For the past few years ADRA-UK have had an annual shoebox appeal and each year a different country is nominated to be the beneficiary. Last year it was Mali, West Africa.

The shoeboxes arrived there at the end of December 2011, and distribution was delayed until April due to local restrictions.

We were able to distribute nearly 4,000 shoeboxes among 7 schools, 5 orphanages, 4 groups of street children and the children of prisoners at a women’s prison. The remaining shoeboxes have been distributed by ADRA Mali.

The first school I visited had six classes, which ranged in size from 97 to 119 children, each being taught by one teacher! This was normative for all the schools.

The principals and teachers of the schools and those who run the orphanages and street shelters were all filled with gratitude for your shoebox gifts. Bi-Bi, a lady who runs one of the orphanages said: “These girls have never received a gift in their lives, and by you coming here you have let them know that somebody cares about them.”

Michael Reich, local ADRA director said, ‘We would like to express our sincere gratitude to you and your colleagues, as well as to the donors, for this excellent collaboration. People are talking about the joy you have brought. I heard about children taking their presents with them to bed, some sleeping with their heads on them as pillows. It is a collaborative effort which made this project possible, and I would like to join you in thanking everyone for their contribution, whether in the UK or in Mali.’

In addition, Michael informed me that many people talked to him about the shoebox distribution when he attended a meeting of the board of an NGO network.

Many times, as I was leaving a place where we had distributed shoeboxes, the children would be singing, “Thank you Godwin, thank you ADRA, but I know the people who should really have had their praises sung are the thousands of members and friends up and down the UK who donate the shoeboxes. I was just doing the delivery. To all of you I say, “Thank you!” on behalf of the children of Mali.

There are videos of the distribution on Youtube at www.youtube.com/watch?v=iPMivdNqF2k.

Next time you lay your head on your pillow, think of those children in Mali who don’t have a pillow – but on the other hand, who needs a pillow when you have a shoebox full of goodies?
The latest FOCUS magazine is now available. This unique issue uses the theme of our Queen’s Jubilee to highlight some important truths and is an excellent tool to raise spiritual interest among relatives, friends and neighbours.

The Jubilee FOCUS magazine... Sixty years!

Order either through your local Personal Ministries secretary, or directly from the ABC between 8am and 5pm, Mondays to Thursdays, on (01476) 539900.

We wish our Queen Heaven’s richest blessings on her Jubilee!

Golden eight – part 6d

Healing food: Commencing 1 November 2011, viewers across the UK tuned into Channel 4 to watch a pioneering eight-part series examining the science behind the use of food as medicine.

Captured The Food Hospital, the series invited individuals suffering from a range of medical conditions and symptoms to undertake specific food treatment programmes to ascertain whether their health challenges could be alleviated by eating certain foods for a period of up to six weeks. Each individual received thorough consultations from three practitioners – a GP, a consultant specialist in their condition and a leading NHS dietician – indicating which foods to include and which to avoid.

The programme received mixed reviews, but what was evident was that in most cases the ‘patients’ attending the food hospital experienced a marked change in their conditions.

Additionally, viewers were invited to take part in the first-of-its-kind television-led food science trials. Each week two groups of individuals with a health challenge would be subjected to a two-week trial with a specific food, and after a specific time frame a comparative analysis of each group was undertaken to see which food best alleviated the symptoms. As a result of the series, extended research is being undertaken with more study subjects to gather data to establish evidence-based conclusions.

Among the foods highlighted for their therapeutic properties by the doctors at the food hospital were the following:

- **Antioxidants** – blueberries, goji berries, kiwi fruit, pomegranate and tomatoes
- **Anti-inflammatory foods** – cherries, fennel seed, garlic (use caution if on blood-thinning medication), milk and turmeric
- **Anti-microbial foods** – cranberries, broccoli, garlic (use caution if on blood-thinning medication) and pomegranates
- **Blood sugar balancing** – barley, chickpeas, lentils, oats, soya beans and sweet potatoes
- **Brain boosters** – avocado, banana, oats and walnuts
- **Cardiovascular health foods** – almonds, avocado, celery, garlic and oats
- **Digestive aids** – cabbage, fennel, ginger and pineapple
- **Detoxifying foods** – beetroot, fennel and prunes
- **Immunity-boosting foods** – asparagus, garlic, kiel fruit, spinach and watercress
- **Skin health foods** – carrot, cucumber, millet and turmeric

The British Dietetic Association has produced some fact-sheets on how to use this food therapy. All are available from our ABC website. They can be particularly useful to individuals suffering from conditions such as arthritis or skin allergies.

Are any of these foods new to you? If so, be sure to try some and let us know what you think!

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‘The length of our days is seventy years – or eighty, if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.’ (Psalm 90:10, NIV)


Now don’t misunderstand me. I am not suggesting that we all swing into ‘countdown mode’, morbidly marking off the days we think we have left on life’s calendar! I am not encouraging this type of pillow talk.

‘How are you tonight, Julian?’ says my wife.

‘Dreadful, my dear,’ I reply. ‘I have only 7,670 days left!’

Michael Gartner was not suggesting we become preoccupied with either the time past or the time remaining for life. He was suggesting we become preoccupied with life. Obsessed with extracting all the good it has to offer.

How? That is the question. How should we go about extracting the goodness from life? Perhaps the answer can take the form of a few simple rules:

**Rule 1** – If you want to enjoy this life, make sure you are ‘booked’ for the life to come.

Each December, Elize and I fly back to South Africa to visit our family and close friends – and to bank in that wonderful Southern Hemisphere sunshine! We enjoy every minute of the vacation. But what if we didn’t have return tickets purchased, valid for a specific flight, with seats already assigned? Would we enjoy the holiday? Unlikely!

We would just be too stressed! That’s why it’s vital that the next leg of our trip is properly booked – and life is no different. Bluntly put, if we want to enjoy things now, we must make sure our bookings for the hereafter have been made!

Notice the wording carefully here. I didn’t say that we had to buy a ticket for the hereafter. Jesus has done that already, for each of us. I said we had to **book** a ticket!

Jesus makes it clear that the booking is made by faith in Him: ‘For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.’ (John 3:16, NIV)

Returning to my analogy of our trip south: once the booking is done you can start enjoying the journey.

**Rule 2** – If you want to enjoy this life, help others do the same!

This has to be one of life’s most neglected secrets. Based on my observation, it seems to me that those who help others get more from life appear to enjoy life more than those who don’t.

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Excel in every area.

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In all things, do to others what you would have them do to you! This is the key to the Bible. It’s not easy to do! But we need to think about how we can cheat others if we want to enjoy life.

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What are the signs of a living faith? (James 2)

How many times did Jesus compare Himself to a thief?

To which church did Paul write regarding Jesus coming like a thief?

I could not do without Thee, O Saviour dear; I cannot stand alone

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The notion of sinless perfection is a dangerous delusion. A professed Christian who coolly says that he is beyond hymns such as ‘Just as I am’ – ‘perfect’ – but why must you be so hostile? (PPPA, 2011), quotes one of his college teachers saying to such a person: ‘Feeling totally free to be a perfectionist – but why must you be so hostile?’ My own experience of perfectionists has not been good. In every known case the perfectionist has been a person who takes himself too seriously and who devalues others to themselves.

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* All Scripture quotations in this article, except where otherwise stated, come from the King James Version.
**Adventist Gideons Centre?**

by Pastor John Surridge, Welsh Mission President

I’m sure that many Messenger readers have heard of the Gideons, or ‘The Gideons International’, to give them their proper charity title. Founded in the USA in 1899 by three commercial travellers, the Gideons now have more than 250,000 members and work in more than 190 countries. No doubt many Seventh-day Adventists support their work and help them in their amazing task of placing 80 million copies of the Bible every year.

Initially the Gideons set out to place Bibles in hotels, but now this non-denominational charity places Bibles – free of charge – in locations such as hospitals, prisons, student accommodation, care homes, schools and medical centres, to name but a few.

It is a worthy aim – to provide Bibles in all kinds of places so that people can read the Word of God wherever and whenever they feel the need for spiritual guidance. We would be happy for you to find out more about this amazing service of the Gideons and perhaps give them some support, so please check out their website at: www.gideons.org.uk

However, in its own small way the Adventist Discovery Centre is developing a parallel project – putting Bibles not into public places, but actually into people’s homes. Our new Gift Bible project offers people a free Bible in exchange for completing a series of studies on the web. Here’s how it works:

Firstly, people find out about the offer by receiving a flyer through the door, by personal recommendation, or by responding to Google AdWords advertising on the internet. They register on the site with their name and email address, and then complete any one of twenty-eight different Bible quizes based – you guessed it – on the twenty-eight fundamental beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Each of the quizzes contains twenty multiple-choice questions and can be completed in less than ten minutes, though the average time is fifteen minutes. When they have completed all ten they get a complimentary message and submit their postal address so that we can deliver a Bible. In a few days a representative calls at the door and presents them with their prize – a beautiful, free, hardback Bible.

We think that this is a very effective way of spreading God’s Word, for three reasons: Firstly, we make sure that people are really interested in studying the Bible, by getting them to do at least one quiz first of all. Secondly, we make a personal contact at the door. Thirdly, like the Gideons, with each visit we get one more Bible into circulation.

**Challenges**

So far the project is meeting with considerable success. In the first five months of this year nearly 2,000 people have registered on the site, more than 700 of whom went on to complete ten subjects and therefore become eligible for a new Bible.

However, the success of the project is bringing its own challenges. We need funds, of course, to pay for the advertising and the Bibles themselves. To give you an idea of just what can be achieved by extra funding, in April and May we were given a very generous donation from A3I. With this money we were able to double our advertising budget for about a month, the result for every £6.67 donated we had one additional person complete the ten online studies!

We are also greatly in need of more volunteers – church members and ministers who are prepared to deliver the Bibles to people’s doors, promptly and with a friendly smile. If you would like to help then please contact the Adventist Discovery Centre at www.discoveronline.org.uk

**Note:** The Gift Bible project is an evangelistic venture and is therefore only aimed at non-members.

However, if you would like to do the quizzes – without the incentive of the gift Bible – you can do so at: www.quiz28.org

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**STOP PRESS**

A brand-new experimental door-to-door evangelism campaign is now being aimed at those people who have received a gift Bible but have not gone much further. We are offering copies of the beautiful hardback book, Experiencing the Joy of the Adventist Discovery Centre is promoting to this group. We tried this by sending a gift copy of the book, and the prayers of the man who sold it to her, that she is an Adventist today. Taking her faith in her hands, she intends to return to Bulgaria soon as a literature evangelist and a medical missionary.

**Chanel Green**, also 27, is another PEACE graduate to have completed the LE training programme. She has also been to the US for further training in medical missionary and colporteur work, and now serves in the health and temperance outreach of her local church.

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18 and from Bradford. He is now selling our books and studying at a university in Sweden.

- Chris Louth (54) is another graduate who, after completing the course, now sells books in Dartwich along with Dorian Simmonds.

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**JOBS**

**NEC graduation**

Pastor Peter Sayers has not let either retirement or heart surgery dampen his drive to promote the Literature Ministry in the NEC. On 14 April this year, at the Yardley church, a number of people graduated from the Literature Evangelism course, all fired up to continue their door-to-door evangelism through the printed page.

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**Reviving Literature Evangelism in the BUC**

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This was their opportunity to benefit from the inspiration, motivation and training offered by Wilmar Hile (GC), Paul Thompson (executive vice-president, Erleco Credito Ltd) and Elisabeth Sanguesa (Marketing director, The Stanborough Press Ltd), the managing director of the press, Paul Hammond, was also on hand to let the participants know how the literature ministry was doing in other parts of the world.

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**Dear Editor**

It was good to read in the Messenger (Cover story of April 13) that evangelism is being done on the Falkland Islands. In the 1960s, after attending Newbold College and pursuing agricultural studies, my brother, Christopher Spall, went to live in the Falklands.

He bought the dairy farm that supplied milk to Port Stanley, and for years he would deliver our message magazines along with his milk bottles. Donors in the USA kindly supplied the magazines and he distributed them each month.

Unfortunately, the islanders showed only a limited interest in our message, which was rather discouraging for him. Then the war broke out and life on the Falklands became a nightmare. After the war he returned to the UK.

However, in its own small way the Falkland Islands Gideons has not been idle. It has not just supplied Bibles, but has also produced and distributed the literature we were supplying. The islanders have been very appreciative of the work we have been able to do.

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was that the summer?

Well, the sun shone bright and hot for at least a week, but now as I sit here and type, it’s raining. But we need it, if only to keep our green and pleasant land... well, green and pleasant!

Britain has had a lot to celebrate just lately, with the Queen’s Jubilee, and there’s more to come, but how about celebrating creation, with your cameras, and shoot what you see around you – scenes, flora and fauna, birds, animals, insects and close-ups – anything that you feel portrays the wonder of God’s creation.

If you have enjoyed all these great pictures, how about sending in yours, to: dbell@stanboroughpress.co.uk – just remember to keep them ‘hi-res’.

DAVID BELL

...a lucky dip!

God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

Genesis 1:28 (NIV)
Three brave saints take to their saddles

Pastor David Burnett, Jeff Clarke and Angela Hunter recently rode a London-to-Dover bike challenge (81 miles) in a bid to raise money for their charities: Clapham Church Building Fund, ADRA and Macmillan Cancer Support.

I was terrified, actually tearful”, Angela of Tottenham Church confessed. “When we did the receive in the car to start out the route, all I saw were hills. I thought, ‘I can’t do it! What have I let myself in for?’ But it was too late to pull out. I had hoped my GP would tell me I was too unfit to do it. That would be a legitimate reason to pull out, wouldn’t it? But instead she said, ‘Great! Good luck, have a wonderful time!’”

The three had done some training during the last few months, but new Clapton member Jeff, baptized the day before the ride during the Core of Adventism campaign, is a seasoned cyclist. I’ve done the London-to-Brighton, which is tough, and the London-to-Paris”, he beamed with assuring confidence. The other two were glad they were in the hands of an expert.

Pedestrians and residents along the A20 were intrigued, encouraging and helpful as they learnt of the challenge, wishing the cyclists well and removing dangerous debris from the road.

The three sang as they cycled in an effort to keep their spirits up – among their repertoire were ‘Press along saints, press along in God’s own way’ and ‘Soon and very soon we are going to see the King’.

After completing the challenge, Angela remarked exclaimingly, ‘I never thought I’d complete it, but miracles Do happen!’ Jeff beamed: ‘I feel strong’. Meanwhile, Pastor Burnett was already planning the next ride – London to Paris!

If you would like to support their causes, please contact Clapton Church directly on 07947 624306, or contact Angela Hunter for sponsorship forms at angie.hunter1@gmail.com, or phone 07989 855951. See and donate at http://www.justgiving.com/AngelaHunter1 and http://www.justgiving.com/AngelaHunter, or text LTDA7SE10 to 70070 for ADRA and ANG7E51E10 to 70070 for Macmillan.

Faifley Community Church open for prayer

At Faifley on 10 March this year the local Seventh-day Adventist company celebrated the official opening of its recently acquired church.

The guest speaker for the retreat was Dr Lester Merklin, GC AMR director, and his presentations proved to be a great blessing to all. According to one attendee: ‘It was the most professional and successful AMR retreat thus far!’

Don’t worry if you missed the retreat. We are encouraging you to attend the AMR certified training programmes to be held on 3 June, 9 September and 2 December at the Advent centre (10-5pm). To register and for more info, please call: 01923 232 728 or email: zbishop@secadventist.org.uk.

Based on a report submitted by Z. Mridha.

Medical evangelism at Manchester South

During March 2012, Manchester South hosted a week-long health evangelism training medical missionary course, run by Elvin Adams from the USA and sponsored by the NEC. Like CHIP and community health expats, it attracted people from the local community, many of whom had never stepped inside our churches before: during the week a complete stranger walked into the church and joined in the sessions!

Dr Adams’ passion was infectious as he emphasised that a deep relationship with God is the key to both spiritual and physical health.

The graduation ceremony followed at the end of the week: participants left equipped for future evangelism programmes.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

Adventists feature on Songs of Praise

On 20 and 27 May BBC1’s Songs of Praise featured Adventist musicians, directed and arranged by Ken Burton, who also conducts a congregation of over eight hundred. The main choir was the Adventist Vocal Ensemble, appearing with Tessera, Jeharna South, and female quartet Resurrection.

The first programme showed mostly a capella spirituals, and the second had a more contemporary flavour, celebrating the theme of Pentecost. However, a number of interviewees were from the church, including a singing bus driver.

The songs are available for purchase on iTunes and other formats. See www.adventistvoices.com for details.

Audience: 1,140

Pastor David Jones

“Prayer ride for camp meeting 2012

In 2010 Paul Calphon and Pastor Andrew Rashford-Hewitt cycled 60 miles to camp meeting on a prayer ride. Pastor Andrew believes the Holy Spirit inspired the idea to encourage folks to pray for camp meeting in much the same way that one would construct a prayer walk. Having engaged his church members on prayer walks previously as well as Street Pastor prayer walks, Pastor Andrew decided to plan a prayer ride.

3. Plan your prayer themes according to the stops you intend to have, for example, Praise, Repentance, Intercession, and so on. Have prayer stops at set intervals in safe areas!

2. Share the idea with your pastor and church board. Obtain board approval if it is to be done as a community activity (in which case you will also need stewards).

1. Carefully plan your route after doing a risk assessment.

The three went 100 miles on Monday 18 June from Manchester to Pulheli, the site of this year’s NEC camp meeting.

If you would like to share in this year’s prayer experience text Pastor Andrew on 07931 752490. Here are ideas for you to plan your own prayer rides:

1. Carefully plan your route after doing a risk assessment.

2. Share the idea with your pastor and church board. Obtain board approval if it is to be done as a community activity (in which case you will also need stewards).

3. Plan your prayer themes according to the stops you intend to have, for example, Praise, Repentance, Intercession, and so on. Have prayer stops at set intervals in safe areas!

4. Select pertinent Bible passages to encourage the riders and strengthen the prayers.

5. The route may be around a certain area your church wishes to evangelise, or your neighbourhhood, or elsewhere.

6. Arrange a small celebration of thanksgiving at the end of the ride, and assure the participants that God has heard the prayers.

7. Have a cheerful heart as you seek the Lord – exercising and serving the Lord can both be fun!
Deacons’ ordination

On Sabbath 28 April at the Great Brickkiln church, Bernard Campbell and Helderberge Jackson were ordained as deacons by Pastor Steve Palmer, witnessed by church members, friends and families. The service ended with an official welcome to their new office.

DELVA CAMPBELL

A high day at Fartown

On Sabbath 7 April, the Fartown village hall was packed with family, friends and church members to watch the baptism of Sarah Dixon by Pastor Barry Stokes. Sarah has been having Bible studies with two members of the Fartown company for over a year. During the ceremony she recited an inspiring poem, which she composed for the occasion. Pastor Micah Campbell presented the sermon.

M. FRANCOIS

Music day worship in Nottingham

Nottingham Central hosted members from across the BUC on 21 April 2012, in a day of musical worship to the Lord. Jubilani Sithole, the praise team (led by Rachel Francis) and the New Temple Musicians led the Sabbath worship, and in the mid-evening praise service Ty and Tristan Barratt-Watts (4 and 8), Konnect, Seth and Ben Dantzig, Richard Christie and David Francis provided music, with special guest, Neville Peters (SABN) giving his own personal testimony about the love of Jesus with contemplative compositions and arrangements. We would like to thank the Squire family and the Chitambala family for making Neville’s visit possible.

Judging by comments on Facebook, many were blessed by such high-calibre musicianship dedicated to the Lord!

For more of Neville’s music, visit http://nevillepeter.com/ or order through your ABC by phoning 01476 539900, Mondays to Thursdays, 8am-5pm.

SHAUN DOUGLAS

Drama at Leicester Central

At Leicester Central on Sabbath 7 April, young people performed a musical and dramatic event entitled ‘He Is Risen’, depicting Christ’s last days on Earth, as He was mocked, beaten, and then crucified – taking upon Himself the sins of the world. The young people encouraged the audience to reflect on the true meaning of Christ’s ultimate sacrifice for humankind, and sang in adoration and gratitude. The Pathfinders and Adventurers raised more than £200.

PHILIP HERBERT

Silver wedding anniversary surprise

Congratulations to Yaw and Beatrice Akvoko-Frempong, who celebrated their silver wedding anniversary over Easter – Yaw surprised Beatrice with a huge celebration in their former home of Dusseldorf, where they had previously studied and worked. Following Yaw’s instructions, Exeter members had kept the celebration secret for weeks, and they sent a bouquet and card on behalf of the church. Yaw and Beatrice celebrated in white African robes, along with their son, Kwaku.

STELLA JEFFERY
Three dedications in Crieff
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Dead men can tell tales
Stanley Maxwell (84) was able to stand at Stanborough Park Church on 21 April for several minutes before receiving the story of his miracle from ‘death’.

Transport for NEC camp meeting
Hubert Smiley has organised several coaches to take Seventh-day Adventist members across the Midlands to the NEC camp meeting. For details, phone Hubert Smiley on: 07868288310, 07831958114, 07736509625 or 01384 213 803.

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obituaries
Deborah E. Horsfall
March 12
Deborah was born in Durban, South Africa and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religious Studies. She spent her adult life in ministry, first in England, then in London for thirty years. She was married to Roy and had two sons, Jason and Matthew. Deborah was a member of the Lighthouse church in Northolt, where she served in various capacities over the years.

Derrick Alan Middlethorpe
March 15
Derrick was born in Thornaby-on-Tees in the great depression, Derrick left school at 14 with a basic but solid education. He first took a job in a nearby shipyard before moving on to an apprenticeship in painting and decorating.

Vera Porter
March 12
Vera was laid to rest in Exning on 24 March 2012. She was the second child of Robert and Margaret Porter and was raised in a Methodist home. Vera was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother.

Hubert Smiley
March 8
Hubert Smiley was born in 1947 in the UK and has been involved in ministry for over forty years.

JOHN MIDDLEDITCH
Derrick is survived by his much-loved wife Janet, son John, daughter-in-law Gudrun and three grandchildren, Alicia, Olivia and William.

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Communion society

The one episode which perhaps best il-lustrates Derrick’s deep tenacity was when he inflamed his inflamed leg braced in a cast, down the hall, to see his personally-frequented union if his weight.

John and Mother Ferguson in the presence of some long-term friends and the extended family, including Vera’s daughter Janet Overy and son-in-law John, their daughter Sharon, and her husband, were overjoyed by the news of their son’s safe arrival.

Vera had a Methodist upbringing in Royston, Hertfordshire, but became an Adventist after meeting David Porter. They were married for almost seventy years, living and working in the Cambridge area all that time. Her association with the Cambridge church lasted over seventy years, and her love for it. She served as a deaconess and organist and as elder and treasurer for many years.

During the war she served her country by driving ambulances, and afterwards worked with those in the literary life of the university city of Cambridge. They were both keen gardeners, and also spent much time witnessing for their faith until the last few months of their lives.

The funeral was taken on 8 May by Pastor John Ferguson in the presence of some old friends and the extended family, including Vera’s daughter Janet Overy and son-in-law John, their daughter Sharon, and her husband, who left to rest in Exning Cemetery, and together with her beloved husband awaits the Resurrection Morning he so eagerly anticipated.

Derrick was a hardworking salesman, including visiting remote Scottish islands by ferry with his health foods, sleeping in a room so small he had to stick his feet out of the window, and a mysterious guest house in which he awoke to find it running, Marie Celeste-like, with no staff.

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Even when we requested the use of the facilities, the resilient vicar, Christine, researched Adventist beliefs before granting us permission. Christine and her husband were extremely pleased with our background and faith, and have requested that we get together with their church members and do joint services.

Our strategy is to have a special children’s service every month, and target friends who used to attend the mother church.

In 1966 Derrick decided on a change of career and joined Adventist food company Genesis Foods Limited. Despite a complete career change, his natural apti-tude for selling and building relationships shone through and he was quickly put in the driving seat of the company.

Derek said: ‘We’re very grateful to the Crieff church family for their support and encouragement. It is really exciting to see so many people coming to church, and we’re looking forward to continuing to grow."
ADRA Appeal in Dorchester and Weymouth

Members of the Weymouth church were able to raise £2,021.20 for this year’s ADRA Appeal. Fundraising activities involved three public events: one in Weymouth town centre, one in Weymouth Hospital and another at the Adventist Hospital in Dorchester. Volunteers also went door-to-door to homes, shops and businesses around Weymouth and Dorchester.

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