In September 2014 we will see Hyland House Seventh-day Adventist School in a new location at the Holcombe Road site, London. Until recently the home of the John Loughborough School, this site will be tailored to create a ‘state of the art’ learning and teaching environment for Hyland House students and teachers.

Gina Abbequaye, long-standing head teacher of Hyland House, expressed herself like this: ‘After ninety years of the school being located in Waltham Forest, I never envisaged our school moving to the Holcombe Road site. However, my staff and I accept that God’s ways are not our ways, and where He leads we will follow! The vision is for specialist contractors to consult and work in partnership with staff, parents and children to achieve a learning facility fit for the twenty-first century and beyond.’

It seems that the whole school is buzzing with excitement about the move! ‘The students are able to see the potential of such a large location,’ said the Early Years co-ordinator, Karen Clarke. ‘Our main concern is not why we’ve ended up with that site, but how we can utilise it for outstanding learning.’

The children are looking forward to specially-tailored classrooms that provide for ICT, Science, Food Technology, Art and DT, a special music centre and a school kitchen providing hot meals.

‘I like that we will have a bigger space and big classrooms,’ commented Year 5 student, Alicia D’Aguilar. ‘We can go to separate rooms for Art, ICT and Cooking; I like that! We can do after-school clubs and make so many things; even our parents could come if we let them in!’

‘We will eat cooked food for lunch at the new place,’ added Year 6 student Jerome Phillip. ‘No more packed lunches: only when we choose!’

‘I can understand the concerns in moving,’ commented Dean Palmer, a father of students in Years 1 and 4. ‘People might feel standards could drop or feel it may be too harsh an environment, but they’re moving staff that we trust and they will continue that standard – nothing will change except the location. The growth and development of the new school can only benefit our children as they gain more areas to learn and play.’

SEC president and chair of the governing body of Hyland House School, Pastor Sam Davis, commented, ‘The Holcombe Road site is vacant and has great facilities. It has been built up for educational purposes and the Hyland House School have been looking for a new building for over twenty-five years. Now that a location we already own has become available, it will be a great fit and good to see this opportunity pursued.’

For more information about the Hyland House Primary School, please visit their website at www.hylandhouseschool.org.
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In contrast to vCJD, which affects individuals, type 1 insurance fraud as a ‘victimless’ activity, it is nothing less than organised crime.

Organised crime

We don’t do crime. ‘My thoughts exactly!’ That is, until I recalled what was going on in Jerusalem during the time of Jesus.

To understand the times we have to get to know the protagonists. Firstly, there were the Sadducees, a sect that enjoyed high social status, both for their religious roles (many of them were temple priests) and for their key positions within the Jewish administration of the day.

Secondly, there were the Pharisees, another influential group that functioned as both a religious sect and a political party. They had some strong doctrinal objections to the teachings of the Sadducees and this led to conflict between the two groups. As a sect they were obsessed with man-made rules (particularly those involving ritual purity) and very judgmental of ordinary ‘sinful’ people.

We shouldn’t forget that the members of both groups were highly religious. Both respected the Scriptures; were fastidious in their temple worship; brought the prescribed sacrifices; gave tithes and offerings; and awaited the Messiah’s coming. They were also the movers and shakers of the Jewish ‘church’ – the ones who refined its doctrines; banished lepers and tax collectors from its fellowship; and incited its members to stone the promiscuous.

Effectively, these men formed the administration of the church that Jesus grew up in. They sat on its boards and formed its committees. They were the beating heart of its organisational structure.

Now listen to them…

Jesus had just raised Lazarus from the dead. Public excitement was running high. Many now believed in Jesus. But not all were happy. According to John 11:47-50 (NIV):

‘Then the chief priests and the Pharisees gave orders that anyone who found out where Jesus was should report it so that they might arrest him.’

For those of us who sit within the circles of organisational or administrative authority, irrespective of the level (be it congregational or higher), whether as volunteers or employees, John 11 is food for thought.

But, from my experience, the unambitious ‘Sadducees’ are often the most dangerous. Why? Because their membership is usually based on long-standing allegiances and mutual interests; they are places where we can speak freely, passionately, with little fear of contradiction; and they are free from the accountability that record-keeping imposes on us. They can happen during a Sabbath lunch, or while sitting in the sun at a church picnic. They may seem innocuous, but their consequences can be toxic.

As this column demonstrates, the types of organisations named are a byproduct of the means; how easy it is to do what is expedient rather than what is right; and sadly, how quickly planning degenerates into plotting.

Editorial

Victor Hibbert

Mad cow disease – more cases on the horizon

A BBC News online report on 15 October 2013, by editor Michelle Roberts, carried the headline: ‘Estimate doubled for vCJD carriers in UK’. Variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (vCJD) is a rare and fatal human neurodegenerative condition which progressively attacks the brain. There is currently no cure for it.

WHO facts:

- The consumption of food of bovine origin contaminated with the agent of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE – more commonly known as ‘mad cow disease’), a disease of cattle, has been strongly linked to the occurrence of vCJD in humans.
- 175 cases of vCJD were reported in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from October 1996 to March 2011.
- Mad cow disease is caused by an agent of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE – more commonly known as ‘mad cow disease’), a disease of cattle, which has been linked in humans to variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (vCJD).

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In-charge

BUC News has received some excellent contributions to its church photo competition, but needs more participation to represent churches from every region and style of church across the UK and Ireland.

‘Winning entries will represent the Church on our website, demonstrating to the wider community that this is a place of worship that they will want to visit,’ states competition organiser, Victor Hibbert.

He encourages budding photographers to take a look at the most recent entries on the BUC News Facebook page, then get the camera out this Sabbath and see if they can produce something even more special. ‘The photo should include some aspect of the building and must include people,’ Victor adds. ‘It should also be a landscape photo that will look good on the front page of the Adventist Church website.’

Entries should be submitted before 18 November, and prizes will be awarded for the winner and runners-up. Full details and entry requirements are available on the Adventist Church website at: adventist.org.uk.
Dreams are funny things, a collection of seemingly random imaginings that occur during our sleep and usually seem to make no sense – that is, if we can remember them when we wake up. The American Heritage Dictionary defines dreams as follows: ‘Dreams are successions of images, ideas, emotions, and sensations that occur involuntarily in the mind during certain stages of sleep.’

A colleague told me a few days ago that he had appeared in one of his dreams, and a strange situation it was that he described to me. I then suggested that maybe he should have labelled it a nightmare, rather than a dream!

Joseph’s dreams

In the Bible, Joseph’s dreams caused him problems. They were not the sort of dreams that he expected, and they ultimately led to his being sold as a slave and carted off to Egypt. He ends up in jail listening to more dreams. This time they are the dreams of Pharaoh’s baker and the butler, with drastically varying fortunes as their outcomes. Finally, it is Pharaoh’s own dream that provides him with a way out of jail and a complete change of fortune. But despite these significant instances of inspired dreams, the vast majority of our dreams seem to have absolutely no deeper meaning for our lives. They are probably just the brain flinging away all records and occasionally being interrupted by the troubles and concerns that we were pondering as we went to sleep.

‘Real’ dreams

But there are some dreams that do have significance for our lives. Not the sort we experience just before we wake up in the morning, but the dreams or aspirations we have for our lives. We use the word ‘dream’ in the context of ‘a dream home’ or ‘a dream holiday’, to define the pinnacle of what we really would like to achieve. And it’s good to have hopes and aspirations of better things – so long as we keep them in context. We need to beware, as the saying goes, of what we hope for in life, as if we make all of it happen.

I was wondering about our Scripture reading from the Book of Joel – what dreams are these ‘old men’ going to have? Will it be like the divinely inspired visions that the ‘young men’ will have, visions of God’s plans that we can join in with and share the joy of working with Him?

In the context of these thoughts on dreams, in a previous Misseionnaire article (5 July, p. 6) I mentioned a dream of a time when the people of the United Kingdom will experience that famous end-time thirst for the knowledge of God. At the same time we will be prepared, through the leading of the Holy Spirit, to help the questing thirst that thrills through our words and the example of our deeds. We may wonder how we are going to complete the Gospel Commission here in the UK, but He has the plans to achieve that – plans that defy our imagination.

Our dream?

God’s aspiration for Earth – His dream, as it were – is not His own, but to spend eternity with Him. Notice this declaration of His expectations in 2 Peter 3.9, NKJV: ‘The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slowness, but is long-suffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.’ (emphasis supplied.)

Unfortunately, we know that the particular dream will not be fulfilled for everyone – many will choose their own plans, dreams and aspirations over His perfect one. But it doesn’t need to end like that for you and me. We can see His visions and dream His dreams. We can see His vision for an eternal future and a hope!’

Adventist Frontier Missions

In the 25 October issue of Misseionnaire we made a mistake that may have created the impression that Adventist Frontier Missions is a department or subsidiary of the General Conference. The byline contained the wording, ‘General Conference Adventist Frontier Mission director, Pastor Conrad Vine, reports.’... when it should have read, Adventist Frontier Mission director, Pastor Conrad Vine, reports. ‘... We apologise for any problems this may have caused. Adventist Frontier Missions is an Adventist supporting ministry working in close co-operation and consultation with the General Conference and its Divisions, worldwide. By way of further clarification this is information, taken directly from the AFM website at www.afmonline.org.

Q: What is AFM’s working relationship with the Seventh-day Adventist Church?

A: From the very beginning, AFM has had a policy of working closely with the Church at all levels. We greatly value the assistance and guidance provided by church leaders. We appreciate the positive working relationships we have with leaders and fellow missionaries around the world. It is our goal to plant Seventh-day Adventist churches, so we are committed to partnering with our brethren in Church leadership. AFM is also happy to have a General Conference representative on our board of directors – Rick McDaid, Director of Religious Study Centres. The contact

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Ever had questions about our faith, doctrines or practice that you want to see resolved? Each week I’ll be hosting Q&A in an effort to answer them.

Andrew Puckering

Is it true that the Sabbath was instituted only at Creation, and that it did not exist before that?*

Pastor Thonete

Apparently, yes – Genesis 2:3. (NKJV) states: ‘And on the seventh day God ended...’

*His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.’

This is clearly talking about the Sabbath day, as is made clear by Exodus 20:11. The reason given for the sanctification of the Sabbath day is God’s rest on the seventh day after creating this world in six days. Therefore, it seems not only that God instituted the Sabbath at Creation, but also that there was no reason for it to have existed prior to Creation. Besides which, how could every seventh day have been kept holy before the first day had been created?

Nevertheless, some Adventists maintain that it existed before Creation, quoting Ellen White as follows: ‘The moral law was never a type or a shadow. It existed before man’s creation, and that it did not exist before that?’

She is also reported as saying: ‘The Sabbath was hallowed at the creation. As ordained for man, it had its origin when “the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy.”’

Did she contradict herself here? I don’t think so. Even when this world passes away, and new heavens and a new earth are created, we will still be keeping the Sabbath (Isaiah 66:23). Therefore it’s clear that the Sabbath, while being a part of God’s eternal law, is eternal with respect to lasting forever, from the moment of Creation. It might not be ‘from everlasting’, but it is ‘to everlasting’.

Our fundamental belief on the Sabbath is expressed this way: ‘The beneficent Creator, after the six days of Creation, rested on the seventh day and instituted the Sabbath for all people as a memorial of Creation. The fourth commandment of God’s unchangeable law requires the observance of this seventh-day Sabbath...’


Do you have a question you'd like to see answered in 4 & AT? Why not send it in to an editor@stanboroughpress.org.uk? If your question doesn't appear in the next issue, don't despair – we will deal with it in due course.
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In Ken Burton, the Chorale and the other groups and choirs that have emerged from the same stable, the Church has a special treasure that is recognised nationally and internationally. But the question that could be asked is whether we recognise the treasure that we have in our midst? Are we celebrating it sufficiently, nurturing it and taking steps to ensure that such musical treasure as the Church possesses is passed down to the next generation?

That is not to suggest that it is easy to reproduce such talent en masse. Genius is invariably impossible to reproduce or replicate, hence its rare quality. The drug dealer, lamented the demise of the John Loughborough School, saying that its closure was not just sad for the Church, but ‘a tragedy for the black community’.

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It is trips off the tongue so easily: ‘Happy Sabbath!’ But it could now take on more meaning if we employ new technology. Pastors and church leaders often express concern about Sabbath School attendance and contributions, and parents sometimes despair at retaining their children’s focus on the Lord’s day as they mature. But help is now at hand. A wide range of internet apps (applications) are available free – or for a few pence – to download to our personal smartphones and tablets. With all we need literally at our fingertips, we can claim insufficient time for study or church catch-up. In addition to live broadcasts on the established church websites, such as ABOV. Amazing Facts, Central Study Hour, Sabbath School U and Adventist Church, there is now access spiritual support from icons on your device.

The Sabbath School 3 app delivers all the study guides, and highlighted texts are immediately accessible. The Sabbath School 3 app can offer additional guidance, with their commentaries, and highlight key points. The Sabbath School 3 app can be a powerful tool to aid ‘the hope that is within you’ in your outreach activities.
floral praise

The Stanborough Park church recently (13-15 September) played host venue to a stunning exhibition of floral praise. Each arrangement was carefully and lovingly crafted to express the sentiments of a Christian hymn.

The forty floral artists responsible for these magnificent tributes to the love and grace of God were drawn from a variety of Christian confessions. Despite their diverse doctrinal viewpoints these men and women were together, working to the glory of God, in an Adventist church. The main display was arranged by world-renowned floral artist Rev. William McMillan of Northern Ireland.

The exhibition convenor, Audrey Balderstone, is a highly regarded floral artist whose exhibitions have raised over £100,000 for various worthy charities since 1981. This festival, entitled ‘Ode to Joy’, raised over £11,000, to be shared between Keech Cottage Children’s Hospice (Luton) and the church’s development fund.

We hope you enjoy these works of floral art. May they lift your heart in worship of our majestic, omnipotent Creator.

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1. Eternal Father, Strong to Save.
   Carol Hill – Watford Floral Society.

2. All Things Bright and Beautiful.
   Madalina Petrov, Estelle Elias, Emma Stickland – Stanborough Park Church.

   Christine Gardiner – All Saints Church, Leavesden.

4. Rock of Ages, Cleft For Me.
   Brenda Condens – Secretary, Home Counties Area NAFAS.

5. He’s Got the Whole World In His Hands.
   Von Dunfee – NAFAS area demonstrator.

6. O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing.
   Billie Jordan – Stanborough Park Church.

7. What a Friend We Have In Jesus.
   Edwidge Turner – Stanborough Park Church.

8. Soldiers of Christ Arise.
   Victoria Balan – Stanborough Park Church.

   Cathy Guenin – Stanborough Park Church.

10. Majesty.
    Kirra Moser – Stanborough Park Church.

11. Day Is Dying In the West.
    Sheila Bishop – individual member, Home Counties Area NAFAS.

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DURING THE FRESHERS’ WEEK, LEEDS CHURCH WAS ON THE GO, TAKING HEALTH ASSESSMENTS OF THE STUDENTS AT LEEDS UNIVERSITY.

On 11 September the health expo team saw 200 students from Headingly Campus, and on 18 September they saw 150 students from City Campus. For a number of years, Leeds Church has had a presence at Leeds University’s fresher’s week, during which they have put a considerable amount of work into developing the health expo concept, which can be adapted to any community, while keeping true to the general principle underlying its operation.

There is no other religious body that has health and health ministry tied in so closely to its belief system as does the Seventh-day Adventist Church. As Ellen White put it, “The gospel of health is to be firmly linked with the ministry of the word. It is the Lord’s design that the restoring influence of health reform shall be a part of the last great effort to proclaim the gospel message” (Medical Ministries, page 259).

The health expo has proved to be a wonderfully effective entry event at Leeds University, allowing Leeds members to engage with the students, attracting persons from different parts of the world. The students were challenged to pay attention to their health status in a simple, non-threatening manner. The expo emphasises the eight main factors related to disease prevention: Nutrition, Exercise, Water, Sunlight, Temperance, Air, Rest, and Trust in divine power (NEWSTART). The eight health panels combined with up-to-date scientific information, health assessments (screenings) and health counselling.

It is important to keep track of attendees by having proper records. If you are interested in delivering this programme, contact Grace Walsh or Deline Dunkey at the North England Conference on 0115 960 6312.

FOR ALL CITIES

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Along with Pastor Curtis Murphy’s message each evening, there was also a health presentation, co-ordinated by Dr Greg Ramjas and delivered by our own home-grown health presenters.

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**Chingford and Wood Green baptisms**

On 12 October the Chingford and Wood Green congregations gathered to baptise six new members at the Wood Green church. Who are these new members?

Front row, left to right above: Jackie Stennett, who gave her life to God through Bible studies with Wood Green members and the encouragement of Pastor Steve Roberts; Lisa Herbert and Rob Roderick White, who left their former church due to the support of the Chingford congregation during a family bereavement.

**Baptism at Hanwell**

On 28 September, Hanwell Church rejoiced over the baptism of six new members, each with a special story. The youngest, Malachi Duncan (8) was determined to get baptised. His parents thought he was a little too young, but felt he was mature enough to make his own decision for the Lord. Next was young Owen Francis, who had seen his dad, Wayne, baptised last year and wanted to follow his example. He was not to be denied. His parents and the Children’s Sabbath School studied with him. He wants to be a doctor or a minister of the Gospel – praise the Lord!

Glenda Jackson has attended Southall for fourteen years, but on 31 August she responded to Everett Picart’s sermon with a decision for baptism, to the joy of Fio Thomas, who has been working with her over all those years. Jasmine Smith had to attend Northolt Church when the son of a former member met her in a local library and invited her to church. After her Bible studies she was eager for baptism too. She is not from an Adventist background, and so was a great witness to her family and friends, who all came to support her. Agnes Phillips was so excited when she learned that a baptism was to be held that, without hesitation, she let the pastor know her decision.

Last was Owen’s mother, Wendy Francis, who joined Southall Church on profession of faith. She had been actively helping out in the Children’s Ministry department for some time, and so it was a natural progression for her to join the Southall church family.

**Come dine with me**

Pastor Ray A. Patrick’s novel methods resulted in a successful evangelistic series during the last two weeks of September. ... with Pastor Patrick at 6pm, and then attend his meetings at 7pm. The attendance was also supported by a radio stream on www.medianetgospel.com, which reached a lister of listeners high of 600. Pastor Patrick is a well-known radio host, with a daily programme running between 7am and 9am.

The results of this novel evangelism were most gratifying. In total, seven were baptised by Pastor Andrew Davis, two of them as members of the Heathcourt church plant.

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The volunteers are required: one head chef; two sous chefs and five kitchen staff for three weeks; four maintenance people and one activity instructors. If you have an interest in outdoor pursuits (such as kayaking, sailing, climbing and archery), with a background in education, training and development that will enable these worthy people to get back on their feet, into homes and off the streets. This includes refugees, asylum seekers and the elderly who are experiencing poverty.

Harlestone Road harvest festival

Harlestone Road Church held its harvest festival on 14 September. The main hall is to the left, the original cottage in the middle. The water tank on the right and the kitchen on the left, the original cottage on the bottom. The main hall is to the left, the original cottage on the right and the kitchen in the middle. The water tank on the right and the kitchen in the left, the original cottage on the bottom. The main hall is to the left, the original cottage on the right and the kitchen in the middle. The water tank on the right and the kitchen in the left, the original cottage on the bottom.

Reminiscences

Pastor Kenneth Clothier, now retired to Teignmouth, South Devon, shares his memories of Aberdaron Camp. Perhaps his reminiscences will set you off down memory lane.

Believe it was about the second year after we purchased the Aberdaron site that I joined the staff, and I worked there in a number of different capacities for thirty years, though I believe I only helped at Family Camp once. Some of the camp masters I worked with were Jack Mahon, Stuart Ware, Jim Huzsey and Bob Rood.

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Bristol Central holds health expo

On Sunday 21 July, a number of health-related activities took place in the Bristol Central church car park, as a service to the community. Members of the public were offered blood pressure and blood sugar checks, BMI measurement, advice on diet, local fruit juice demonstrations, leaflets and advice on health-related matters and free fruit and water. A number of people from the community took advantage of these services, which began at 12pm and ended at 5pm. The theme, ‘An Assurance of Our Values’, had already begun on Friday night with personal testimonies by church members, and continued throughout the Sabbath with the entire programme dedicated to health.

The Sunday event was jointly sponsored by Mary Philip (Health Ministries leader) and Steve Makeor (Personal Ministries leader). It was well supported by Kate Cook and other public health colleagues from the Inner City Health Improvement team, who are working with Bristol City Council. They provide welcome advice and information to raise the awareness on a range of health issues facing the community.

You can hear more about the event and the Adventist position on health in the following podcast: http://www.bcfmradio.com/2013/07/16/wellbeing-show-94/31001.