

HISTORY OF THE STOKE NEWINGTON SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH 1964-1999

'Thine O Lord is the greatness and the power and the Glory and the victory and the majesty for all that is in heaven and in the earth is Thine. Thine is the Kingdom O Lord and thou art exalted as head above all.' 1 Chronicles 29:11

The Stoke Newington Seventh-day Adventist Church can trace its roots from its humble beginnings in the home of Brother and Sister Noel Ashley at Mildenhall Road Clapton. It was there that Bible study and prayer meeting took place. This fledgling group, drawn from the Holloway SDA Church and the New Gallery Centre soon grew large enough to seek alternative accommodation. God led them to The Friends Meeting House at Yoakley Road, Stoke Newington. A request was made to the Conference for a pastor, and this company was placed under the pastoral care of the late Pastor Nicholson.

By the 1st January 1966 with 60 members the Stoke Newington SDA Church was organised. Brother Ashley was ordained first elder and was assisted by Brother Robertson and Brother Gumms. In 1973 the Friends Meeting House was purchased for £40,000. The church grew steadily over the years, however it experienced dramatic growth under the ministerial leadership of the late Pastor and Sister Theodore McLeary. During this period some needful alterations were made to the interior of the building to accommodate the growing congregation. The youth hall was also built to facilitate youth activities, and was later developed into a youth church under the leadership of Pastor Hugo Kennedy. Many of the young people received training and have developed into the leaders of today's church, and we are proud of them.

Evangelism was the main thrust, and as the membership grew it was deemed necessary to launch into new territory. In 1977 the Hackney company was formed in Haggerston Road, Hackney and was organised into a church soon after. In 1982 the Clapton Company was also formed and is now an organised church. After the birth of these daughters there was still need to expand the existing building. In 1987 the vacant land around the building was purchased from the Friends Society, and an extension was built to the cost of £330,000. In September 1999 the last repayment was made on the mortgage and now the church is debt free.

September 5th 1993, marked the historical event of the first wedding in Stoke, that of Bro. & Sis. Hand, conducted by Pastor R. Holder. As the beautiful bride and the handsome groom walked down the aisle the guests captured the moment with joyful delight. Since that grand day, Stoke became the venue for many weddings.

Those who have ministered to us have been:- Pastors Nicholson, D. Clothier, D. Cox, Parkins, Murtagh, Robinson, T. McLeary, H. Kennedy, P. Cheislar, Adams, H. Wilson, L. Preston, W. Glue, Cook, G. Scoon, C. Thorpe, R. Holder, W. Odle, R. De Lisser, Much has been accomplished by God's grace through their Ministry. **TO GOD BE THE GLORY!**

Dedication Service

Welcome to
Stoke Newington
Seventh Day Adventist
Church



"TO GOD BE THE GLORY"

Sabbath 1st January 2000

Yoakley Road Stoke Newington
London N16 0BD

OUR CHURCH AT STUDY MILLENNIUM YEAR ONE

Opening Remarks ----- Bro. K. Aaron

Superintendent ----- Elder W. Williams

Time Machine ----- Tape

Voice of Future ----- Sis. D. Pile

Musical Items: ----- Group Song & Sis K & C. Stewart

Children's Spot

Song Service ----- Sis. C. Browne

Opening Hymn ----- 246

Prayer ----- Sis. A. Ebanks

Investment Highlights ----- Sis. J. Edwards

Focus on Home Missions ----- Bro. W. Whitehead
Sis. U. Ojimadu

Time Machine ----- Tape

Musical Item

Lesson Study ----- Pastor S. McKenzie

Musical Item

Closing Prayer ----- Sis. L. Taffe

OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Inviting God's Presence ----- Choristers
MY GOD IS REAL

Inviting Us to Worship Him ----- Pastor R. De Lisser
MY GOD IS REAL

Invoking His Spirit ----- Pastor D W McFarlane

Welcome into His Presence ----- Elder W. Williams

Singing His Praises ----- Choristers

Reading from His word ----- M. Browne-McDonald
HE TOUCHED ME

Praying in the Spirit ----- Elder L. McKenzie
HE TOUCHED ME (CHORUS ONLY)

Praising Him in Song ----- Patrick Bernard

Bringing Our Gifts to Him ----- Elder R. Taffe
WE BRING A SACRIFICE OF PRAISE

Suffer the Little Children ----- Sis. M. McFarlane
JESUS LOVES ME THIS I KNOW

We've Come this Far by Faith ----- Eld. W. Murray & Past. R. DeLisser

Singing to His Glory ----- Paul Lee

Wonderful Words of Life ----- Pastor D. W. McFarlane

Dedicating His House ----- Pastor R. De Lisser

Prayer of Dedication ----- Pastor D. W. McFarlane

Song of Thanksgiving ----- Elder J. Riley

We're on Our way Rejoicing ----- Pastor D. W. McFarlane

DEDICATION LITANY

- Minister:** To the glory of God, our Father, by whose favor we
have built this house;
To the honor of Jesus, the Son of the living God, our
Lord and Saviour,
- Congregation:** **We dedicate this house, O God, to Thee.**
- Minister:** For worship in prayer and song,
For the preaching and teaching of the Word,
For the celebration of the holy ordinances,
- Congregation:** **We dedicate this house.**
- Minister:** For sanctification of the family,
For the guidance of the children and youth,
For the salvation of men and women,
- Congregation:** **We dedicate this house.**
- Minister:** For the defense of liberty,
For the training of conscience,
For the defences of Christ and His holy law,
For aggressive warfare against evil,
- Congregation:** **We dedicate this house.**
- Minister:** For the help of the needy,
For the relief of the distressed,
For hastening the coming of Christ,
- Congregation:** **We dedicate this house to Thee, O God.**
- Minister:** As a gift of gratitude and love from those who have
experienced the gift of Christ's grace, we bring this
house as a freewill offering to our God.
- Congregation:** **We, the people of this congregation, now
consecrating ourselves anew, dedicate this entire
building to the cause of Christ and to the service of
humankind.**