
*Stoke Newington
Community Seventh-Day
Adventist Church*

*40th Anniversary
Celebration Weekend
12th – 14th August 2005
1965 – 2005*

"We've Come This Far By Faith"

*Stoke Newington Community Seventh-Day Adventist Church 40th
Anniversary Celebration Weekend 12th – 14th August 2005*

WELCOME

LET THE CELEBRATIONS BEGIN!

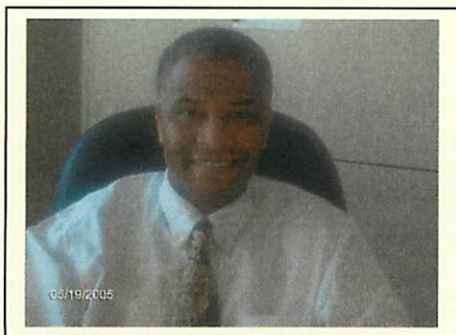
Today we have arrived at a significant milestone in the history of our church here at Stoke Newington. The Stoke Newington Community Seventh Day Adventist Church has come of age. God has blessed us and has brought us a mighty long way. Today we celebrate God's blessings of the past 40 years and look forward to His continuing and abiding presence in the intervening days before He comes to take us home.

Welcome to our 40th anniversary celebrations. The number 40 in the Bible is a significant one. Noah and his family spent 40 days on the ark before stepping out onto a world renewed. Moses spent 40 days on Mount Sinai with God and his face shone with God's glory. Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness being tempted by the devil and came out victorious.

*Today the Stoke Newington Community Seventh Day Adventist Church stands as a testimony to God and as a lighthouse to this community over these past 40 years. **'We have come this far by faith'** and we are grateful to Him for His goodness towards us. May God bless us and keep us now and forever... Let the celebrations now begin!*

Dr Richard de Lisser

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PROFILE OF HYMERS WILSON II

Hymers Augustus Wilson II was born in Wellington, Jamaica in 1953 to Hymers Wilson Snr and Dahlia Wilson. He was brought to the United Kingdom in 1955 where he spent his formative years as a youngster. He attended the Holloway Seventh-Day Adventist church. He received his early education at the Pakeman

Primary School on Hornsey Road and his secondary education at the Owens Grammar School for Boys. He went on to do a Bachelor of Arts in Business Studies at what is now known as the South Bank University. Sensing a call to the ministry he went on to Newbold College, eventually graduating from Andrews University with a Master of Divinity. Upon graduation, Pastor Wilson served as a Bursar at the John Loughborough School for a brief time before being asked to serve as an intern pastor at the Brixton and Battersea churches. Pastor Wilson married Joy Anne Benjamin in 1982. It was not long before Pastor Wilson was assigned to his own churches firstly at Stoke Newington and Tottenham, Holcombe Road and later at Walthamstow. In 1986 he experienced a number of significant milestones. His first child Hermione was born, he was ordained to the gospel ministry and he became Youth Director of the South England Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists. Later he became Communication and Sabbath School Director. The Wilson's second child Hannah was born at this time.

In 1991, Pastor Wilson and his family left the United Kingdom to live in North America. He trained as a Chaplain at the Kettering Medical Centre in Kettering, Ohio where the Wilson's third child, Hymers III was born. The family then settled in Canada where, after a brief period of working in various clerical positions, Pastor Wilson became Principal and teacher at the Ottawa Seventh-Day Adventist School. After just one year there, the Wilsons moved to Northern Canada where Joy worked as a Diabetes Co-ordinator for a Native Band in Moose Factory, Ontario. The family moved back south to Huntsville, Ontario where Joy was employed as the Manager of Nutrition Services at the Huntsville Hospital. Pastor Wilson attended the Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario, for two years, graduating with his Masters of Social Work (with distinction) in 1997. This led to positions in counselling, crisis work and working with the developmentally disabled until he became an area manager of counsellors and crisis workers at a community mental health agency in Muskoka District of Ontario, where he was employed for eight years.

In 2004, Pastor Wilson received an invitation to take up the position of Pastor of the Kendalwood Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Whitby, Ontario, just east of Toronto, where he currently serves. Joy is working as Manager of Nutrition Services at Lakeridge Health, Oshawa and Whitby.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CHURCH 1965 - 2005

The Stoke Newington Community Seventh-Day Adventist Church can trace its roots from its humble beginnings in the home of Brother and Sister Noel Ashley at Mildenhall Road in Lower Clapton. It was there that bible studies and prayer meetings took place. This group was drawn from the Holloway Church and then the New Gallery Centre.

When this group outgrew its home, an alternative site was found at its present address, owned by the Quakers Society, and Pastor Nicholson was appointed the minister. On 1st January 1966 with 60 members this group was organised into a church. Its first ordained elder was Brother Ashley assisted by Brothers Robertson and Gumms. Other pioneers of this early house group were Brother and Sister Bishop, Brother and Sister Bruce, Brother and Sister Morrison, Sister Foreman, Brother Gomez, Sister Alleyne and Sister Thompson. Unfortunately Pastor Nicholson died suddenly in 1966 and Pastor Clothier took over and pastored until 1968 when Pastor Parkins pastored up to the end of this decade.

Pastor Murtagh began the new decade and pastored until 1972 when Pastor McLeary took over the reins in 1973 and under his ministry the building and land were purchased. Under Pastor McLeary the church experienced her largest growth. The building at the rear of the church known as the prefab was built in 1973 to facilitate the youth activities. Pastor McLeary left in 1975 to take up office in the South England Conference and his place was taken by Pastor Cieslar who pastored until 1980.

As worship became unbearably crowded at Sabbath morning services some members decided to branch out into new territories and the Hackney company was formed and later organised into a church. The new decade saw Pastor Hugo Kennedy take over the ministry from Pastor Cieslar. The Clapton and Leytonstone Churches grew out of the Stoke Newington Church at a later stage.

Pastor Hymers Wilson's ministry was from 1983 - 1986. Under his ministry the Stoke Newington Choir was revived through Sis Joy Wilson and a successful fundraising concert by the choir was held.

In 1987 extra land was purchased from the Quakers Society and under the ministry of Pastor Carl Thorpe a major expansion began. The original hall was extended, two wings, a baptismal pool, a hall at the side, and the mothers room were added. Pastor Thorpe left in 1991 and Pastor Richard Holder took over and added the finishing touches. In 1993 under Pastor Holder's Ministry, the church was registered to conduct wedding ceremonies and the first couple to be married under the new licence was William and Iris Hand. Stoke Newington Church has become a popular venue for weddings since.

After paying off the mortgage in 1999 plans were in hand to dedicate the church building in 2000 under Pastor Wayne Odle who took over from Pastor Holder in 1997, but unfortunately he left in 1999 to take up further studies in the USA before this took place and in 2000 this was done under our present minister Dr Richard de Lisser who took over from Pastor Odle. Also under Dr de Lisser's ministry, the name 'Community' was added to the church's title to reflect her presence as a community church.

Stoke Newington, or as it is affectionately known 'Stokey', is known to be a friendly, welcoming and family orientated church and with the mixture of so many different cultures, we pray this will continue. As we look forward to the coming of our Saviour and as our theme for the first 40 years is "We've Come This Far By Faith", we pray that God will continue to bless and guide His church as we move toward the climax of earth's history and the coming Kingdom of God.

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FRIDAY 12th AUGUST 2005

CONSECRATION SERVICE

<i>Song Service</i>	-	<i>Choristers</i>
<i>Opening Song</i>	-	<i>Great is Thy Faithfulness (100)</i>
<i>Opening Prayer</i>	-	<i>Elder W Murray-Newton</i>
<i>Scripture Reading</i>	-	<i>Elder B Corea</i>
<i>Welcome</i>	-	<i>Elder W Williams</i>
<i>Special Item</i>	-	<i>Stoke Newington Choir</i>
<i>Offering</i>	-	<i>Elder J Riley</i>
<i>Theme Song</i>	-	<i>Stokey Ladies</i>
<i>Introduction of Speaker</i>	-	<i>Dr R de Lisser</i>
<i>Special Item</i>	-	<i>Elder P Lee</i>
<i>Sermon</i>	-	<i>Pastor C Perry</i>
<i>Closing Song</i>	-	<i>How Great Thou Art (86)</i>
<i>Closing Prayer</i>	-	<i>Elder E Johnson</i>

SABBATH 13th AUGUST 2005

SABBATH SCHOOL

<i>Song Service</i>	-	<i>Chorister</i>
<i>Superintendent Opening Remarks</i>	-	<i>Elder R Mendez</i>
<i>Opening Song</i>	-	<i>I've Got a Mansion</i>
<i>Scripture Reading</i>	-	<i>Galatians 6:2</i>
<i>Prayer</i>	-	<i>Sis J McKenzie</i>
<i>Mission Focus</i>	-	<i>Bro Aaron, Elder McKenzie,</i> <i>Sis Rocke-Caton</i>
<i>Special Item</i>	-	<i>Sis M Pile</i>
<i>Lesson Study</i>	-	<i>Pastor R Holder</i>
<i>Welcome</i>	-	<i>Cradle Roll</i>
<i>Congregational Song</i>	-	<i>Your Grace and Mercy</i>
<i>Closing Remarks</i>	-	<i>Elder R Mendez</i>
<i>Special Item</i>	-	<i>Sis J Wilson</i>
<i>Closing Prayer</i>	-	<i>Sis H Douglas</i>

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DIVINE SERVICE

By Faith We Come Before Him	-	Choristers
	<i>There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in This Place</i>	
By Faith We Worship Him	-	Dr R de Lisser
By Faith We Invite His Presence	-	Dr R de Lisser
By Faith We Welcome His People	-	Elder C Stewart/ Pastor D McFarlane
By Faith We Sing His Praises	-	To God Be The Glory (341)
By Faith We Read From His Word	-	Ryan Prince
By Faith We Pray To Him	-	Elder L McKenzie
	<i>Shower Me With Your Love Oh Lord</i>	
By Faith We Bring Our Gifts To Him	-	Sis C Browne
	<i>We Bring a Sacrifice of Praise</i>	
By Faith We Praise Him In Mime	-	Christianity
By Faith We Feed His Lambs	-	Sis E Valentine/Sis F Sutherland
	<i>Long ago The Children Sang a Song</i>	
By Faith We Sing to Him	-	Stoke Newington Choir
By Faith We Listen To His Word	-	Pastor H Wilson
By Faith We Pray For His Blessing	-	Pastor H Wilson
	<i>We've Come This Far By Faith</i>	

AFTERNOON PROGRAMME – 5.30PM

A concert with performances from Stokey's finest
Hosted by Christopher Foster

The Early Years

Stokey Choir
George Espeut
Leoni de Lancey
Seymour Foster
Hyacinth Douglas
Paul Lee
Sonia Martin-Walker



Coming of age

Myrtle O'Keefe
Promise
Infinity
Iris & Co.
Patrick Bernard

The Next generation

Leon Johnson
Cheryl, Niki, Monique
Charmaine & Delaverne
Higher Ground



The Millennium
Voice of Hope
The Quartet
Maliette Samuel

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Sunday Celebrations

Just for the Children - 10am - 3pm

Inviting all children to attend the 40th celebration just for YOU!

There will be:

Games, Table Football

Bouncy Castle (1 for the younger children and 1 for the older children)

Water Slide

.....and much more

Come early and bring a towel and spare set of clothes.

Food, drinks, ice-cream, ice-lollies and everything good will be available.

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Just for the Adults – 6pm – 10pm

40th Anniversary Banquet

at

Abney Hall

73A Church Street

Stoke Newington

London N16 7DR



*Come & enjoy an exceptional evening of fine food, great entertainment
and a chance to socialize with the ones you love!*

(Ticket event only)

SONGS OF CELEBRATION

CONSECRATION SERVICE SONGS

1. Great is Thy Faithfulness (100)

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail
not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

Refrain

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter and springtime and
harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to
guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for
tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

2. How Great Thou Art (86)

1. O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

2. And when I think, that God, His Son not
sparing; Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.
3. When Christ shall come, with shout of
acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou
art!"

SONGS OF CELEBRATION

SABBATH SCHOOL SONGS

1. Mansion Over the Hilltop

1. I'm satisfied with just a cottage below, A
little silver and a little gold;
But in that city where the ransomed will
shine, I want a gold one that's silver-lined.

Refrain

*I've got a mansion just over the hilltop,
In that bright land where we'll never grow old;
And some day yonder we will never more
wander,
But walk the streets that are purest gold.*

2. Tho' often tempted tormented and tested,
And like the prophet my pillow a stone;
And tho' I find here no permanent dwelling,
I know he'll give me a mansion my own.

3. Don't think me poor or deserted or lonely,
I'm not discouraged, I'm heaven bound;
I'm just a pilgrim in search of a city, I want
a mansion, a harp and a crown.

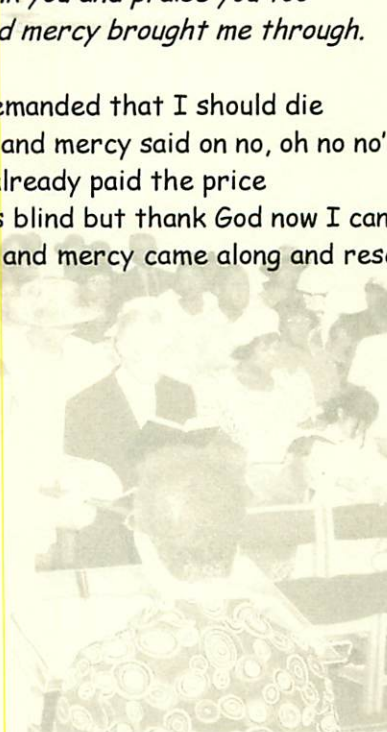
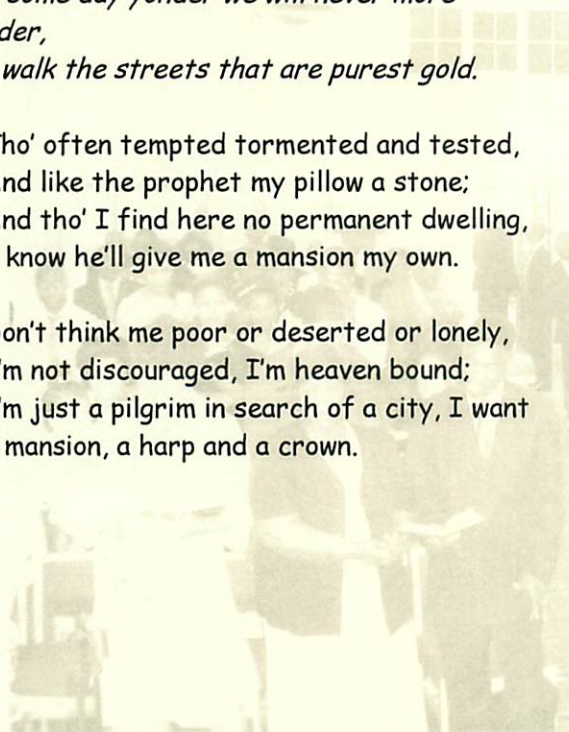
2. Your Grace and Mercy

1. Thank you for saving a sinner like me,
To tell the world salvation is free;
There were times when I did not do right;
But you watched over me all day and night

Refrain

*Your grace and mercy brought me through
I'm living this moment because of you'
I want to thank you and praise you too
Your grace and mercy brought me through.*

2. Justice demanded that I should die
But grace and mercy said on no, oh no no'
We have already paid the price
I once was blind but thank God now I can see
For grace and mercy came along and rescued
me.



THEME SONG

WE'VE COME THIS FAR BY FAITH

*We've come this far by faith, Leaning on the Lord;
Trusting in his Holy Word,
He's never failed us yet; He never will.
Oh, we won't turn back, We've come this far by faith.*

SONGS OF CELEBRATION

DIVINE SERVICE RESPONSES

1. There's a Sweet Sweet Spirit

There's a sweet sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.
Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet Heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love,
And for these blessing we lift our hearts in
praise.

Without a doubt we'll know that we have been
revived, when we shall leave this place.

3. Shower Me With Your Love

Shower me with your Love oh Lord,
Shower me with your love,
Shower me with your Love oh Lord,
Shower me, with your Holy Love.

2. Long Ago the Children Sang a Song

Long ago the children sang a song,
Of praise to Jesus as he rode a long,
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest
Happy songs, happy songs, let the children sing
their happy, happy songs
Happy songs, happy songs, Jesus loves to hear
our songs

4. We Bring a Sacrifice of Praise

We bring a sacrifice of praise into the house of
the Lord.
We bring a sacrifice of praise into the house of
the lord
And we offer up to you our sacrifices of
thanksgiving
And we offer up to you our sacrifices of praise.

SONGS OF CELEBRATION

DIVINE SERVICE SINGSPARATION

1. *Glory, Glory*

Glory, glory, hallelujah, since I lay my burdens down;
glory, glory, hallelujah, since I lay my burdens down.

Burdens down Lord, burdens down Lord...
Friends don't treat me, like they used too...
I feel better, so much better...

3. *Marching to Zion (422)*

1. Come we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
Join in a song with sweet accord,
Join in a song with sweet accord,
And thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.

Refrain

*We're marching to Zion, Beautiful, beautiful
Zion' We're marching upward to Zion, the
beautiful city of God*

2. Let those refuse to sing, who never knew our God;
But children of the heavenly King, but children of the heavenly King;
May speak their joys abroad, may speak their joys abroad.
3. The hill of Zion yields, a thousand scared sweets;
Before we reach the heavenly fields, before we reach the heavenly fields;
Or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets.
4. Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry;
We're marching through Emmanuel's ground, we're marching through Emmanuel's ground
To fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high.

2. *It Only takes a Spark*

It only takes a spark, to get a fire going;
And soon all those around, can warm up in its glowing;
that's how it is with God's love, once you experienced it,
you want to sing, its fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.

I wish for you my friend this happiness that I found

You can depend on him, it matters not where you're bound

I'll shout it from the mountaintop, I want the world to know,
the Lord of Love, has come to me; I want to pass it on.

4. *What A Fellowship (469)*

1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

*Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

2. O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.
3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

SONGS OF CELEBRATION

DIVINE SERVICE SINGSPIRATION

5. I Will Sing of Jesus' Love (183)

1. I will sing, of Jesus' love, Sing of him, who first loved me; For He left bright worlds above, And died on Calvary.

Refrain

I will sing of Jesus' love, Endless praise, my heart shall give; He has died, that I might live; I will sing His love to me.

2. O the depths, of love divine, Earth or heaven, can never know; How that sins, as dark as mine; Can be made as white as snow.
3. Nothing good, for Him I've done' How could He, such love bestow, Lord I own, my heart is won; help me now my love to show.

7. He Lives (251)

1. I serve a risen Saviour, He's in the world today; I know that he is living, whatever men may say; I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer, And just he time I need Him, he's always near.

Refrain

*He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and he talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives?
He lives within my heart.*

2. In all the world around me I see His loving care, And tho' my heart grows weary, I never will despair; I know that He is leading thru all the stormy blast, The day of His appearing will come at last.
3. Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, life up your voice and sing; Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King! The hope of all who seek Him, the help of all who find, None other is so loving, so good and kind.

6. Tis Love

Tis love, tis love, tis love that makes the world go round
Tis love, tis love, tis love that makes the world go round
Tis love, tis love, tis love that makes the world go round, Tis love that makes the world go.
Its you, its me.....
God's love is free, so pass it onto everyone...

8. To God Be the Glory (341)

1. To God be the glory, great things he has done; So love He the world that he gave us His Son, Who yielded his life an atonement for sin, And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Refrain

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice;
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.*

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood; To every believer the promise of God; The vilest offender who truly believes, That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.
3. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son' but purer, and higher, and greater will be, Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

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WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

'We have come this far by faith' but the question is where do we go from here? As we look forward to the future it may seem dark and foreboding, but we must be resolved to go on, for God is with us. The same God who has preserved this church for the past 40 years will preserve it into the future, but we must be determined to go on. Never give up, never give in, never step out of line for Jesus is about to come. Where do we go from here? Next stop heaven, next celebration glory. Plan to be there, for 'we have come this far by faith' and we can't turn back now. See you there!

Dr Richard de Lisser