Exactly 120 years ago, in 1894, the International Tract Society (renamed The Stanborough Press Ltd in 1919) was registered under the Companies Act. It was located at 451 Holloway Road, London, but had already had premises in Southampton (briefly) and Heneage Road, Grimsby.

Pioneers
Adventist literature evangelism in the UK was begun by William Ings, originally a Dorset man who moved to the USA, became an Adventist and began work in Battle Creek. Ings' return to Britain in May 1878 was meant to be for a two-week holiday. But Adventism in those days was a whole-time, full-time thing: including holidays! Accordingly, Ings had come armed with a large number of denominational papers and tracts. He set to work spreading the word among the ships in Southampton and then door-to-door in the city. In no time he had aroused so much interest that he was writing to the General Conference (GC) asking them to send over the most able evangelist they could find. That came as a surprise to the brethren because the only Adventist to visit Britain thus far, J. N. Andrews, had done so only briefly en route to Switzerland and had only made contact with a few Seventh Day Baptists. Ings, by contrast, had hit the ground running!

GC president, James White, was impressed by Ings' appeal, and decided that it had been a mistake to neglect England. The GC Committee, on 27 June 1878, agreed to prioritise Mission England and chose the best man they could find: John Loughborough, who already had thirty successful years as a preacher behind him. He arrived in Southampton on 30 December 1878. By the time Loughborough began his tent meeting, colporteur William Ings had done four months of solid, door-to-door work in the city in preparation. Weeks before the tent campaign began, Ings was already reporting ten Sabbath-keepers in Southampton.

Stanborough Press:
120 years of service

by David Marshall

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**The UK’s changing face of disease**

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When the lights go back on all over the world. The boys are home again all over the world And rain or snow or all that may fall From the skies above A kids mean’nt go ‘Goodbye’ but ‘Hello to love’

By Julian Hibbert

‘Down by the riverside...’

That’s the first stanza of ‘When the Lights Go Out All Over The World’, a popular World War II song composed by Bennie Benjamin, Sol Marcus and Eddie Seiler, and taken to the top of the charts by the mellow baritone voice of Vaughn Monroe. The opening line of the song is based on a comment made by the British Foreign Secretary, Sir Edward Grey, to John Alfred Spender, editor of the World News, on the evening of 3 August, 1914. According to Spender, they were in the Foreign Office and Grey said at the window looking out into the sunset across James’s Park. ‘There, while pondering the imminent fate of Europe, and prompted by the lights flickering on in the darkening streets below, the Foreign Secretary uttered this immortal line: ‘The lamps are going out all over Europe. We shall not see them lit again in our lifetime.’

Since then this observation has embodied itself in British culture, particularly through music, theatre, film and TV. It is now even used to refer to other events that create a profound new way of life everywhere in the world. One such example was the Nigerian coup d’état of 2010, at which time The Nation posed this question: ‘Are the lights going out all over Nigeria?’

Tonight, 100 years later, between 10 and 11pm, millions of us will switch off our lights and place a single light on our windows as a ‘symbolic act of reflection and hope’. By doing this we will be supporting the Department for International Development, Sport and the British Royal Legion, in this commemorative objective: ‘To turn on one million candles across the UK to remember each and every one of those service men and women who gave their lives in the war to end all wars. ‘

Only Heaven really knows how many men and women perished in the Great War, but the dead from the British Empire alone are thought to have reached 1,181,760. Our allies sacrificed too, pushing the total dead of all countries powers beyond 6,000,000. To one who still needs to add the deaths of around 4,000,000 from the opposing forces — those of the Central powers. Ten million lives lost in just four short years!

Although such carnage is unforgivable and unforseen, war is a school from which humanity seems reluctant to graduate. Sadly that ‘war to end war’ seems to be what we have our appetite for of more of the same.

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Palestine is the news

At present Palestine dominates the headlines as Hamas and Israel slug it out. But we shouldn’t forget that war is much harder to quarantine than the Ebola virus. Nothing seems to keep it at bay. In point of fact, according to a de-tailed candle website called Wars in the World there is a lot more happening around the world than we can imagine. There are more than 62 countries involved in war. Wars involving 551 different groups — armies, militias, guerrillas, separatists, dissidents and terrorists of every shade and shape.

‘Why? Why can’t we ‘graduate’ from the school of war? What is it about humanity that makes us in conflict? There are some very scholarly answers to those questions but let’s save them for another time. Instead, may I suggest a simple cause, one with which we can all identify, a sense of heightened self-importance.

Revelation 12:7 makes it clear that ‘war broke out in heaven’ — the most unlikely thing to have happened in a place of such perfection! In Isaiah 14:13, 14, however, when God lets us in on Lucifer’s thinking, things start to make sense: ‘You said to yourself, “I’ll climb to heaven. I’ll set my throne over the stars of God. I’ll run the assembly of angels that meets on sacred Mount Zaphon. I’ll climb to the top of the clouds. I’ll take over as King of the Universe!”’

Few of us will admit to ‘pride’ — one of the ‘seven deadly sins’ of Christian theology — but I am sure we can all confess to the occasional bout of self-importance. Lucifer certainly had an overdose of it didn’t he, and it gave birth to one of history’s greatest wars — war in Heaven!

It didn’t take long for the same sense of self-importance to wreck the first sibling relationship. Genesis 4:5-6 (NIV-UK) translates the events like this: ‘The Lord looked with favour on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favour. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.’

Cain hadn’t done what God expected from him. Abel had, and God blessed him. But Cain saw this as humiliating. His sense of self-importance was offended and those feelings led to the ‘first civil war’ — with brother senslessly attacking brother.

Saul Scripture is replete with examples of how dangerous unchecked self-importance can be. King Saul’s relationship with David is a classic example of how just how quickly self-importance can turn violent.

Once again Scripture allows us to listen to man’s irrational thoughts: ‘When the men were returning home after David had killed the Philistines, the women came out over all the towns of Israel to meet King Saul with singing and dancing, with joyful songs and with tambourines and lyres. As they danced, they sang: “Saul has slain his thousands and David his tens of thousands.”’

Saul was very angry; this refrain displeased him greatly. ‘They have created David with the intent to destroy us’, he thought. ‘But me with only thousands.’ What more can he get out of the kingdom? And from that time Saul kept a close eye on David. (1 Samuel 18:5-9, NIV-UK.)

This offered self-importance led to a series of attempts by Saul to take David’s life by his own hand (see 1 Samuel 19 and 20). Not even the fact that David was Saul’s son-in-law and most devoted supporter could calm his violent anger.

Don’t underestimate it

Let’s not make the mistake of underestimating the role of unchecked self-importance on international relationships. Does it play a role in the development of racial attitudes? Does it play a critical role in making anti-Semitism what it is? Could it be the famous recent violence between Sunnis and Shi’ites? What role did it play in Kosovo’s ethnic cleansing or Rwanda’s genocide? Is it possible that much of the suffering in the world today is being mediated in the universe?

Is there a cure? Is there a cure for our easily offended, brittle self-importance? Once upon a time, in a theological answer, I would suggest a simple change in our life style like the old Sunday school song said simple lyrics of an old spiritual that was sung much during the US civil war in the 1860’s — Down by the Riverside:

I’m gonna lay down my sword and shield Down by the riverside and study war no more . . .

I ain’t gonna study war no more, study war no more I ain’t gonna study war no more I ain’t gonna study war no more, study war no more. I ain’t gonna study war no more Down by the riverside I’m gonna walk with the Prince of Peace Down by the riverside I’m gonna walk with the Prince of Peace, Hallelujah! Down by the riverside I’m gonna walk with the Prince of Peace And I’ll study war no more

Walking ‘with the Prince of Peace’ — surely the most powerful method to combat our little self-importance.

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Dear Editor

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I am angry on behalf of God. Recently, though it’s an ongoing thing, there have been media reports about what happened a millisecond after the ‘big bang’ and perhaps they were not a word about any alternative scenarios. These professionals talk about it as if it’s fact. This makes me angry for God’s sake.

Have they never watched a stunning sunset, or a glorious sunrise? And thought, how does that happen? Or, who makes it happen? Have they never wondered where the sun comes from? Some time ago, I read that when one looks at something man has made under a microscope, the closer it is scrutinised the more faults come to light. Conversely, the closer you scrutinise anything God has created, the more amazing it is seen to be. I am sure my wife can see why I am angry on behalf of God!

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JOY BUSSEY, CAMP CO-ORDINATOR

undermine biblical values.

Christians should

The usual Sabbath afternoon walk to Whistling Sands was the only

first visit to Caernafon’s airport museum. Campers and staff alike en-

joyed climbing into cockpits of all types of ... camp. There was also bowling, the sandcastle competition (judged by a camper for the first time) and the sports event.

Of course, there was the usual fun with minibus trips, including our

criterion for truth. This is not ideal as many of our ... camp and help make someone with special needs really enjoy the break, please contact me as early as possible this year.

As already mentioned, we needed to use a much higher percentage

or contact me – or do you know disabled people who might enjoy a holiday with us? Please visit our website, www.specialneedsamp.co.uk.
traced the recovery from 1938. The total value of books sold for that year amounted to £20,402, a twenty per cent increase from 1937. Arthur Maxwell said that this result was due to increased sales of Scripture Tracts, a feature of the Maxwell policy since 1902. Another initiative had been an increase in the number of colporters and the introduction of a new edition of the missionary magazine, which was then published every six months.

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Craven’s death was a heartbreak for his family and colleagues. He had been seriously ill for many months, having undergone a major operation. In consequence, the BUC Executive had appointed W. J. Newman, the Union Publishing director, as acting manager. It was a business as usual. Joe Craven himself, however, would not make old bones. Before the fire he was already suffering from cancer. At a Union Session in the late ’50s the Union president said that the Press was in the throes of a raging inferno. ‘I am confident that from the ruins of the old Stanborough Press will come a better, more efficient institution, more adequately to cope with the growing demands of the work.’

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During 1969 the Press Executive next met it took a vote to reduce staff. Nevertheless, the 1968 operating loss of a disturbing £30,435 had been reduced to a manageable £8,206 for 1969. In his report to the Press, Pastor Elias paid tribute to the worker force at the Press: 'The greatest asset the company possesses is the skilful, willing and enthusiastic co-operation of its work force. When he gave the Review’s Pastor Palmer a lift to Heathrow for his flight home, Pastor Elias was taken by surprise when ‘from the other side of the publication’ Palmer told him to seek other employment.

The feeling that if was the end of an era was increased when news arrived of the death of Arthur Maxwell, ‘the dean of editors’. Maxwell had been editor in Britain for sixteen years, editor of the US Signs for thirty-four years, and had written 110 books which collectively had achieved a world circulation of 5 million. (Adventist Review 3 July, 23 October, 19 December 1970.)

Under the terms of the merger agreement, trans-Atlantic capital was infused into the Stanborough Press, certain American books could now be printed there, and the monthly edition of Signs was published by the British Union. Following contact with the Review and the General Conference, the BUC appointed Archer as managing director.

1969 was marked by the reduction of staff, the installation of a fully mechanised bindery line, and a state-of-the-art Heidelberg four-colour printing machine. Archer also oversaw the change from traditional to computer typesetting. The Press workers made a major transition to new skills and a new approach to publishing which in the nation generally had led to strikes and stoppages. When Mr Archer, with members of his team, went to William Collins of Glasgow to purchase the bindery line, he was asked, ‘Which union are you with, then?’quick as a flash, he answered, ‘BUC’. There was no reply.

Since their arrival in Grantham, the majority of Press workers had become homeowners. However, they had more than a stake in society. Archer’s management skills had given them a sense of partnership in a successful publishing enterprise.

The home market continued to pose a problem, but W. J. Arthur and his management team took many bold initiatives: and enjoyed a significant improvement in the press. One of the stories success of the Review and Herald Publishing Association ‘would be interested in forging a closer relationship with our Press’ (Adventist Review 27 March 1970).

A failure of the Plan of Compensation led to a new credit programme, and so a Home Health Education Service was opened in 1968. (Special Souvenir Message 1962). At the LE Convention of 1970, Basil Powell reported that 1,165 sets of Bible Stories had been sold through HIES in 1968. The same year saw the opening of Book and Bible Houses in the North and South. The northern branch occupied a prime site in Grantham’s ruined castle.

Dr Seton was still worried about the publishing house and ministry. ‘On 8 May 1969 he shared with the constituency: ‘The Stanborough Press is a rendering faithful service but needs an army of coopters to sell its excellent products’. B. M. Winans was the Division, and W. J. Arthur of the BUC, launched a strong recruitment policy. Whole-page advertisements appeared in the Union paper headed ‘WANTED! Men and Women to enter God’s service full-time or part-time’. Each year impressive groups were photographed on the lawn of the Hayes Conference Centre, Swansea, but correspondence indicated that while some were professional literature evangelists, there were also ‘travelers’ who enjoyed the designation and annual convention but who found life too busy to ‘put in the hours’. On 27 March 1970 Dr Seton shared that an additional dimension of the Press’s problem was the loss of overseas markets. At the Union committee meeting on 23 August 1968, W. J. Newman was replaced as Press manager by K. A. Elias. Dr Seton congratulated Newman on his hard work during an exceptionally difficult time, in which he had been trying to match rising expenses against a declining army of coopters. NEC president Elias had been moved to replace him because of his administrative and organisational gifts, and not because of his financial acumen (Message 8 May 1970).

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Since their arrival in Grantham, the majority of Press workers had become homeowners. However, they had more than a stake in society. Archer’s management skills had given them a sense of partnership in a successful publishing enterprise.
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**Lord Mayor is impressed**

“It is really good to see the church . . . bringing together the people of this area” was the reaction of the Lord Mayor of Bristol, Councillor Alastair Watson, on his visit to the first Bristol ‘Healthy By Choice’ community health event. The purpose of the event was to raise awareness of the church in the local community; provide much-needed health advice and services; and give something back to the community while building positive friendships.

The lord mayor was accompanied by the lady mayoress, Mrs Sarah Watson. He commented on the ‘lovely atmosphere’, and appreciated the work that was being done. He had his blood sugar tested, and even had a ride on the smoothie bike. He was also shown two videos on the work of the Adventist Church and expressed interest and surprise at the size of the Church, praising its humanitarian work through ADRA.

The event included a wide range of health checks and advice on improving health, provided by the Health Ministries team and a number of other organisations. Other health-related stalls gave demonstrations on the benefits of vegetarian cookery, and fruit and vegetable juicing.

Besides physical health, ‘whole-person health’ was catered for with support from the Rethink charity (mental health), and spiritual health through a prayer and counselling booth run by members and pastors. Children and families also enjoyed the bouncy castle, ten-pin bowling, and a smoothie bike which they could try out. There was also live Gospel music, including an impromptu ‘community choir’ made up of members and the public, singing ‘Oh Happy Day’!

One of the highlights of the day was provided by the Bristol Central Pathfinders and Adventurers, who, with their drum corps, marched around the venue, drawing neighbours out of their houses to see what was going on. They later performed a drill and demonstrated their drumming skills to the lord mayor and mayoress. This led to several enquiries from the public about how to join the Pathfinders Club.

Not only was it one of the biggest outdoor public outreach events run by the church in Bristol, but it was the first time all four Bristol churches had been involved and represented under the banner of the Bristol Joint Evangelism Committee (BJEC), who are co-ordinating and supporting evangelism across the city. Links have also been developed with Bristol City Council, the NHS, and other community organisations.

In fact, the city council were so impressed that they provided financial support to the event. The South England Conference also gave their financial support while Elise Staple, SEC Community Ministries and Health Ministries director, attended the event with her health team.

**Hackbridge community involvement**

The emphasis during Hackbridge Church’s Community Fair on Saturday 28 June was a Positive Healthy Lifestyle Choice through Christian friends and a revived belief in Jesus. Even though the British weather was true to form, this did not deter the community from coming out in numbers.

All Saints Hackbridge COE organised the fair and there were other faith groups there as well. Adventists offered vegetarian food, which went down a storm, with visitors asking for more and enquiring as to how to cook the food. The Junior Sabbath School department was a great success and we had only two books left, the scrapbook, Bibles and Christian books were gratefully received by the local children,” said Michelle Burnett. The blood pressure and BMI team were also kept busy. The team shared a lot of information about healthy lifestyle choices and gave out a lot of free books. They also have a follow-up programme with Bible studies, cooking lessons and an international day on 19 July.

**ADRA fun ride**

Old Town Adventists started out as a small church plant at the beginning of 2013 with the aim of reaching the people of Swindon. Charitable fund-raising is an excellent way of doing this. Our new pastor, Jamie Sharp, and his wife previously worked for ADRA in Burkina Faso. This gave us the personal connection to advertise a fun bike ride to raise money for projects in that country. On a sunny Sunday 22nd June more than thirty adults and children gathered for a fun ride around Cotswold Water Park in Gloucestershire. It was great to see work friends and family join us. For some it was their first time to fellowship with Christians. Apart from a few punctures, a fun day was had, and new friendships made.

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**Through gates of splendour at Oxford Church**

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**Telford honours great preacher**

On Sabbath afternoon, 12 July, the Telford church was filled with visitors for a special service to commemorate the life and achievement of Samuel Parkes Cadman, a local miner’s son turned international figure. Among the guests were the former mayor of Telford, Councillor Leon Murray, the current deputy mayor, Amrik Jhawar, Bishop Dr George Peart of the New Testament Church of God, and Rev. Graham Sturdy, superintendent minister of the Telford Circuit.

Samuel Parkes Cadman, born at Ketley Brook on 18 December 1864 and baptised in the Ebenezer Primitive Methodist chapel at Ketley Brook, now the Telford Seventh-Day Adventist church, started out as a boy miner but soon also became a Methodist lay preacher. At the age of 21 he was sponsored locally to complete his studies to become a Methodist minister at Richmond College, London.

In 1890 he emigrated to the USA, where he soon carved out a very successful career, becoming very well known throughout the USA in the 1950s and ’30s as a pioneer of radio, giving weekly sermons to more than thirty million listeners. In addition, he published many books on religion and had a daily column in the New York Herald Tribune which was syndicated to newspapers throughout the USA. He also played a prominent role in international affairs, speaking out against the Nazis in the 1930s.

He died from complications brought on by a burst appendix while he was preaching at a Methodist church in New York State, and his funeral was attended by thousands, including many prominent men from all faiths, politics, and the law.

At a local level, he visited Shropshire every year until his death, and was much in demand to preach at many of the Methodist chapels in the area as well as those in London. Huge crowds would gather wherever he preached.

Yet this man, possibly the greatest preacher of his day, has been all but forgotten today. It has been the mission of two local historians, Shirley Bruneau and Vivienne Hulme, to get this important local figure commemorated in the town of his birth. They first came across him while doing family history research in 2009 and since then have carried out detailed investigations which may result in a book.

At the service in the Telford church, chaired by Welsh Mission president Pastor John Surridge, Shirley spoke briefly about the research project, Dr Brian Phillips spoke of the historical connections between Adventism and Methodism, and Vivienne gave a detailed account of Cadman’s life. Methodist scholar and historian, Dr John Lenton, gave a local perspective on Samuel Cadman, the lay preacher. The congregation, made up of Adventists, Methodists, and those visiting from historical interest, sang some of Cadman’s favourite hymns before Councillor Leon Murray unveiled the specially commissioned blue plaque.

Perhaps the most important part of the service was the refreshment and conversation time afterwards, when interesting stories were shared and members were able to explain some things about the Adventist Church. Deputy mayor Amrik Jhawar, a Sikh, was particularly grateful to be presented with a copy of The Great Controversy.
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Mark Finley provided daily spiritual food using Bible passages and principles that relate to wholistic living. So what did we come away with? Among the many enthusiastic remarks and praise for the conference, attendees stated that they felt better equipped to go back to their churches and communities with an energised and fresh approach to health ministry and public witness. Reflecting on the event Dr Chidi Ngwaba reports: ‘The quality of information was truly impressive. The latest research on lifestyle diseases, the various ways that the Gospel is being shown globally with compassion, and the marvellous people that I’ve made friends with have truly inspired me to do more for my neighbour and my God.’

I was invited by the General Conference Women’s Ministries department to conduct two workshops during the ‘Thinking Well, Living Well’ break-out sessions. For me, it was an exceptional conference which highlighted compelling evidence-based research and showcased the best in Adventist health interventions, all beautifully blended with the healing ministry of Christ and His power to transform lives.

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Lifelong Lifestyle and Prevention, Accessible to All’, follows the first conference which was held in Geneva in 2009. It is a collaborative undertaking jointly executed by our world Church headquarters Health Ministries department, the World Health Organisation and the Pan-American Health Organisation, aimed at helping to reduce the burden of disease by improving health globally.

Twenty-five British Union Conference attendees were among the 1,150 Adventist leaders and health professionals from 81 countries who were present in Geneva for a feast of health training, research updates, mission and organisational reports, delivered via plenary, interactive and break-out sessions.

Dr Peter Landless, director of Health Ministries for our world Church, led out in the organisation of this key event, which emphasised the wholistic nature of our Gospel message and its objective of improving lives spiritually, emotionally, physically and socially. According to Dr Landless: ‘We want to see every church as a community health centre, with every member being a health promoter while embracing our amazing health message in their own lives.’

The conference focused on non-communicable diseases, highlighting the enormity of the health crisis we face globally, where, according to the WHO, heart disease, cancer, respiratory disease and diabetes kill more than 36 million people every year. Getting to the root of the problem and tackling lifestyle habits like alcohol, lack of exercise, poor diet and tobacco use is crucial – and who better to be part of this intervention than Adventists, using their 150-year-old knowledge of health and well-being.

General Conference president, Ted Wilson, was present for the duration of the conference. During one of his addresses he appealed for us to have a balanced, healthy lifestyle coupled with the love of Christ: ‘Lifestyle ought to be modelled. . . Avoid detrimental lifestyles. Show the love of Christ in all that you do.’

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Sadly, we said goodbye to him on 20 June and he will be greatly missed. However, the story does not end there. Since returning to Botswana, he has been given a job with a company where he had work experience last summer. He was hoping that he would be able to obtain work there but was concerned that he might be asked to work on Sabbath. Fortunately, and thanks to God, they have given him Sabbath off. What He has done for Godraone He can do for you if you are faithful.

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Short-term ADRA volunteers in Albania

Recently a group of interpro UK youth joined Pastor Stephen Wilson and his Albanian wife, Lyndita, on a mission trip to Tirana, Albania’s capital. The trip lasted from 22 June to 7 July and was largely planned by the ADRA team in Albania.

The volunteers were divided into two groups for practical purposes. One team stayed at the ADRA campus to work among the Roma children there, while the rest travelled to churches near and far to help with health expos and various forms of evangelism. Roles were swapped in the second week. The entire group was able to make a weekend visit to Vokopaje in the mountains south of the country to join in a youth congress being held there.

There are approximately 120,000 Roma in Albania but many of them are not registered and therefore have no civil rights or benefits, such as the right to education.

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Montserratians and Friends Day of Fellowship

This is the first time I have seen this church filled to capacity,’ were the words of Reverend Dilly Baker, rector of St Mary’s Stoke Newington in London, as she warmly welcomed just over 600 Montserratians and their friends to parish church. The congregation had gathered from across the British Isles for the fourteenth annual Montserratians and Friends Day of Fellowship (MDF), held on Sabbath, 14 May.

The theme for the day was ‘Be Hopeful’. The primary focus was the assurance of the eternal life we can have in Christ. This theme resounded throughout the day, especially in the singing of the day’s theme song, ‘We’ve Got the Whole World in Our Hands’.

The service was streamed live thanks to the services of Medianet, which reported 489 online viewers. The technology also enabled the congregation to view those believers inMontserrat who were unable to attend church. Elizabeth was not forgotten by her Coleraine church family. Every Sabbath, they remembered her in prayer – and still do, with deep fondness.

She remained a faithful believer in Jesus throughout her life, including the last five years, which were spent in a nursing home because of her failing health. At the nursing home, she once told her pastor, Mart de Groot, that others would never know just what Jesus had done for her.

Not even her advanced age was a hindrance. ‘I still worship,’ she said, showing love for the Scriptures. Two weeks before her death, her daughter, Rose, also a member of Coleraine Church, spent seven hours with her. When Rose read Psalm 23 to her, she requested that it be sung to her. Rose then asked if she could come to the college anytime and sing the hymn. The couple then sang a song just for their mother.

When Roy and May retired in 1993, Kettering Church was delighted to have them make the Kettering area their permanent home, where they have continued to support both the Worship Service and Kettering churches. The manager of the local care home remembered Pastor Hubert taking the service for the residents and May volunteering her time doing the spring cleaning.

Their commitment and love for God and each other over the years has been an example and a witness to all who know them.

Additional photos from the weekend of celebrations as well as the script of the Sabbath morning sermon are available on the Adventist Church website.

Diamond wedding celebrations

We all love a good wedding, but it took the combined efforts of a retired couple, Roy and May, and their family to transform a good wedding from 1954 into a joyful diamond jubilee in 2014.

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The theme for the day was ‘Be Hopeful’. The primary focus was the assurance of the eternal life we can have in Christ. This theme resounded throughout the day, especially in the singing of the day’s theme song, ‘We’ve Got the Whole World in Our Hands’.

The service was streamed live thanks to the services of Medianet, which reported 489 online viewers. The technology also enabled the congregation to view those believers inMontserrat who were unable to attend church. Elizabeth was not forgotten by her Coleraine church family. Every Sabbath, they remembered her in prayer – and still do, with deep fondness.

Not even her advanced age was a hindrance. ‘I still worship,’ she said, showing love for the Scriptures. Two weeks before her death, her daughter, Rose, also a member of Coleraine Church, spent seven hours with her. When Rose read Psalm 23 to her, she requested that it be sung to her. Rose then asked if she could come to the college anytime and sing the hymn. The couple then sang a song just for their mother.

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Guest speaker:
Dr Jeffrey Brown, president of the Bermuda Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and Family Life director.

Music:
Renowned Croydon Gospel Choir.

Church stall marquee:
The church stall marquee is back, by popular demand. To book your pitch, contact Charles Bramble on 01476 515901. A small charge will apply!

Stanborough Press Open Day is an opportunity for fellowship, to be able to catch up with old friends, make new friends, to stock up on all your favourite health foods and purchase new titles from our extensive book display.

Mark Sunday 7 September in your diary, and plan to come along, . . . we’d love to see you!

It’s also the 120th anniversary of the Stanborough Press, so why not join in with the celebrations?