

A Word in Season . . .

Uncertainty can be a haunting situation that causes worry and concern. Many concerns have been expressed over the Brexit negotiations; some no doubt spinning fear in the void of the unknown. Pessimists fear the worse, conjuring up all the negative scenarios they can set their imaginative minds upon. On the other hand, there are those who can't wait to get out of Europe and so are more optimistic than those voices in *'the remain camp'*. Some difficulties are inevitable to start with but they believe that things will improve once we are better established.

That's the ticket! As the old song says, *"Always look on the bright side of life!"* Whether we reach an agreement or end up walking away from the EU, life will go on, the old British stamina will ride out the waves that may come crashing upon our shores, and we shall press forward with determination to run our own country once again, and with admiration and success!

From the Christian point of view, while sharing concerns for the future well-being of our nation, we need have no uncertainty about the future. God has a plan and a purpose. By placing our confidence in His promise, we need not fear about the future. For a start, there has never been true unity in the EU because each country has its own interests at heart. Bible prophecy stated quite clearly that the European nations 'would not hold together' (Daniel 2:41-43); and the obvious fear amongst the politicians of Europe is that once Britain is emancipated, other countries may follow suit. However, God has informed us that in these final days of earth's history, the kingdoms of this world will meet their nemesis when Christ returns in power and glory and establishes His Own eternal Kingdom (Daniel 2:44,45).

His Kingdom will be a better kingdom than any other that has ever existed on this planet. It will be a kingdom of righteousness: a place where there will be peace and safety, a place of lasting health and happiness. Therefore, in these days when uncertainty seems to be taking a leading role in our political affairs, let us

place our trust and confidence in the Lord Who has not only promised to care for those who trust in Him but also offers a far better future to embrace and look forward to.
- *Michael I Walker.*

Food for Thought . . .

"People do not value sunsets because they cannot pay for them" - *Oscar Wilde.*

An Arab chief tells the story of a spy captured and sentenced to death by a general in the Persian army. This general had the strange custom of giving condemned criminals a choice between the firing squad and "the big, black door."

The moment for execution drew near, and guards brought the spy to the Persian general. "What will it be," asked the general, "the firing squad or 'the big, black door?'" The spy hesitated for a long time. He finally chose the firing squad.

A few minutes later, hearing the shots ring out confirming the spy's execution, the general turned to his aide and said, "They always prefer the known to the unknown. People fear for what they don't know. Yet, we gave him the choice."

"What lies beyond the big door?" asked the aide. "Freedom," replied the general. "I've known only a few brave enough to take that door."

The best opportunities in our lives stand behind the forbidding door of the great unknown.

Services of the Church: -

Bible Study/Discussion . . .

Saturday 10:00 am

Children's Class . . . Saturday 10:00 am

Family Worship . . . Saturday 11:15 am

Church Family Fellowship . . .

First Saturday

afternoon in each month after the Worship Service and a fellowship meal.

Bible Study & Prayer . . .

Monday 7:30 pm

We operate a child protection policy.

Marriages – Child Dedications –

Believers Baptisms – Funerals

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A Summer Fun Fair for the Community



Showers were forecast, but prayers for a bright day were answered when, on Sunday 19 August, members of the Lowestoft Seventh-day Adventist church came together with 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 craft station, and a grass track for fun competitions. This year's annual summer festivity was extra special, because it celebrated the completion of some recent renovations to the grounds and building of Lowestoft church, including new double-glazed windows, replacement of the main entrance doors, cleaning and painting of the side of the building, and the installation of outside flood lights.

The *Community Fair and Fun* event offered an open invitation for the community to meet and greet their church neighbours in a relaxing, familiar 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.

The *Community Fair and Fun* event was well attended, with about 60 people coming along during the day. Church members provided a delicious spread of healthful fare; and cakes were also served by volunteers of the local Elderly Day Centre that meets in our premises on weekdays.

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 and community, whose motto – 'Love God; love people' – turned into showers of blessings and inspiration for future community ministry and fellowship

- *Norma Borrett*



Editorial

In this month's newsletter, we have some interesting and important items. One is the ADRA appeal for donations to help fund the essential basic needs for those suffering the outcome of the earthquake that caused the tsunami in Indonesia. I am sure you have been moved by the sad plight of suffering caused by this horrific disaster as portrayed through television news. In previous articles, we have featured the sterling work of ADRA, which is always ready to rise to the occasion of reaching out to help those under such extreme emergencies. I appeal to you to make a generous donation to bring aid to the people in Indonesia.

Both our cover story on the community fun fair in Lowestoft and the account below of Carlos' decision at age 103, are articles that help make enjoyable reading.

We also request your prayers for Christians who are currently facing severe suffering for their faith as featured in recent issues of *Release International*.

Then you are invited to make a note in your diary for two forthcoming events in the church in the next few weeks - *Editor*

103 Years Old Yet Gives His Life to Jesus!

An amazing news item has filtered through from Puerto Rico, South America, when Carlos Ortiz Garcia made his commitment by accepting Jesus as His personal Saviour just 24 days before his 104th birthday.



Carlos Garcia rejoices after being immersed by Pastor Gibbs Pierre (on left)

As he came up out of the water, 103-year-old Carlos raised his hands in victory, rejoicing at having accepted Jesus as his personal Saviour. Church members at the Youth Centre of the *East Puerto Rico Adventist Conference* in San Juan, celebrated with him as they witnessed his baptism by immersion on 11 August last.

"Jesus is my life, and it is He that strengthens me," he said, speaking about his decision. He was born in 1914. His decision came after attending an evangelistic series in the San Jose Adventist Church, in the capital city of San Juan.

One is never too old to accept Christ as their Saviour. This is a choice available to *all* because Jesus died for *all* people.



INDONESIA APPEAL

Please Donate



Level 3 Emergency

ADRA is on the ground and working hard to make a difference in the lives of the survivors. We are now able to match your donation many times over as other major donors have stepped in to help ADRA to help. Your contribution is a seed that grows to make an even bigger difference.

Please Help the Indonesian Tsunami Survivors

- Food, especially for babies and children
 - Water
 - Tents
- Tarpaulins
- Blankets
- Medicine

You may make a donation on-line at:

<http://www.adra.org.uk>

PLEASE DONATE NOW TO HELP

Thank you for your help

Health Screening in Market Gates on Sunday 7 Oct. . . .

The following free health checks were given by our volunteer health team:

- Blood Pressure - 77
- Blood Sugar - 88
- Body Mass Index - 47
- Carbon Monoxide - 16
- GP referrals - 5



Once again, we thank the management of Market Gates for providing the facilities for our church to help the public.

Persecution of Christians . . .

- ☒ An 18-yr old Christian student has been told by doctors that she'll never walk again after being pushed from a second-floor building in Karachi, Pakistan. Binish had been stalked for months by a man who wanted to marry her and convert her to Islam. When she refused his approach, he got angry and started beating her. After that he took her to a building and threw her from the second floor. Her legs and spine have been fractured, and she'll never be able to walk or sit again.
- ☒ At least 27 people and a church pastor recently died following raids by Fulani militants on five Christian communities in northeast Nigeria between September 13-16. Many drowned while trying to escape.
- ☒ Several Christians are imprisoned for being Christians, frequently accused of blasphemy or some other charge that has not been substantiated.
- ☒ Jiang Tianyong, an imprisoned Christian lawyer in China - his family is seriously concerned as his memory has deteriorated after being given drugs by prison officials.
- ☒ Also, let us remember those Muslims who are also incarcerated in Chinese centres 'for re-education' (prison camps), as reported on BBC Television News.



You are Invited
To the Next
Vegetarian Cookery
Demonstration

And Afterwards to Sample the Food

at 12.30 pm on

Sunday 11 November 2018

In the Function Room

Seventh-day Adventist Church

Burnt Lane, Gorleston, NR31 0PG

For further information

Phone Pearl on 01493 720930

Free Admission

Candlelight & Carol Service

Saturday 22 December 2018

Seventh-day Adventist Church
Burnt Lane, Gorleston
At 7pm

