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ITV's *This Morning*, Phillip Schofield and Holly Willoughby with Shawn Young, Devonte Cafferkey and Sammy Farah, 4 Oct 2017 ©Ken McKay/ITV/REX/Shutterstock

Teenagers can be heroes too . . .

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On 21 September last year three teenage boys were on their way home from school when they spotted 'a man who had a rope around his neck and was trying to jump off of a bridge'. This was happening on the edge of an A10 overpass in Waltham Cross, Hertfordshire.¹ What would you have done if you were in their shoes? Shout, scream, fumble with your phone and dial 999? Or would you have stood by and used your phone for something else?

What did the boys do? This is how the *Mail Online* reported it: 'Devonte Cafferkey, 13, and Sammy Farah, 14, rushed to grab the man and persuade him not jump while their friend Shawn Young, who was 12 at the time, called for help.'²

The man was understandably distressed and very emotional. While they were trying to dissuade him from jumping he passed the boys his mobile phone with this comment, 'if it rings, don't answer it.'³

These young teenagers, however, were thinking like pros and gave him this answer,

*'You've got family and stuff, it's not worth it.'*⁴

While the two older boys were wrestling with the man, 12-year-old Shaun – who attends the Holcombe Road Seventh-day Adventist church, Tottenham – ran for help. It was his persistent calling that caught the attention of 47-year-old Joanne Stammers, who has a rare disability which makes her highly susceptible to blood clotting. She rushed to assist and took over from the boys in restraining the man. She was later joined by another adult, James Higlett.

The selfless bravery of these five people has been widely praised and they have received awards from the Royal Humane Society in recognition for their effort in saving this man's life. The boys were also honoured by an appearance on *This Morning* as guests of Phillip Schofield and Holly Willoughby.

That being said, there is no better acknowledgement than the praise of a proud parent. This is what Shaun's mother Carol (also from Holcombe Road Church), had to say: 'I am

*extremely proud of all three of them, they are all good boys and it's nice that they are getting recognised for doing something good in the community. Quite often in the national news there are a lot of negative reports about young people so it is nice to have something positive.'*⁵

Well said, Mrs Young! There are a lot of great young people out there. Devonte, Sammy and Shaun, we salute you too!

It is wonderful when a potentially tragic event has a really happy ending. In this case, the boys have had the opportunity to meet the young man they helped that day. He has received the necessary professional help and support and is now emotionally in a much better place – let's pray that things stay that way for him.

¹<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5564487/Three-hero-schoolboys-grabbed-suicidal-man-refused-let-jump-bridge.html> ²ibid. ³ibid. ⁴ibid. ⁵ibid.



Mental wellness – Part 2e

Reducing mental decline in older adults

Wednesday 10 October was World Mental Health Day. Annually, this day focuses on global mental health education, awareness and advocacy against social stigma.¹

The World Health Organisation, in its work to promote good mental health in older adults, states: 'The mental health of older adults can be improved through promoting Active and Healthy Ageing. Mental health-specific health promotion for older adults involves creating living conditions and environments that support wellbeing and allow people to lead a healthy life.'²

Practical advice

The Mental Health Foundation³ offers tips for older adults, which include:

- Be prepared for changes by planning effectively for retirement.
- Keep busy following retirement to keep yourself occupied.
- Have a sense of purpose and acquire new interests to enhance fulfilment.
- Maintain social interaction with others to reduce isolation.
- Talk about problems and concerns to gain a better perspective.
- Say what you feel, as it helps to you take charge of your wellbeing.
- Listen and learn from other people's concerns, as it aids self-expression for your own issues.
- Ask for help. Practical help can be accessed via online and phone support from agencies such as: Age UK (www.ageuk.co.uk) and Citizens Advice (www.citizensadvice.org.uk). Information on social and legal issues can be sought from www.gov.uk.
- For emotional support access your GP; seek appropriate

counselling; contact the organisation 'Samaritans'; or contact 'Bereavement Care' for dealing with loss.

- Think ahead and plan for key life issues and emergencies to enable you to be better prepared.
- Caring for others such as grandchildren, older family members, friends or neighbours, helps you to feel needed and boosts self-esteem.
- Additional well-being tips: be active; sleep well; maintain good nutrition and hydration; do things that you enjoy to keep life interesting; relax and take a break to manage stress.

Intergenerational study

On 8 October I was totally engrossed by the first episode of a Channel 4 documentary series entitled, 'Old People's Home for 4 year olds.'⁴ This follows a team of researchers undertaking a study at the Lark Hill Retirement Village in Nottingham, the largest retirement community in the UK and home to more than 420 residents. In this experiment, retirement home residents (aged 84-102) were paired with 4-year-olds in order to establish the impact of inter-generational relationships. One key element of the study will investigate the emotional and mental health of the older adults and whether it is enhanced by their interaction with the children. I'm looking forward to their conclusions! **Good Health!**

¹ <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/world-mental-health-day>

² <http://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/mental-health-of-older-adults>

³ <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/publications/how-to-in-later-life>

⁴ <https://www.channel4.com/programmes/old-peoples-home-for-4-year-olds/on-demand/64374-001>



Have you found your trench?

This year the solemn remembrance services traditionally held on 11 November will mark the hundredth anniversary of Armistice Day – the official end of the Great War of 1914-1918. Central to these events there will be a 10,000-strong march-past at the Cenotaph in London by representatives of the nations that suffered on both sides of this dreadful conflict, followed by a quarter peal of bells. This event will be known as 'A Nation's Thank you – The People's Procession'.¹

Among the things we will be reminded about on Armistice Day is that victory cost the lives of just over 700,000 of this country's men – around 11.5% of those who were mobilised – of whom the vast majority were ordinary infantrymen. We will also be reminded that they lived and fought under very tense and trying circumstances, which makes their brave service all the more special to us. According to historian, Dan Snow, 'front-line trenches could be a terribly hostile place to live' where our troops were 'often wet, cold and exposed to the enemy'.²

'Peace time' battlefields . . .

That said, and with no intention to minimise the bravery of those we will honour on 11 November, I want to suggest that there are 'peacetime' battlefields too. All around us there are hostile circumstances, difficult environments and challenging occupations that are faced daily by people for whom we hardly spare a second thought.

As I write this editorial in my warm and comfortable office, I see one of them across the road. An older man, dressed in hi-vis jacket and flat cap, crunching along the frosty verge, bag in hand. He is carefully picking up our detritus – all that disgusting litter we're not bothered to take home to our own bins! Not an easy job to do day after day for years, come rain or shine. I sense from his slight stoop that he already has battle scars.

Then I am reminded that this man is not alone; that there are armies of people like him doing difficult jobs – jobs that are physically demanding, uncomfortable, stressful, distressing and dangerous. They look after our refuse collection, our municipal tips, our sewerage, our children, our aching bodies and failing minds, our safety and protection, our mental health and social services . . . and so much more. Some wear uniforms, but many don't. Many are paid, but others simply volunteer because they care. There is one thing though, that binds them all together: they provide us with some or other service without which we would be worse off!

From one centennial to another

There was another centennial celebrated recently, one that honoured William Walker who died on 6 October 1918 during the Spanish flu epidemic. I think it speaks specifically to those of us who choose to serve God and His church – but first, some background.

During the early 1900s Winchester Cathedral was in danger of collapsing because its foundations were waterlogged. Unfortunately, the soil on which this vast building was built is peaty and suffers from a high water table. Due to this, large cracks had appeared in the Cathedral's massive walls and vaulted ceilings, from which chunks of stone had begun to fall to the ground.³

Previous efforts to shore up the sinking foundations had been unsuccessful, but the new architect, Thomas Jackson, came up with a bold and innovative plan. They would 'dig narrow trenches underneath the walls of the building [around 234 of them] and fill them with concrete', but these would need 'to reach 4 metres (13 feet) below the water table to be effective'. This posed a problem however, for as they dug down water filled the trenches so fast that, 'Even a steam pump couldn't hold it back long enough.'⁴ The historic cathedral seemed doomed!

A brilliant idea

At that point, however, the project's engineer, Francis Fox, came up with this idea: 'If the water couldn't be held back, why not use a deep-sea diver to do the work?' This is where William Walker becomes part of the story. As an experienced deep-sea diver employed at the Portsmouth dockyard, he was asked to make Fox's idea work. Fortunately, he was up for the challenge.⁵

He started at the Cathedral in 1906 and finished his task in 1911. During that time William worked under water below the Cathedral 'for six hours a day at depths up to 6 metres (20 ft)'. This took place five days a week in 'total darkness' because the sediment suspended in the water was impenetrable to light. Effectively, the only way William could 'see' where he was or what he had to do, was by groping around with his hands – and some of us complain about our working conditions!⁶

According to the Cathedral website: 'It took him six years to excavate the flooded trenches and fill



William Walker is seen here being dressed by an aide. His total gear weighed in excess of 90 kgs. Once prepared, he had to climb down 13ft to the Cathedral foundations. Photo by John Crook.

them with bags of concrete. When he'd finished, all the groundwater could be pumped out and the subsiding walls safely underpinned by bricklayers.⁷

Astounding as it may seem, by 1911 'the team of 150 workmen of which he was part had packed the foundations with an estimated 25,000 bags of concrete, 115,000 concrete blocks, and 900,000 bricks.'⁸ **Winchester Cathedral was safe at last!**

Which raises the question: 'How safe is the place where you worship?' Are you, like William Walker, quietly taking to your 'trench' Sabbath after Sabbath, year in and year out, in order to make your church a better, safer, happier and more spiritual place to be? No matter which department or ministry you are called to serve in, the important thing is whether it is better for your being there. Just remember Paul's timeless technical advice when it comes to fixing church foundations: **'For no man [or woman] can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ' (1 Corinthians 3:11, NIV)**

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/bells-to-ring-out-and-10000-to-march-past-the-cenotaph-as-the-nation-says-thank-you> ² <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-25776836>

³ <http://www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk/our-heritage/famous-people/william-walker-the-diver-who-saved-the-cathedral/> ⁴ *ibid.* ⁵ *ibid.* ⁶ *ibid.* ⁷ *ibid.* ⁸ *ibid.*

NEC Children's Ministries Department

Share The Word Challenge!

This autumn and winter, Share the Word with children of friends and family, or children in your neighbourhood, by giving beautiful children's books as gifts. Jesus said: 'Let the little children come unto me...' Let us prayerfully do our part! Rise to the challenge by sharing God's word, planting the seed and watching it grow.

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Social media leads to baptism

by Leonie Haran,
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At the Cardiff church board meeting on 18 July, the members present were privileged to hear the inspired testimony of Gordana Budic, as she proclaimed her faith in Jesus Christ and acknowledged the doctrines of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Gordana gave her testimony again to the whole church on the morning of her baptism by Pastor David Rancic (21 July) in the River Taff. This was witnessed by several elders, deacons and members of the public. Her testimony showed how God's glory can be revealed through social media. This is an edited version of Gordana's written testimony.

Jesus didn't forget me

I come from Croatia and want to share this wonderful testimony with all of those who lose hope, who cannot see a way out of their problems. Jesus is the way out of all our difficulties; in Him is salvation. My whole life long I have spent time in prayer, while attending and worshipping in the Roman Catholic Church. However, in the forty-two years that I attended that church I found some ideas that conflicted with the Bible; for example, its confusing practices of Sunday worship and the veneration of statues, relics and pictures. Even though I had read in the Bible that such practices should be avoided, I had followed the crowd. I was in constant anxiety about these matters, for if the Bible, as the basis of truth, tells us not to follow certain practices, then we should avoid them.

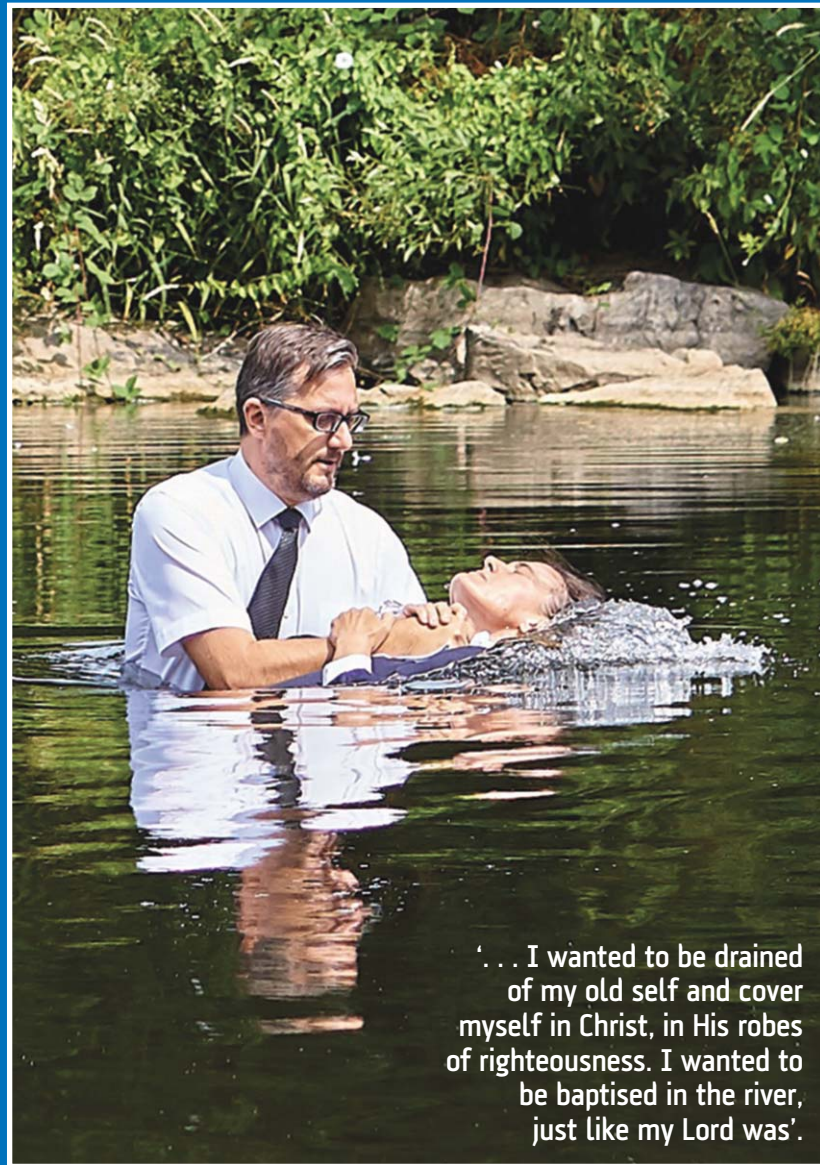
I would like to point out that in the past my life has been difficult, but through the grace of Jesus Christ I have managed – even though I felt as if He wasn't hearing me anymore. You can go wherever you want, to any

destination in the world, but if you do not have Christ in your life, know that you are lost. I was alone, disowned by those who were closest to me, who did things to me that I cannot share. But then, Jesus was also rejected by those closest to Him.

Despite what was happening to me I did not give up praying. Although they broke me, I prayed: 'Jesus, I only have You. I cannot see the way out of all of this; if You want to, then use me to help someone. Does anybody need me – wounded, broken and humiliated?' Nothing happened overnight, but the Lord did not give up on me.

In December 2017 on a social network site I saw a *status* from a brother from Zagreb who testified in the public domain, without fear, for Christ. In his *status* he appealed to the public not to worship statues in church. What amazed me was that this person was so brave and unafraid to testify for Jesus – so I decided to send him a comment. This is what I wrote: 'You are so brave, there are so few people who will witness for Christ in public; in fact I have never met a person like you who so loves the Most High.'

Now, when I look back at that situation, I can say this, 'The Lord helps us through people!' He sent this person into my life when the fullness of Jesus' love was living in him. The glory of the Lord was



... I wanted to be drained of my old self and cover myself in Christ, in His robes of righteousness. I wanted to be baptised in the river, just like my Lord was'.

revealed through this humble soul in every one of his quotes posted on the social network. I wanted to associate with this person because I felt the peace that came from him. He had shown me that he would help me to discover the truth, and that only the truth could release me. The start of the new year in 2018 was certainly different from all the previous ones in my life. In the evening my new brother in Christ, who is a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church in Prilaz Dure Dezelica, Zagreb, called me and wished me a Gospel-inspired New Year's greeting. It was wonderful. We welcomed the new year together with a conversation

about the Lord, and I felt an inner peace as never before. My brother in Christ is Vjekoslav Trbusic, and he has been a member of the church in Zagreb for eight years. Before this he, like me, had been a Roman Catholic. He witnessed to me, saying, 'The Lord heard your tears, your pain, your prayers and He sent you to me, and God is telling you through me that you are not forgotten.' He said, 'Know that the Lord will not abandon you, and neither will I. Let the Lord be a light in your life, but in a proper way. Let the Bible be the measure of all things.'

He has shared prayers with me that, to this day, still bring blessings. He answers the media

posts from our neighbours and myself, teaching the word of God, reading the books of Ellen G. White. My 'brother' from Zagreb does all of this for me, even though I am settled in Wales, so far from my homeland. When I first came to Wales I went to the local Roman Catholic Church, as I didn't know what else to do. Vjekoslav advised me to find an Adventist church in the area where I am living and to contact the pastor to help me meet my new family.

I was blessed by coming to the Adventist church in Cardiff on the Sabbath and finding beautiful people there. I was surprised by the simplicity of the church – with no statues, no glitter and shine, no paintings – and the warm smiles of the members, while warmth and gentleness shone from their eyes.

Very soon after going to the Cardiff church, my brother Vjekoslav sent me some small brochures in my native language. Studying in the Croatian language made it much easier for me to prepare for baptism. From the very first moment of finding the truth, I had the desire in my heart to be baptised. I wanted to be drained of my old self and cover myself with Christ, with His robe of righteousness. I wanted to be baptised in the river, just like my Lord was. Pastor David Rancic, the pastor of the church, gave me lots of support and encouragement, patiently studying with me while preparing me for this joyous moment in my life. We prayed that the Lord would lead and bless us on this path to baptism; we put everything in front of Him. Everything finally came together; my baptism would take place in the River Taff at Sophia Gardens on 21 July. From this day I will live not only as myself, but with Christ in me and I in Him. I have found myself in Christ, and this feeling is indispensable. I want others to see Christ in me, to let them know Him through me, and get closer to Him. I want to show by my actions, speech and deeds that I belong to Jesus only. I do not feel any fear, for I know that I am not alone and that now, more than ever, I belong to Jesus and live by faith in Him. May the Lord bless you all. Gordana Budic.

'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me' (Philippians 4:13).

Pastor baptises his 'prodigal son'

by Pastor Richard Daly,
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Pastor Vince Goddard has served as a church pastor and evangelist within the North and South England Conferences, as well as abroad, in both Kenya and Tanzania. During the many highlights in his ministry, however, nothing can equal the honour and privilege he recently had of baptising his 38-year-old son, Dean.

Pastor Goddard, who is now pastoring the Holloway church, would be the first to admit that Dean was a challenging child, whose life could easily parallel that of the 'lost son' in Luke 15, who left home to follow his own wayward path. Perhaps, in some ways, Dean may have led an even more destructive life. He was only 13 when he was convicted of joyriding and caught shoplifting. From then on his life was on a slippery slope, as further indulgences such as smoking cannabis, injecting heroin, and the excessive consumption of alcohol caused his mood and mental state to deteriorate. In 2007, during a period of treatment, 27-year-old Dean was diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia, which had been influenced by his substance abuse. By that stage he was neglecting his hygiene and experiencing thoughts of suicide. At that point, Pastor Goddard had to despairingly admit that his son was living a self-destructive lifestyle.

However, in 2018 things began to change for Dean. The power of a praying father prevails much and, along with those of Joyce Goddard (his stepmother), their persistent intercession began to pay dividends. He was their wayward, but still deeply-loved son.

Near the end of April this year, Dean came home saying he was tired of his chaotic life and wanted to change. Strangely enough, it was a non-Christian friend from Leicester who told him to 'go back to how he was brought up'. And herein lies a true parallel to the prodigal son in the parable told by Jesus. Dean 'came to himself' – a realisation that could only have been initiated through God's mercy and grace – something available to us all!

The Goddards received their son back with a love and support reminiscent of that of the father in the dramatic parable. Then, with their unconditional love and acceptance and under their spiritual guidance, Dean eventually accompanied his father to Holloway Church.

It was there that the members, knowing a little of his past, rallied around him in love and overwhelming unconditional acceptance. It was during this time that Dean was able to heal. He gave up the drugs and smoking. According to Pastor Goddard, 'He handed me his bank card saying that he didn't need money, as he would be tempted to waste it on drink. I assured him he would have plenty of savings as a result; which is what is happening now. Next to follow was the drinking. . . . He reduced to cider and eventually won the battle.'

Dean was baptised on Sabbath 8 September by his father, who is now also his pastor. It was a highly emotional affair, as Pastor Goddard failed to fight back the tears as they stood together in the baptismal pool. He, better than anyone, knew the long journey his son had taken – the anguish, heartache and pain the family had experienced – but now his son was in the pool next to him. Indeed, the tears flowed, but they were tears of joy.

Prior to his baptism Dean gave his testimony along with the other four candidates. It was a poignant moment, hearing him speak convincingly of how God had intervened in his life to bring change. He spoke from personal experience of the working of the Holy Spirit to take him out of the 'pig pen' of sin, and clean him up and give him a new start.

Dean is still on a journey of spiritual growth, but he has made the first steps, and at long last he has found peace in his soul and joy in his heart. Along with the other candidates baptised that day, let us remember Dean in our prayers, for they have 'found a new life' and are walking with Christ on a new spiritual journey.



A brief history of early British Adventism – part 2

by former Welsh Mission President, Dr B. P. Phillips. This second instalment generally covers the period from 1892 to 1909.

Writing in the Review in 1897 about his public work in Bath, J. S. Washburn said that it was an aristocratic city of about 60,000, where 'for months at a time our audience averaged three or four hundred, reaching sometimes as many as five and six hundred. In Bath over 80 began to keep the Sabbath, and there is a strong church there now, which is growing in strength.'

Washburn left Bath for Southampton on 25 October 1893 and was joined there by Francis Hope, a well-educated Englishman who had spent some time in St Helena, California. In a letter to Ellen White (1896) Washburn says, 'We began our meetings on November 12, 1893, with a congregation of about 500 to start with. We had the Victoria rooms there, a place that would hold about 700 people. . . . After the first meeting there was a falling off but when we advertise[d] again the congregation began to grow until we had our hall filled. . . . In the spring we took the Philharmonic Hall, a place where you spoke when you were in Southampton. . . . The Philharmonic Hall held 1,100 people and they would hold four meetings each Sunday. Although they did not advertise during the summer months they maintained a good congregation. When they began to advertise in October 1894, attendance grew so large that they had to divide the meeting and have it in two halls at the same time. One night the 700-seater Victoria Hall had so many people standing that the caretaker estimated that there were 2,000 young people waiting outside to get into the meeting. The good congregations kept up throughout the winter of 1894 and the spring and summer of 1895. The church in Southampton grew from 20 to 120 and Francis Hope remained for several months when J. S. Washburn left for Kettering in September 1895.

Events had been taking place in 1895 in Wales, that led to a former miner preparing the way for Judson Washburn to come to Cardiff. William Henry Meredith was to join Washburn for the rest of his stay in the United Kingdom. Meredith received a visit in Tredegar from Charles Howard, who had joined the church in Bath and was now selling literature in the Welsh valleys. After purchasing literature from Howard in September 1895, Meredith decided to finish work at the colliery and give his time to the spreading of Seventh-day Adventist beliefs.

Soon after this he and his wife, Annie, began selling literature in Newport. In January 1896 Meredith attended a meeting at Bath conducted by A. T. Jones and H. E. Robinson where, on Saturday afternoon (25 January) he gave his testimony and was baptised the following morning.

A week later Robinson sent Meredith a letter suggesting that they should meet in Cardiff. Robinson tested Meredith's sincerity by asking if he would be willing to advertise the service. Meredith was asked if he would paste bills on boards and carry them through the streets if necessary. Meredith's reply was that if God wanted him to be a 'sandwich man', then so be it. This seemed to satisfy Robinson and Meredith was engaged for a pound a week as full-time evangelism assistant in Wales.

In January 1897 Washburn hired the best public hall in Cardiff, as he had done in Bath, and ran a series of meetings which generated a great deal of publicity. His team of colporteurs and workers distributed handbills, pasted posters on every available surface and walked the streets with hand carts exhibiting the service times. Washburn and Meredith both composed hymns and Mrs Washburn sang at the services. After three weeks large numbers of people were being turned away from services and Washburn moved into the Park Hall auditorium, then the largest hall in Wales.

Judson Washburn did a tremendous work in Cardiff, and his outstanding advertisements in all of the newspapers drew large crowds to the well-organised services, at the end of which 47 people were baptised. He moved on to Swansea with his team, but had difficulty in finding a suitable hall. Undeterred, he began his services on the beach where many came to hear him speak and join in the singing, led by the portable organ. One of the significant converts from the services was M. Hussy, a Swansea watchmaker, who canvassed throughout Swansea and West Wales, with many of his leaflets and the book *Steps to Christ* being in the Welsh language. Unfortunately, at the beginning of 1899 all the workers in Wales were called away to parts of England, with Judson Washburn and William Meredith being asked to undertake evangelistic work in South London. Washburn left soon after for the United States.

Dr B. P. Phillips



For the year ending 1902 the publishing house reported the following sales: 22,492 tracts, 3,468 pamphlets, 26,479 trade books, 1,584 foreign books, 300,000 copies of *Good Health*, 12,101 subscription books – and printed 790,950 copies of *Present Truth*!

At a meeting of the British Mission in Leeds (1902) it was decided to form two conferences, North and South England, and three missions: Ireland, Scotland and Wales. The following year there was a conference at Southsea to discuss the future of the work in the British Isles. E. J. Waggoner expressed his opinion that there was no need for a constitution with the Holy Spirit in charge! Meredith challenged him, however, with this: 'If you have a committee of several men with different ideas and opinions, how could we expect them to come to a conclusion, if the Church had no constitution to guide them?' Waggoner's response was, 'those in the conference session do not know what they are talking about!' However, the Conference gave their approval for written constitutions to govern each part of the United Kingdom. Waggoner's influence began to decline, and in a short time he returned to the United States.

O. A. Olsen became the leader of the work in Britain and he asked Meredith where he would like to work. Meredith's response was 'send me back to my own people', and he was duly transferred to Wales to begin work in Pontypridd. After a short spell with the group of Adventist believers in Cardiff, W. H. Meredith began an evangelistic series in a portable hall brought over from Ireland by William Hutchinson. He erected the hall in Grover Street on a hill called the Graig that overlooked the Marine Colliery and the town. The meetings were advertised in the *Pontypridd Observer*, and Meredith held open-air services where he both sang and played a portable organ. One evening he was heckled by two men in the crowd and his response was to call them 'children of the devil'. The next morning Meredith visited the print shop where these two men worked and apologised for what he had said. Both men were affected by the apology and the humility of Meredith. They were to become the founding members of the Pontypridd church, the first officially organised church in Wales.

During the 1902 conference in Leeds, Alfred Fox Ballenger had been elected as superintendent of the Welsh mission. He began an evangelistic series in a tent pitched near the river Usk, opposite the ruins of the castle.



The Stanborough Press when it was on Stanborough Park.

Adventist literature had been sold from door to door in Newport for some years and a number of families responded positively. Ballenger was a powerful speaker and influenced many to join the church. Among them was Walter E. Read (later of the General Conference) and the family of Isaac Powell, who became the elder of the Newport church. Ballenger also evangelised in areas around Newport. He held services in Abertillery and aided Meredith by speaking in Pontypridd between October and November 1902, and again during January 1903. When Ballenger went to Ireland in 1904, Meredith became the superintendent of the Welsh Mission.

On Sunday, 10 July 1904, Meredith began an evangelistic series in a tent donated by the Irish mission. It was situated on the main thoroughfare of Barry Dock, on the junction between Holton Road and Greenaway Road. Arthur S. Rodd was the assistant evangelist and Albert Cole the tent master. Services were announced for Sundays at 3.30pm and 8pm, and every week night except Saturday at the same time. The *Barry Herald* and the *Barry Dock News* vied with each other to report the events taking place in the tent.

The annual Welsh Mission convention was on 24 August and the *News* informed its readers of the rise and distribution of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. Under the heading 'The latest sect in town', the *Barry Herald* said that W. A. Spicer spoke on church organisation and the missionary activities of the Adventists in Russia and India.

Walter Read had joined the group in Newport following the evangelistic campaign held by A. F. Ballenger, and went off to study at the newly opened Duncombe Hall College in North London. Upon his return in 1905, he helped Meredith in developing the youth work in Wales, with a Missionary Volunteer Society (MVs) being inaugurated in 1905. Meredith conducted a short evangelistic series in Cardiff, and several of the people who attended had

also attended the services of J. S. Washburn. One man in particular, Fred Penrose, took down every word spoken and sent an outline to his brother, Charles, a Baptist minister in Martletwy in Pembrokeshire. Charles preached on these subjects to his congregation 'with much freedom and spiritual power'. Charles had become acquainted with Adventists in Tredegar in 1895 and had then moved to Cardiff,

where he had attended the services conducted there by Judson Washburn. For two months, from the beginning of January 1907, Charles Penrose preached Adventist doctrines in the Martletwy Baptist Church. After preaching a sermon on the 'Mark of the Beast' the deacons asked him to leave the Baptist ministry and their church.

Three men in the congregation decided to leave with Penrose: George Freeman, John Allen and William Barrah. They all worked for Lort Phillips and when they became Seventh-day Adventists, at the instigation of the Bishop of St. David's they all lost their jobs. William Meredith already knew the wife of Charles Penrose. After a visit to their home and following an evangelistic series in Pembroke Dock by W. A. Shafer in June 1907, Penrose was asked to become an Adventist minister. While these events were taking place in West Wales, Meredith designated several towns in North East Monmouthshire for evangelistic work to follow up on people who had read Adventist literature.

At the annual conference of the Welsh Mission, in Cardiff in March 1906, the colporteurs asked for an immediate reprinting of the book *Daniel and the Revelation* by Uriah Smith and approval for the purchase of a horse-drawn 'Bible van'. Mr and Mrs G. W. Bailey made the van their home and equipped it with a portable organ which could be used in services conducted from a platform. Large numbers of books were sold each month as well as thousands of copies of *Present Truth* and *Good Health* magazines. Since Meredith's conversion to Adventism was the result of work by a colporteur, he encouraged their pioneer work in parts of Wales.

From the middle of 1904 Evan Roberts and a group of young people began to visit churches of all denominations across Wales to worship, sing and pray. The response was the Welsh Revival and it had a dramatic effect, with people flooding into the churches of every

denomination. Habits in the population changed dramatically. Men and women prayed before going to work. There was less crime. Drunkards reformed and many joined a Christian Fellowship. Singing and worship became important in every congregation, but the one thing that was missing was solid preaching and teaching in the chapels. Thousands joined the chapels and many churches were built. Against this background, the growing membership of the Seventh-day Adventist Church had a wonderful opportunity to provide literature and Bible workers to teach and establish the denomination in Wales.

In 1907 the South England Conference asked W. H. Meredith to become their president and H. E. Armstrong was elected to become the superintendent of the Welsh Mission. In Wales there were six churches and three companies, with a total membership of 200, and regular meetings were held in fourteen towns. The British Union Conference was of the opinion that the work in Wales was well established and proposed that the status of the Mission should be upgraded to a Conference. A special delegate meeting was held at Canton Hall, Cardiff on 24 September 1908, at which plans were laid for evangelism in North Wales and Walter E. Read was put forward for this task.

In March 1909 he and his new wife had a tent pitched at Rhosllanerchrugog (Rhos), 4 miles from Wrexham, and at his first service on 6 June 400 persons were in the congregation. At the end of 1909 there was a baptism in the public baths at Wrexham. The work had begun in North Wales!

In 1907 the Press moved from 451 Holloway Road to the recently purchased estate at Stanborough Park, Watford. The British Union Conference was well represented at the General Conference session of 1909. It was the last General Conference that Ellen White was to attend and the British delegates were able to speak to her. A description of the publishing work in Britain was given to the conference by W. C. Sisley, who told the delegates that although the British membership was small, they had sold a large amount of literature. 'One in eight of the British Seventh-day Adventist membership has placed in the past four years 168,947 books, 6,871,649 periodicals, 23,382 pamphlets and 964,163 tracts in the homes of the people. The press had donated many thousands of pounds into the British Union Property Fund from the profits.'

As we look back at the introduction of the Seventh-day Adventist message to Britain we can see how God used a number of His people with diverse talents to proclaim the truth. Some of these persons later turned to ideas that were unbiblical, when they returned to the United States, yet God had, in His wisdom, by various means, directed the proclamation of His message to the world.



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The world that is depicted in many of the Dickensian novels is one of streets littered with the poor, the outcasts and the victims of injustice. His writing is filled with images of destitution, as he speaks out against the 'grinding poverty' of his day and the laws that did little to alleviate it.

The days of Dickens – nineteenth-century England – may seem far removed from our own, but the news images that flash across our screens, from our digital radios, and stare at us from our newspapers, tell a contemporary narrative quite similar to his. This modern narrative is so real that it is almost bizarre.

Bizarre because in the United Kingdom, one of the wealthiest countries in the world, it is hard to believe that there is such abject poverty around us in the twenty-first century.

Oxford is one of the most picturesque cities in the United Kingdom. From the 38 colleges that make up the University of Oxford, the river Thames that flows serenely through the centre, and the immense charm of people on bicycles, one can almost overlook its poverty. However, it is there, evident from the number of people who are sleeping rough in shop entrances, stairwells and alleyways – an indictment of urban life in the UK.

We transport ourselves to Indonesia, a country that was hit by a magnitude 7.5 earthquake that triggered a tsunami on 28 September this year. The disaster affected 1.6 million people and displaced



700,000, with more than 10,000 injured, 2,100 dead and more than 5,000 missing. A situation like this is often described as a humanitarian disaster, but once the images of devastation leave our screens and the news reporters rush to more 'relevant' stories, the humanitarian agencies are left with the long and arduous task of assisting these affected communities for years to come.

ADRA-UK is one of those agencies that stays on after the reporters leave – both at home and abroad. Here are some examples:

At the beginning of this year, as part of the partnership with Adventist Community Services (ACS), ADRA-UK provided funding to empower local churches in the UK to assist their communities with issues caused by poverty, such as homelessness. And, as part of our ongoing commitment to the churches in the UK, additional funding from this year's ADRA Appeal will be given to eligible churches to assist them with their community outreach.

In Rwanda, a landlocked country still recovering from the genocide of the 1990's, ADRA-UK developed a project that enabled adult learners to read newspapers, medical prescriptions, labels on farm inputs, as well as interpret their children's school reports and support their learning.

Supporting projects in developing countries, assisting with disasters and emergencies all over the world, and empowering ACS are all part of the work of ADRA-UK, and we can only do this work because of the nearly £500,000 that was raised by members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church during the 2018 Appeal.

'I am indebted to the tireless work of our members in participating in the door-to-door collection and taking part in a number of fundraising initiatives,' said Pastor Bert Smit, CEO of ADRA-UK. 'I also want to express my gratitude to the agents in the local churches who have administered the appeal so professionally. We look forward to your continued support in 2019.'

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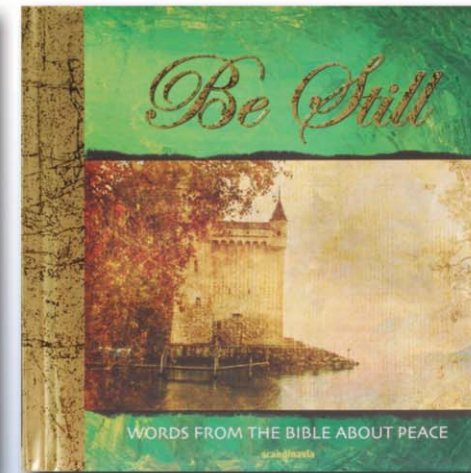
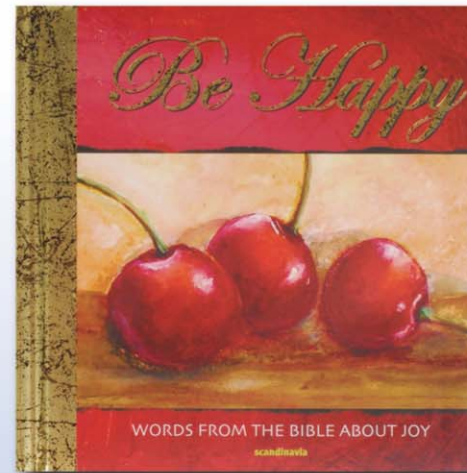
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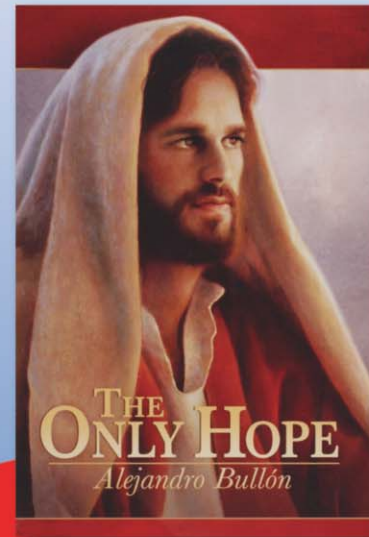
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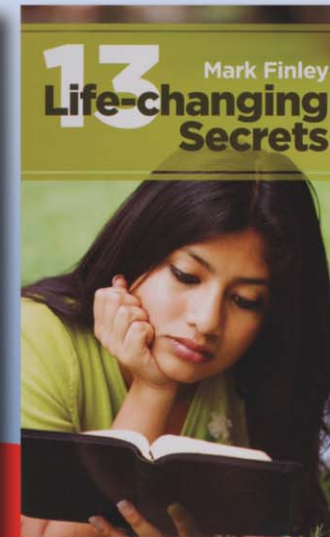


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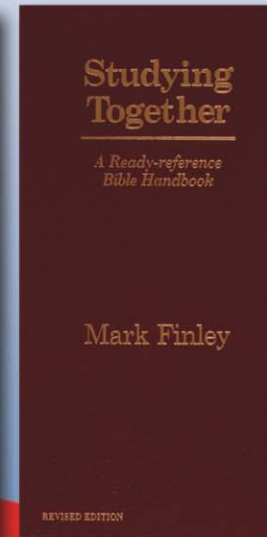
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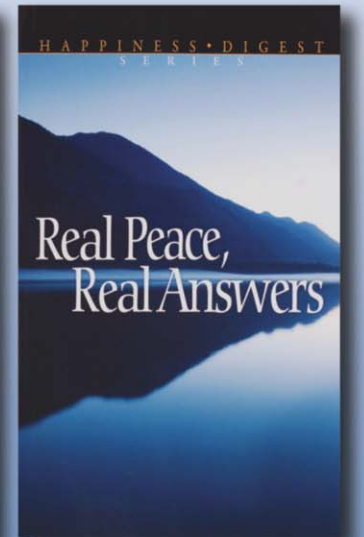
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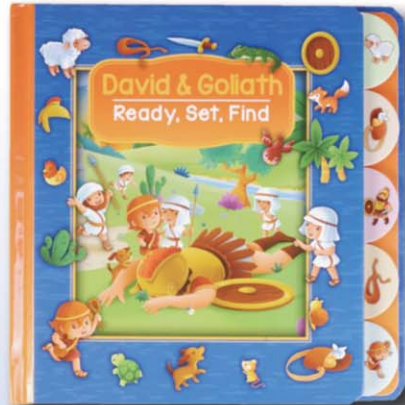


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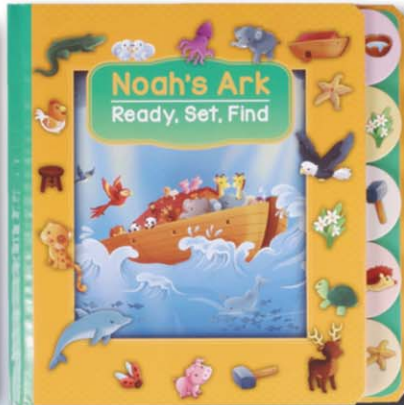


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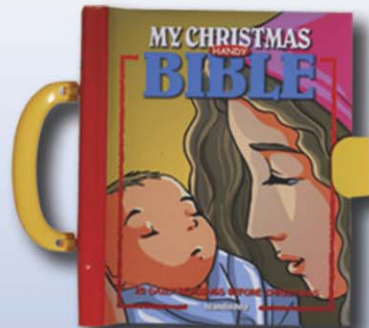


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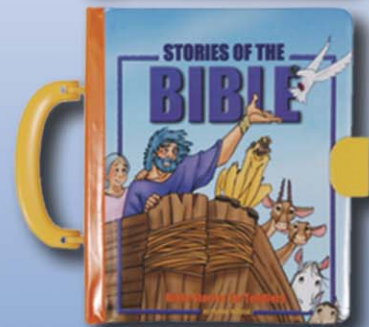


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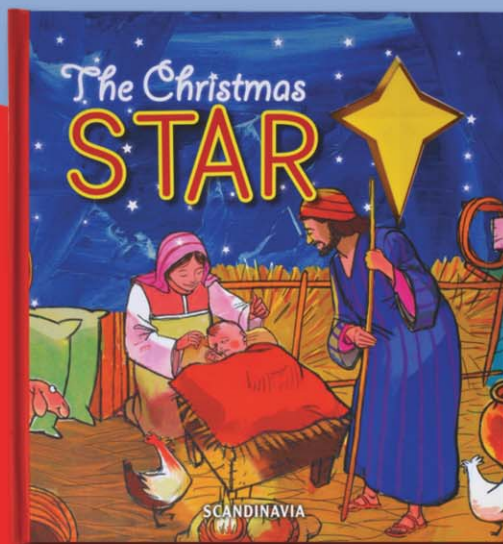
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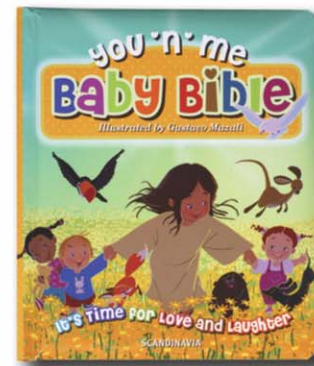
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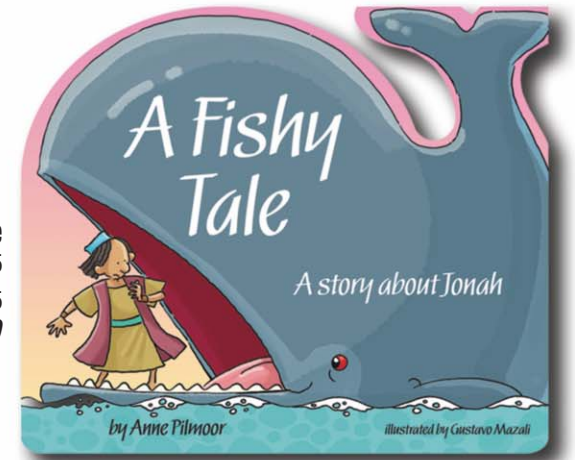
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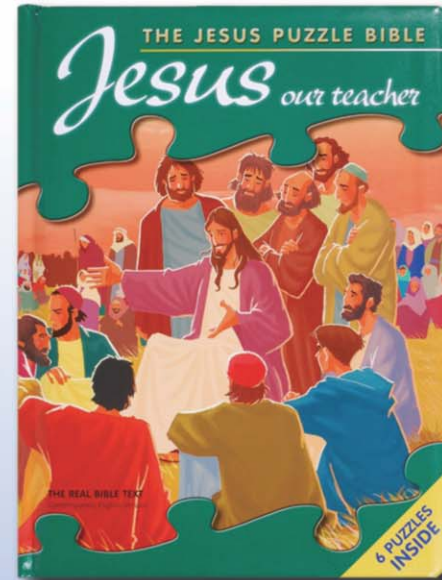
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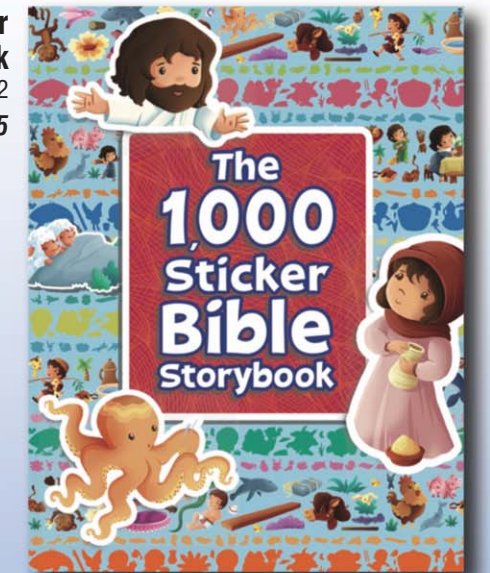


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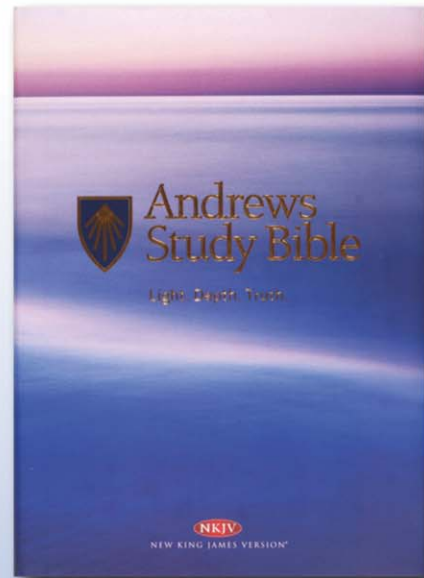
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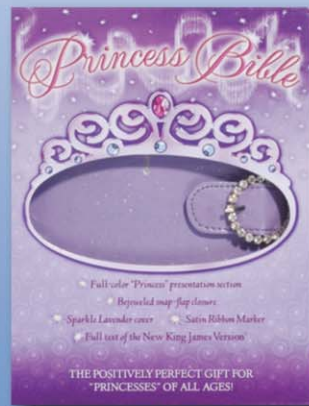
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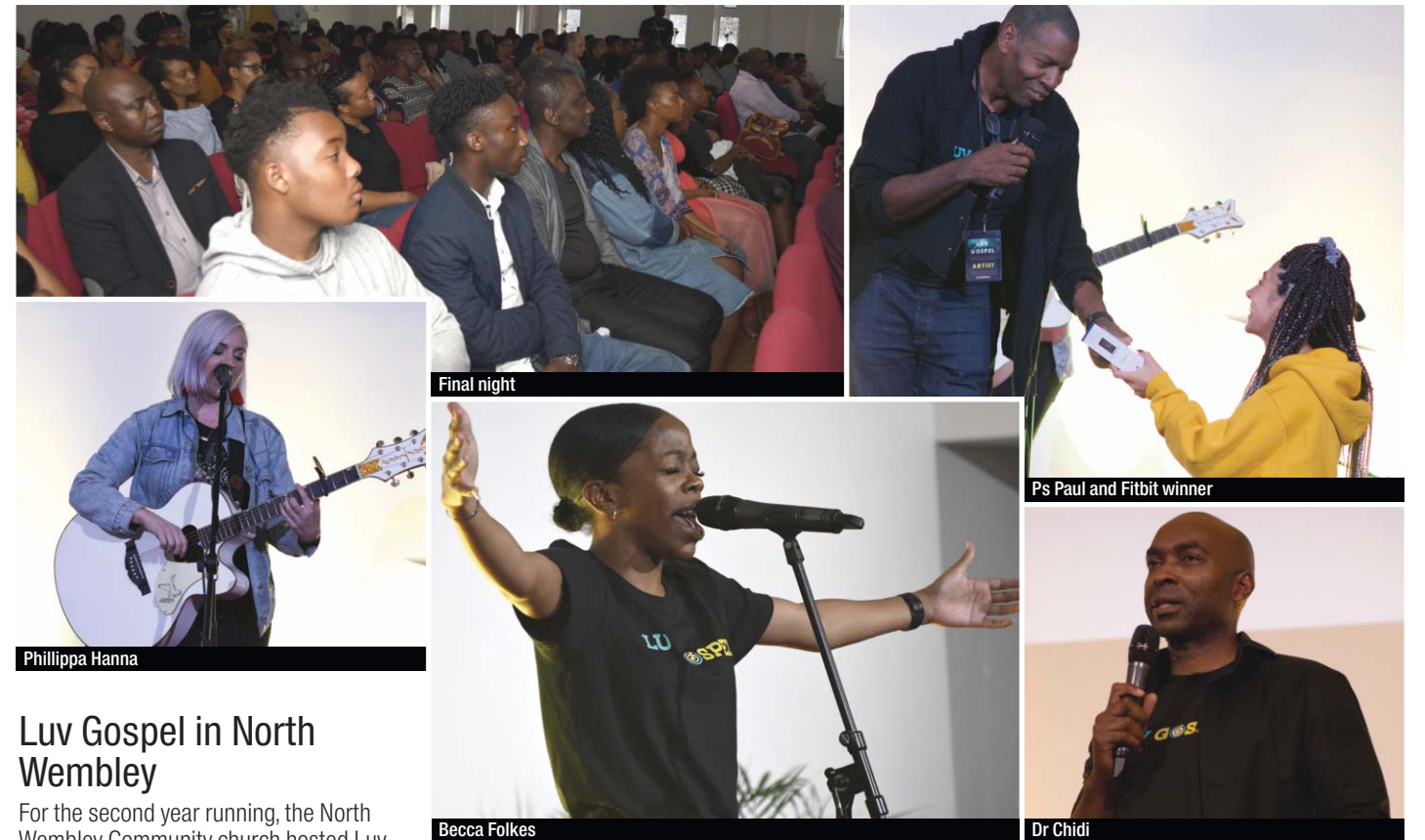
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Luv Gospel in North Wembley

For the second year running, the North Wembley Community church hosted Luv Gospel for one week, inviting some of the best UK gospel artists to minister to the Brent community with the purpose of bringing the community together through music and health.

Founder, Michael Agyei-Asare, seized the opportunity to bring back four free evenings of gospel music to the Brent community, hosted by London minister, Paul King-Brown, from London Live Community Church.

For four nights attendees were immersed in the live gospel experience and enjoyed premier gospel artists performing. The event was also streamed live to allow those who could not secure tickets to be blessed over the internet.

Each evening attendees (most of them not our Church members) were invited to join our praise and worship with the resident praise team and house band, before Dr Chidi, one of Europe's leading lifestyle doctors, presented the health spot with the objective of assisting guests in making life-changing decisions. Dr Chidi left time at the end for visitors to ask questions, after which Pastor King-Brown gave out DVDs – and there was a free FitBit to win each evening.

To reflect the diverse community in Brent, Luv Gospel was intentional about inviting artists who could reflect this diversity. Every artist delivered exceptional performances.

Unfortunately, on the penultimate night the NHS Choir, B-Positive, who competed in the Britain's Got Talent final could not attend as, sadly, one of their members died in a fatal incident.

This year's Luv Gospel artists included prize-winning artists and groups – such as Charles Dada, Jason Nicholson-Porter, Becca Folkes, Vadé, London African Gospel Choir, Croydon Youth Choir, CalledOut Music, Paul Lee, Philippa Hanna, and Noel Robinson.

The Wednesday night event was one of the highlights of the week. There was a true spirit of worship as Paul Lee set the tone for Becca Folkes and Jason Nicolson-Porter, who sang songs that lifted people closer to Christ.

On the final night, worship was opened by Calledout Music and Philippa Hanna. Philippa, a returning artist from last year's event, again gave her personal testimony, which touched the hearts of many. Following Philippa, Luv Gospel closed this event with irrepressible worship leader Noel Robinson, a local resident of Brent and one of the most renowned British Praise and Worship leaders in the UK. Guests truly relished their amazing four days of free live gospel!

Plans are already underway for the next Luv Gospel event. See you there in 2019!
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South Bristol success

The recently inaugurated South Bristol church, comprised of more than 50 members, has over the last three years sought innovative ways to reach its predominantly Muslim local community, but to no avail. However, this year, Grace Odumuzor (Health Ministries leader), Billy Odumuzor (head elder) and the rest of the health team planned and prayed for divine intervention.

A mini health expo was organised by Grace and Billy, and sponsored by the Bristol joint evangelistic committee. At the end of the day, the team rejoiced over those who came and sampled the vegetarian delicacies, completed mini health checks, engaged in meaningful conversations and asked questions about the Adventist Church.

Speaking after the event, Grace noted that the majority of the attendees enjoyed the food, snacks and drinks and took some of the leaflets. Also, a large number have expressed interest in programmes about healthy living. One Muslim lady and her family were extremely impressed by the whole setting. The children were happy to stay, play and share in the day's activities. As a matter of fact, they said that if these activities were to be conducted every Sunday they would be happy to attend.

Overall, our members were pleasantly surprised by the turnout, which allowed new relationships to be formed and contact details obtained. One woman (originally from South Africa and a good friend of Grace Odumuzor), attended the event and felt confident enough to open up about her current trials and difficulties. She disclosed that God has been speaking to her about her faith and spirituality. She had attended the Church of England, but lost interest, as the worship services were not speaking to her needs. Our pastor, Royston Smith, spent time listening to her and providing her with pastoral care. In the end, she decided that she wanted to explore Adventism. She was prayed for and felt at peace.

More than 26 people from the surrounding community attended the event. The church is grateful to BJEC for funding the programme, and for all the church members who participated. It is hoped to engage the local church members in various health activities, to



enhance and encourage member involvement in church outreach programmes, and to promote cohesion as a church community.

HEALTH MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT



'Coming of age' celebration

Recently, over a three-day period (28-30 September), the Newcastle church celebrated the 'coming of age', so to speak, of four- to five-year-olds as well as of eleven- to twelve-year-olds. Church leaders and the children's ministry team, as well as the children themselves, worked incredibly hard to put together a ceremony aimed at making each child who reached the milestone ages feel special and important.

On day one each child, together with their parent or carer, completed activities specially designed by Pastor Patricia Douglas. Day two was filled with performances, prayer, music, and Scripture readings and,



finally, the presentation of the children who had reached the milestone ages. On Sunday (day three) they all participated in the final instalment of the programme – which also included a banquet to reward everyone after all the hard work.

Commenting on these activities, Pastor Patricia Douglas said that 'the greatest preparation for the future is discipling them – the children and young people. Deuteronomy 6:7 helps us see the importance of children to God, and of teaching them things like Bible study and prayer so that they become a part of everyday life. Society and the outside world will try to draw them away. Make time for children at home and in the church and God will give them a firm foundation.'

Congratulations to all the young people involved and the amazing team who put this programme together.

NEUMA DOMINGOS



Pathfinder day celebrated twice

The Worcester Adventurer and Pathfinder Community Club celebrated their Pathfinder day twice recently – firstly, in Worcester Church and the city centre on 8 September, and then again on 15 September in Tamworth Church, about an hour's travel away.

The highlight in Worcester was the community outreach in the town, which, despite the rainy, cold weather, went ahead, with the music group playing violin and cello music on the town centre streets, while others handed out leaflets and tracts to passers-by, who seemed interested and asked questions about the event.

Then, on 15 September, which was also the World Pathfinder Day, the Pathfinders visited one of the district churches, Tamworth Church, for the first time. The fellowship experienced with fellow-worshippers was memorable. The highlight of this occasion was the visit to two nursing homes between lunch and the afternoon Adventist Youth service. Although the schedule was hectic, they managed to visit Springfield Nursing Home close by, meeting staff and residents, some of whom came along to listen to the presentation and music. They also visited the Wilnecote Care Home just a short walk from Tamworth Church. The staff

were very friendly and allowed photos to be taken, while the group sang and played music as well. One of the residents was delighted and blessed when they were able to sing a birthday song to her.

What really lingered in the minds of everyone involved was the blessing of taking time to be of service and to reach out towards the surrounding communities to spread the good news about God. All involved also appreciated the warm welcome and the lovely food they enjoyed together at church.

JOBETA GARCIA



Two baby dedications

Exeter Church has a small membership, but the children's department is growing. Earlier this year Pastor Ian Lorek dedicated Noah Marchena-Stanciu, the second son of Alice and Xavier while older brother, Enzo, looked on.

Florin Orasanu and his wife Nicoleta brought their new son, Eduard (Eddie), to church for the first time on 8 September for Pastor Lorek to dedicate him to God. Michaela Solcova sang a beautiful dedication song to mark this special occasion.

We pray that God will bless these young families as they nurture their children in the love of Jesus.

STELLA JEFFERY

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Review of play: 'End the Silence'

The South England Conference Women's Ministries Department sponsored the play 'End the Silence', which was performed from 15-26 August in South London. Written and directed by Mark Grey, and produced by the Agape Theatre Company and Carmel Greystone, the play explored the systematic and traumatic abuse of vulnerable women, even by charities that claim to be Christian – and how some of these women got to the place of deciding to speak out and end the silence. In

the current #MeToo climate, the theme was relevant and those who watched the play described it as evocative, stimulating, and emotionally and intellectually engaging.

After each performance there was also a question-and-answer session, where the cast and audience engaged with each other productively.

BASED ON INFORMATION PROVIDED BY DARELL J. PHILIP



Religious Liberty day of fellowship

On Sabbath 22 September the first Religious Liberty day of fellowship ever held in East London took place at Ilford Central Church. Dr Brighton Kavaloh (retired pastor) and Mrs Gina Abbequaye (SEC Education Director and Hyland House School head teacher) were guest speakers.

Dr Kavaloh addressed the Government's proposal to changes in the teaching of Sex and Relationships Education, with notable changes being the inclusion of the diversity in relationships which reflect modern British life, and the teaching of these lessons to primary school children. The initial consultation was launched on 19 December 2017 with a deadline in February 2018. Due to the concerns raised by members of the public, parents, young people and some from different faith groups, the Government has gone back to the drawing board and the date for comments is now open until 7 November 2018. Dr Kavaloh stressed that it is 'important for people to respond to issues which affect the education and religious liberty of your children'.

Gina Abbequaye explained the core fundamental British values which need to be taught in schools: democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of those with different religions and beliefs. At face value, these are agreeable to most people; however, at times these values pose a direct or indirect challenge to individual liberty of conscience and religious beliefs. She stated that the purpose of the fundamental values is to teach children respect while also preparing them for modern British life. The approach of an Adventist education, however, is to restore human beings into the image of God as revealed in the life of Jesus Christ.

This first-ever Religious Liberty day of fellowship was a huge success, with many attendees saying they were already looking forward to the next one.



DARELL J. PHILIP

Health Expo at University of Birmingham

The Birmingham MTTC Health team undertook a lunchtime health expo at the University of Birmingham on Friday, 21 September. It was held in the School of Education and aimed at the administrative and academic staff, as the students were not due to start until 24 September.

The idea for the expo came from Ladywood Church member, Karen Henry, who works at the School of Education. When she saw the MTTC health expo back in July at Aston Hall, Birmingham, she was convinced it was something her work colleagues would appreciate, and immediately set about submitting her proposal.

On the day, around 25 attendees engaged enthusiastically at the various health stations. Their feedback included comments like, 'Absolutely amazing! Would love to have another day like this – staff were so polite and friendly!'

The team faced a great challenge in terms of balancing the desire to share the Gospel, while at the same time remaining sensitive to the university's secular culture. However, all were encouraged by the overwhelming positive response of those who attended.

Jennifer Distin ably led the hard-working and dedicated team of 14 volunteers. They were further supported by Pastor Obi and Grace Walsh, who lent their experience to the event.

DR JACQUELINE HALLIDAY-BELL/JENNIFER DISTIN



Lowestoft Church fair

Showers were forecast, but prayers for a bright day were answered when, on Sunday 19 August, members of Lowestoft Church (Area 8) joined the community for a Community Fair and Fun event. The bunting fluttered as the spacious green front lawn was transformed with food stands, picnic seating, an arts and crafts station, and a grass track for fun competitions.

This annual summer festivity was extra special this year, because it celebrated the completion of some recent renovations to the Lowestoft Church – including double-glazed windows; new main entrance doors;

the cleaning and painting of the side of the building facing the main street; and the installation of outside floodlights.

Planned as a no-strings-attached outreach, the Community Fair and Fun event offered an open invitation for the community to meet and greet their church neighbours – some for the first time – in a relaxed atmosphere. It also gave the church a chance to highlight its vision of being the welcoming space where the Good News is lived and shared by the local community, *in* the community.

Overall, the Church Fair and Fun event was well attended by about 60 people all in all. Food and drinks were provided by church members and their families and friends, who graciously gave of their time and effort to make a delicious healthful spread. Cakes were served by volunteers of the local Elderly Day Centre that meets in Lowestoft Church on weekdays.

Later in the afternoon, the young-at-heart joined with the children in some traditional competitions: egg-and-spoon races, tug-of-war, three-legged races and even a piñata to round off the fun and fellowship. With many laughs enjoyed by participants and spectators alike, new friendships made, and warm memories created, it was an afternoon of rich blessing for the Lowestoft Church community, whose unofficial motto – 'Love God; love people' – turned into showers of blessings and inspiration for future community ministry and fellowship.

NORMA BORRETT



Masereka sisters trio

Camp Hill welcomes 60 visitors

About 60 visitors attended the Visitors' Day at Camp Hill Church on 18 August. Erastus Rigwamba (elder) and Remnant Ministries – which is part of the Ugandan Adventist Association in the UK and Ireland (UGAD) – played a key role in the organisation of the day.

Wonderful music was provided by Remnant Ministries Choir, as well as by the Masereka sisters' trio. There was an inspiring children's story by Pastor Cyril Sweeney, and the sermon was by Simbarashe Muhau (elder) from Reading.

A fellowship lunch was enjoyed; there was a presentation on Rahab by UGAD Prayer Ministry leader, Sister Merryland; and then there was a musical extravaganza led by the choir. A high day of worship indeed!

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Children reminded that 'God has a plan'

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These eighteen children, aged four to thirteen, participated as cadets in the Investigation Station's Galactic Quest. As they explored space and learned about God's creation, they also explored the Bible and learned about the great plan that God has for them: that even though they have sinned, God loves them and died for them; rose to life and is in heaven preparing to take them home with Him when He comes again.

Every day for a week, the children learned about this plan through stories, games, songs, and crafts. They also learned about the different planets and how gravity works, and even built their own paper rockets and satellites.

This was something new for Cork Church, so no one knew quite what to expect. One of the children asked if we could run a Winter Bible Camp because they did not want to wait until next summer to do this again. As one of our songs said, 'God has a plan and we are a part of it.' The Lord definitely blessed!

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Elizabeth 'Betty' Grant (née Morgan) (1932-2018) d. 13 October. Betty was born in Rhymney, South Wales, the fourth of eleven children born to Margaret May Morgan and Percival Morgan.



On 31 March 1960 she married Malcolm James William Grant, the love of her life, in the Nottingham Seventh-day Adventist church. She had three children: Melvin, Wayne and Julie; and eight grandchildren: Michelle, Charlene, Malcolm, Megan, Samantha, Robin, Kimberley and Stephanie.

In 1969 the family moved to South Africa, returning to the UK in 1976; then back to South Africa in 1980, and to Eastbourne, UK, in 1996. Their final move was to Bridgend, Wales, where they spent their last years, living closer to Betty's siblings.

Throughout her life she helped support her family by working variously as a seamstress, waitress, literature evangelist, and nurse. She enjoyed writing poetry, crocheting, crosswords, Christian DVDs and books, watching Hope TV, listening to Christian music, and reading books on Wales, rugby and tennis. Whenever she had the opportunity she would share her faith in Jesus with others.

While her health permitted, she was an active church member in the Port Talbot church, leading out in the Sabbath School and the lesson study. In later years Betty took on more responsibility for running the home and looking after Malcolm, as he gradually developed dementia – finally becoming his carer. Betty is predeceased by her son, Melvin, and her siblings: Doreen, Bryn, Freda, Ernest, Bernard and Michael. She is survived by her son, Wayne; daughter and son-in-law, Julie and Mark Davey (Brisbane, Australia); and her siblings,

Patricia (Pat), Margaret, Audrey and Fredrick. The funeral service was taken by Pastor Emanuel Bran at the Rosemount Funeral Home, Bridgend, Wales, on Thursday 25 October, and she was buried in Pencoed Cemetery, Bridgend.

Her family remembers her as a loving and kind wife and mother, with a wonderful sense of humour. She is now resting in the arms of Jesus, whom she loved so much – awaiting the voice of the Archangel to call her from the grave and reunite her with her loved ones.

WAYNE GRANT AND JULIE DAVEY



Community Ministries day at Stratford Church

On Sabbath, 15 September, the worship service at the Stratford Church began with a message on unity by John Mathieu (Hackney Church elder).

Later, visitors Pastor Mbui (SEC Personal Ministries and Sabbath School Director), along with the Mayor of Newham, Rokhsana Fiaz, and Claudia Thomas (first elder), presented certificates of appreciation to the members of the Health and Community Ministries teams for their services to the residents of Newham. The teams have supported numerous health and community expos, providing health MOTs and assisting with evangelistic activities.

Although Newham has improved from being an area of high deprivation; it still has serious public health issues within its population. Volunteers have committed themselves to provide regular health MOTs and evangelism in the heart of Stratford, and have managed to meet hundreds of residents.

Mayor Rokhsana Fiaz was thoroughly impressed with the work. Not only did she present the certificates, but also stayed afterwards to serve food to all those who stayed for lunch, taking time to speak with the members and the youth. She also committed herself to return to Stratford to cook for the members and visitors at some time in the future, and stated that she was interested in keeping up to date with future plans that involved working within the community

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