A tourist magnet for many – for others, just a sprawling city to be avoided. Saturated with history and pageantry for some – wet, drab and expensive for others. But, no matter how we see it, London is home to 8,173,941 people and host to upwards of 27 million overnight visitors annually. Mind-blowing, isn’t it. No wonder there’s a congestion tax!

Back in 1811, London became the first city to reach a population of more than one million, and it held that top spot as the world’s largest city until overtaken by Tokyo in 1957.

Londoners

The city is architecturally diverse. On the one hand it boasts the Houses of Parliament with ‘1,000 rooms, 100 staircases, eleven courtyards, eight bars and six restaurants – none of them open to the public’. On the other, it found space for a tiny house – just three and a half feet wide – part of Tyburn Convent, Hyde Park Place. Such facts aside, London is really about Londoners – in all their grand diversity. And diverse they are. According to a survey done in 2005 there were already more than 300 languages being used in London, and ‘fifty non-indigenous communities with a population of more than 10,000’ in the city.

In 2011 the Census recorded that 2,998,264 people, 36.7% of London’s population, are foreign-born, giving the city the world’s ‘second-largest immigrant population, behind New York City’.

The same census revealed that the city’s religious profile was as follows:

- Christians 48.4 per cent
- No religion 20.7 per cent
- Muslims 12.4 per cent
- No response 8.9 per cent
- Hindus 5.0 per cent
- Jews 1.8 per cent
- Sikhs 1.5 per cent
- Buddhists 1.0 per cent
- Other 0.6 per cent.

A mission field

From the perspective of Revelation’s ‘third angel’, London is a mission field, a great battleground for souls – where the eternal destiny of millions is to be decided. Perhaps it was such a perspective that drove the nineteenth-century poet, Francis Adams, to write this poem:

CRUEL City, London, London,
Where, duped slaves of devils’ creeds,
Men and women desperate, undone,
Dream such dreams, and do such deeds:
London, London, cruel city,
By day serpent, by night vampire –
God, in thy great pity, pity,
Give us light – though it be fire!

Our London Adventist churches are about to answer Adam’s plea for light. See pages 10-13 for more exciting details.

Sources used:
- http://www.poemhunter.com/poems/london/

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Cancer: the facts – part 3b

Examining causation and risk factors
Part 3a of ‘Cancer: the facts’ (Messengers, 6 March) identified twelve factors that cause or increase the risk of cancer. We examine the first four in this issue.

Age – Some cancer risks increase with age. This happens because changes that make cells cancerous may take a long time to develop. In fact, a number of these changes to the genes within...  

Bacterial infection – Increasing research shows that individuals who have helicobacter pylori (H. pylori) infection of the stomach develop inflammation of the stomach lining, which increases the risk of stomach cancer. Continuing research is seeking to investigate whether substances produced by specific digestive system bacteria can increase the risk of stomach lymphomas and bowel cancer in some individuals. It is suggested that the way to reduce the risk of these bacterial-related cancers is to treat the infection promptly.

Body-weight – Cancer Research UK have identified that overweight or obese individuals have an increased bowel and pancreatic cancer risk, possibly due to their tendency to have higher insulin levels. Obesity is identified as being 25% overweight. Cancer Research UK data have also indicated that breast cancer in females and gallbladder, kidney, oesophageal and uterine cancer risk is increased with obesity.

Research to identify why being overweight increases cancer risk is still ongoing. One suggestion is that some cancers linked to hormones, for example breast cancer, are impacted by the levels of oestrogen and testosterone. An enzyme called aromatase is produced in fatty tissues. The balance between oestrogen and testosterone is affected by aromatase, and this, researchers suggest, may explain why being overweight increases the breast cancer risk. Maintaining a healthy weight throughout life is important, as the breast cancer risks increase with age.

Good health!

*References to ‘research’ can be found at www.canceresearchuk.org
A small befreckled primary school boy I was permitted to run free to an extent that parents these days would find surprising. Our playgrounds were un-guarded. How I longed to be a cowboy. It kept my attention for the greater part of a week. After that I gave up on children’s TV. Permanently.

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A programme I enjoyed the most were, drama serials. Some of these were about the Famous Five. The serial which left me with the strongest recollection was The Misfits of Babylon. It occupied the Wednesday programme for weeks, maybe months. In the story line was a chemical substance which, when ingested by certain life forms, notably spiders, caused them to grow to hundreds of times their normal size. The picture that conjured itself into my imagination has caused me to pursue a zero tolerance of large spiders ever since!

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When TV came to the homes of my friends (it never came to mine), it was, of course, black and white, and could not compete with the full-colour images radio gave rise to. In the very early days, children were not served well by TV. Many of the programmes were amateurish and experimental, and children these days would laugh off the old programmes.

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Monday’s show was hosted by a cowboy wearing a Lone Ranger mask. The programme was a complete mystery of his identity and teased his young viewers a great deal. There was something about him that was rather familiar and we wondered if he was the Lone Ranger mask, was a high-octane, A-list celebrity. Ratings for that programme soared when the presenter promised that on Thursday’s programme he would reveal the mask and show us the real cowboy. That Thursday, along with a whole pack of my friends, I crammed into the sitting room of Paul Dawson’s house (at that stage, only his parents owned a TV), and we waited for the cowboy presenter to reveal his true identity. He left his self-revelation until the end of his time-slot. Then, reaching behind his head, he untied the mask. I had unmasked 16 and probably thought I’d ‘outgrown’ it. When God revealed Himself as Jesus at the turn of the era – the hinge of time when BC became AD – there had also been something of a build-up. Prophets had seen to that. But when His face became visible there was surprise, amazement, even shock – but no self-revelation.

It was not that He came in scary thunder as to Moses. Though He redirected history, He didn’t stop the clock as He had for Joshua. There was no terrifying Holy Terror when God became Man. The Son of God, who had enabled three Hebrew men to walk unsinged by the firey furnace, became Son of Man in the womb. He was born as we are all born, except in time, but the wise men who brought gifts when He was born on the tick of prophecy were non-Jews from Persian lands.

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This week Stanborough School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff to share this commitment. All successful applicants will be required to undertake an enhanced Criminal Record Check via the CRB before they can be appointed.

Closing date for applications: 30 April 2013.

For an application form, job description and person specification, please email jcrawford@secadventist.org.uk.

Visits to the school are welcomed. For an appointment, please contact Mrs Ruth Stanbridge, Head teacher.

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The 2520 ‘movement’ appears to have originated with Jeff Pippenger, a former member of the Newport church in the Upper Columbia Conference, USA. This view has apparently travelled to the UK and a few of its proponents wrote to us in response to Pastor John Surridge’s Messenger articles of 23 November and 7 December 2012. There are a number of online essays about the 2520 that are worth reading,* but I have chosen to publish this one by Steve Wohlberg, one of the elders of the Newport church, because it is of a suitable length. I sincerely hope that it will prove useful to you if you encounter this view in any form.

The ‘2520’ was being discussed in my home church. After reading arguments on both sides of the controversy, here are my views.

First, those who support the 2520 conclude:
1. It is a prophecy embodied in Leviticus 26.
2. Leviticus 26:18 says that if Israel disobeyed God, He would punish her ‘seventy times’ for her sins. Those ‘seventy times’ should be interpreted literally, not symbolically. There are 70 years (based on a 360-day Hebrew calendar year), and then, based on the day-for-a-year principle, viewed as 2,520 years.
3. The 2520 began in 67 BC (William Miller’s view, when King Manasseh of Judah was taken to Babylon), and ended in 1444.
4. The 2520 ‘prophecy’ is a second witness to the 2,300-year prophecy because both end in 1844. This ‘second witness’ is necessary to maintain the integrity of the 2,300-year prophecy because ‘in the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established’ (2 Corinthians 13:1, KJV).
5. Adventists have lost sight of the 2520 and should start teaching it again.

Some of the main arguments used to support the 2520 prophecy (based on Miller’s views):

1. Ellen White wrote that God led William Miller in his studies in the early 1800s.
2. William Miller believed in the 2520 based on his study of Leviticus 26.
3. Ellen White wrote that God led in the publication of the 1843 and 1856 Millerite charts, and both charts contained the 2520 prophecy (based on Miller’s views).
4. Ellen White also stated that those charts fulfilled Habakkuk 2:1-4.

After reading arguments on both sides of this controversy, here is my (present) position:
1. I support the biblical views of Miller, but I disagree with his interpretations of the last month or so and my honest evaluation is that the chapter itself does not easily support the advocates who represent ‘seven years’, or 2,520 days, or 2,520 years. In four verses (verses 18, 21, 24, and 27), God said He would punish Israel ‘seven times’ for her sins if she did not repent. Ellen White clearly stated that these will be four separate, sequential ‘seven times’, each falling with increasing severity. Yehezkel Levenstein’s book pointed to a need to repentance. Additionally, the original Hebrew text ‘translated a few times’ (shabat) is an adverb (indicating an intensity, not a noun (indicating duration). Therefore, ‘the intercalation’ theory that Leviticus 26 should be ‘sevenfold’, ‘not seven times’, representing ‘seven years’ is invalid.
2. Numbers 14:34 is the first time the day-for-a-year principle is mentioned in the Bible. But in Leviticus 26 it is not mentioned, or even hinted at.
3. The book verses 32-36 reveals that many of the curses listed in Leviticus 26 had already started falling on Israel long before 67 BC.
4. Leviticus 26 contains no such clear starting point for a supposed 2520 prophecy.
5. Leviticus 26 is also filled with conditional ‘if’ statements (see verses 4, 23, 24, 28, 40). ‘If Israel obeyed, blessings come. ‘If’ not, curses will follow. This strongly suggests that God’s ‘will punish you seven times’ warning cannot be a day-for-a-year prophecy with clear starting and ending dates. By contrast, the 70-week/2,300-day timeline is unconditional, with easily identifiable starting and ending points.
6. In Babylon, Daniel realised that Israel’s prophesied seventy-year captivity was soon to end (Daniel 9:2). His prayer (verses 3-9) were answered by the ‘seven curses’ recorded in the ‘law of Moses’ (verse 13) that had overtaken Israel, yet he hoped they would end soon and that Israel would be restored (verse 17). Such hope would be impossible if Daniel thought the 2666 curses would continue for 2,520 years! During the rule of Persia, the curses were reversed. Israel returned home, and once again God placed His ‘tabernacle’ (see Leviticus 26:11) among them. Now blessings came.
7. When the next ‘prophecy’ chart was published in 1846, the year the Seventh-day Adventist Church was organised, the 2520 was left out. From 1863 until today the Seventh-day Adventist Church has never officially recognised the 2520 as a real prophecy at all.
8. One reason for this is because James White rejected the 2520. In a 26 January 1864 Review article he stated that the 2,520 prophecy was unscriptural. Uriah Smith, in the appendix of his book, Daniel and the Revelation, pp. 784, 785, agreed with James. Both believed the adverb ‘shabat’ meant ‘a definite period of time’ and that the prophecy lacked biblical support, and that this would avoid the subject being introduced.
9. In the Great Controversy, chapters 18-24, Ellen White wrote in great detail about the Millerite ‘seven times’ when it described how he discovered the 2,300-day prophecy, and about the history of the Advent Movement, and yet she never even mentioned the 2,520 even once. If such a prophecy did exist and was significant, then surely Ellen White, in her most important work when discussing the Millerites? Not only that, but during her entire seventy-year ministry she never mentioned it anywhere.
10. I have seen no convincing proof that the 2,520 prophecy was one of the Millerite charts. Uriah Smith agreed. Yes, Ellen White wrote that angels guided William Miller. Miller believed the 2520. The 2520 prophecy is on the first two charts. Ellen White endorsed both charts, plus she said the Millerite charts fulfilled Habakkuk 2:1-4.

The movement that is advancing the 2520 holds this teaching within a larger package of ideas, which includes the following:

1. That the 9/11 terrorist attack is a fulfilment of the ‘third woe’ brought to view in the seventh trumpet (Revelation 11:14).
2. That the judgement of the living began on 9/11/2001, beginning with the Seventh-day Adventist Church, for whom probation will close before it closes for the world;
3. That the latter rain began to fall in 9/11/2001 onward;
4. That the discovery of the 2520 is a vital part of the ‘new light’ brought to us by the latter rain.
5. That the 2520 is, therefore, the ‘testing message’ for Seventh-day Adventists. Those who accept the 2520 are thereby receiving the latter rain and successfully passing the inspection process of the judgement of the living, and those who reject the 2520 are rejecting the latter rain and thus failing to bear up under the judgement of the living. Probation is closing for Seventh-day Adventists individually and finally for the corporate body by our acceptance or rejection of the 2520 and the attending package of ideas listed above.

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*Editor’s note: We will find a number of valuable documents at http://www.sda-pathfinder.org/encyclopedia and I recommend participating in the 2520 essay contest begun by Pastor John Surridge and The Great Controversy chart by the Church’s Biblical Research Institute.

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The Great Controversy, p. 392:
As early as 1842, the direction given in this prophecy to ‘Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables,’ that the man that runneth may read that. Thus it had suggested to Charles Fitch the preparation of a prophetic chart to illustrate the visions of Daniel and the Revelation. The publication of this chart was regarded as a fulfilment of the prophecy given by Habakkuk. Look carefully, Habakkuk 2:2 says, ‘Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables,’ and Ellen White said that angels guided William Miller. Miller believed the 2520. The 2520 prophecy is on the first two charts. Ellen White endorsed both charts, plus she said the Millerite charts fulfilled Habakkuk 2:1-4. But there is no ‘vision’ in Leviticus 26. All of this suggests that Ellen White’s support of William Miller, the early charts, and even the ‘figures’ on the chart, primarily concerned the 2,300-day ‘vision’, not the 2520. And in her explanation in The Great Controversy of these details, this is what she focused on, without mentioning the 2520 even once.

The Adventist Church’s biblical mission is to proclaim Heaven’s ‘sure word of prophecy’ (2 Peter 1:19, KJV) and the three angels’ messages to the world (Revelation 14:6-12). To do this effectively, our facts must be solid. Yes, God led the Millerites, but then in 1844 He also began giving direct guidance to Ellen White, whose counsel always pointed back to the Bible; and in her seventy years of public ministry, she never specifically mentioned the 2520 even once. It’s obvious that Adventism as a whole no longer believes the 2520, and it seems to me that there are two possible reasons for this: 1) the 2520 was last sight of light due to an Adventist failure, or 2) advancing light and Ellen White and careful Bible study led Adventist leaders to realise that the 2520 was really an un biblical, unnecessary, and unfortunate distraction away from our core biblical message. Presently, I favour the latter, and hate to see people divided over this issue. One thing’s for sure. ‘Preach the Word’ (2 Timothy 4:2) is our mandate.

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Mission to the Big Cities

The Messenger editor chats to Pastor Sam Davis, South England Conference president, about the prospects for one of the most exciting Adventist outreach events in decades.

Pastor Davis: It’s my pleasure, Julian. ‘Mission to the Big Cities’ is a General Conference initiative strongly supported by our world leader, Pastor Ted Wilson. It recognises, correctly, that the majority of the world’s population is now to be found in its biggest cities. These big cities are the modern economic hubs, and for that reason people gravitate to them.

The General Conference chose New York as its designated city and asked the various world divisions to choose their own. The Trans-European Division has chosen London as its target city for 2013.

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Editor: How does this partnership work then?

Pastor Davis: Julian, the General Conference has allocated $250,000 towards this initiative – for all the European cities, that is. The TED has kindly apportioned the larger amount of those funds towards the London project – for which we are truly thankful.

Editor: That’s a lot of money, Pastor. How are you planning to use it?

Pastor Davis: It sounds like a lot of money, Julian. But I can assure you that it is still falls short of what we need in order to achieve the targets that we have set for ourselves.

Editor: Are you in a position to tell us more about these targets?

Pastor Davis: Yes, certainly! Our members need this information. Initially we decided to have three areas of focus, but one of our areas, 6D, decided that they could not afford to be left out of the action, and subsequently asked to be included.

So we now have four areas of focus. The first is South London, where the main evangelistic centre will be the Brixton church. The second target area will be our young people. Meetings will be conducted for them at the Advent Centre under the leadership of our Youth director, Pastor Steve Thomas. The third area will be Potter’s Bar, where we will be targeting the host community of this country.

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Pastor Davis: You are right, it isn’t, but we have chosen this town for a very specific reason. In this initiative, we want to ensure that a part of our effort will focus on the UK’s host community.

Editor: Isn’t it possible that this could be seen as a ‘top down’ initiative?

Pastor Davis: We have done everything possible to ensure that it is not perceived as such. For example: from the very outset our Area co-ordinators have been involved in the planning and strategying; and we have kept our pastors and members abreast of developments to ensure that there would be maximum buy-in from them. I think I can truly say, from what I have seen, that our pastors and members are on board and praying for the success of this programme.

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Editor: Pastor Sam, you’re in touch with the country’s changing demographics. It will be interesting to see the methods used in Potter’s Bar – perhaps they can also be applied elsewhere.

Pastor Davis: Julian, they are already being applied and we hope to emulate them. We currently have several initiatives targeting the host community. They are in Southampton, Devizes, St Austell, Dunstable, and Enfield. Various methods of engagement are being employed and Potter’s Bar will be using similar methods of engagement.

Editor: Pastor Davis, thank you for a really stimulating, in-depth interview. I am sure that many of our readers will be praying for the success of MTTC – London.

Summary of expenses:
1. 10 taskforce volunteers £53,240
2. Evangelism training for pastors and youth £21,000
3. Venue costs for three campaigns £120,000
4. TED Field School of Evangelism £80,000
5. Project PR and promotions £50,000
6. SEC funding £50,000
7. Youth evangelism £50,000
8. Final outcome church-plants £20,000
9. Contingency £50,000
10. Contingency £35,685
11. 10 taskforce volunteers £53,240

Total funding £384,925
The Advent Centre, London

We will assist our youth federations in the planning of a number of social evangelistic ministries through JAM (Jesus and Ministries, London); Gospel Red.

During the MTTC,

Our primary departmental mission is to lead our youth to Christ, then on into discipleship.

Youth:

KIRK THOMAS

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Adventist Muslim Relations:

Muslim immigration is growing in the UK, and many of our Adventist churches are in communities in London, where the Muslim population is on the increase. In the light of this, our Mission to the Cities team is arranging to train our members and pastors to reach them. Our Adventist Muslim Relations department will do this training throughout the year, and during the TSED School of Evangelism in October. We have planned four days of AMR training, during which an average of fifty people will be trained each time, including five pastors from London. We will also have an Adventist Muslim Relations weekend summit on 26-28 April. This year churches are getting behind this mission, and more than thirty churches have appointed local AMR co-ordinators to organise their outreach to the Muslim community.

Ministerial and Prayer:

The MTTC committee has given the Ministerial Association an opportunity to meet the SEC elders for a brainstorming exercise to consider various methods and strategies for evangelism in London. Those whose churches are not located in London also contributed by suggesting activities they could do to assist in this mission. The Prayer Ministries department set aside two days of prayer and fasting for all the MTTC evangelistic plans. The first of these was 24 February and the next will be 28 July. An initiative as Mission to the Cities is a mammoth task that can only be successful if prayer is the foundation of every plan and strategy. The department will also stream live prayer meetings every Tuesday evening from 9 to 10pm, beginning on 12 March. Individuals can watch the service from the comfort of their homes and submit their prayer requests, which will be read and prayed for in ‘real time’ during the service. These meetings will continue throughout the year.

Communication and Media:

The media build-up to Mission to the Cities has already begun. The division has tasked pastoral intern Vili Costescu to project manage the media for Mission to the Cities.

He is working closely with the SEC to ensure adequate media output. A Facebook group is up and running with information, inspiration, photos and videos. Specific training in digital evangelism for those churches and pastors involved in Mission to the Cities is planned for 24 March. This will include digital outreach, news coverage and online promotion. One of the projects is the online prayer ministry that will commence on 12 March at 9pm on: www.missiontothecities.co.uk.

Throughout Mission to the Cities the Communication department will report on a variety of initiatives and projects, through news and inspirational stories.

DEC 2018

SEC directors share MTTC departmental plans

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Advert and application form as supplied

### 2013 SEC BOOKING FORM

Please complete this Booking Form and send it directly to:

Pontin’s Ainsdale House, Shore Road, Ainsdale, Southport, PR8 2PZ
TEL: 08714 7427765

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Why Huddersfield?

Huddersfield, a northern town halfway between Leeds and Manchester, is larger than many a small city. It embraces a vibrant and diverse multi-ethnic community, and has one main Adventist church, possibly dating back to the nineteenth century, and a relatively new company in Fartown – both striving to reach out to those in need.

Area 3 is made up of the whole of Yorkshire south of Scarborough. Both Huddersfield and York have been specifically selected to receive targeted attention under this initiative, although all churches in the area will receive some support.

The use of new technology and creative ways to promote the Gospel was a major feature of the day. However, listening to the powerful testimonies of two young people with the experience of witnessing in a ‘big city’ highlighted that, even in this ‘post-modern’ time, older methods of door-to-door witnessing, street witnessing and small groups still remain as effective as ever in promoting the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

It was with enthusiasm and conviction that Sarah Dixon, a newly baptised member from the Fartown church, talked about her enjoyment of street witnessing, and how God has had help to overcome her fear of this through prayer and her appreciation of Scripture. As a means of encouragement to others, she cited Isaiah 52:7 (NIV), ‘How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, “Your God reigns!”

Sarah wished it to be known that she was introduced to Christ as a result of someone bringing the Good News to her through door-to-door witnessing.

Naythan Grant, youth leader of the Huddersfield church, artfully shared his testimony of street witnessing in Manchester’s city centre. Naythan recalled how, in spite of being encircled by a group of Hare Krishna devotees chanting around them, he and the other young people were determined to share the Gospel and boldly sing the songs of Zion.

During the afternoon service, Pastor Michael Simpson explained that the church is a growing ‘movement’, living in very exciting times, with a mission to evangelise the cities using Christ’s methods of mingling with men.

He challenged the congregation to be obedient to God’s will and to tell people about God, even though sometimes we may find it difficult to sing the songs of the Lord in a strange land.

The motive for the call to work earnestly for the cities of the world comes as the churches of the world realise the efficiency of working where many people live. Pastor Simpson then went on to demonstrate that we would most effectively do this as we show an interest in people by ministering to their needs, winning their confidence and then showing people how to become Christians.

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Welsh Mission Triennial Session

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Christmas baptism

On 22 December Wimbledon International Church rejoiced at the baptism of Amin Twinda Sebadoh. She had moved to the UK in 2009 and began attending Wimbledon Church, where she became a valued part of the congregation.

First baptised at 11, she soon realised that it had not really been her decision, and she has now put that right the second time!

Here she is seen with Steve Graves, who prepared her for baptism, and Pastor Sam Neves, who baptised her.

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Focusing on health

At the heart of a weekend where the focus was on health and lifestyle, Leicester Central Church had Dr Mpofu as their guest speaker. He emphasised that the human body is not the product of accidental forces, but of intricate design by an all-knowing and wise God. Dr Mpofu advised that for good health there should be a careful monitoring of the balance between what is eaten, daily physical exercise, and a knowledge of the facts relating to cholesterol, blood pressure, and an awareness of family medical history. This will be enhanced when there is regular conversation with a doctor about these matters. He urged all to avoid a sedentary lifestyle, where there is little exercise. Too much of the wrong food, a high salt intake and too few fruits and vegetables in the diet. According to him, working in collaboration with a doctor while doing your part to maintain a healthy lifestyle, with your finger on the pulse of knowing your cholesterol and blood pressure figures, watching your waistline and doing something to control its expansion or contraction, may keep you in a peaceful frame of mind and good health.

PHILIP HERBERT, COMMUNICATION
Chosen for his funeral service was John 14:1-3, a promise Bert accepted as a certain reality. He believed this with all his heart.

PASTOR ISLWYN REES

23rd December 2013

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STOP International raises £2,000-plus

Watford-based charity, STOP International, which helps children in orphanages in southern India, recently raised over £2,000 during an Indian evening held in the Stanborough Centre.

STOP International was founded in 2000 by Kish Poddar, a teacher at Stanborough School, and it helps children in orphanages in Tamil Nadu, southern India. During the evening Kish promoted their project: setting up a sewing room at the Vocational Training Centre in one of the orphanages STOP supports. His appeal for self-supporting volunteers to assist him was positively received.

The evening, which was attended by eighty people, consisted of a three-course vegetarian Indian meal with spoof ‘Bollywood-style’ dancing, led by Joanna Swain and her husband Carl, who have been involved in some of the charity’s projects in the past.

Following the meal there was an auction of promises which sparked some lively bidding for fifteen lots, including sailing in the Mediterranean, a week in north Wales for six, and private tuition.

JUNE COOMBS

One man and his dog (part 1 of 3)

This story began one cold night in 2012. A shabby man and his friend came into Oldham Church during choir practice, talked about God, and, after a wide-ranging conversation, went away.

The next time they visited something prompted someone from our community services to ask: ‘Would you like something to eat?’ The man’s eager response showed this to be the right question, and a plate of hot food was conjured up from lunchtime leftovers. On smelling the food, his until-now quiet companion became very excited. ‘She’s smelt the meat!’ he exclaimed, unaware that there was no ‘meat’ on the plate. We asked if he wanted some food for her too, and with his agreement, Stella the dog was fed and watered.

Over the years we had various individuals coming for help and have developed a policy of providing no money, only goods and services such as food, clothing, top-up of gau/electric meter cards, a saucepan, toiletries and so on – but we had not fed a dog before. Kevin and Stella left after being fed and watered. Some months later, David and Andrew came looking for a hot drink and food, having been told of the kindness of Oldham Church by Kevin (and maybe Stella too)! And so, by word of mouth we have seen many others coming to the church on a regular basis. We have had to set a time, between 6 and 6.30pm, to manage the process. Each person receives a drink and is given a plate of hot food to either eat or take away with them, and a bag of cans and packets to help them through the week.

What about Kevin and Stella? While we haven’t seen them in some time, Stella hasn’t been the only dog to ‘come and dine’ at Lord Street, Oldham.

The Bible cautions us to entertain strangers, because thereby we may entertain angels unawares.

MAUREEN CLARKE, COMMUNITY SERVICES