Dr. Bertil Wiklander, TED president, and Pastor Cecil Perry, BUC president, led prayers at the GC Session following the terrorist bomb attacks on London on 7 July. Pastor Paul Clee, Sabbath School director at TED and a Brit, said, 'My heart goes out for those who have been injured and for the loved ones of those who have died. It has come fairly close to our church and I am so pleased that our churches have responded quickly by opening their doors as counselling centres.' A statement was voted condemning the terrorism. A statement was voted condemning the terrorism.

GC President Pastor Jan Paulsen, 70, was re-elected on 1 July as world president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church during the 58th General Conference Session. He was elected by a unanimous vote of delegates in St Louis, Missouri, USA. 'It is a privilege to serve the Lord and the Church in the leadership role that you have asked me to fulfil. It is an honour, and I want to express appreciation for the trust you have placed in me. I will do my very best to serve the Lord and his church,' Dr Paulsen said immediately after the vote. 'I need to know that the Holy Spirit will be a constant companion and support, and I believe he will. I want to express my appreciation to the many, many of you who have, since I came here, offered your support,' he added. 'Thank you for continuing to remember us in your prayers.'
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British Union Conference

The celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar has brought naval medicine back into the spotlight. After all, you cannot dismiss the fact that the hero of the battle was minus an arm and an eye before he was minus his life. Pictures of Admiral Lord Nelson lying on the poop deck of HMS Victory and breathing his last clearly show the starkness of medical facilities in the late 1700s and early 1800s. That is not to say that medicine had not made some advances. In 1738, twenty years before the birth of Horatio Nelson, one navy doctor, James Lind, had conducted what was probably the first properly controlled clinical trial in the history of medicine. He conquered scurvy, a condition that had decimated the crews of most ships spending long periods at sea. Scurvy — or scurrosis — is a disease caused by a deficiency of vitamin C in the diet, a condition that can be remedied by a balanced intake of fruits and vegetables, not readily available to seafarers in the eighteenth century. Sufferers from scurvy pined away with welding teeth and swollen bleeding gums. Lind was a surgeon on HMS Salisbury. He experimented with twelve scurvy sailors having mottled skin, lassitude and putrid gums. He divided the men into six pairs and varied their fluid intake. Each pair of men had respectively:

- a quart of cider a day
- an elixir of vitriol (a few drops of sulphuric acid)
- two spoonfuls of vinegar 3 times a day
- a day on an empty stomach
- half a pint of seawater
- a nutmeg mixture (included garlic, mustard seed, tamarind, and cream of tartar)
- two oranges and a lemon (to be eaten at any time during the day also)
- lemon

The treatments were conducted for six days. Lind said, “The sudden and visible good effects were perceived from the use of oranges and lemons,” and one of the two sailors having this treatment was able to return to duty at the end of the six days.

Nelson’s fleet benefited immediately from Lind’s cure for scurvy. It had been said, “The scurvy alone, during the last war, prevented some of our men from standing at their posts,” Lind probably contributed as much to the victory at Trafalgar as did Nelson, but it is Nelson who forever lives in history. As for the scurvy sailors, no one knows their names.

The next night, David poured wine into Uriah and made him drunk. That would push him from the moral high ground and reduce the personio to the pursuit of power.

David urged the warrior to ‘go home and rest. You may have worked. He actually sent a servant after him with a gift. (“Flowers for the lady” or “a bottle of champagne?”)

God’s scandalous grace brings pardon to those who call them to public forgiveness. "Against you, you only, have I sinned and wronged you. Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean."

Lust-, power-, money-, anger-driven, we may behave as if there is no God. But our behaviour does not alter the glorious fact that there is, and that he is a God of justice and forgiveness.

References:
Baptisms are always a time for celebration, especially for those being baptised and their immediate families. It is also a time for the church family, along with others, to witness the commitment new members are making in their walk with Christ.

50 Years of Marriage
Mr and Mrs Fitzroy Lessey recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The couple, who attend the Reading Central church, were married on 22 May 1965 at the Spirea Seventh-day Adventist church in Trinidad.

Trevor Philips, the Commission for Racial Equality Director, regarding the failure of black males in mainstream education. The CRE Director, after a trip to the US, had said that black boys might do better in education if they are taught in a class of their own. Media critics and education professionals argued that this move would lead to segregation and would, in the long term, be bad for race relations and integration.

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Cheltenham chills out
Twenty-two members/regular attendees of Cheltenham church were away for a long weekend to the Brecon Beacons. We rented a large farmhouse with 10 bedrooms, 2 kitchens, 2 dining rooms, 3 bathrooms and 5 loo! The youngest person there was aged 2 and the oldest was 89 (and there were all ages inbetween!). This was the first time we had gone away together for a ‘retreat’, and we were joined by Pastor David Neal (newly-elected Irish Mission president), along with his wife Marcie and two young sons, Tom and Mikey – and dog Matt! Pastor Neal fed us spiritually by leading us through the book of Philippians. Living closely together as a church family for a few days challenged us as Christians; we had to learn to be tolerant of one another’s ways of doing things, and to make sure everyone’s needs were met.

Sponsored walk
The final Sunday for Manchester South’s Ingathering campaign this year was set aside for a sponsored walk. The idea was initiated to enable those who wanted to use an alternative method of raising money for ADRA UK.

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This year the Ingathering target for Guiford church was £12,200, and Gordon Mueller, our Ingathering agent, encouraged and trained the younger people in the church. The Lord answered the prayers of Sisters Theresa and Vera May, and fulfilled Isaiah 40:29, ‘He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might he increases strength.’

Is the system failing our children?
That was the question posed to members and visitors attending Hackney church’s Education Day on 23 March. A couple of weeks prior to the programme wide-spread media coverage had been given to comments made by teachers in a class of their own. Media critics and education professionals argued that this move would lead to segregation and would, in the long term, be bad for race relations and integration.

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Manchester South: ten baptised
Sabbath 2 April was a glorious day at Manchester South when ten candidates took their stand for the Lord. One candidate was from our sister church in Longsight. Each person had his or her own unique story to tell of a journey to the pool that day.

The church was filled to capacity with family, friends and well-wishers. Among them was Stanley Muneri, who had travelled from Nigeria and joined his wife Brenda to see their two daughters, Sonia and Kimberly, seal their faith. Pastor Richard Brooks conducted the service and immersed the candidates. One young person, Loyce, had the privilege of being baptised by her father, church elder Isaac Keengwe, when he assisted Pastor Brooks in the pool. Pastor Robert Williams, from neighbouring Manchester South gave the message for the occasion. The new baptismal members are Charmaine Allen (Longsight), Bunchille Ewan, Wayne Fagan, Lyoe Nyakundi, Sonia Muneri, Kimberly Muneri, Nebula Norman, Bertha Manga, Doreen Salesie and Janet Tucker.

Stoke Newington baptisms
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Harry’s story: A loaded gun and six bullets

On 30 April Harry Powell was detained at the Colchester church. His testimony may shock you.

Harry was not a nice person in 1991. In fact, the circles he moved in were considered not dissimilar. On a cold evening he left his London flat on a mission to destroy someone’s life. He had a loaded gun and six bullets. One of these was meant to kill a man who had not been expected. A part of him didn’t want to shoot the man, but because of the company he kept, it was the macho thing to “take a stand”.

Arriving at his destination, he knocked on the door. There was no answer, but a neighbour did notice and said the man was on a long-distance visit to Italy. The delay made Harry really angry. Leaving the scene he sat in a field and screamed a “split”.

Turning to walk back to Wood Green, he went across the road. A voice told him to stop. Three times he went across and each time he heard the voice. Looking to the right he noticed a zebra crossing and went up the road. He crossed the zebra crossing and went back along the other side to the road. Suddenly he heard a car screeching and saw the car as it went like a car parked something opposite. He turned back. Lying in the road was a middle-aged man. There was blood everywhere.

Harry then heard a voice saying “You were ready to kill, ready to take your life. He realised the police had arrived, and his jacket was under showing his gun. He kept on the road and then knew something was missing. He kept on the Bible, searching and questioning. Eight years later he found the answer. His searching could stop. He moved to Colchester and God led him to the Colchester Adventist church.

We were blessed to have Harry in our church. Sadly for us, not long after he was baptized, he announced that he was going to return to his home in Jamaica, as God had called him to do his work there. He wished Harry all of God’s blessings in Jamaica in the years to come, and we pray that he will inspire many people to turn to God.

BERNICE BEATRICE WRIGHT (nee Bruce) 1921-2006

On 17 April Bernice (nee Bruce) Wright, a long-time member of Blackhorse Road church, died at the age of 85. Bernice was the daughter of Robert and Phoebe Wright of Blackhorse Road. Bernice was born in June 1921 and was raised in the church.

In 1946 she married Alan Wright, who was a member of the church. They had three children: Lorna, John and Mary. In 1953 the family moved to Ipswich, where they continued to live until Alan died in 1972.

Bernice was a well-known member of the church and was actively involved in many church activities. She was a member of the choir and was also involved in the church’s women’s fellowship. Bernice was also a member of the church’s mission committee and was involved in many mission trips to other countries.

Bernice was a devoted member of the church and was always willing to help others. She was a kind and compassionate person, and was always ready to lend a helping hand. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

The service was held at the church on 21 April, and was attended by many members of the church. The funeral took place at the church on 24 April, and was attended by many family members and friends.

After the service, the family held a reception at the church, where many members of the church and family gathered to remember Bernice and celebrate her life.

The family would like to thank all those who attended the service and for their kind thoughts, prayers and support given by the church.

International Festival of Mission Trans-European Division

The first in a series of presentations by each of the nations of the Trans-European Division of the International Festival of Mission was presented by the Trans-European Division. The TED made up of 36 countries from the continents of Europe, Africa, and Asia, is diverse in people and beliefs.

Their theme for the past five years has been “Growing Together” as one in Christ. In an area with a population of 588 million people this presents many challenges when 62% of that population is Muslim, and in Europe 79% is secular, which makes religion but not religious.

The presentations were given by various teams from each country, and were accompanied by music, dance, and drama. The presentations were very diverse, and included elements from each country’s culture and history.

The presentations were very successful, and were well received by the audience. The audience was moved by the stories of faith and hope that were shared, and were inspired by the message of unity and love that was传递ed.

OGBOLU LEON (1954-2005), 24 April

Ogbolu Leon, who passed away peacefully at the Cedars Hospice at the age of 91, had been suffering from Alzheimer’s disease in recent years, and had sustained a broken hip only a week before she passed away. She was loved dearly by her family and friends, and will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

In 1954, Ogbolu married her husband, Leon, who was also a member of the church. Together they had four children: Michael, Jean, John, and Elizabeth. Ogbolu was a member of the church’s women’s fellowship, and was involved in many church activities, including the church’s mission committee.

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HARRY THOMPSON (1920-2005), 8 November

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In 1950, Harry married his wife, Helen, who was also a member of the church. Together they had four children: Michael, Jean, John, and Elizabeth. Harry was a member of the church’s men’s fellowship, and was involved in many church activities, including the church’s mission committee.

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The service was held at the church on 12 November, and was attended by many members of the church. The funeral took place at the church on 14 November, and was attended by many family members and friends.

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The service was held at the church on 15 November, and was attended by many members of the church. The funeral took place at the church on 17 November, and was attended by many family members and friends.

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Despite the difficulties, the 100,000 Adventists in the TED are rising to the challenge of keeping the flame of living Christianity burning. According to the region’s leader, Dr Bertil Wiklander, they have actually managed to achieve 12% growth over the last five years. This growth has taken place, at least to some extent, through methods that might be considered radical in other parts of the world.

One of these methods, called ‘LIFE Development’, is more of a process than a programme, says Cecil Perry, leader of the church in Britain. The unchurched postmodern people of Europe do not respond well to a direct presentation of the Gospel, and LIFE-development provides them with a gentle, non-threatening introduction to Christianity. It encourages existing members to make genuine friendships with secular people, allowing them to belong to church communities before they have become believers. Asked about the reaction to this new form of evangelism Pastor Perry responded, ‘We are re-orientating the minds of our members. They are now thinking outside of their own flock.’

TED President re-elected
Dr Bertil Wiklander was, on 3 July, re-elected as president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the TED. After his re-election Dr Wiklander said, ‘My vision for TED is to experience further steady growth, to reach people for Christ. Also that we as Adventists experience the excellent quality of life discovered through a relationship with Jesus Christ.’

Changes among the departmental directors at TED were announced on 8 July. The SEC president Pastor Don McFarlane was elected field secretary, Global Mission Awareness co-ordinator and Stewardship director. The BUC’s Raffat Kamal was elected TED co-coordinator, Janos Kovacs-Biro was elected co-ordinator of Evangelism, Church Revitalisation and Church Planting, Newbold’s Dr Daniel Data was elected Education and Ministerial Association director. A complete list appears on page 6.

Growth
The General Conference secretary revealed that baptised church membership totalled 13,936,932 as of 31 December. In 2004, 2,933 members were being added to the church daily. In some countries the ratio of church member to the population was quite high. For example, 1 in 10 members in Grenada are Adventists. Some towns were being added to the church daily. For example, 1 in 10 members in Grenada are Adventists. Some towns were being added to the church daily.

The Challenge of Youth
At a press interview soon after his re-election, Jan Paulson answered questions covering a number of concerns of the youth within the church, the challenges of slow growth in Europe, the challenges for the years ahead, and personal frustrations. Concerning young people he said, ‘I want to know what is in their hearts.’

Repealing a theme from the previous evening’s presentation, he urged the young people directly, ‘If you don’t find it [church] interesting, come in and make it interesting for partners with us.’

Following his ‘Let’s Talk’ initiative to invite young people to dialogue on issues that are important to them, he also urged the Church to be more accepting and tolerant of the involvement of our young people in church life. ‘Because I am 55 (I am a little older than that) does not mean I have a greater right to speak than someone who is 20. They will make mistakes – didn’t you?’ He also revealed that he had urged the Division presidents around the world to have similar ‘Let’s Talk’ initiatives with young people in their local areas.

Addressing the challenge of slow membership growth in Europe he acknowledged, ‘I don’t have the answers,’ but he noted two things for members to realise. Firstly, that just because the Church finds it difficult working in Europe ‘please don’t deduce from that that God is somehow removed. Secondly, don’t define obedience by the situation in which you find yourself. There may be as much rejoicing in Heaven for one person saved in Europe compared with one hundred and one everywhere.’

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