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STRONG ARAB SUPPORT FOR NEW TV CHANNEL  [Amir Ghali/tedNEWS/BUC News]

While political and social unrest buffets much of the Middle East and North Africa, another force appears to be making an impact on the hearts and minds of the Arab speaking world. Running on the same satellite as Hope Channel Europe, Arabic programmes from the Al Waad Media Centre in Beirut, Lebanon have witnessed an extraordinary phenomenon shortly after the launch of their broadcast. While the Audience Relations department has witnessed a surge in the number of received emails and hits on the Al Waad website, something even more unexpected is taking place.

Viewers have become so excited about this new Christian channel that many of them have started promoting the Al Waad Channel on their own websites. "To my utter surprise I found so many other websites that have watched Al Waad on TV and are promoting it on their own websites. They've put pictures of the broadcast, made links to our website, posted the frequency of how to find Al Waad, and wrote recommendations about the content of this channel," says Tawfik Megally, Audience Relations Manager at the Al Waad Media Centre.

The websites that are encouraging people to watch Al Waad are non-Adventist, some of them are Coptic Orthodox, but mostly they are hosted by Muslim individuals. "I was amazed that the launch of Al Waad has made such an impact here in the Middle East. Al Waad is being shared by word of mouth, by various websites, by church members, by email, and more," states Megally.

The Middle East and North Africa are experiencing an unprecedented time of change. The waves of freedom are
wearing over the entire region. It seems that the time may be ripe for the Adventist Church to share its message of hope with the people of the Arab world.

**ADRA RESTRUCTURING WILL NOT AFFECT UK OPERATIONS** [Bert Smit, CEO ADRA-UK/BUC News]

Returning earlier this week from a visit to Nepal, Bert Smit, CEO of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency, ADRA-UK, reports that changes and restructuring at ADRA International in Washington DC will not affect the humanitarian and development work of ADRA-UK.

Confronted by a decline in current and projected revenue from public sources, the ADRA International Administrative Committee has reduced the workforce at its international headquarters by 20 percent and has undertaken corporate-wide restructuring.

This difficult decision to reduce the number of professional, dedicated ADRA staff came after a close review of the agency's current and projected financial situation. These projections indicated that expenses, if not modified, would exceed the budget allocation for administrative costs. All departments have been affected by the reduction in staff. In total, 17 positions were eliminated and transition packages were offered to exiting employees. The restructuring of ADRA's headquarters office will ensure that the agency is positioned to more effectively and efficiently meet the needs of its network and partners, while continuing to serve those in poverty and despair.

ADRA is, however, a loose network and the changes at ADRA International will not affect the projects that ADRA implementing and donor offices operate worldwide. Offices like ADRA-UK develop and implement projects without any input or control from ADRA International. These projects attract funding from either the European Commission and/or local governments, not from ADRA-I. The planning bureau at ADRA-I exists to attract funding from the US government.

The project Bert visited in Nepal is a case in point, co-funded as it is with the European Commission. In a forgotten part of the hills region ADRA is working to help 4,000 young adults rebuild their lives. Affected by a 10-year standoff and sometimes violent conflict between Maoist rebels and government forces, these children who are now young adults were denied education and a chance of a decent life. Amidst the exploitation, fear and uncertainty many lost all hope. In providing life skills education, counselling, literacy and vocational training ADRA is now providing the opportunity these youth are waiting for.

A portion of the funds raised with the Annual Appeal that starts at the end of this month will benefit this project.

The change in development funding announced by the UK government's International Development Secretary, Andrew Mitchell, is also in line with the ADRA-UK strategic plan – focusing primarily on countries with the greatest need. ADRA-UK, will continue to help people in need, financially supported by our UK donor base, Annual Appeal income and funding from governmental donors. The changes at ADRA-I will therefore not affect our work.

More information on the ADRA-I restructuring is available on the ADRA-I website. The ADRA-UK website has the latest news on projects and initiatives being run from this country.
Between Sabbath 5 and Sabbath 12 February, the Personal Ministries department of Holloway Seventh-day Adventist church conducted a week-long campaign entitled: Reach Out and Touch, a campaign focusing on ways to improve relationships with each other, married or single. The preacher for the week was Donald Yearwood, an active member of Leytonstone church who is preparing for ministry at Newbold College. Yearwood is a man of passion and determination as evidenced by his preaching style.

Whilst preaching from the word of the Lord he made sure that everyone was fully engaged and interested in what he had to say, the catch phrase that he used the most to emphasise his points was "...and I ain't taking it back". I am sure that most of us are glad that he did not take his words back. Why? Because he spoke truth that was necessary for our time!

That certainly made an impression on one of the youth. Nola Hopkins said, "As an 18-year-old I am constantly surrounded by such powerful negative influences. The Bible teaches that this world has nothing to offer me, but 'my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.'"

Pastor Richard Holder led mini prayer sessions each night where the congregation got together in groups of twos and threes and shared testimonies with each other. After every sermon was preached there was an appeal for those who wanted to give their lives to Jesus Christ. Many people either stood up or bravely came to the front!

Donald spoke on topics such as "Never give up", "Who Let the Dogs Out?", "Sugar Plum Where You Come From?", "Hugging Up The Wrong Man", "Ear Rings, Nose Rings, Tongue Rings What Next?", "How to Put the Honey Back In the Honeymoon", "Sweetheart You Got To Go", and "Get It Together or Leave It Alone". They were meaningful and empowering messages that reached out and touched every individual. Nola adds, "All in all, this message spoke to me. It confirmed my faith and how much I believe that I am in this church for a reason. Our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, and so we should treat our bodies how God would want us to treat it."

Holloway church would like to thank Donald Yearwood for taking the time out of his busy schedule to preach in the week of revival. Donald is focusing on the ministerial training he began some time ago at Caribbean Union College. After a break where he worked in the Banking Sector he now feels once again the call of the Lord which sees him currently preparing himself for a life in full-time ministry.

The Songwriters' Retreat organised by Dr Diana Sinclair, NEC Music Advisor and Paul Lee, SEC Music Coordinator, was an excellent session of inspiration, enlightenment and empowerment. Although, it was hoped that more people would be present to take advantage of the weekend, 25 – 27 February, the Lord brought the right group of people and skills together and a great deal was accomplished in a very short time.

Particularly impressive was the collaborative approach to songwriting and the spirit of openness and agreement with which the Holy Spirit was able to bring together the composition of the 'Revival Song', based on the theme for Camp Meeting: Revival and Reformation. Workshops over the weekend challenged writers to delve into The Word and also to analyse, assess and improve their own work. As one of the attendees said, "It was refreshing how the Bible was shown to be a vault of inspiration, with endless songs yet waiting to
be written: I have seen the book of Psalms in a new light!" Another added, "I have seen how awesome and 'creative' God is, through the beauty and music within His word."

The learning experience of the weekend has continued since participants have returned home. One stated, "Everyone was so supportive of each other's work and very encouraging. There was so much to take in and yet still so much to learn – I would have enjoyed a whole week! Since returning home, my mind feels like a dynamite of songs waiting to explode and I've consciously taken on board the different structures and forms' that we have learnt. I enjoyed the friendship, the fellowship and the creative minds that we all shared. What a spiritual blessing! All I can say is, 'when's the next retreat!'"

The Revival Song will be posted online on the [NEC website](http://www.nec.org.uk) by the end of March. Songwriters interested in further meetings and opportunities to share their work should contact <SDASongWriter@me.com>.

HEALING AND TRUST FROM 'CRAZY' WEEKEND [Kwabena Adjei-Owusu]

At Kennington Community Fellowship's annual Hill House Retreat, the seminars and workshops, the annual men vs women Dog and Bone competition and anointing service are usually enough to make the experience a wholesome and memorable one. However, something much deeper and much more spiritual occurred this year. The experience is best explained by KCF Pastor Paul King-Brown, who saw it fit to send a text to those not present, explaining the outpouring of love that ensued by phone, text, Facebook, and Twitter, between members and friends over the days that followed the retreat.

"At Hill House a great experience took place. You may think we are crazy on Sabbath. You may ask, 'What is going on?' Well, we confessed our sins, opened our hearts, told our hurts. We cried and hurt together for 3 hours. But in this came amazing awesome healing. Hill House was the healing place. The Holy Spirit bound our wounds, and we started to trust each other sincerely this time, once more. God is so good."

He adds, "if you were not at Hill House, you now know that we are not crazy, we have simply been touched by an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. And I thank God that He ordained this healing process for our church. And so you will hear people saying, "I love you" a lot more. Don't be alarmed, this is simply what happens when we allow the Holy Spirit to take over."

Over a hundred people, including the Pathfinders, gathered together for the retreat, which occurred from Thursday 24 to Sunday 27 February at Hill House Christian Centre, Bridgwater, Somerset. Over the four-day period, both members and non-members of KCF got to know each other better, and drew closer to God. The theme of "A Purpose Driven Church", was led by Professor Gifford Rhamie of Newbold College, a regular speaker at the KCF retreats who this year spent his birthday with us. Pastor Leslie Ackie, SEC Family Ministries director, also presented on the topics "The Power of Emotions", "How to Improve Emotional Intelligence" and "Managing Anger and Conflict Resolution".

Many thanks go to the Hill House Christian Centre staff, the KCF Hill House retreat organisers, the caterers, the Pathfinder team and the main speakers, who all helped make Hill House 2011 an amazing experience for all that were present. For pictures and more details of the KCF Hill House Retreat, visit [www.kenningtonlife.com](http://www.kenningtonlife.com). A short video report of the weekend will be available by Friday lunch-time.
REVIVAL, REVERSAL AND CHANGE AT SWANSEA CHURCH [Lily Kidwell]

It is all change at Swansea! A new service order, a different building and an increase of Sabbath afternoon outreach has all the makings of a mini revival. Pastor Jovan Adamović recently introduced a different order to our worship services on alternate Sabbaths. Every second week the morning starts with divine service. It is then followed by song service and the Bible study session, or Sabbath School. This new arrangement is intended to give churchgoers a change from the traditional way of doing things. Food is important and each Sabbath morning concludes with a mini pot luck fellowship lunch!

Our stay at Holy Trinity church is helping to give us a broader spiritual experience. We are very grateful to this church organization for accommodating us temporarily while we are waiting for our church to be rebuilt, though the limited time we have does mean that we can't have our usual afternoon programmes. A positive benefit of this is that our members are using this time to reach out into the community more. One Sabbath our young people conducted a ‘Kidz Time’ programme at the community centre whilst the other members went to sing at a local nursing home. It is really good to be close to the Parkway Nursing Home because we can now visit the residents more often. It is really inspiring to see the elderly people joining us in singing hymns and even requesting their favourites, like ‘Amazing Grace’.

On Sabbath 26 February many of our members went two by two to distribute leaflets whilst others stayed at the church for Bible study, prayer and discussion. The same day some of the youth joined in with groups from other churches and went to the Liberty Stadium to collect money and raise funds for Marie Curie Cancer Care. Our youth have been involved with young people from other churches since the beginning of our ‘Afterglow programmes’. These contemporary meetings vary considerably in style and location, with some being held at the Ty Tawe Centre. Sports evenings are arranged during the week ensuring that there are a good variety of activities for the young people.

The church family is equally involved in an ongoing ministry to ‘displaced people’ in Swansea while our health team is intensely preparing for the next CHIP health improvement programme.

A recent preacher spoke about how we as a church need to be out in the community helping to make a difference in the lives of others. Our prayer is that the Swansea church will continue to be instrumental in God's work.

LIFECONECT – A DYNAMIC SOLUTION FOR A DIGITAL AGE

With over one third of leisure time now being spent online, a BUC/TED initiative aims to place the gospel at the crossroads of society. With LifeConnect, a small army of dedicated Digital Missionaries (DM) will be trained to interface with interested contacts or casual observers.

Under the guidance of a Web-Pastor at the Adventist Discovery Centre (ADC) the LifeConnect website can be used to start conversations on topics relevant to the communities in which we live. The DMs, using their media skills, can create eye-catching content which in turn will be uploaded to the LifeConnect website and other social media sites. In addition the LifeConnect website already hosts articles and interactive media on topical subjects, responses to which will be monitored and followed up.
ADC Principal, Pastor Des Rafferty states, "We are currently looking to recruit a team of DM volunteers who will donate small quantities of time to making this interface a vibrant and dynamic place for questions and dialogue. Over two days in early April we will worship, fellowship, dialogue, receive hands-on training using content creation tools, discover the discipleship pathway for internet contacts and much more."

If you are interested in getting involved, skilled in online media production or keen to learn how to be an effective Digital Missionary then you are invited to the launch of LifeConnect in the BUC.

To register your interest for this exciting initiative call the ADC on +44 01923 672606 or email Pastors Des Rafferty <drafferty@adventist.org.uk> or Andrew Willis <awillis@adventist.org.uk>. The event will run Sabbath 2 and Sunday 3 April at the BUC office, Stanborough Park, Watford, WD25 9JZ.

DELEGATE LISTINGS NOW ON BUC SESSION WEBSITE  [Eric Lowe]

With many members contacting the Conference and Union offices regarding delegates and related issues we are pleased to inform you that information related to the forthcoming BUC Session is frequently updated on the BUC Session website: <http://www.bucsession.org.uk>. Please visit this site to pick up the latest news regarding the Session process. This week we posted a list of the current delegates from the various constituencies within the BUC along with the names which had been chosen by their respective caucuses for the Recommendations Committee.

Also book your diary for Sabbath, 2 July. Prior to the Union Session on Sunday 3 July, a Grand Day of Fellowship will be held with guest speakers, music, testimony, and an overview of how God has led His church during the last five years.

CLOSURE OF OLD ONLINE CRB DISCLOSURE APPLICATION FACILITY

Since the new paperless e-bulk system with Atlantic Data is now up and running successfully a date has been set for the closure of the old online system with the same company. Atlantic Data will stop processing disclosures under the old system on 18 March and so to ensure that sufficient time is given to clear existing applications in the pipeline the old web link on the BUC website will be withdrawn on Friday 11 March 2011. Local church Child Safety Representatives in England and Wales who are having difficulty accessing the new paperless system should contact their local Conference or Mission personnel for further help and information: SEC – Tanya Grant and Pastor Paul Lockham; NEC – Yvonne Weekes and Pastor Paul Haworth; BUC – Judith Willis and Pastor Eric Lowe.

4 MARCH MESSENGER NOW ONLINE

The lead story in the latest Messenger, the official journal of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the UK and Ireland, focuses on Pastor Llew Edwards, former President of the Scottish Mission, and his experiences in Egypt during the recent unrest. The Health Ministries department announces a new initiative for older adults – and one of that generation is greeted with a Lifetime Achievement Award in the centre spread. With the ADRA Annual
Appeal approaching there is also an interview with ADRA-UK CEO, Bert Smit – along with a rich round up of baptisms, community action and local church events. Also note David Bell's tips on taking a good photo. Click here for this week's edition.

THIS WEEK ON THE HOPE CHANNEL

This coming week on 'In Conversation':
Friday 4 March: 8:00 pm: Alexander Douglas – Jazz in a Christian world?
Sabbath 5 March: 12:30 am: Alexander Douglas
Monday 7 March: 9:00 pm: Sophia Nicholls – Negative beginnings but positive outcomes.
Wednesday 9 March: 8:00 am and 8:30 pm: Sophia Nicholls
Friday 11 March: 8:00 pm: Sophia Nicholls
Sabbath 12 March: 12:30 am: Sophia Nicholls

For more on Hope Channel, to re-tune, or to watch online visit <www.hopetv.org.uk>.

COMING EVENTS

For a full listing of coming events visit <www.adventistevents.org.uk>. New events are added on a daily basis.

IGNITE THE SPIRIT. Continuing to Wednesday, 30 March. Come and experience 'Ignite the Spirit' at Hackney Seventh-day Adventist church, 164 Haggerston Road, London, E8 4JA. Time: 7:30 pm. A series of lively special Wednesday night prayer meetings where we will learn God's purpose and intentions for our lives – running every Wednesday, 2 to 30 March. Featuring guest speaker: Ray Patrick. For more info contact: Patricia Campbell, 07946 317 891. (Programme sponsored by the Hackney Personal Ministries department). Contact: Pastor Chitura <s.chitura@btinternet.com>. Phone: 07956013615.

THE HEAVENS DECLARE. Continuing to Thursday, 31 March. Popular talks about the universe with lessons about God's character and dealings with mankind drawn from planets, stars, and galaxies. Every Thursday evening at 7:30 pm at the Coleraine Seventh-day Adventist Church, Ratheane Avenue, Mountsandel, Coleraine. Speaker: Pastor Dr Mart de Groot, a former director of the Armagh Observatory. Contact: Mart de Groot <mart.degroot@gmail.com>. Phone: 02838 871252.

MARY MCFARLANE, PREACHING AT HAMPSTEAD CHURCH. Sabbath, 5 March. Mary McFarlane preaches at Hampstead church this Sabbath for International Women's Day of Prayer. Hampstead church's Women's Ministries department invites you to join us for our worship service this Sabbath at 11:15 am. Mary McFarlane is a noted consultant on discipleship and spirituality, especially from a woman's perspective. Contact: June Cummings <june.cummings@btinternet.com>. Phone: 07927 016724.

YOUTH WEEK OF PRAYER (HOPE COMMUNITY BECKENHAM). Sabbath, 5 March to Sabbath, 12 March. Guest speaker: Andrew Fuller who will join us for the week. There will be a Youth Day on 12 March which will include a fellowship lunch, praise and reflection service and a social. All are welcome. Venue: The Pabya Centre, 56 Churchfields Road, Beckenham, Kent, BR3 4QW. Contact: Deslyne Roberts <deslynner@hotmail.com>. Phone: 07961 814 871.

PRAYER & REFLECTION: "THE HOLY SPIRIT". Sabbath, 5 March. Sometimes life is so busy that it is hard to find the time to slow down, talk with God and dwell on what is important in life. Every month at Stanborough Park church we set aside time to do that. Through worship, a short talk, and creative prayer activities we spend time in prayer, either alone or with others. You are very welcome to join us from 3:30-4:30 pm and be a part of this quiet time. This programme is entitled:
"The Holy Spirit" and will commence on 5 March. Contact: Stanborough Park church pastor <wishingyoujoy@ntlworld.com>. Phone: 01923 894 664.

COUNTDOWN TO THE END SEMINAR. Saturday, 5 March to Saturday, 19 March. You are invited to attend the "Countdown to the End Seminar" with Pastor Shian O'Connor from the Cayman Islands and Stephanie Johnson (Singing Evangelist) from the USA. 5 - 19 March at 7:00 pm nightly (except Thursdays). Venue: Greenwich Adventist church, Devonshire Drive, Greenwich, London, SE10 8JZ. Contact: Timon <info@greenwichadventist.org.uk>. Phone: 07944351801.

SPECIALY FOR WOMEN ~ TRAINING DAY DOMESTIC ABUSE. Sunday, 6 March. As part of the EnditNow campaign, this training day includes such topics as 'Finding out about domestic abuse', 'Patterns of abuse', 'Listening to Victim's voices', and includes discussion about what we can do about it. To be held at Dundee Adventist church from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Lunch will be provided – please let us know how many are coming from your church. Contact the Scottish Mission office: Mrs C Peacock <office@sdascotland.com>. Phone: 01764 653257.

JUMBLE SALE AT STANBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL. Sunday, 6 March. Jumble Sale at Stanborough Primary and Nursery School: 12 noon – 2:00 pm, at Appletree Walk, Watford, WD25 0DQ, with profits going to fund the new all-weather surface of the school's playground. You will find bargains for the whole family at our stalls: books, clothes, china, cakes, children's toys and excellent value cafe lunches. Come early to get the best deals! Contact: Helia Mateus <helia.mateus@gmail.com>. Phone: 07702408994.

DEVELOPING CULTURES OF TRUST. Tuesday, 8 March. The March Diversity Seminar at Newbold College investigates 'Developing Cultures of Trust'. Lecturer: Victor Pilmoor, Treasurer for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the UK & Ireland. Date: Tuesday 8 March. Place: Salisbury Hall, Newbold College, RG42 4AN. Time: 7:30 pm. Everyone welcome. Refreshments served. Contact: Helen Pearson <hpearson@newbold.ac.uk>. Phone: 01344-407580.

DISCIPLESHIP SMALL GROUP TRAINING. Friday, 11 March to Sunday, 20 March. Need some intensive training on how to lead Small Groups, LIFEdevelopment groups, Study groups or Discipleship groups? Then come to Watford in March. Pastor Jonathan Burnett (USA) will conduct this both theoretical and practical training. He comes recommended following a similar BUC training programme at Nottingham University last year. You will not want to miss this innovative approach to Discipleship Groups. Training times: Friday, 11 March 7 - 9 pm. Sabbath, 12 March 9:45 am - 11:00 am; 11:15 am - 12:15 pm, (sermon); 5 - 7 pm. Sunday, 13 March 2 - 6 pm. Wednesday, 16 March 7 - 9 pm. Friday, 18 March 7 - 9 pm. Sabbath, 19 March 9:45 am - 11:00 am; 11:15 am - 12:15 pm (sermon). Sunday, 20 March 10 am - 12 pm. Venue: Watford Town Adventist Church, 187 Leavensden Road, North Watford, WD24 5EG. For more information contact: <ebrooks@adventist.org.uk> or Jonathan Barrett on 01923 490110.

THIS TIME IT'S 4REAL @ HAMPSTEAD CHURCH. Sabbath, 12 March to Sabbath, 26 March. This Time, It's 4Real, Youth Revival series and Week of Prayer at Hampstead church, with Micah Campbell. Starting 11:15 am Sabbath morning, and continuing 4:30 pm that same afternoon, as well as for the following two weekends (Fri 7:00 pm, Sat 4:30 pm, Sun 6:30 pm) to 26 March. Seldom-told truths about what young people are really looking for will be shared. But mostly, you'll be encouraged by the power of God's love and His ability to transform lives in awesome ways. Hampstead Seventh-day Adventist Church, 66 Haverstock Hill, London, NW3 2BE; Tel.: 020 7482 5022; hampsteadsda@gmail.com. Contact: Sandra Joseph <sannijo70@aol.com>. Phone: 07956 510964.

LIVE: ST AUSTELL PRESENTS - PHILIPPA HANNA. Saturday, 12 March. Philippa Hanna is an amazing singer/song writer from Sheffield from an extremely musical family with the success of her cousins (Richard and Danny from Embrace) and her brother Stuart (bassist for Jamiroquai, Mark Ronson). Philippa has a hard act to follow; however she is winning fans and making friends all over the globe. It is with great delight that LIVE: St Austell has managed to get her down to Cornwall once again to bless us with her talented music. Start time: 5:30 pm, Ticket prices: £3, Running time: 2

hours. Address: The Keay Theatre, Tregonissey Road, St Austell, Cornwall, PL25 4DJ. Contact: Steven Hulbert (SteveO) <happytobebeans@yahoo.co.uk>. Phone: 07772582133.

PUPPET MINISTRY WORKSHOP (FEATURING ANETTE MOORE). Sunday, 13 March. Get hands-on experience of puppetry, including basic and some advance puppet manipulation skills, starting and resourcing your puppet ministry, and more. Full details on the web. Registration fee (non-refundable): £5 until 3 March or £8 thereafter. Workshop 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Registration from 9:30 am. Lunch and refreshments provided. Venue: Willesden Adventist Church, Corner Glebe Road/Pound Lane, London, NW10 2JD. Contact: Yvonne Cummins <evesancum@yahoo.co.uk>. Phone: 07904906204.

SABBATH SCHOOL TRAINING WORKSHOP. Sunday, 13 March. A workshop for Area 6D Sabbath School leaders and teachers. Learn how to revitalize your Sabbath School with best teaching methods and practices. Sunday, 13 March 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at Chiswick church. This is open to all Sabbath School leaders and teachers in Area 6D. Registration is not required. Contact: Terry Messenger <tmessenger@secadventist.org.uk>. Phone: 01923 232728.

CORE SKILLS TRAINING PART 2. Sunday, 13 March. Children's Ministries Core Skills Training session part 2 to be held at Dundee Adventist church – all day event 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Let Carole know at the Scottish Mission office if you plan to attend. Lunch provided. Contact: Carole Barratt-Peacock <office@sdascotland.com>. Phone: 01764 653257.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF BUC OFFICE. Sunday, 13 March. The official opening of the new BUC office, Stanborough Park, Watford, WD25 9JZ will take place on Sunday, 13 March 2011 with a service of Appreciation and Thanksgiving at the Stanborough Park church followed by a ribbon cutting ceremony at the new building. The President of the World Headquarters for the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Pastor Ted Wilson, will be a special guest on the day. Contact: Jacquei Johnson <jjohnson@adventist.org.uk>. Phone: 01923 672251.

"ARCHAEOLOGY CONFIRMS THE BIBLE". Sabbath, 19 March to Sunday, 27 March. The writings of the Bible have long been considered by some as fables and myths and so deemed untrustworthy. For some critics, if you cannot prove something with empirical evidence, it is not to be taken seriously. As we'll see in the presentations by Dr Dragomir Obradovic, the authenticity of the Bible is supported by empirical, archaeological evidence. Come and bring your friends to these free presentations: Sabbath 19 March at 10:30 am; 15:00-17:00 pm. Friday 25 March 19:00 pm, Sabbath 26 March 10:30 am, Sunday 11:00 am guided tour of the British Museum related to the presentations. Contact: Pastor Vladi <pastor@centrallondonchurch.org>.

NEC SABBATH SCHOOL RETREAT. Sabbath, 19 March to Sunday, 20 March. Theme: 'Let the People Know'. Presenters: Beulah Plunkett (NEC Sabbath School director) and Pastor Ian Sweeney (NEC President). Venue: Premier Yew Lodge Hotel (33 Packington Hill, Kegworth, Derby, Derbyshire, DE74 2DF). Start time: 9:30 am (Sabbath); 8:30 am(Sunday). Delegate rates: Single Room – £92.00 per person, Twin Room – £82.00 per person, Sabbath Day Delegate – £45.00 per person (includes lunch and supper), Sunday Day Delegate – £20.50 per person (includes lunch). To make bookings please book online: http://northenglandconference.eventwax.com/sabbath-school-retreat or call Orlene Dunkley on 0115 960 6312. Email <odunkley@necadventist.org.uk>. Contact: Beulah Plunkett <bplunkett@necadventist.org.uk>. Phone: 01159606312.

YOUTH WEEK OF PRAYER (FULHAM). Saturday, 19 March to Saturday, 26 March. 19-26 March will be our "Youth Week of Prayer". Our dynamic and inspirational speaker will be Donald Yearwood. Venue: Fulham Adventist church, 259 Lillie Road, Fulham, London, SW6 7LL. Contact: Adelina <adie3000@yahoo.com>. Phone: 07903222002.

THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL. Saturday, 19 March. An evening of fellowship part 1; London Adventist Mission to Kenya Fundraiser: 7 preachers... 7 acts... 1 programme... 1 message... 5 minutes each. Never been done before, a programme like no other. Keynote speaker: Pastor Don McFarlane. Venue: Brixton Adventist church; Theme: The Power of the Gospel; Time: 1900. Date: 19 March.
THE EXCHANGE. Saturday, 19 March. The Exchange: Death = Life. For He died the death You should have died for You to live the life He should have lived! Join Holloway Youth department in association with the Area 6A Youth team for both the launch of the Youth Week of Prayer and Area 6A open day with Prayer, Drama, Music, Spoken Word, Poetry and more. More details on the web. Contact: Racheal Cuffie <racheal.n.cuffie@hotmail.co.uk>. Phone: 07581268715.

LOVE SAX AND ALL THAT JAZZ (RETURNS 2 SHEFFIELD). Saturday, 19 March. Love Sax and all that Jazz returns to Sheffield with a performance in memory of Keisha Ferrigon "Gone but not forgotten". Keisha who was a friend and sister of the cast and crew of LSJ was passionate about God, her husband, family, people and life. Proceeds from the show will go towards setting up a foundation trust in Keisha's honour. Montgomery Theatre, Sheffield, Surrey Street, Sheffield, S1 2LG. Sat 19 Mar, 7:30 pm, doors 7:00 pm. Tickets: £12.50 Adv and £15 at the door. Available at: CLC 103 West St, Sheffield, S1 4EG - 0114 272 4663 - Sadacca 48 The Wicker, S3 8JB - 0114 275 3479 - more info: 07989 574 066. Contact: Alan <focusarts@yahoo.co.uk>. Phone: 07989 574 66.

INTEREST COORDINATORS’ WORKSHOP. Sunday, 20 March. Training for all Interest Coordinators, Sunday 20 March from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at The Advent Centre. Lunch will be provided. This is open to all Interest Coordinators. Registration required but the cost is free. Contact the SEC PM department for a registration form. Contact: Terry Messenger <tmessenger@secadventist.org.uk>. Phone: 01923 232728.

SMALL ADS

WEB DESIGN/MAINTENANCE AND IT SUPPORT. Person required to provide maternity cover for the BUC office and Adventist Discovery Centre. Applications by 8 April. SECRETARY required for SEC Youth department. 30 March deadline. For full details visit our <job vacancies page>.

The I-CHANGE YOUTH CONGRESS is fast approaching! There is still time to register and we've made it easy for you! Just click on this link to register: <www.adventistyouth.org.uk/congress>. Please note that the fee is now £60. But don't let that discourage you. Register today!

YOUTH WEEK OF PRAYER – READING DELAY. There is a slight delay on the Youth Week of Prayer brochures. Do not worry; you should have them in your local churches from Sabbath, 12 March. If you are eager to dive into the study you can download an electronic copy according to your age group from <www.adventistyouth.org.uk>.

HOUSE NEEDED. Omar Eduardo Aguirre of the Filipino International church is looking for a house to rent, for a family of four including two very well behaved girls aged 10 and 12. They live in London (Hanger Lane, Ealing – zone 3) and are looking for a place anywhere in zones 1 to 5. If you can help contact Omar on 077 5415 4371 or email <find.omar@yahoo.com> or Ester on 075 5480 2458.

JAPAN URGENTLY NEEDS THREE VOLUNTEER PASTORS. One fluent in English/Spanish and another one fluent in Portuguese. If you are interested please visit <www.adventistvolunteers.org> for more information and an application form. The reference numbers for the positions are: Spanish/English - NSD.TIC.2011.01; Portuguese - NSD.JUC.2011.01; International Church - English - NSD.OIC.2011.01. Please contact Karen Plaatjes <kplaatjes@ted-adventist.org> with any questions.

 Beckton Maranatha needs a pianist. Beckton Maranatha is a church known for its strong music, but unfortunately we lack a resident pianist. We are now seeking a volunteer to come and help us improve our music experience. You will need to worship from Beckton (East London)
every Sabbath and help us with choir practice. If this is you, please contact Rachel Nabudde at r.nabudde@b2si.co.uk.

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