

## OBE for Joan Saddler

by Richard DeLisser, Communication director, SEC

A special dinner at London's Advent Centre climaxed the day for Joan Saddler OBE, the second Seventh-day Adventist to be honoured by the Queen in a little over a year.

Joan, who was named in the Queen's birthday honours list, is a member of the Hampstead church and a long-standing member of the London Adventist Chorale. She was awarded the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in recognition of her work in the voluntary sector by Queen Elizabeth II at a ceremony held at Buckingham Palace on Thursday 6 December.

Adding to that recognition, the Women's Ministries department of the Hampstead church, together with the South England Conference, hosted a special dinner in her honour following her award ceremony at the Palace. In attendance were the president of the South England Conference, Pastor Sam Davis; Pastor Bert Smit, director of ADRA-UK; members of Joan's family and many of her friends. Asked how she felt upon receiving the award, she stated, 'It is great for the Church. As Adventist Christians we must live our values and put our faith into practice and God will bless us.'

The Buckingham Palace website states that it was King George V who first established the Order in 1918.

Today it 'is the order of chivalry of British democracy. Valuable service is the only criterion for the award, and the Order is now used to reward service in a wide range of useful activities.'

Useful activities would certainly describe Joan Saddler's life. She has served for many years in the voluntary sector and is a leading figure in the National Health Service, promoting equality and diversity. She is the founder and director of Direct Consultancy, providing research and capacity-building programmes for Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) communities, and is a founding member of the Haringey Women's Forum, an advice and information service. At the Haringey Voluntary Sector Training Consortium Joan designed and evaluated training programmes for the voluntary sector.

She has served on committees for a range of local and regional agencies for many different communities and client groups and is a member of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA-UK) board. In 1998 she developed a mentoring programme for black women managers in Islington.

As non-executive director at



Haringey Healthcare Trust and a Health and Race Committee member, Joan advised on community engagement and the development of race equality frameworks. In 2001, she became chair of Walthamstow, Leyton and Leytonstone Primary Care Trust (PCT) and, in 2003, chair of Waltham Forest PCT.

Joan provides critical leadership in key areas, for example, empowering people to make informed choices about healthcare – Waltham Forest PCT was the first to publish performance information on every GP practice in the local paper.

Joan provides strong leadership

to BME staff in the PCT where two of the executive team are from ethnic backgrounds other than white British. Joan jointly proposed and is co-chair of the NHS BME Leadership Forum, which enables BME leaders and managers in the NHS to influence health and social care policy and develops 75 BME leaders and managers through providing personal development opportunities, encouraging them to share learning within their organisation and to mentor others.

Along with Pastor John Arthur, Joan is now one of two OBEs within the Adventist Church.



with Jonathan Barrett

## Was there *any* good news?

What kind of a year was it for you? Did you and your family have good health? Did you lose someone close to you? Did a new life come your way, maybe in the form of a baby or friend? What about your work or studies; were they successful? How were your relationships? What about your spiritual development; did you see progress or stagnation? When you have pondered those things, think about the past year from a larger perspective, around the country, around the world.

There were plenty of bad news stories; bombings in Iraq, more dire

news about global warming, foot and mouth scares, bird flu culls, Northern Rock crises, floods in the North, Madeleine McCann's disappearance.

The bad news readily springs to mind. Not so the good news. I find it harder to think of specific good news stories. Of course, we are surrounded by good news in this country if we allow ourselves to think about it: high standard of living, moderate climate, plenty of food, freedom to speak and worship as we like, families and

friends, to name a few things.

As we think about the past twelve months, it may be useful for us, rather than dwelling on global or personal good or bad news, to focus our attention on God:

*Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.* Hebrews 12:1, 2.

The past twelve months may have been bad for you. If so, keep fixing

your eyes on Jesus. That isn't a cop-out. You may have had genuine sorrow or misfortune or you may have made some bad decisions. Whatever it was — whether it was your fault or not — keep fixing your eyes on Jesus. If you messed up, he can forgive and restore you. If things went wrong, he can help you keep things in perspective and give you hope.

If you had a good year, then thank God for it, but keep fixing your eyes on Jesus anyway! All good things come from above, so acknowledge him for them all!

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## Enhancing Health

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escalate a situation, making it more of a drama and crisis than it is in reality. As a result, we experience more stress.

The American Psychological Association's *Journal of Personality and Social*

*Psychology* published research in 2002 on the effects of thought patterns on stress. It revealed that optimists tend to have happier lives and are generally healthier, regardless of the degree of stress they experience.

In 2001 a study by researchers at the Harvard School of Public Health and the Department of Veterans' Affairs in Boston discovered that people who viewed the world more optimistically had half the risk of coronary heart disease compared to their more pessimistic counterparts.

Another study by staff at Brigham and Women's Hospital and the Harvard Medical School suggests that a positive attitude strengthens the immune system.

### Accentuate the positive

Just think, if you can begin to highlight the positive elements and eliminate the negatives in your life, you are at least halfway to a less stressful life!

Try improving your thinking style by asking God to renew your mind so that you can deal more effectively with stressful situations. Here are two very effective measures that I have used with excellent results to combat stress:

**Promise box** — This contains a number of encouraging passages of Scripture which you can use as positive affirmations. Place it in strategic points in your home or carry in your handbag or briefcase.

**Prayer partnership** — This provides prayer cover for you, particularly in times when you are experiencing challenges and find it difficult to pray. The realisation that someone is standing in prayer with you is both comforting and strengthening.

In the book *Mind, Character and Personality*, vol 2, p 403, E. G. White states:

'A person whose mind is quiet and satisfied in God is in the pathway to health.' As you progress through 2008, may you experience health in body, mind and spirit.



## STRESS

Part 10

### Thought Patterns

In this final issue in the stress series, we discover the power of our thoughts and their impact on stress.

Research has demonstrated that the way we think has a direct relationship to how we feel and how we behave. It is clear that thinking style affects how stressed we get in any given situation. This, in turn, has an effect on general well-being and health.

Additionally, negative thoughts can lead to negative outcomes, as negative thinking accentuates the challenges we face. This, in turn, can



# Let no one spoil your joy in 2008!

Don McFarlane

'... The joy of the Lord is your strength.' (Nehemiah 8:10.)

What gives you joy? No doubt, if this question were put to a variety of people, the answers would be very varied. The responses would depend largely on the life circumstances of the individuals questioned and the things they consider important.

For some joy might result from paying off their debts or recovering from a serious illness. For others, it might come from their children's successes, or a change of government. Sometimes joy can come in bizarre circumstances. I knew a church member whose greatest joy came from hearing about the misfortunes of others. Even after thirty years of ministry I cannot forget his anguish as he shared that with me.

There is a joy that is fleeting. This is experienced when you learn that you have landed that coveted job or that degree for which you worked so hard. It's the joy of the salesman who has just made an effective presentation and knows his company is about to bag a lucrative sale. The joy that you feel when your football team is sitting at the top of the Premiership. However, this kind of joy is short-lived and superficial.

The joy of the Lord that will sustain us through 2008 is of a different kind. It's what I call *real joy*.

Real joy is not an emotion. It's a state of being in which you know that whatever broken dreams, disappointments, sorrows and discouragements you experience, *all is well and all will be well*. We all have our ups and downs. Even those who appear spiritually confident have moments of depression and discouragement when the world seems unfriendly and hostile. The joy that Jesus gives might not always make you smile or result in laughter, but it's a joy that sustains you in all situations.

Nehemiah 8:10 is set against the background of Israel's return to Jerusalem from Babylonian captivity. In spite of their successful rebuilding of the city walls, they were depressed and downcast. Ezra opened the Book of the Law and read to the people. As he did so there were tears in their eyes. Those tears were, no doubt, tears of contrition as the Word of God reminded them of their sins. Perhaps they also wondered how they could possibly live up to the Law's demands. In response, Nehemiah said to them, 'Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is sacred to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

I like the way the *Clear Word* paraphrase puts this verse: 'Nehemiah said, "Let's celebrate the finished work with good food and the sweet drink of fresh grapes. Share what you have with those who have nothing. Don't be sad. The Lord loves you. The joy of the Lord is your strength."'

'Don't be sad. The Lord loves you.' What great assurance! This is the God I want to hold my hand and walk with me through 2008. Not only is he a powerful God, but he is also a loving God, a God who cares. Sustaining joy comes from knowing that I am in his hands. This, for me, is the source of real joy.

Real joy is an inner assurance that keeps us positive and confident in the midst of our experiences. It is an inner strength built upon our faith in God.

Real joy says that whatever happens, God will take care of me. The person with real joy can join the psalmist in saying, 'Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there

your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.' (Psalm 139:7-10, NIV.)

Real joy looks sickness in the face and says, 'I am not afraid of you for I know the Great Physician.'

Real joy looks death in the face and says, 'I am not afraid. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil.'

Real joy finds itself in overwhelming circumstances but does not worry, for it remembers the promise of God. 'So do not worry, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?" For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.' (Matthew 6:31-34.)

Real joy sustains us through the night of tribulation and tells us that the morning is coming. Psalm 30:5 tells us, 'Weeping may endure for a night but joy cometh in the morning.' (KJV.) Real joy not only comes in the morning, it sustains us through the night.

Real joy comes from the knowledge that God has not abandoned the world or his people and that one day soon, very soon, Jesus will return to make this earth what he originally intended it to be. Anticipation of that glorious event gives joy in a dark and seemingly hopeless world.

Real joy comes from a life of total surrender to God. When we surrender, we can relax and let God do his work in us. The old adage, 'Let go and let God' comes to mind here.

I wish you all a happy and joyful 2008. May it be a year in which you experience the joy of the Lord in practical and meaningful ways. Let no one spoil your joy.

# When you *need* to forgive — and be forgiven

Someone once said that a good marriage is not made up of just two great lovers but of two great forgivers.

An article by Rhonda Langefeld that I recently read highlights the challenges of forgiveness, especially in a marital relationship. She states that a marriage which suffers from a lack of forgiveness may exhibit the ABC symptoms:

**ANGER.** Unresolved issues often settle into a marriage as an undercurrent of anger. This can be the explosive type that lashes out at odd times, seemingly for no reason. Or anger can be acted out in deliberate, quiet ways like not setting a place for a spouse at dinner, by purposely forgetting or ignoring things important to a spouse.

The warning sign of anger leads us to examine our marriages. Check for the root of the anger. When did the anger begin? Where did it come from? See if you can pinpoint the cause and apply forgiveness.

**BITTERNESS.** When anger goes on too long, it calcifies into bitterness. Rhonda describes bitterness as 'the cold yuck in our soul when we think of the person who has wronged us'. Bitterness makes us hard, callous, unable to be touched or moved. It breeds hatred and cynicism; a cynicism that spreads to our other relationships. Stop and look at yourself. Do you want to be the kind of person that bitterness is turning you into? Forgiveness gives you the choice to go down a different path. A healthier path.

**CRITICISM.** Are you overly critical of your spouse? Are you the one who enjoys regaling your weary listeners with a list of your spouse's faults? You probably have not forgiven him or her for something. That 'something' may be a big thing, or just a group of little things

that spring up when two faulty people share the same life. What do you always criticise your spouse for? Can you forgive him or her for it instead? Make a list of things that you like or appreciate about your spouse and use it as you work through the process of forgiveness.

Rhonda concludes by saying that when anger, bitterness and criticism fill our marriages, forgiveness is the powerful tool that can free us from resentment and bring us relief.

If forgiveness is at the heart of a good marriage, why is it then that sometimes it seems so hard to understand and even harder to practise? Rhonda, in a previously written article (2 October 2006), responds to these same questions by helping us to understand what forgiveness is not and then explaining what forgiveness is all about.

## Forgiveness is NOT:

- **Just forgetting** something. Burying it. Smothering it. Pretending it didn't happen. If you cover the weeds in your garden, they are still there. Real forgiveness is tearing the weeds out by the roots, so the garden will flourish.
- **Excusing** something or saying it was OK. We forgive people for things that are not OK. Lewis Smedes, in his book *Forgive and Forget: Healing the Hurts We Don't Deserve*, says that when we excuse people, we don't need to forgive them. We excuse people when we understand that they weren't to blame. We have to forgive people when they are to blame.
- **Tolerance.** The dictionary definitions of tolerance are all about enduring something hard or painful, or working up the

strength to bear something awful. The difference between forgiveness and tolerance can be seen in society's attitude towards crime. We can forgive crime, but we will destroy ourselves if we tolerate it.

- **Just a matter of course.** Hurts and breaks in relationships don't just heal themselves. Healing takes purposeful, forgiveness-full action.

- The same thing as **trust.** Forgiveness may mean giving someone the opportunity to rebuild trust, but we don't automatically trust everyone we forgive in this life.

## Forgiveness IS:

- A **decision** that we make in the middle of often turbulent feelings. And, it is a decision we may have to remake daily as our hurt feelings subside.
- A **tool** for dealing with the pain in life and with the natural disasters that happen when two faulty human beings live together for long periods of time.
- **Aggressive**, in that it can be a powerful thing that keeps the incident from doing us further harm. People who will not forgive are enslaved by the incident that caused them hurt; enslaved for as long as they choose not to forgive.
- **Grace.** A good example of forgiving grace is Jesus and his relationship with us; something not deserved, but needed. If I deserved forgiveness, then I wouldn't really need it. You could excuse my actions and be done with it. Instead, you give me grace and cancel the emotional debt I owe you.



- **Free.** We shouldn't make someone grovel for it. We don't use the incident for emotional blackmail. We don't hold the incident over our spouse's head anymore. Remember what Jesus said when asked how many times should one forgive?
- **Honest.** No pretending here. And no pretending that you, the forgiver, are not hurting. Honesty strengthens a marriage, because intimacy and understanding are the foundations of love. Without honesty, those foundations are compromised and weakened. A healthy marriage is honest in its hurt and honest in its healing.
- **The removal of the blocks in a relationship allowing it to begin again.** The giving and receiving of forgiveness is a way both spouses can say, 'We believe in our relationship. We value our relationship. We want our relationship to keep going.'

## How to forgive and how to ask for forgiveness

Sheri and Bob Stritof in their article, 'Forgiveness and Letting Go', give the following pointers:

### How to forgive:

\* Be open. \* Make a decision to forgive your spouse. \* When images of the betrayal or hurt flash into your mind, think of a calming place or do something to distract yourself from dwelling on those thoughts. Seek the Lord in earnest prayer wherever you are. \* Don't throw an error or mistake back in your spouse's face at a later date. Don't use it as ammunition in an argument. \* Don't seek revenge or retribution. It will extend the pain.

\* Accept that you may never know the reason for the transgression. \* Remember that forgiveness doesn't mean you condone the hurtful behaviour. \* Be patient with yourself. Being able to forgive your spouse takes time; don't try to hurry the process. \* If you continue to be unable to forgive, or if you find yourself dwelling on the betrayal or hurt, don't be afraid to seek help by contacting your Family Ministries directors at the email addresses or telephone numbers below who will be more than happy to give you every assistance they can.

### How to ask for forgiveness:

\* Show true contrition and remorse for the pain that you've caused. \* Be willing to make a commitment not to hurt your spouse again by repeating the hurtful behaviour. \* Accept the consequences of the action that created the hurt. \* Be open to making amends. \* Be patient with your spouse. Being able to forgive you often takes time. Don't dismiss your spouse's feelings of betrayal by telling your spouse to 'get over it'.

### Tips on practising forgiveness:

Being able to forgive and to let go is a critical tool for a marriage relationship. Being able to forgive also is a way to keep yourself healthy, both emotionally and physically.

Everyone makes mistakes. Everyone has off days. Most people say things they don't mean now and then. Everyone needs to forgive and to be forgiven.

No relationship, especially a marriage relationship, can be sustained over a long period of time without forgiveness. Even though you may find it difficult to forgive, being able to forgive is crucial in marriage.

Last, but not least, you can as the chorus we sing now and then says, 'Turn it over to Jesus', asking him to place in your heart the spirit of true forgiveness.

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## GBK: 'Where are all the young men?'

In a packed congregation 18-year-old Khalid Smith made an appeal to the youth and began his sermon with the question: 'Where are all the young men?' He continued: 'Are they running away like Jonah? Is the gang group more attractive and church a soft option?' Khalid continued his powerful sermon and the youth were challenged by his words of the need for a new way to find and encourage men to return to the faith.

DELVA CAMPBELL



## Kettering helps hospice

The Kettering church held a carols and readings service on Sabbath 22 December led by Pastor Adrian Broome. The church board had decided to dedicate the whole offering that day to the Cransley Hospice, the institution that provides terminal care for patients in the area. The photo shows Pastor Broome handing over the cheque for £160.71 to Debbie Grant, the fundraising secretary for the hospice.

TONY WELCH

## Leicester Central: Three lives, three conversions, three baptisms

Leicester Central witnessed three people dedicate their lives to God on 31 March. Here they reveal their life's journey to W. Georgia Dacres.

Mitchell Perry, 29, a former soldier, began to seek God seriously after suffering a near fatal motorbike accident. He says, 'In December 2000 I was out riding my motorbike one Saturday morning and came off at very high speed. I did my best Superman impression until a tree stopped me dead. Lying in a ditch, looking up at the wonderful, clear blue sky, I knew I was in trouble because I couldn't feel any pain. I couldn't breathe in or out. I was just lying there waiting to die, while mentally shouting out to God, "Please let me live. I'm not ready to die."

'What happened next still amazes me. I started to feel relaxed and although I did not hear a voice, I was overwhelmed by a feeling that I was going to be OK. Later a doctor told me I was lucky to be alive. I had lacerated my liver due to the force of the impact. Had it split more I would never have made it to the hospital. I thank the Lord for keeping me alive.' Mitchell now attends Leicester West church.

Claire Sawh almost did not return to the path where Christ was leading her when she faced difficulties getting her young children to sit through church services. The kindly congregation at St Matthew's branch Sabbath School helped her make up her mind for Jesus with their Sabbath crèche for kids. It gave her time to think.

'My mother (Stephanie Fields) became a Seventh-day Adventist and I saw a positive change in her. We had visited her church (Leicester Central) before. The children were very young so I spent a lot of time settling them and really didn't gain anything.

'I always knew that being baptised was important, but I had many questions and the children had questions. I was invited to St Matthew's Community Adventist church. Thank the Lord, this was child-friendly. The children were able to go off into their own group but they were still able to see me. It helped me. I could sit on my own and digest things. I wanted to know more. I didn't want to be brainwashed. I wanted to go through the Bible in a rational manner. . . .'

Katie Taylor was a student at Leicester University when she met another student who was passionate about Christ. She says, 'I went to church up to the age of about 5 years old. Between the ages of 5 and 18 I continued to be interested in church but did not want to walk into a church alone. I often read Mum's Bible but I didn't understand much of what I read. I moved to Leicester University and made friends from many different churches and religions. A fellow student seemed more passionate about his faith than some of the other Christians and often invited me to church. Eventually I agreed and visited Leicester Central.'

Katie found what she was looking for — a relationship with Jesus.

W. GEORGIA DACRES



L to R: Pastor Paul Liburd, Katie Taylor, Claire Sawh and baby Asia, Mitchell Perry and Pastor Orlando Holder

# A Passionate Weekend for ASI-UK

by Audrey Balderstone

ASI-UK is an association for Adventist business people, professionals and those involved in lay ministries. They meet twice a year, and in November their meeting incorporates the AGM for the association. Pastor Ron Whitehead, executive director of the Centre for Youth Evangelism at Andrews University, was invited as the special speaker this year, and the theme for the weekend was PASSION.

Pastor Ron skilfully wove the theme into his presentations which were spiritual, topical and practical. Using his evident communication skills he employed humour to appeal to all sections of his audience. The ASI motto is *Sharing Christ in the Market Place* and Pastor Ron encouraged us to share our love for Christ with passion and dedication.

On Sabbath those staying at Latimer Place for the weekend were joined by other members and friends. Kathy Dalton creatively cared for the children during Sabbath School while Pat Eastwood's beautiful solo led us into the spirit of worship. David Burgess of STOP International brought us up to date on the progress of the items ASI-UK sponsored for the Children's Village in India and we were moved

by his stories of sacrifice by those who care for orphans. It was a privilege to have Jim Cunningham conduct our lesson study and Jim ably used his teaching skills to generate meaningful and thought-provoking discussion.

We were particularly glad to have a number of young people and young adults with us on Sabbath and two of them, Reuben and Kehrys Sterling, took part in the worship service.

Reuben read the lesson and Kehrys played a beautiful piece on her flute. It was exciting, in the afternoon, to hear about the work of *London Live* from Murray Harvey. Murray's subsequent workshop emphasised that our working life and our spiritual life should not be separated – they are one. Pastor Ron, talking about some of the trends in the world today and how they are impacting upon our Church, highlighted the fact that we are losing 51% of our young adults between the ages of 17 and 35. This sobering fact needs to be a wake-up call to all of us and we need to get beside our young adults and let them know how much they are valued, not only by God, but by each of us. However, despite the fact that things in the world can only get worse, we can be filled with hope as



The ASI-UK group on Sabbath



Pastor Ron attempts to hug ASI-UK president!

we look forward to the coming of our Saviour. His coming will be hastened as we work together, and as the power of youth is harnessed into his

service. Both Murray and Pastor Ron spoke of young adults eager and willing to share their faith in new and unique ways and we need to encourage them to greater efforts. A quiz in the evening, compered by Andrew Millsop, was great fun and rounded off a very special day.

After a devotional on Sunday morning, when we were asked to renew our commitment to Jesus, the atmosphere in the Annual General Meeting was positive and energetic. Reports were accepted, donations to various projects were approved and members offered suggestions which will be worked upon by the board. As we left Latimer, it was with renewed energy and commitment to God and to 'Sharing Christ in the Market Place'.

If you would like to know more about ASI-UK please contact the secretary, Christine Manners-Smith: [Manners-Smith@ntlworld.com](mailto:Manners-Smith@ntlworld.com).



Obed, Magdala, Elizabeth, Samuel and Esther

## Esther's story

The story of Esther has appealed to generations of Christians. Esther was a young girl without a home or family, who was taken in by her cousin Mordecai and eventually crowned Queen of the Medo-Persian Empire.

We in the British Union have experienced the rise of our modern day 'Esther', for it was her birth mother's wish that her child be placed in an Adventist home. A national search was undertaken (with the help of *MESSENGER*) and today Esther has been successfully adopted into the family of Obed, Magdala, Samuel and Elizabeth and the extended family of the SDA Church.

Who would have guessed? An ordinary girl has now become a princess, a member of the royal family of God.

We would like to thank *Messenger* for their support in helping us to find a loving family for Esther.

ABIGAIL BOAFO-ADDA

## Handsworth's Music Day

Handsworth church designated 15 December as Music Day. The ethos of the day was to worship God through praise, instruments and music, and to show how music enhances worship, how it can keep us close to God, and, ultimately, how music essentially should be used to worship God.

The church was called to worship with the much-loved and talented group Willing Spirit, who focused the congregation's minds and hearts on the purpose of the day as they asked through music, 'Isn't he love?'

The various musical items rendered throughout the morning all contained something for each person who was waiting to hear a message from God. They not only uplifted and encouraged, but also seemed to be explanations for some of the trials that Christians face at some time in their spiritual walk. Collette Woodburn, in her song, 'When my heart says no, I still believe', touched on the issue of sometimes not wanting to praise God because of the trials that take away our joy. Audrey Reid gave us hope as we face our trials as she sang, 'God has another plan'.

The children's story was also musical as the Music Day coordinators took the children through the words and actions of 'Father Abraham'.

Even though it was Music Day, time was allocated for the spoken word. The sermonette was presented by our elder, Dr Patrick Lowe, who asked us to consider the sobering idea that when we stretch forth our hands, we become praise to God as he inhabits all his children; hence our music and praise should reflect the sentiments of Philippians 4:8.

Arguably, the highlight of the day came from the mastery of a visiting saxophonist. Courtney Fadlin was visiting from Atlanta and treated the church to a performance that can only be described as 'sensational'. In the afternoon he treated the church to a half-hour performance that was intertwined with sound bites of his life's experiences.

The day was rounded off with an entertaining 50 pence concert in the lower hall. From the sentiments of Music Day, it was clear that God is to be praised, not only in prayer and studying, but also with music. With the presence of the Holy Spirit that could be felt throughout the day, Handsworth seemed to have succeeded in fulfilling this aspiration.

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## Exodus — The Musical

by Jenny Jeffers

Approximately forty Preston church Pathfinders, ranging from 6 to 24 years, spent two weeks of their holidays making props, costumes, painting backdrops and creating an Egyptian ambience by decorating the hall for 'Exodus — The Musical'. The time spent together helped to develop skills and create a special bond between the young people which, in turn, helped to expel fear, trepidation and stage fright.

With help from some adults, the production was staged to coincide with the black history weekend of 27-28 October and compared the children of Israel's bondage with that of the slave trade so many years ago.

The Pathfinders held nothing back: they had a message to tell and

through the medium of drama, interspersed with music, they portrayed the story of Moses from his birth to when he became a great leader. The audience was captivated by the narrator's witty personality and charm. It was a powerful witnessing tool which was performed in front of people from the local community, many of whom confessed to not being churchgoers or even having knowledge of the story of Moses.

There was an air of excitement from the youngest member of the production as she announced to everyone, 'My daddy's here tonight!'

'A great production from some very talented people,' 'Brilliant,' and 'Mum, this is better than X-Factor,' were some of the

comments given on the night.

After being spiritually fed, it was time to whet the appetite by being physically fed with the Caribbean culinary delights which were on sale. Also over the weekend was a multi-cultural resource centre which was a one-stop shop offering information about black history, culture and religion.

Preston Pathfinders created a stir within their community; this production will be talked about for years to come. A preacher once said, 'Do something extraordinary to create interest within your community.' Although the musical may not be classed as extraordinary, it provoked interest and evangelised in our little corner of the world. It was well worth all the hard work, effort, sweat and tears. Thank you to all those who took part and supported this project.

Photos can be viewed at <http://www.prestonadventist.org.uk/pathfinders.php>.

# Celebrating good music

by Joyce Hill

Photo: Johnson Wong

Celebrating good music has always been a tradition at Stanborough Park Seventh-day Adventist church. Saturday, 8 December saw a double celebration, both for the music of gifted young artists in the church and for the gift to the church of a Steinway grand piano.

Compère Roland Guenin invited the audience to think of this evening as a celebration of good music, adding that, 'At this time of year when we give and receive gifts, the church, too, is celebrating the receipt of a gift in the form of this grand piano, which we all hope will greatly enhance our participation and enjoyment of music here at Stanborough Park.'

The beautiful Steinway grand piano is the gift of Roland and Louis Guenin as a legacy of their parents, Marcel and Genevieve. They were loved and stalwart members of the Holloway and Stanborough Park churches for all of seventy years. Pastor Roy Burgess, the perennial song leader over the years at Stanborough Park, accepted the generous gift to Stanborough Park church, rejoicing in the pleasure it was already giving in the concert.

During the programme Roland introduced some of the young talents of the church family. Rebecca Tunwell (organ), Pierre Guenin, (flute and trumpet), Alexandra Browne (saxophone), Song-ah, Min-young,

Su-jin, and Michael Chang (string quartet) and Phil Cooper (trumpet). A lovely light touch towards the end of the celebration was Daniel Guenin's rendering of 'Silent Night' on the ukulele, with mentor Ron Grant supporting him. Daniel had picked up the ukulele 'just for fun' only two months previously.

Stanborough Park has a rich musical history and Roland reminded us of musical performers whose talents we remember well from the past: Kathleen Joyce, The King's Heralds, Phyllis Bonney, Beryl Gammon and others. Valerie Fidelia, who has been a favourite soloist for many years, delighted us by singing Howard Goodall's arrangement of Psalm 23.

As Roland said, we are a church who are blessed by having the much-loved Ji-Ahn Sisters with us. Throughout the evening we enjoyed music from Frederick Chopin, Saint-Saens, Brahms and Schumann, as the young ladies played piano, violin, and cello solos, duets and trios. Ji-ae (piano) Ji-eun (violin) and Ji-hee (cello) are musicians from Korea furthering their qualifications in London. Roland expressed the hope that the sisters will long continue to gain further degrees, so that we may continue to enjoy their music here at the Park. The evening of musical celebration ended with the Ji-Ahn sisters playing a trio entitled 'Palms', composed by Jean-Baptiste Faure. To be reminded of waving of palm leaves and the singing of hosannas on the first Palm Sunday was a joyous way to end an evening of celebration.



# Year end celebrations at Stanborough Centre

by the Dean family

Photos: Victor Hulbert

They could have been at Trafalgar Square or along the Thames embankment but over 100 members and friends of the Stanborough Park church chose to see in the New Year at something better: 'IExit07'.

What better way to exit the year than with an official goodbye with family and friends. The Stanborough Centre held the event hosted by the master of ceremonies, youth pastor Dejan Stojkovic. In excess of 100 people attended IExit, a thanksgiving concert with special guests. The evening kicked off with light-hearted humour from Dejan, following entertain-

ment provided by Newbold church's Teen FOCUS Band, The Gospel Manna Community Choir, No limits from Soweto, Stanborough youth's very own 'Matte Finish Improv. Team' and volunteer youth worker, Uriel Herinirina.

The music covered varied genres from the traditional 'Silent Night', through the beautiful harmonies of 'No Limits' to the more progressive sounds of the FOCUS band. However, while the styles might have been different, the message was the same, calling people to commitment and service of The Most High.

Following the concert it was time for laughter and cheer all round as people of many nationalities socialised and shared experiences from 2007. Light refreshments with a classier front were provided alongside 'The Green Bar'. With party-poppers, and a countdown to midnight, hugs, promises, fun and fellowship, IExit07 was a highly memorable social occasion. The countdown is on for IExit08! This is likely to become an established annual event. A selection of photos and sounds from the event is available from the BUC picture gallery, [www.adventistpictures.org.uk](http://www.adventistpictures.org.uk).

number of toys already decorating the platform at the front of the church.

Pastor Paul Tompkins, Youth and Family Ministries director at the denomination's Trans-European Division, provided the traditional Toy Service meditation on the topic of 'giving', comparing the gifts given to King Solomon by the Queen of Sheba with those given by the Magi to the infant Jesus, the King of kings.

Musical contributions to the



# Walsall baptism

October 6 was a day of rejoicing following a two-week evangelistic campaign in Walsall. The campaign was led by the church pastor, Patricia Douglas. 'Hope in times of uncertainty' was the theme, reminding us that, no matter what we are going through, we should hold on and be faithful till death, for Jesus is coming soon to reward us with the crown of life. The church was

packed with members, friends and family members who came to support and to witness the baptism of Dasline Magaya. The most exciting moment came as she stood up to present herself to the congregation as a new person in Christ. Dasline comes from a Methodist background and has been studying with the church pastor for some time. Pastor Dalbir Masih conducted the baptismal service.

PAUL MTATIRO

# Canterbury's new member

Sabbath 27 October was a happy occasion for the Canterbury church when Eve Cox, aged 85, became the oldest member to be welcomed into fellowship through the profession of faith.

Eve, a lovable Christian mother, was surrounded by many of her family.

Her nephew Warren O'Hara, first elder of Hanwell church, spoke on the importance of a mother's love, but emphasised that God's love for his children was greater than this.

He and his wife sang a duet about God's love, as did the church choir. Pastor Vartsaba offered the prayer of dedication.

A fellowship lunch followed with a special cake, when the members welcomed Eve into our church family.

MIRIAM EFFORD



# The sky's the limit

On 8 December Great Brickkiln Street church, Wolverhampton, celebrated their Pathfinders and Adventurers Investiture. Highlights of the day began with designated groups, lined up in their ranks and files, marching reverently into the sanctuary to the sound of rhythmic drumming.

The investiture programme continued. The church was packed to near capacity, and distinguished guests and friends witnessed the giving of badges and presentations from the NEC leaders to the Pathfinders and Adventurers. Their hard work and achievements were well rewarded. The day ended with welcome and encouragements from the leaders to the new Pathfinders for the coming year.

DELVA CAMPBELL



# Annual Toy Service



Something wasn't quite right, but what? All the traditional elements of the annual Christmas Toy Service at Stanborough Park church – carols, candlelight, local representatives from Watford Council and social services and, of course, lots of toys – were there. But closer scrutiny showed one item conspicuous by its absence from the array of toys destined for needy local children at Christmas – the bear. The large teddy bear which had featured prominently since the early years of the event, becoming as much a symbol of it as Pudsey Bear is of the BBC's annual Children in Need Appeal, was missing.

This annual service, held on Sabbath 15 December, was established in 1962 by the late Alf Kelly MBE, who, concerned that some needy local children were missing

out at Christmas, encouraged church members to donate new toys for them. When questioned about the missing teddy, Alf's daughter Pat Walton, who took over organising the annual event after her father's death in 1996, explained that the previous year she had taken up the offer of a loving home for the bear as the time had come to allow it to retire and spend its remaining years in a more fitting manner.

Hundreds of new toys, donated by generous church members, were accepted on behalf of needy local children by Councillor Tony Poole, Chairman of Watford Borough Council, who formed part of the platform party along with his wife, Sylvia. During the service the children were invited onto the platform to donate toys individually into giant toy sacks, adding to the large

# No limits and blessed voices at SWAAF Thanksgiving Day

by John Surridge, Welsh Mission president



Cameron Collins – youngest member of the 'Blessed Voices' quartet

On Sabbath 15 December some 200 members and guests attended a special Thanksgiving and Praise Concert Day organised by the South Wales African Adventist Fellowship. The event, which was held in a large lecture theatre at the University of Wales Institute, Cardiff, brought visitors from as far away as London, Birmingham, Reading, Watford, Manchester and Sheffield, and even Cape Town!

The main attraction of the day was the music, with top quality groups and artistes performing during the morning, afternoon and evening programmes.



Members of the Reading Ghana Youth Choir



Mrs Vera Selepe

his friends from the Pentecostal community in Brecon, two of whom assisted with the praise and worship in Sabbath School. Others present came from Caribbean, Welsh and English backgrounds, but all were united in their worship and their enjoyment of the various styles of sacred music.

The Sabbath School study was led by Dr Asaph Mokotjo from Sheffield, and during the divine service Welsh Mission president, Pastor John Surridge, spoke on the importance of building the new SWAAF church community according to the pattern laid down in the Bible. Music in these morning services included Sujoya Paul Bullock on the harp, a solo by Vera Selepe, No Limits, and a concluding song by Blessed Voices, who arrived just in time after travelling all the way from London.

MC for the afternoon programme was Pastor Clive de Silva. An experienced minister in the South England Conference who recently featured on the Hope Channel's 'In Conversation' programme, Pastor de Silva was known to many. His relaxed and friendly manner helped to ensure an orderly service which, although primarily musical, included devotional thoughts and a fundraising drive for the fledgling SWAAF church.

Each musical item was moving and impressive in its own unique way. Some of the loudest applause followed a performance by Kim and Pam Mbenenge and Rea Selepe – three talented children who had travelled from Walsall to take part. Nkosi ka Ndlovu and Vera Selepe (Rea's mother) were similarly appreciated.

With more than twenty members, the Reading Ghana Youth Choir was the largest group taking part. Most of their performances were conducted by their usual leader, Eugene Mitchell. However, in an interesting twist at the end of day, the choir was led in the *Hallelujah Chorus* by guest chorister Lungile Jacobs from the University of Cape Town. Jacobs conducts two choirs back in South Africa but had travelled to Wales especially to support the SWAAF day and to learn a little more about the Adventist music scene in the United Kingdom.

Blessed Voices lived up to their reputation of being both professional and inspirational. With a number of dedicated fans in the audience, many of their songs were recognised and applauded after just a note or two, and 'By the Rivers of Babylon' in particular was greeted with cheers and shouts of appreciation.

Topping the bill, however, was another a cappella group, the No Limits quintet from Soweto. Some in the audience had travelled from as far away as Eastbourne just to hear them perform, and others, although they had not heard of them before, soon realised that No Limits was a world-class act.

No Limits started in Soweto, Africa's largest township, in 1995 but since then they have toured all over the world and have recorded five albums. They describe their music as Afro-Jazz-Gospel.

## From failing to flying

Why are our children failing in school and why are they being failed by the system and what can be done about it? These and other questions are answered in a book entitled: *Eagles Who Soar: How African*



*Caribbeans Succeed* by Dr Jasmine Rhamie, recently published by Trentham Press and priced at £16.99. In it she examines why African Caribbean pupils' attainment in examinations is disproportionately low and their exclusion rates and statements of special educational needs disproportionately high. However, this book is about the differences in the school experiences of those who succeeded and those who did not.

The voices of the young people presented here are powerful and revealing. Through their own accounts of their school experiences we see how the influence of family, friends, church and the community can enable them to succeed against the odds. The stories told in *Eagles who Soar* show how destructive patterns can be broken and how black children can overcome the challenges they face. It will encourage and inspire the black community and urge and assist educationalists to strive for greater success among African Caribbeans.

The book is essential reading for anyone concerned with the education of black children and young people. Dr Jasmine Rhamie lectures in primary education at the University of Southampton and is a member of the Reading Central church.

RICHARD DELISSER, SEC Communication director

## Dagenham's twelve new disciples



Candidates standing outside the church with Pastors Mohan and Chihwai

October 13 was a day to remember in life of the Dagenham Community church. Nine precious souls took their stand for Jesus. It came at the conclusion of a one-week revival evangelistic campaign with the theme 'Lift Him Up!' conducted by Pastor Chihwai. His soul-searching messages, drawn from real-life experience, with his brand of humour, were well received by members and visitors. The baptismal service was held at the Plaistow church, and Pastor Mohan encouraged the candidates to make Jesus their lifelong Friend. He was assisted by our first elder Tim Clairmont in the baptismal pool.

As each candidate entered the

pool all heaven was in praise. The candidates were Latisha Ali, Francis and Sedina Lewis, Jonathan Clairmont, Ettah Gwabunda, Christine Jimwaba, Kerinia Jean-Pierre and mother and daughter Cameleta Ffrench and Jay-Ann Galbraith. This was a special moment, because we had never witnessed so many individuals being baptised at Dagenham church. However, the story does not end here. Back in August at Teens Camp at Chapel Porth three young people made their stand for Jesus – Nathan and Sophie Bannis and Joseph Smith. Little were we to know that nine more souls would be baptised at our evangelistic campaign.

ESWORTH MAYNARD

## Crowds for Tottenham's afternoon baptism

Sabbath 8 December was an extra special day at Tottenham. In the morning it was Visitors' Day with Pastor Sam Davis, the newly elected president of the SEC, delivering the main message, and his wife, Rowena, telling the children's story. In the afternoon there was a baptismal service where seven precious souls, six from Tottenham and one from Chingford church, committed their lives to the Lord. The evening ended with an end-of-year social where those who still had energy left after a very long but inspiring day socialised and ate together.

Marion Wadibia (née Amartey) conducted a lively Sabbath School lesson study with much participation from the congregation. Pastor Davis later commented on how much he enjoyed the lesson study and he brought a smile to our faces when he

added, 'And I helped to train that girl,' referring to Marion's days at the London Youth Federation.

The theme for divine service was, 'Today is the Day'. Sister Davis told a very interesting story about a little boy who was afraid of the monsters under his bed and also a real-life story about an event that happened to her in South Africa. She held the attention of both children and adults.

The first elder, Orville Baxter, presented the six Tottenham candidates to the congregation – Natalie Rodney, Rhea and Danielle Strachan and Miranda, Melissa and Nadheera Edwards. Everyone was joyful as five of the six candidates were teens who had grown up in the church. The church was informed that Pastor Keith Boldeau of the Wood Green church would conduct the baptismal service, as Tottenham was without a pastor. Chingford church, which also did not have a pastor, would have a candidate at the baptismal service.

Pastor Sam Davis, before delivering the sermon, spoke about his vision for the SEC for the next four years. High on his agenda was a media centre. He mentioned a non-Adventist church at the corner of Seven Sisters Road that was showing its church services on Sky TV. Since then the church has been able to raise thirty-five other branches. 'We Adventists should be able to do the same to spread the Gospel.' He would also like the church to encourage meaningful relationships with the community.

The theme for Pastor Davis's message was, 'A Tour of Praise'. He spoke about King Hezekiah who was sick unto death until God gave him fifteen extra years.

At 4.30pm people returned for the baptismal service which was held in the hall downstairs. As Quita Buffong from Chingford church was being baptised alongside the candidates from Tottenham, many of the members of this church joined us for this special occasion, including two elders; Martin Luther Rodney and Zom Musiyiwa. As the hall was unable to hold all those who were present, many watched the service on the screen in the sanctuary.

MAXINE DONOVAN



# Building up, Reaching Out



by Sam Davis

What a wonderful privilege it is to be alive at the beginning of 2008. On behalf of the officers, departmental directors and staff at the SEC, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy 2008. Truly, God has been good to all of us.

For many of us 2008 has not started the way we would have liked. Within a few days of the year's beginning four young men had already been murdered on our streets. How we wished that we could have left the killing of the old year behind us. In 2007 over twenty-six young men died on our streets through knife or gun crime. Our Adventist young people are not immune, and I pray that at the beginning of another year God will indeed grant wisdom and protection to our young people, especially as they interact and engage with their peers. We have also seen another form of violence at the beginning of this New Year.

News of the election in Kenya was beamed into our homes as tragedy struck that peaceful country. I was privileged this past summer to be a part of the mission trip led by BUC Youth director Pastor Des Boldeau. Local members proudly told us how peaceful their country was and that they were not plagued by some of the ills of other African countries. Now we see the displacement of peoples, the murder and intimidation, and so on. Let us pray for the people of Kenya, that God will intervene and bring peace and calm to

that troubled country.

I was privileged to attend a Christmas party at the Houses of Parliament in December. Having never been inside the hallowed halls of Westminster, I was eager to respond to the invitation from Members of Parliament, Jeremy Corbyn and Emily Thornbury.

As I mixed and mingled I found myself standing next to two ladies and we got talking. They asked me what I did. I mentioned that I was there in my capacity as the former pastor of the Holloway SDA church. 'What do you do in the community?' they asked. I mentioned that my Pathfinders had been marching through the streets of Holloway to promote what they do. I talked about the health checks that we conducted at the Link centre on the Seven Sisters Rd, and the love feast conducted at the church once a month, just for starters. The younger lady, Sonia, said, 'How come I don't know about it?' She became quite indignant, because, she said, 'If you're doing that kind of work in the community, then why haven't you told us?' I mentioned that we did go out knocking on doors but she said no one had knocked on her door.

Clearly, from my experience with Sonia people want to know what we're doing in their community. As we begin the year 2008 let us raise the profile of our Church for the Lord Jesus Christ. Post-modern man is interested in community and relationships. People will respond to us in the most amazing ways when

they realise that we're interested in their needs.

It is the intention of the South England Conference that we build up and reach out in 2008. Build up the community inside the Church. We are becoming an even more diverse Church. As I travel around the Conference I am finding that places that were traditionally enclaves for the host population are now becoming more and more diverse. I think of Brighton and Hove, Cambridge, Horley, Bracknell, just to name a few. We need to embrace change, and welcome those who seek to fellowship with us. Let us strive to build fellowship and spirituality within. Once we have achieved that, then we're in a position to reach out and touch the community around us.

In a hi-tech age dominated by the media and the Internet, where soap operas, sport and socialising dominate the lives of those around us, how can we reach out to them and make a difference?

The Gospel commission given to us by the Lord Jesus Christ continues to ring out across the centuries to us today. 'Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.' (Matt. 28:19,20.)

The Gospel invitation is to be given to the rich and the poor, the high and the low, and we must

devise means for carrying the truth into new places, and to all classes of people.' (*Evangelism*, p. 552.) Building up, reaching out, is what we have been called to do. May the Lord be with all of us in 2008 as we seek to find ways and means of touching and impacting the lives of those in our community for the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Train as a Drug Educator for free!

This 4-weekend training course will be run in conjunction with Hope UK and will offer candidates the opportunity to learn how to educate others about drug matters.

All four dates are mandatory and will take place at the BUC offices, Stanborough Park, Watford. There will be no charges for the training course which includes course materials and lunch on Sunday, but there will be a charge for accommodation if required.

9/10 February  
15/16 March  
19/20 April  
17/18 May

For more information please contact Natalie Davison at the BUC Youth Department on 01923 672251 or email [ndavison@adventist.org.uk](mailto:ndavison@adventist.org.uk). BUC Youth Department, Stanborough Park, Watford, WD25 9JZ

#### Death of Pastor Calkins

We are sorry to announce the death of Pastor Harold Calkins on Friday 4 January. Pastor Calkins served as BUC president from 16 September 1981 to 31 July 1986. He entered denominational service in June 1943 and went into retirement at the conclusion of his service with the BUC after having given 43 years of service to the Church in North America and Britain.

# When po-faced\* persons behave badly

**'As the end approaches, people are going to be self-absorbed, money-hungry, self-promoting, . . . slanderers, . . . addicted to lust, and allergic to God.' Paul to Timothy (2 Tim. 3:1-4, MGE).**

with David Marshall

I was relieved to read on the BBC website that 'the majority of Sudanese people' had not wanted to see Gillian Gibbons 'in trouble' for permitting a class of 7-year-olds to name a toy bear Muhammed. Mrs Gibbons was arrested, you will recall, when 'a small number of parents' complained at the Unity High School, Khartoum, where she taught.

Another example, then, of crazy behaviour in the name of religion. It's always 'a small number' isn't it? That's all it took for a 54-year-old teacher to do time in a Sudanese prison, contemplating a sentence of forty lashes. A spokesman from the Sudanese Embassy in London said, 'What is happening is standard procedure because one of the parents complained and the police were bound to investigate.' It sounds as if 'the small number of parents' was very small indeed. *The Observer* said that parents had not complained but that Mrs Gibbons had been reported by a fellow teacher with a grudge.

'Who steals my purse steals trash; 'tis something, nothing; 'Twas mine, 'tis his and has been slave to thousands; But he that filches from me my good name Robs me of that which not enriches him, And makes me poor indeed.' *Othello*, Act 3, Scene 3.

Reputation is a very fragile commodity. Many liberal Moslems are mortified by the image Al-Qaeda has given to Islam. It seems that, in the sphere of religion, good names are especially susceptible to the actions of radicalised minorities. Mrs Gibbons's detractors, it appeared, were not a bunch of 'radicalised' Al-Qaeda sympathisers but a single po-faced fundamentalist with a grudge.

The good name of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is especially susceptible. In the last two decades

of the twentieth century it was tainted by association with some of the most negative *fin de siècle* news stories.

I was at the Bournemouth International Centre waiting to receive the Christian Author of the Year Award when the Waco standoff began. Early coverage did not mention any connection with our communion. However, about thirty minutes before the presentation, Sky News announced that the Branch Davidians had enjoyed considerable success recruiting followers among two or three Seventh-day Adventist communities in Britain. Can you begin to imagine how I felt when, following the presentation, I was asked about a cult leader with concubines, some of whom were alleged to be under age? About the apocalyptic that had justified the amassment of enough firepower to make a terrorist organisation jealous? More importantly, can you begin to imagine how *God* felt about the shame by association?

The last question they asked me was one I could not (and cannot) answer: 'What made eighty or so of your fellow communicants become involved?' It occurred to me that it would take many years and the equivalent of a doctoral dissertation to answer that one. Apparently, Dr Ken Newport of Hope University, Liverpool, has now undertaken that research and Oxford University Press has published his findings in *The Branch Davidians of Waco*, ISBN 978-0-19-924574-1, £34.

What does it take to turn the Cause of the Prince of Peace into a cause of violence? It takes both the inversion and perversion of its principal truths. Is anyone you can think of capable of the degree of subtlety, deception, corruption, malevolence and depravity necessary to pull such a thing off? I can think of only one, as can you, and we both know he

didn't perish at Waco.

'But understand this,'<sup>1</sup> warned the apostle Paul, 'There will be terrible times in the last days.'<sup>2</sup>

The word translated 'terrible' (*chalepos*) is the one used to describe the demoniacs Jesus met among the tombs. They were menacing, devil-driven men. Some commentators suggest that in 2 Timothy 3:1-7 Paul was describing 'the last tremendous assault of evil [on the Church] before its final defeat'.<sup>3</sup> Other commentators believe Paul was describing a situation that already existed in his own day, asserting that there would be 'terrible seasons' for the Church right through its history but that those 'seasons' would grow progressively worse until the final 'terrible season' immediately prior to the end of history.<sup>4</sup>

Paul's description of the terrible season begins with the words, '*For men will be*'<sup>5</sup> thus making it clear that *men* will be responsible for the terrible seasons. Satan will be behind it all, but he will be working through men. Paul uses no less than *nineteen* expressions to describe these 'evil men . . . whose nature is perverted'.<sup>6</sup> Take out your favourite Bible version, read 2 Timothy 3:2-5 and count them. It was important to Paul and it is important to God that you recognise these men when you see them.

This is how the list of nineteen appears in *The Message*: 'Self-absorbed, money-hungry, self-promoting, stuck up, profane, contemptuous of parents, crude, coarse, dog-eat-dog, unbending, slanderers, impulsively wild, savage, cynical, treacherous, ruthless, bloated windbags, addicted to lust, and allergic to God.'

Notice that, among other things, the men who would bring about the terrible season of stress for the Church, would be *slanderers*. The

Greek word for slanderer is *diabolos* which is the English word *devil*. 'The devil is the patron saint of all slanderers and of all slanderers he is chief. There is a sense in which slander is the most cruel of all sins.'<sup>7</sup>

Remember, 'Who steals my purse steals trash'. The most damaging theft that both the individual and the Church can suffer is the theft of reputation.

The greatest damage that can be done to the Church is when po-faced persons behave badly. When a tiny minority in one congregation removed the copies of their youth hymnals out of doors and, against the wishes of the youth, burned them, they obliged the whole church to live with what they had done. When, elsewhere, another minority found that biscuits being served at a church community tea party contained animal fat and thought it appropriate to take the offending biscuits out onto the pavement and stamp on them, they gave the whole congregation something to live down. When men and women went to Waco . . .

A part of my heart went out to Gillian Gibbons: we have teddy bears at my house (though they are not named after prophets!). A part of me, too, went out to the Muslim Council of Great Britain: they see the reputation of Islam tainted by the high profile attitudes of a few po-faced fundamentalists.

When Paul had outlined the nineteen characteristics of the men who would bring about the final 'terrible season' for the Church, he briefly outlined their MO. Not only would they profess religion, they would actively seek to propagate it in homes. They would target the morally weak and the gullible who are described as 'always learning but never able to acknowledge the truth' (2 Timothy 3:7).

Be aware of what is going on on the fringes. Tomorrow we may all have to live with what they do.

\* 'po-faced' means humourless and disapproving

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**DAPHNE REVISTA ERNEST (1936-2007) d. 5 April.** It is with deep sadness that Basingstoke church announces the sudden death of our beloved sister and assistant elder, Daphne Ernest. Daphne was a founder member of the group and has served her church with enthusiasm and distinction since 1992. Daphne was born in Jamaica in 1936 where she attended an Adventist church for a while but left for many years. She never stopped loving the Lord or the message and had deep religious convictions. Daphne was attracted by an advertisement in the Farnborough press for Holy Land seminars being held in Basingstoke in 1992. She attended and enjoyed the material presented and was amazed to find that they were being run by the Adventist church. She was baptised on 23 October 1993 by Pastor F. Benjamin. By nature Daphne's personality was kind, warm and welcoming. Visitors to our local church were always greeted with a broad smile and massive hug. Although her early life had been extremely painful Daphne's belief in God enabled her to live a life of forgiveness. She trained as nurse and worked in London and Camberley before taking early retirement. Daphne was multi-talented: she cooked like a chef (her potluck contributions were famous), sewed, knitted and crocheted like a pro. She was possibly best known for her voice – a loud, melodious principal soprano which reached the rafters and carried the rest of our little church family (rarely did she not know a hymn), and her ingathering talent. Daphne's retirement had been one of service.

She was a member of several community forums and worked as a volunteer at a hostel for the homeless. Her funeral service was held on 23 April and was well attended by a wide cross-section of the community. She was married to Walter and had four children from a previous marriage and several grandchildren. *COMMUNICATION SECRETARY*

**MARGUERITE BRIGGS (née Castagnetti) (1925-2007) d. 24 April.** Marguerite Briggs was baptised at the age of 13 at the Wood Green church, and was a faithful member both there and later at the Edmonton church, holding several offices over the years. She was happily married to Fred Briggs until he died at the age of 41. Later, in 1989, she moved to Yorkshire to be with her daughter Sharon and family. Marguerite took an active part in the York church until illness prevented her from attending. She had suffered with severe arthritis much of her life, and in later years developed Alzheimer's. Her two grandchildren, Andrew and Clare, were a source of great pride and joy. She died in St Margaret's Residential Home, Harrogate. The funeral service was held at the York church with Pastor Roger Neal officiating, assisted by the incumbent minister, Pastor Graham Alcock. The Scripture reading from the Song of Solomon chapter 2, was chosen by her daughter Sharon, beginning, 'I am the Rose of Sharon and the lily of the valleys', and ending with verse 17, 'Until the day break, and the shadows flee away', a beautiful passage to complement the one who spent her life trust-

ing in Jesus until the day does break and Jesus comes again to take her to her eternal reward. Marguerite was finally laid to rest at the York Crematorium to await the call of the Life-giver. *PASTOR ROGER NEAL*

**VIDA LUCILLE WILSON (1913-2006) d. 5 May.** Vida Wilson was born at sunrise on 2 May 1913 and died at sunset on 5 May 2006. She arrived in England from Portland, Jamaica, in June 1955, and became a pioneering member of the Doncaster Seventh-day Adventist church. A celebration of her life took place there on Friday 9 June 2006 and was conducted by Pastor Des Rafferty and the Doncaster elders. Sister Wilson was laid to rest at the Arksey Cemetery, Doncaster. She leaves behind one daughter, three granddaughters, four grandsons, eight great-granddaughters, twelve great-grandsons and two great-great-granddaughters. The family of Sister Wilson wish to thank all well-wishers for their kind support. Sister Wilson lived and died in the Blessed Hope. *CHURCH CLERK, Doncaster*

**MARJORIE BACKWELL (1911-2007) d. 17 June.** Marjorie Backwell, a senior member of Hanwell church, was born and lived all her life in Ealing, West London. She remained a loyal Adventist for well over fifty years. She was an ardent believer in the Adventist message and was always a willing and conscientious worker in the church she loved. Over the years she was elected to many church offices, including church clerk, kindergarten teacher and pianist. All of these duties she performed

with efficiency and loving expertise. Marjorie had a very clear and detailed memory and this helped us all. When she was 11, Marjorie won a scholarship to the Ealing County Grammar School for Girls and was later made the first head girl of the school. Her name is first on the Honours board there. As a school-girl she met her future husband, Fred, whom she sat next to on the upstairs deck of an open-top bus on a church outing, where they shared an umbrella in the rain. Many years later, in 1940, Fred and Marjorie were married. Marjorie was employed in the education department of Ealing Town Hall until she was married, later returning to this post during the war when she was recalled. Her parents and sister were bombed out of their home in Ealing during the Blitz. Marjorie and Fred offered to share their own home with them. They looked after the parents and the sister, who were all in very poor health, for many years. Until 1956, Marjorie and Fred attended the St John's Church in West Ealing where they married. Fred was given a Voice of Prophecy leaflet by a family acquaintance. He became interested in the Advent Message and in 1956 he was accepted into the Adventist Church by profession of faith. Marjorie accepted the message in 1958. At this time the Ealing church met in Green Man Passage, West Ealing, in a room above Squire's piano warehouse. They were able to rent this room for Sabbath mornings only and used to visit the Chiswick church for the afternoon meetings. Pastor Victor Cooper was the local pastor at that time. A few years later, about fifty mem-

**PASTOR DAVID HOOVER (1937-2007) d. 10 November.**

It is with sadness that we record the death of Pastor David Hoover, who passed away on Sabbath 10 November. A personal friend of the writer, David, an American by birth, served as a pastor for twelve years in the British Union. He commenced his ministry in Glasgow, working with Pastor Don McClure in 1971. In 1974 he moved to the Welsh Mission where he served for ten months before returning to the United States in June 1975. He returned to the UK in June 1983 and commenced seven years of service in the North British Conference and moved to the Irish Mission in September 1990 where he served as the pastor of the Belfast church. He returned again to the United States

in October 1991 and continued his ministry in the Ohio Conference until his illness forced him to retire. David came a long way from the country boy he was when he started out. Born in Arkansas, he worked on the railroad (a passion that stayed with him as long as he was able), served in the US Air Force (meeting his wife Janet while stationed in Norfolk, England), and spent over thirty years of his life as a pastor preparing people to meet Jesus. David was always a quiet, unassuming man. He never sought the spotlight or to be the centre of the crowd; instead, he always pointed people to Jesus. David's love for his friends and family was only surpassed by his love for Jesus. David started to show signs

of his illness about twelve years ago. His health had been rapidly declining ever since. About four years ago, David seemed to become another person as he was unable to remember things that had been very important to him most of his life: memory of family members, friends, and even simple skills we take for granted began to slip away. Eventually it became too difficult to keep David at home, and the family were forced to give him over to the care of a nursing home. A memorial service was conducted at the Blooming Grove Seventh-day Adventist church in Galion, Ohio, on Monday 19 November, and David was buried at Shady Grove cemetery in Star City, Arkansas. He is survived by his wife, Janet, their children Stephanie, Tony, Melanie, Lee and David Paul. *PASTOR ALAN HODGES*

bers of this group were able to find the land and build on the bombed site where our present Hanwell church stands. We have been told what a struggle they had to obtain permission to build this church, but after a prolonged period of time, constant prayer and the intervention of Pastor J. A. McMillan and the Mayor of Ealing, the opposition was removed and God's will prevailed. Marjorie fondly retold the stories of various weddings in the church; how a group of Australian students raised money through various fundraisers efforts to buy the pews which are still used in Hanwell; how her father built the boards where the song numbers still hang each week; and how she and Fred travelled to church and camp meetings in their motorcycle and side car. Marjorie was widowed ten years ago, and then lived on her own in Hanwell. She remained a positive, multi-talented, discreet and very sincere friend. She particularly enjoyed the company and friendship of younger people. Marjorie will be remembered for her smile, sense of humour and independence. She died a few weeks before her ninety-sixth birthday, after a short stay in Ealing hospital. Younger friends from the church were around her bed at the time. Marjorie's funeral was conducted by our Pastor Picart in Breakspear Crematorium on 29 June. *ANGELA PINNOCK*

quartet formed in order to support the Voice of Prophecy radio broadcasts which were produced on Stanborough Park and transmitted from Luxembourg. The original quartet comprised Reg as first tenor, Ted Wallis, second tenor, Ron Coombs, first bass, and Cyril Youlden, second bass. The King's Heralds travelled throughout Great Britain during the 1950s and 60s, supporting the many evangelistic campaigns held by great preachers such as George E. Vandeman. Many will still remember their performances at the New Gallery Centre in Regent Street, popularly described as 'The best Saturday night out in town'. Reg was the last survivor of the quartet. Reg and Dorothy retired to the countryside of County Antrim, Northern Ireland, in the 1980s where they soon became active members of the Belfast church. During his retirement, Reg served in the Irish Mission as Stewardship and Trust Services director as well as continuing as church elder and teaching the Sabbath School lesson. Reg was always a very keen Bible student and never more so than when, after a tiring but rewarding day working in his beautiful garden overlooking the Antrim hills, he would retire to his favourite armchair to study God's Word. A few years ago Reg was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease which resulted in increasing mobility problems and occasional bouts of confusion. Consequently, Reg and Dorothy moved nearby to live with their daughter and son-in-law, Esther and Edward McKee, where they were well cared for. Following a fall and brief hospitalisation, Reg's confusion worsened and it became necessary to admit him to the Rathmena Care Home in Ballyclare where Dorothy visited him every day. In spite of his illness, when Reg watched the video services sent from Stanborough Park church, he suddenly became lucid, recognising many faces and singing the hymns, albeit a little less heartily than in his earlier days. Sadly, following a short illness, Dorothy died on Sabbath afternoon 2 December 2006 ending 59 years of happily married life. Just six months later, Reg died peacefully on Sabbath afternoon 23 June 2007 with all his children at his side. Miriam, Esther, Michael and David, their spouses, ten grandchildren and five great grandchildren, many friends and church members were present at the funeral service which was conducted by David Neal, Irish Mission president. Reg was laid to rest with Dorothy at Ballyclare Cemetery in Northern Ireland where they

await the trumpet call heralding the return of our long-awaited King of kings. *DAVID SWAIN*

**BETTY ROBERTSON (1925-2007) d. 10 September.** Betty was born on 25 November 1925 in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Our parents married in Scotland, and as a honeymoon couple, they emigrated to Canada. By the early 1930s, they began to receive *Present Truth* and other magazines and papers posted out to the farmers in the area by the students of Canadian Junior College, now known as Canadian University College, which was about forty miles from their farm. In 1933 our family became members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Our parents, along with some of the other Adventist families in the district, decided to start a church school, so Betty and George, our eldest brother, started their formal education in a one-room church school in the small community of Hillside on the outskirts of Millet, Alberta. In 1935 our family returned from Canada to Scotland, and in 1936 father decided to attend Newbold College at its original site at Newbold Revel, Rugby in Warwickshire. The family, along with other college families, decided to start a church school – Newbold School – and my brother Francis was in the first class, which started in 1941. Thus began Betty's association with both Newbold College and Newbold Primary School. She was baptised on 4 May 1941, in the college chapel, and, as far as I know, her membership of the college church has spanned sixty-two years. Betty graduated in 1950 from Newbold College with her teaching diploma and began teaching full-time in Newbold School. She decided to gain her State Certification in Teaching, and in 1955 she left Newbold School and attended Easthamstead Teacher Training College. Betty took up her first and only teaching post in the state system at the Lambs Lane Primary School in Spencer's Wood in 1957, where she taught for thirty-three years and served as deputy head. After retirement at the end of 1990, she continued not only to maintain contact with Lambs Lane Primary School, but also Newbold School, where she often filled in with supply teaching and helping children with the 3 Rs on a one-to-one basis. During the 1993-94 school year she came out of retirement to teach full-time at Newbold School. She also took a leading role in the Junior Sabbath School department of the college church for many years. It was with great reluctance latterly that my brother and I and others persuaded her to take things a little easier and let others take up the responsibility of leadership. She passed away peacefully at home on 10 September after enduring the progressive deterioration and pain caused by osteoporosis. The funeral service took place at Newbold College church on 19 September. Tributes were made to Betty's life and influence by both the head teacher of Lambs Lane Primary School and a former deputy head. The younger pupils of Newbold School

touched everyone's heart as they sang their tribute to Betty. The writer gave a biographical sketch of Betty's life, and Pastor Patrick Johnson reminded us that we need not fear death, because our Saviour has defeated it. The committal took place at Easthamstead Crematorium, Bracknell. Church, children and charity were the three great passions of her life. She had a great respect for the Bible, and one of the verses she underlined sums up the driving force in her life – 2 Corinthians 9:15, 'Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!' She expressed her gratitude to God for his gift through the giving of herself through unstinting generosity to others. We thank God not only for the gift of his Son, Jesus Christ, but also for the gift he gave us in Betty. *PASTOR NEIL ROBERTSON*

Thanks – Francis and Margo Robertson, Neil and Paula Robertson and all the members of the family thank the Newbold College church and the pastoral team for their support and comfort. Thanks also to all Betty's friends and colleagues who have sent messages and uplifted the family in prayer.

**JOAN MARY FLOWER (1929-2007) 14 October.** Joan was born in London within the sound of Bow Bells. She married Peter Bishop in 1951. They moved to Bedington, Surrey, where their three children, John, Mandy and Penny were born. In 1973 the family moved to York. Peter Bishop died in 1974 and in 1975 Joan married Ronald Flowers. Joan came into contact with the church through her son John who gave a wonderful testimony of his conversion and baptism. Joan became an Adventist in 1991, was baptised by Pastor Paul Haworth and became a member of the York church where she worshipped and remained a faithful member to the end of her days. After the death of her second husband in 2001, Joan moved to Scarborough to live with her daughter Penny and her husband. Scarborough is some forty-five miles from York, which restricted her attendance at the York church. She was able to attend the Sabbath house meetings at the home of John and Norma Kent who resided near Scarborough. Eighteen months prior to her death it became necessary for her to move into a residential home. The funeral service took place at the York church. All of her family were present, including all of the eight grandchildren, the youngest being just twelve months old. Joan loved her family, and the grandchildren had a special place in her heart. The officiating minister was Pastor Roger Neal, assisted by the incumbent minister Pastor Graham Alcock. The Scripture reading was from John 14:1-6, 'Let not your hearts be troubled,' and Joan's heart was not troubled as she knew in her heart in whom she believed. John Kent, at the request of Joan's family, sang 'Amazing Grace'. Joan was finally laid to rest at the York Crematorium, to await the call of the Life-giver at his return at the end of time. *PASTOR ROGER NEAL*

**'The Adventist Advantage'**

by Victor Hulbert,  
BUC Communication director

Sophia is 73 years old. In March last year she was preparing to die. High-blood pressure and cholesterol levels, diabetes and chest pains meant she had been hospitalised. Severe varicose veins meant she could no longer walk.

Today her blood pressure has dropped from 180/110 to 128/80. Her blood glucose is down from 14 to 3.5 mmols. Her chest pains are gone and she now walks two hours a day.

What has caused the transformation? For the last seven weeks she has been following a programme called CHIP (Coronary Health Improvement Programme). It puts the emphasis on the word 'improvement' and challenges our Western lifestyle with health principles that have been demonstrated by the Adventist Church for over 160 years.

Research, such as that reported in the November 2005 *National Geographic* magazine, demonstrates that the diet and lifestyle advocated by the Adventist Church adds four or more years to the average lifespan and radically improves the quality of life. This month's report from The World Cancer Research Fund and the American Institute for Cancer Research corroborates what Adventists already know.

As the most comprehensive report on cancer prevention ever produced, it has resulted in ten recommendations on food and lifestyle choices that affect the development of cancer. These include maintaining a healthy weight through a balanced diet and regular physical activity, avoiding sugary drinks, processed foods and red meat and replacing them with vegetables, fruits and wholegrains.

Putting this into practice has changed the lives of a group in Wallington, Sutton. Connie had undergone many hospital treatments for her severe digestive problems. She was bloated and severely constipated. Part way through the CHIP programme she began to feel like a new woman and has been 'regular' for the first time in years. Along with others in the group, she has experienced weight loss without starving, increased energy levels, and a drop in cholesterol and blood pressure levels.

Programmes such as CHIP in Sutton, healthy eating clubs in Cumbria, Oxford and Port Talbot, and a host of other initiatives across the UK are based on principles that Adventists discovered in the 1860s at a time when doctors were still treating illness with arsenic, tobacco and other poisons.

Commencing with developing breakfast cereals as a healthy start to the day, Dr John Kellogg founded the breakfast industry and established Battle Creek Sanatorium in Michigan, USA. Noted for his investigations and treatments of cancer and his many books and articles advocating prevention, he is just one of the Adventist health advocates who, over the last 140 years, has worked to improve health around the world, both by lifestyle management and through research and medicine.

In 1958 the work of cancer prevention was widened with the ground-breaking 'Five-day Plan to Stop Smoking'. The first programme of its kind, pioneered at the New Gallery Centre in London's Regent Street, it caused a sensation with its graphic links between lung cancer and smoking. It

was the start of the process that has led to today's understanding of the dangers of nicotine. Adventist owned Loma Linda University Medical Centre in California has also been significantly involved in cancer prevention and treatment, including collaboration on the current European Prospective Investigation in Cancer and Nutrition (EPIC).

With an emphasis on healthier living and a great belief that prevention is better than cure, you might think life is boring. But knock on the door of Sharon Platt-McDonald, Health Ministries director for the Adventist Church in the British Isles, and you will find a smiling, vibrant person. She connects with another tip-off for longevity – a sense of humour. 'There's no point living four years longer if you're miserable,' she says. 'Following the tips for healthy living generally makes people happier in other areas of their life as well.'

The 'Adventist Advantage', as it is sometimes called, is based on the plant-based diet outlined in the first chapter of the Bible and other health principles of hygiene, holistic lifestyle and positive choices outlined in both the Old and New Testaments of the Bible.

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## Golden Wedding

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The couple met while studying at Newbold College in 1954, although Cynthia had first heard of Watson after he'd worked at Newbold on the farm in the summer of 1952. Their first date was a trip on the college coach to an evangelistic meeting in London. Watson and Cynthia were engaged during the Christmas season in 1955 and were married in the Bristol Central church on 28 July 1957.

Watson entered the ministry in 1959, serving first at the New Gallery Centre in London. Then, during more than forty-five years of pastoral work, he cared for over thirty churches, as well as spending fourteen years in administration, serving as president of the North England Conference and Irish Mission and executive secretary of the South England and British Union Conferences.

During her marriage, Cynthia has served in a secretarial capacity at Newbold College, both Conferences, the Irish Mission, the British Union Conference, the Voice of Prophecy and the Stanborough Press.

The couple have been blessed with five children and ten grandchildren, all of whom were present at the summer celebrations.

Watson and Cynthia are enjoying (partial!) retirement in the seaside resort of Weston-super-Mare.

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