a BSc Hons in Medical Bio-Chemistry from the University of Sussex;
• to Ramona Howson for receiving a BSc Hons in Neuroscience from the University of Luton;
• to Rachel Patrick of the Barmesley church for receiving a First Class Honours in French and Italian from the University of Leeds;
• to Louisa Bostwick of the Barmesley church for receiving an Upper Second Class Honours in English from the University of London;
• to Joanne Bostwick of the Barmesley church for receiving an Upper Second Class Honours in Psychology from the University of Aston in Birmingham

EVELYN KIRLEW

Golden Wedding

F riever and ever my heart will be true - sweetheart, forever I'll wait for you. We both made a promise that we'll never part. Let's seal it with a kiss - forever, my sweetie! It would be a book bringing glory to God as they credit him with providing strength, patience, peace in trouble, and the ability to keep the word. But we learned that the ups are more than the downs, because God is always there for us and we see through us when we stick together. We had our tears and we had our laughter, but we remain as we promised each other: to love and to cherish until death do us part.

As this couple reflect on their lives, they truly bring glory to God. They have known hardship and difficulty yet since entrusting themselves to him they have never wavered in holding his hand. Over the years Zeph and Evelyn have been part of the New Gallery, Walthamstow, Watford Town and, for the last fifteen years, Lincoln families. Faithfully assisting wherever they are, between them they have covered most church offices, with Zeph presently serving as Elder, and Evelyn librarian at Lincoln. They have three children: Shirley, Andrew and Martin. "Our pride and joy. We really thank God for them," says Evelyn, who believes that toler- ance is the key to any relationship. 'I love and adore her - forever and ever my heart will be true - sweetheart, forever I'll wait for you,' Zeph replies. "I love and adore her - forever and ever my heart will be true - sweetheart, forever I'll wait for you,' Evelyn replies. "I love and adore her - forever and ever my heart will be true - sweetheart, forever I'll wait for you,' Zeph repeats. "I love and adore her - forever and ever my heart will be true - sweetheart, forever I'll wait for you,' Evelyn responds. "I love and adore her - forever and ever my heart will be true - sweetheart, forever I'll wait for you," Zeph concludes. 'Brother Lunan was different,' remembers Zeph. 'He didn’t smoke, drink, or swear. We got talking. He invited me to Bible studies and we met all these people singing and studying. He didn’t preach to us, but he was insistent. Brother Lunan was different,' remembers Zeph. 'He didn’t smoke, drink, or swear. We got talking. He invited me to Bible studies and we met all these people singing and studying. He didn’t preach to us, but he was insistent. Brother Lunan was different,' remembers Zeph. 'He didn’t smoke, drink, or swear. We got talking. He invited me to Bible studies and we met all these people singing and studying. He didn’t preach to us, but he was insistent. Brother Lunan was different,' remembers Zeph. 'He didn’t smoke, drink, or swear. We got talking. He invited me to Bible studies and we met all these people singing and studying. He didn’t preach to us, but he was insistent. Brother Lunan was different,' remembers Zeph. 'He didn’t smoke, drink, or swear. We got talking. He invited me to Bible studies and we met all these people singing and studying. He didn’t preach to us, but he was insistent. Brother Lunan was different,' remembers Zeph. 'He didn’t smoke, drink, or swear. We got talking. He invited me to Bible studies and we met all these people singing and studying. He didn’t preach to us, but he was insistent. Brother Lunan was different,' remembers Zeph. 'He didn’t smoke, drink, or swear. We got talking. He invited me to Bible studies and we met all these people singing and studying. He didn’t preach to us, but he was insistent. Brother Lunan was different,' remembers Zeph. 'He didn’t smoke, drink, or swear. We got talking. He invited me to Bible studies and we met all these people singing and studying. He didn’t preach to us, but he was insistent. Brother Lunan was different,' remembers Zeph. 'He didn’t smoke, drink, or swear. We got talking. He invited me to Bible studies and we met all these people singing and studying. He didn’t preach to us, but he was insistent. Brother Lunan was different,' remembers Zeph. 'He didn’t smoke, drink, or swear. We got talking. He invited me to Bible studies and we met all these people singing and studying. He didn’t preach to us, but he was insistent. Brother Lunan was different,' remembers Zeph. 'He didn’t smoke, drink, or swear. We got talking. He invited me to Bible studies and we met all these people singing and studying. He didn’t preach to us, but he was insistent. Brother Lunan was different,' remembers Zeph. 'He didn’t smoke, drink, or swear. We got talking. He invited me to Bible studies and we met all these people singing and studying. He didn’t preach to us, but he was insistent. Brother Lunan was different,' remembers Zeph. 'He didn’t smoke, drink, or swear. We got talking. He invited me to Bible studies and we met all these people singing and studying. He didn’t preach to us, but he was insistent. Brother Lunan was different,' remembers Zeph. 'He didn’t smoke, drink, or swear. We got talking. He invited me to Bible studies and we met all these people singing and studying. He didn’t preach to us, but he was insistent. Brother Lunan was different,' remembers Zeph. 'He didn’t smoke, drink, or swear. We got talking. He invited me to Bible studies and we met all these people singing and studying. He didn’t preach to us, but he was insistent. Brother Lunan was different,' remembers Zeph. 'He didn’t smoke, drink, or swear. We got talking. He invited me to Bible studies and we met all these people singing and studying. He didn’t preach to us, but he was insistent.

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Zeph and Evelyn Grant

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Scoring Goals for LIFEdevelopment

Football is a means of bringing people together. It was no different when Lodford Lions came into existence on a hot summer afternoon, Sunday morning in 2002. The usual twelve aside ‘kick about’ was in full swing at Lodford Park. It ended as it usually did, but this time instead of going their separate ways, they organised themselves into a team. The name Lodford Lions was chosen as the majority of players lived in the Lodford area of Irton, Essex, and ‘Lions’ because of the animal’s fearlessness.

Under the leadership of Coach Manager Clement Mitchell, the team took part in the (former) Barkingside District Sunday Football League, which proved particularly advantageous as registration was inexpensive; they had a Sunday League format, and games were played in close proximity to Lodford Park.

With a team of 20 players, Lodford Lions reached the third round of the League Cup, 4th place in Division 1, with sights set on premier division football next season. On Sunday 5 May they played the finalists in the Division 1 Cup. Although losing on penalties, they played with high spirits and excellent gamemanship throughout. A number of kind-hearted sponsors have allowed the continued existence of the team – namely: the Area 6 committee and Councillors of the London Botanic Garden Lodge Council, who graciously provided the team with funds to hire a pitch for two seasons. Lodford Lions’ own treasurer, Hartie Holdier, who paid for the team strip; and the church members who allowed the use of the church hall and provided financial contributions.

Of particular interest is Clement’s other role as LIFEdevelopment leader. As a consequence of his involvement with these non-Adventist young men, a number of them have seen fit to bring their babies to the church for dedication. We view this as a promising start on the road to commitment!

Dudley House School at Aberdaron

It was something we had planned to do for years. This was the year we did it. Fourteen young people (ages 15 and older) and seven staff members and parents (left Grantham for North Wales on 7 June and enjoyed a week packed with fun activities. Thanks to Debbie and Tim, camp instructors, the children received qualified guidance in kayaking, swimming, hiking and rambling, as well as rock climbing.

Sunday, and concluded on Saturday 29 May with eight baptisms.

Jojo spoke with a freshness, a direct sincerity and a passion for God. We could feel the Holy Spirit moving around the church hall and provided financial contributions.

Luton’s second church

On 15 May Luton was blessed with another church. The congregation at Luton North was ecstatic about their fellowship which had begun only seven months earlier but was now more than thirty members strong, with many more on the way, and frequent weekly attendances of 100+ people.

The officiating were Pastors Don McIlvaine, Alan Hodges, Michael Hamilton and Aris Vorotzis. A packed congregation witnessed the formal establishment of Luton North as an Adventist Church. This will not be a church that is going to grow; already many of its congregation have been out in the community and have been distributing literature, ingathering and discovering the needs and views of the locality.

Preparation was something that weighed heavily on the minds of the initial assembly, and much prayer, supplication and fasting by the fellowship as a whole happened in order that they might better accomplish the work God has set before them. The members at Luton North, side by side with their committed pastor, Andrew Leonce, are ready and willing to continue to serve their neighbours and proclaim the good news of Christ.

LIFEdevelopment

Eight baptised at Bristol campaign

At first it looked like the Satan had won the day. Bristol Central and North Bristol churches had planned a campaign for the latter end of May. The original speaker, a very prominent young evangelist, had to cancel because he was called away to a desperately needed publicity event, due to the high costs involved.

The project started in March. The aim was to help the community praise through singing, to bring people in contact with gospel music, to help people make new friends, to bring the community to the church and to witness. It was a delight when faces began to show up from homes around the church neighbourhood to join the choir. People who said they could not sing a note in public were soon seeing the benefit of renting individual items. We saw the birth of two new press officers Beppe and Derrick and they contacted local newspapers and got them to run a three-inch free advertisement for the concert. Attractive posters were designed and sent to various centres in Milton Keynes. The central library also took some and sent them out to neighbouring libraries. Some were placed in colleges and schools. All this publicity was organised and carried out by members of the newly-formed choir. The church front displayed the word of God, their love, the church, and the name of the person designated as the T-shirt logo. Our concert was not swamped with church goers but with people on the margins of the community. The publicity paid off as we had people attending as far as twenty miles away.

The whole event was the dream of Pastor John Seymour, a very skilled musician and a very talented music graduate, since completing her Music Education Degree at Bangor University. Her philosophy is that music is one of the greatest witnessing tools and one that could help some people to come in contact with the church.

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NewsBreak

Junior’s at HQ

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Day ended with a fellowship meal.

Our ‘soul’ purpose here was to cast a call to the reality of our task as people. A buffet followed, with an estimated 170 people.

The African Fellowship aims to:

1. Share the experiences of the Lord's people and other Christians who are not in the same cultural background.
2. Foster a better understanding and a deeper appreciation of each other's cultures.
3. Create a platform for fellowship and collaboration among Christians of different cultural backgrounds.
4. Emphasize the unity of believers in Christ, regardless of cultural differences.

The African fellowship committee was set up: Themba Tshuma, Kathy Twum,建築士モントガムシ, and other paramedical staff. He said the current daily attendance of 280 patients a day with the 200-bed hospital at Kwadaso in Kumasi into a fully-equipped modern hospital at Newbold College, and computer consultant director at Warren Point Ltd, scientific consultant at the University of Loma Linda University Hospital, is making steady progress after a stroke in April.

Loughborough baptism

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First off, Year 10 student Emanuil Markov played a short yet invigorating violin solo from his native Bulgaria. He was followed by a second Year 10 student, Tinashe Mukahahana, who stunned the audience with a booming baritone voice as he performed a self-written speech titled ‘The Wisdom of Nelson Mandela’. ‘I am here to tell you about the love that is in Africa,’ the Zimbabwean student declared, gesturing dramatically with his hands and smiling from ear to ear as he charmed his audience.

A little later, a corny element from Sweden was introduced when four staff members – Michael and Donna Lloyd, Grace Manurung and Bjorn Karlman – surprised the crowd by miming to a medley of ABBA songs. The four teachers glided through the accompanying dance routine, delighting their students in the audience as well as several ABBA-fan parents.

Towards the end of the programme, a visiting group of students from Hong Kong’s Sam Yik schools wowed the audience as, dressed in traditional costumes, they performed a variety of acts demonstrating their unique culture. Their performances included a lively furty martial arts demonstration along with a traditional dance with ornamental, hand-held fans.

Audience members swarmed around food stalls and cultural displays as they were invited to take off their schoolards and ‘see the beauty of the different continents’ for the second half of the evening. Several rooms in the school had been decorated to represent different parts of the world. One of the strongest impacts was made by the South Asia room. Visitors were given the sensation of walking into a tent as they entered through the doorway to find walls of bejar cloth mounted with pictures and artefacts representing the cultures and religions of the region. The aroma of traditional food being served combined to make the room a sensory delight.

The festival ended with visitors being invited back into Margerison Hall for the exit of the flag bearers and a final ‘goodnight’ from the headteacher.

New website for Adventist Youth Societies
On 21 May, as part of a new Christian website, the The Youth Sanctuary Network opened for young adults aged 16-35. TYS is an ambitious project to create a series of websites that will attempt to give an online presence to Adventist youth societies everywhere free of charge - and it is starting in the UK!

The first to open, TYS is a forums area a little different from what some Adventists may be used to. Visitors are invited to set up and manage groups and their memberships themselves, or register a society for and in the name of their local church. Each group or society gets up to six forums to use to discuss whatever they wish that is relevant to their group or society members. All registered members on the site may join any group or society online in order to take part in their discussions or simply follow what any group is up to by reading their discussions. The aim of TYS is to house as many groups and societies as possible, dealing with a diverse range of interests and activities, religious and non-religious, that all help in the development of a young adult’s life.

There are only a few groups and societies currently set up, and thus many more are needed. For a very long time Adventist youth societies have been crying out for an online presence of their own and now every one has the chance to find out what is happening in other churches - all from one website. In the near future the project aims to have more applications that will aid every society or group in showing what is happening in their local area through their own photo galleries, news and events areas and many more not yet conceived.

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Visit TYS at www.youthsanctuary.net.

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Women 2 Women & Banquet (5 Sept)
28-29 August 4-5pm (except Sunday) 7pm
Mansfield Church, 300-302 Wood Lane, Hanwell, W7 2EB
Women’s Ministry Team
Manting Care Barron
Lenny 07890 395534 for info and Banquet tickets
Lenny Danieu-Lee 020 8863 0256
david@burnett15.fsnet.co.uk

Hampshire Church
29 August
1.30pm
Hampshire Church, 300-302 Wood Lane, Hanwell, W7 2EB
Work Koch, the Hanwell church in West London

Banquet tickets
Tel 01476 591700.
Cost to member supplied in bulk to churches £6.

National Sanctuary for Younger Adults
12 October
Highgate House Conference Centre
NCG Family Ministries
Pusey C. Sankey 020 8909 0222/222
Limited spaces, book early to avoid disappointment.

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