When Pastor Stephen Wilson was bringing the Galway Daniel seminar to a close, Ivan Klokov was one of the young people who came forward to request baptism. Visiting 14-year-old Ivan at home, Pastor Stephen found him hand-copying the New Testament. He is now almost through the gospel of Luke. He is following a good example. His Russian father has already copied three quarters of his Russian Bible and has also started through his English New Testament to improve his English language skills. Ivan is just one of seventeen who have requested baptism during Stephen’s two simultaneous Daniel seminars in Galway and Ballinasloe, Ireland.

JOHN DUROE

From 1 July Pastor Petras Bahadur, currently serving as the Adventist Muslim Relations (AMR) director for the South England Conference, will be working on 50% time as the associate director for the General Conference Adventist Muslim Relations department. Pastor Bahadur was born in Pakistan and was schooled in the Adventist education system. He completed a BSc and MBA from the Philippine and began working for the Pakistan Union as an accountant and business lecturer in 1998. He also worked as an accountant in London for five years before responding to the call to ministry in 2003 and pursuing studies at Newbold College for an MA in Theology. In January 2006 he became involved in the ministry at the SEC as director of the Adventist Muslim Relations department. After one year, he was influential in establishing the UK Muslim Relations department, which he now leads as the assistant director for the General Conference Adventist Muslim Relations (AMR) director for the South England Conference, will be working on 50% time as the associate director for the General Conference Adventist Muslim Relations department. Pastor Bahadur is married to Musharaf, and together they have four children. While he is involved with the General Conference work, he will continue assisting the SEC with the AMR work here, as well as leading the London Asian church, an initiative begun by the AMR department.

By Richard de Lisser, SEC Communication director

Muslim Relations director GC appointment for Petras Bahadur – SEC Adventist

John’s New Testament

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Islamophobia and Christianophobia: a case of too little knowledge?

When it comes to Islamophobia and Christianophobia, it is possible to take the view that since the 11 September attack in the USA, Islam has become a culture and religion that needs to be bad pressed. The counterattack on this seems to be Christianity: some Muslims are saying, do not focus on us, take a good look at yourself. Ultimately, when one is looking at the mixture of success stories alongside instances of relative deprivation, what the vast majority of Muslims live peacefully with their neighbours, there is a very small group of Muslim homosexuals has been engaged in acts of terrorism. While radicalisation as a whole is still not well understood, it shameful that extremist elements is cause a social and political phenomenon, rather than an intrinsically religious one. The report presents the group's conclusions and aims to act as the basis for a wider discussion between Muslims and communities around the UK. In time, it is hoped that this will lead to the development of a virtual "House of Wisdom", providing space for discussion among both Muslims and non-Muslims on how Islam should function in modern Britain and contribute to wider society.

Religious prescussions one has to take a balanced view, otherwise the arguments and counterarguments lead nowhere and sometimes end up advertising our own ignorance of each other's culture and religion. Our popular press and TV media sometimes make matters worse. The distinguished African historian and political scientist Professor... the existence of God. For the major part... the 'gospel' of atheism... He was a rational thinker and reasoned there was no place in rational thinking for a transcendent God. He was...

Keziah and Gerry baptised

There was great rejoicing at Southall church on 14 November when the first Muslim woman to serve in the cabinet. She serves as Chairman of the Conservative Party and... has continued to conduct evangelistic campaigns in the British Isles, the African continent and North America.

Timesonline, 30 January 2009. 'The Muslim population [has multiplied ten times faster than] the rest of society.' The same source observed that the Muslim population grew by more than 500,000 in the years 2004-2008.
Adventist Muslim Relations Retreat 2010

What do you think is the key message we need to communicate to our Muslim brothers and sisters?

by Sujoya Paul Bullock

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he was the intriguing question with which Dr Ganne Diop, General Conference director for Adventist Study Centres, sparked off the discussions on Friday evening at the 6th Adventist Muslim Relations (AMR) retreat in Northampton, 9–11 April. This event was organised by Pastor Petras Bahadur, director of Adventist Muslim Relations, and Mrs Sophia Vontzalidis, secretary of AMR at the South England Conference. There were approximately seventy delegates in attendance, with pastors, lay members, young and old and ex-Muslims.

A radical revolution

In his first presentation Dr Diop observed that Jesus Christ came to remove the barriers between man and God, such as tamarries, guilt and rituals. Instead he made it possible to approach God directly. Dr Diop, an ex-Muslim, who came in contact with an Adventist tutor while studying flute at a French Conservatory, had dreamed of being God’s slave, when one day he was shown that he could be a child of God.

Dr Diop explained the name Jesus’ from the Hebrew – Šēḥəruša. Hava, the first part, ‘to be’, ‘I am’, LORD, JHVH, and the second part, yasha meaning ‘to save’. Why does God choose to refer to himself as the Father, to Jesus as the Son, and to us as his children? He desired, from Eden, to have a holy family and gave us the freedom to choose so that the relationship would be one of love, not duty or fear.

The essence of Islam

He mentioned that the main teaching of Islam is that humans need to walk on a Straight Path, and every activity a Muslim engages in should facilitate the remembrance (dhikr) of that Path. The values of Islam are righteousness (taqwa) – those who walk off evil and have a mind full of God, equality of all persons before God and the need to fight injustice, and the oneness of God (tahuwa). The implication is that there is no original sin and that humans’ worst problem is only that of forgetfulness, thereby making atonement and sacrifice uncalled for, and man can work towards the Right Path through works alone.

He compared Christianity and Islam and presented Adventists as being the restorationist movement, to focus on Jesus as the High Priest, the complete antithesis to all our human and spiritual idols. There are wonderful things in Islam but there are obvious needs, and God has raised Adventists to help them complete their restoration to the true religion of Abraham. Only in the Word of God, in human flesh, in Jesus Christ, do we have the complete character of God and the solution to the world’s problems.

Continuing the theme, Dr L. Merklin, GC AMR director, who has worked in Pakistan and the Philippines, posed the question, ‘How far do we go in allowing completely different forms of church and believe it is God’s way of worship?’ In such cases Ellen White states, ‘Ere on the side of mercy and tolerance.’ (Testimonies, Vol. 4.) We need to realise that God has different ways of reaching different people.

Highlights

The attendees were blessed to hear Dr Merklin’s report on Adventist Muslims’ work going on around the globe, how people of both faiths are working together on health programmes and education. Pastor Petras Bahadur spoke of the AMR work in the SEC and was keen to point out that nobody is excluded, that his job is to bring all talents and abilities together and to help facilitate the work for God. He went on to speak of the Mercy in the first chapter of the Qur’an, the Fatihah – and pointing in the Qur’an to how Jesus answers that cry when he comes, as the Mercy of God (Qur’an 19 verse 21).

Another highlight was the opportunity of sharing heart-felt testimonies. An attendee praised God for forming an AMR team to work in their locality. A teacher also spoke of the many Muslims in her classes and her need for prayer to be a witness to them. One lady shared how a severely depressed and stressed Muslim friend asked her to help her with her children, and the Muslim lady couldn’t believe how caring she was and called her her ‘true sister’.

Sujoya Paul Bullock led the attendees in a discussion on two themes from the Qur’an – Wedding and Sacrifice – and how to relate them to the Bible practically.

Throughout the weekend, the attendees were blessed by relevant and thought-provoking devotions by Pastor E. Osei, A. Vontzalidis and T. Messenger and worships led by Lawrence Byng with Beng Tang on the guitar. The rest of the AMR core team, Elizabeth Kavanagh, Adrian Lethbridge, John Bishop and Emil Shukufah, facilitated each session admirably, considering the time constraints of such a packed weekend.

If you would like to know more or be engaged in this ministry, please contact the Adventist Muslim Relations department at the South England Conference at amr.relations @gmail.com or visit the SEC website at www.secadventist.org.uk.

God’s enabling and leading so that we would all be used to extend his Kingdom across the SEC and beyond.

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What sort of church did Jesus dream of? Would local church survive if we lost the building? Is church becoming an indoor spectator sport? Is church characterised by consumerism, for example, if you don’t like the preaching you switch church? Have we stopped asking what it means for every member to be a minister?

There were some of the unanswerable questions that were asked at the Simple Church weekend on 23–25 April. Held at the De Vere Conference Centre in Berkshinie, 150 people attended from over fifty churches across the SEC and four from the Scottish Mission, including their president, Pastor B. Holford. It was organised by Pastor Aris and Mrs Sophia Vontzalidis of the Church Growth department of the SEC, and on Friday evening the SEC president, Pastor Sam Davis, gave an inspired and challenging keynote address.

There were two parts to the weekend. The first focused on Growth Groups, which are mission-oriented small groups that are linked to a church, and the second part was an introduction to the Simple Church, which is a lay-led Simple House Church focusing on reaching secular people.

Much of the teaching at the weekend was carried out by Dr Milton Adams and a lay member, Darren Yates, both from the Florida Conference, who highlighted the fact that God ordains the ordinary and consistently seeks to break us free from whatever holds us back to lead us in missionary work. ‘I’m on fire,’ and ‘I can’t wait to start’, were some of the comments from the weekend that had at its core the simple words of Jesus to ‘Go’ and make disciples of all nations.

So what is Simple Church? Well, Simple Church, we learned, is not, as the name could suggest, simplistic or easy. Nor is it just a smaller version of conventional churches.

Simple Church is a whole new way of being church, a way of living that is focused on loving relationships, outreach, lifestyle and fundamentally being connected to God, each other and everyone else. Simple Churches meet in the home, eat together, study together, pray together, worship together, serve together and they ensure that everyone is involved – like members of a choir, so that no one goes to their grave without having sung their song. They require commitment, are lay-led and focused on front-line missionary work. Their members believe that there is no longer an excuse just to sit in seminars to learn about what they should be doing. It’s time to get active as there is an urgent mission to be accomplished before Jesus returns.

It was very moving to see how Ellen White states, ‘Err on the side of mercy and tolerance.’ (Testimonies, Vol. 4.) We need to realise that God has different ways of reaching different people. Dr Adams stated that, in the US, 60% of Americans under the age of 40 have not walked into a church building. UK figures are likely to be much worse. With a population of over 65 million but poor church attendance across many denominations, perhaps Simple Church is a way forward.

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The third worship style was highlighted on Saturday night and Sunday morning with the vibrant testimony by guest artists from London, Lyrical Soldier, Triple O, and Mighty. Their combination of hip hop, grime and gospel allowed them to share a genuine faith and testimony in a contemporary setting that the youth could really identify with.

A stunning Sunday night bonfire, games of basketball and table football, as well as ‘water-sports’ on the field, along with stunning quantities of amazing food provided by Steven’s mother, Luisa, made for a weekend that turned strangers into friends – and even family.

That’s Parallel? I hear you ask. Parallel has become almost like second nature to those who attend Stanborough Park church on a regular basis. Over a year ago this contemporary church service began in a small church hall and then we were off to go bowling at Leisure World. About eighty of our friends, old and new, and family came and spent a fantastic couple of hours bowling. It was a wonderful day of fellowshipping and fun, much enjoyed by new faces and old, children and adults.

We ask you to join us in prayer that the Lord will continue to impress upon the hearts of those who came to Parallel Connect Day, and those who have started attending Parallel on a regular basis, the desire to reconnect with their loving Heavenly Father.

So what’s next for the Parallel service? Why not visit our website www.parallelservice.com or, better still, come to one of our services!

**Parallel church
Lyon South East Community church member Michael Agyei has been nominated for an Africa Gospel Music Award in the music category ‘Next Big Act’ 2010. Michael Agyei, also known as Lyrical Soldier, is a preacher, singer, rapper and a spoken word poet. He sees himself as a ‘lyrical Evangelist’. Through his God-given use of words both in song and through preaching, he is able to draw and plant a seed of interest in the minds of people. He is to who Jesus Christ is. Active in the church from a young age, he started in Pathfinders at the London Ghana church. In 2006, he took part in the ‘UK London’ campaign organised by the London Youth Federation. The four-month campaign gave thirteen young preachers the opportunity to preach the same message simultaneously across London. The experience was repeated in 2007. Michael was again a part of it. In 2008, Michael was given the opportunity to study abroad in the United States where God continued to use him to draw many people to Jesus through the weekly Bible studies he held in his studio apartment.

Upon his return to the United Kingdom and after a spirit-filled Camp Meeting, Michael and his close friends made a startling discovery. They realised that after Camp Meeting the spiritual high they were on tended to disappear, meaning they often reverted to their old ways and lost contact with each other. After brainstorming ideas on how to deal with this problem, co-founders Michael and Nana ‘Shadrach’ Kay decided to start up a Bible study called JHIF (Jesus and Ministries). From a small group in 2008, this weekly study has grown into a full-blown ministry, encouraging and empowering youth to know that God can use them as young people to do his work.

The Africa Gospel Music Awards Celebration 2010 takes place on 10 July at the Zanzibar Banqueting Suite in Sydenham, London. Awards will be handed out in fifteen categories and performances on the night will be from gospel artists both in the UK and Africa.

Voting has already begun on the website www.africagospelawards.com. If you have been touched by Michael’s ministry you may wish to vote for Lyrical Soldier in the category, No. 9 ‘Next Big Act’. Votes must be in by 20 June.

**Lyrical Soldier nominated for Africa Gospel Music Award**

**Welsh Mission Triennial Session**

Notice is hereby given that the Triennial Session of the Welsh Mission of Seventh-day Adventists will be held on Sunday 21 November 2010 in the Cardiff Seventh-day Adventist church. Registration will take place in the church from 8.30 to 9.30am, and delegates must register before participating in the proceedings of the Session.

J. SURRIDGE (president) and V. PILMOOR (secretary/treasurer)
Sponsored bike ride and walk for Haiti

With good weather for a bike ride, unusual for a Bank holiday, nineteen people aged from 16 to 62 cycled the 33-mile route from Halifax to Bury on Sunday 2 May. The riders set off from Saddleworth Hall in Halifax, following the path at the side of Rochdale Canal. Although six people cycled back by the canal route, thirteen cyclists ended their journey at Bury Fishpond Adventist Community church on Parkfields Road in Bury.

The event had been organised by Adventist church member, Rio Agnello, to raise funds for the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) in Haiti.

Most of the cyclists were not members of the Adventist Church, but they still wanted to do their bit to help the displaced and suffering people of Carrefour region of Haiti following the catastrophic magnitude 7.0 earthquake and aftershocks that hit the region.

Another cyclist, Tracey, who is not a member of the church, said of the event, ‘Initially I thought a cycle along the canal was going to be easy – flat, straight paths – how hard could it be? In reality, it was quite a testing but enjoyable bike ride. By the end of the ride we all looked like seasoned cyclists, head to toe in mud.’

It was touch and go whether the oldest cyclist, Alette, would be fit enough for the occasion. A few days earlier she had damaged her knees and had been limping badly. But a homeopathic remedy healed her swollen knees and gave her the energy she needed for the gruelling ride.

Each of the riders wore yellow vests bearing the Adventist Church and ADRA logos on the front, and ‘Haiti Sponsored Canal Bike Ride – Halifax to Bury’ on the back. When the cyclists reached the church, the Adventist publicist and marketing manager, Corina Swainson, welcomed them back with hot drinks and enthusiastic flag waving.

At the same time as the intrepid cyclists were getting spattered by mud they also watched a video showing the work of ADRA.

After the event Rio said that the church service was excellent and he was overjoyed with the day as a whole. At time of writing the funds raised through sponsorship to help the ADRA work in Haiti is over £1,200 with some money still to come in.

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The Newtown group meets every Sabbath in old Welsh town – ‘Newtown’

Why ‘Newtown’ should be called ‘Newtown’ when it came into being in 1321 is a mystery. Set on the high end of the 200-mile-long River Severn, in the heart of rural Wales, it is the town through the growth of the textile and flannel industries. The current population of 13,000 makes it the largest town in Powys, just a little over 20 miles from the English border.

In 2003, three Adventist families moved into the Newtown area. Already resident in the area were the retired ministerial couple, Roger and Marilyn Neal. Meeting together weekly for prayer meetings, the four families felt impressed about Newtown being their mission. Since the beginning of January this year, Sabbath worship services have been held at a community centre on a fortnightly basis.

With the intention of reaching the community through health, the CHP programme was adopted. Under the leadership of Kuzzuwada Lawrence, the families recently completed the Micro-CHP stage of the programme. It is hoped that a full CHP programme will be run for the community at some point.

Commenting on this new church plant, Pastor John Surridge, president of the Welsh Mission, said, ‘It’s an early and small start for the Adventist community in the heart of Wales, and we look forward to how the Lord will use these families.’ He further stated, ‘This is marvellous for the people of Newtown, and a blessing for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Wales. It really is progress that we now have a group right in the heart of Wales.’

The Newtown group meets every other Sabbath at the following location: Twmowend Community Centre, Heol Treowen, Newtown, SY16 1NW.

Since Sabbath School starts at 10.30am and the worship service at 11.45am, followed by a fellowship lunch. When in mid-Wales, you are most welcome to worship with us.

Please call Pastor Roger Neal on 01686 420284 for details of our schedule.
Great Yarmouth: campaign and baptism
by Elizabeth Folkard and Michael Walker

G ood has called us to proclaim the last warning message. It is with that challenge that the Great Yarmouth members embarked on a mission of great importance. Together with a team of dedicated church members, the pastor of our Great Yarmouth church launched out into deep water. The work has been hard and long but for even one soul it has been worth it. Although we do not know the final result of our wit- ness, we give God glory and praise. Pastor Michael Walker wishes to thank all those faithful members who have supported this effort and given their time and energies by engaging in a corporate task of soul winning.

Rita Norton came into contact with the Seventh-day Adventist Church at the commencement of the fascinating Discoveries in Bible Lands’ evangelistic series held at the Lecture Theatre in the Gorleston Library, Great Yarmouth, during the spring of 2007. She was not a churchgoer and came to the meetings purely out of interest in travel. As the meetings progressed to Bible topics, Rita continued to attend and began to find God苍著 her heartfelt prayers. She experienced an inward awakening to spiritual things. Her interest in the Bible grew. She enquired about the Sabbath and how the counterfeit Sunday had been introduced. Now she faced the question. ‘How should I keep the Sabbath?’ Finally, when the subject of the new birth and baptism was presented, Rita indicated her desire to be baptised.

During the evangelistic series we transferred to the church function room, where, to our delight, all the regular interests came along. Rita explained that she would start coming to church on Sabbaths when she was able to do so on a regular basis, because when she started to attend, she wanted to continue. As a church family we kept her in our prayers. Finally, one Sabbath morning, Rita turned up at church. She has been coming ever since and has become involved. A regular attender of Friday evening prayer meetings, joining in the worship group as we take services at homes for the elderly, even attending the young adults’ meetings on a Sabbath afternoon. Rita soon integrated into the church family. She has been befriended by several members in particular who have invited her along to their homes. In November last year, we invited her to come with us for a spiritual retreat weekend at Overstrand, near Cromer, where we had as our theme, ‘The Centrality of the Cross’. Rita was so grateful for the invitation and expressed her deep-felt appreciation for the weekend retreat and for how much it had blessed her.

Recently, the pastor took several of his members into prison to witness the baptising of a young man with whom he had been studying. Among the group was Rita who wanted to witness a baptism by immersion for the first time. We were to share a baptismal service with those of other faiths. God worked in a remarkable way to turn around a difficult situation, because the baptism had been scheduled for a weekday afternoon when hardly any members would have been able to attend. Then a remarkable thing happened. It was suggested by the lead chaplain that the event take place on the Sunday afternoon, when a team of Adventists from London under the leadership of Pastor Kevin John, SEC Prison Ministries director, would be there. And that Adventists organise and take the whole service. Rita was able to witness this intervention of God and rejoice with us as this young man was baptised and received into the fellowship of our church.

After further Bible studies with Pastor Walker, Rita testified to a packed church of her faith in Jesus as her personal Saviour, as she was baptised on Sabbath 1 May. Among the congregation were some of the people who had attended the evangelistic series themselves, as well as other interests. At least two other persons indicated their desire to prepare for baptism. Pastor Emmanuel Osei, Ministerial director for the South England Conference, was our guest speaker for the day.

Prayer — and fighting!

The saying goes, ‘Some things come through prayer and fasting’, but I think I agree more with ‘Some things come through tears and fighting!’ On Sabbath 13 February, Windsor Street South church had its first ever Teens’ Day. Yes, that’s right, not Youth Day, not Children’s Day, Teens’ Day.

The idea first came about in November 2009 because it was felt that the teens in the church are often overlooked. Too old to be classed as children but technically too young to be ‘youth’, Teens’ Day was aimed at those aged 13–16.

Though it seemed the idea would be welcomed and embraced, this was not the case. The excuses ranged from ‘No one will come’, ‘We don’t have to have one’, ‘Where are we going to eat?’ It became apparent that organising this day would be far from easy.

Many tears, fights and sleepless nights later, after arranging and rearranging the programme multiple times, with acceptances and rejections, the day came. Pastor Eddie Hyppolite, SEC ‘teens’ director, agreed to come for the entire day. His words of wisdom and practical guidance were invaluable, as well as his down-to-earth and understanding attitude, enabled him not only to talk to the teens on a perfect level but connect with older and younger members of the congregation, too. He brought the Bible alive with colourful explanations on Ezekiel and the dry bones in a way that showed how we must live intentionally, with a purpose inside to be led by God and to lead others to God.

Looking back, I have to laugh. After all the worrying, we’ve had not a single ounce of negative feedback yet. It was a tremendous and spiritually uplifting day that was greatly enjoyed by everybody. From this day many ideas for outreach have come. Also, many more ideas for programmes geared towards the teens. And we certainly plan to invite Pastor Eddie again.

I honestly now believe that many things come from prayer, fasting, tears and fighting! However, if you believe that it’s a God-inspired idea, you’ll do everything it takes, no matter the headache or heartache, you’ll do it for God.

TINA BASSON-SAINT JEFFREY

Welcome back the Jacksons!

Pastor Richard and Mrs Angela Jackson with their daughter Talitha and son Samuel have been welcomed back to Britain by the Camp Hill Community Information Team. Exactly two years ago Pastor Jackson was called from a productive pastorate in Wolverhampton to serve as the Executive Secretary of the Turks and Caicos Mission. In the two years spent there, the Mission has seen massive growth and will soon receive Conference status. We welcome the Jackson family back to the West Midlands where Pastor Jackson is ministering at Windsor Street, Newton and Lezzels churches.

Southern church witness
by SSAPMETeam (Southend Seventh-day Adventist Personal Ministries Team)

March 27 found the male members of Southend church meeting at both an unac- customed time and an unusual place, the town centre at six o’clock in the morning. That day saw a landmark in the history of Southend church, namely, the first ever street ministry, complete with public singing, prayer, tract distribution and a sermon from Pastor Terry Messenger, who had kindly agreed to support the event.

But before the catchphrase of the day could be supplied, the hard work had to be completed, and this responsibility fell to the hardy male members, who ventured into the High Street at an hour when even the most hardened shoppers were nowhere in sight and began to put up the gazebo and erect the PA system.

If all this was not enough, the day’s organis- ers, headed by Pastoral Ministry leader Owen Barclay, were determined to combine the spiritual message with some practical fundraising for ADRA. Accordingly, many members, both young and old, male and female, donned ADRA jackets and badges and started to mingle with the local public, gaining donations and helping those who wished to further their interest in Jesus or Adventism.

However, the heaviest buckets tended to belong to the teenage faces being seemingly an effective way of steering people from their money! Many tracts were taken away by interested parties, questions were answered, spiritual and emotional support was provided, and ADRA buckets began to fill up.

And yet, while for so many this was unchartered territory, for one church member it was a very familiar endeavour. Doris Brown, the church’s oldest active member, had been handing out tracts in Southend High Street every Thursday for many years prior to this day and had therefore been given a second sight in the town centre, along with other senior members.

Born in 1915, Doris came into the Seventh-day Adventist Church on 21 December 1946, being brought to the Lord by her rent collector no less (she lived in the same house for 60 years and had no telephone). Doris has been an unfaltering and dedicated servant of Jesus Christ until the day she was taken into his rest on 26 April this year, aged 95. Her dedication was clearly demonstrated by the fact that she was in the High Street handing out tracts on Thursday 22 April and died on 26 April. Every Sabbath would find her taking an active role in Sabbath School (even well into her nineties she always had valuable biblical insights to share), as well as attending divine service and the afternoon programmes, while on Wednesday evenings she faithfully attended prayer meetings.

Along with others, she was one of the founding members of the ‘Bread of Life’ project for feeding the homeless in the local community, a pro- gramme that is still in operation today. She was also a colporteur for many years, selling Adventist books and magazines throughout the local area. A bike was her mode of transport and remained so whatever the weather might throw at her or whatever time of the year (or day) it was. She was also a highly successful collector during the annual ingathering campaigns and this year managed to garner £220 for ADRA.

As with all true Christians, Doris’s most vivid witnessing for Jesus was not through what she did but, rather, through what she was. Much time can be spent studying the fruits of the Spirit, but any length of encounter with Doris was a much more direct way of grasping what these mean on a practical, human level. Perhaps most striking of all was her perpetual cheerfulness, a quality she retained throughout, even when old age brought with it physical discomfort. She was always ready with a word of encouragement and never failed to appreciate even the smallest acts of kindness shown towards her. More importantly still, she was ever mindful of what the Lord had done for her. Beloved by church members, she was a particu- lar favourite of the children, for whom she often had small treats.

Above all, she demonstrated what it is to live a Christ-centred life, putting Jesus first in everything.
RAYMOND HOWARD (1925-2009) d. 16 December.

Ray Howard was born in Cheddar, Somerset, on 14 September 1925. At the age of 16 he left school and began working as a tailor in Bristol. He spent much of his working life in engineering, starting his career with the well-known company for Granny Foods. It was during the war years — when Ray moved from Bristol to Cheddar — that his tailoring skills (he started his working life as an usherette. The evangelist made sure every doctor, nurse and patient on the ward was well looked after. In 1956 he was discharged from hospital. Sadly, this was not to be his last difficult days of her life. She was often heard singing, 'God will take care of me' as she mired for her determination to make a better life for herself and her family.

ANGELA, Communication department

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Applicants by mail or on e-mail shall be required to discuss these on the telephone.

Dr Cyril Edward Roe (1940-2021) 📢 3 April

After spending the morning of his last day with his family on the phone, my mother sadly collapsed at home in Newbury, Berkshire, where she had spent three different months in the hospital. She was a member of the International Association of Adventist Professionals (IAAP). In 1978 she died in the hospice and remained there for six weeks. During her time there she was well cared for and had a great sense of humour. She remained upbeat for as long as she could. She was a kind and gentle person and will be greatly missed by all who knew her and loved her.

Christine Roe (1920-2008) 4 April

In 1958 she moved to a new role as Community Services leader, a position she held for seven years. She organised bring and buy sales for Granose Foods. It was during the war years that she was often heard singing, 'God will take care of me' as she mired for her determination to make a better life for herself and her family.

ANGELA, Communication department
We are excited as we approach our 4th Annual Youth Rally/March against Crime. For the fourth year running the Adventist Youth Society of the SEC is taking to the streets to impact the community for good. For the first time our major march/rally will take place outside of London. All roads will lead to Bristol on 19 June for 'Bristol Impact'. We will be marching against crime, and the theme for the day will be 'Leading in Your Community'. The morning will be a day of fellowship in the city, and then lunch will be provided for all—yes, all. We want to encourage as many people as possible to get involved in a day of sharing our faith and impacting positively those in the Bristol area. Bristol is the second biggest city in the south, outside of London, and, therefore, should be a major centre for outreach. Bristol and Area 2 in general have supported the last three outreach rallies in London, and so now it's time for the whole youth movement to stand side by side with our Area 2 brothers and sisters as we lead out together.

Two home-grown British speakers will address the crowds for the day. At the DOF, ministerial student, Anthony Fuller, will be speaker, and in the afternoon, another ministerial student, Andrew Davis, will address the community. Bristol and the Area 2 youth have led out in the plans for the day, and I believe that this day will be one of the best to date. A hundred and fifty Pathfinders, including some of the best drum corps from the London churches, will be leading the procession, so come and be a part of this great day.

We can order tickets from the SEC Youth department.

Victory Through Defeat by Colin Stewart, SEC Youth department

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