In a Sunday morning interview on 13 March, Seventh-day Adventist World Church President, Pastor Ted Wilson, laid out his vision for the Church in the UK and Ireland with BUC Communication director, Victor Hulbert. After the previous intensive but exciting day when he met up with church members in Watford and North London, he indicated that he saw this as an important part of his role, "being able to interact and gain strength from our common belief and faith in Jesus Christ, understanding His Word and how that is to be interpreted in our lives in a very practical way." He expressed his delight that he saw so many young people responding positively to his vision. The interview then highlights Pastor Wilson's passions and interests, and his desire for the Gospel to make a real impact in these islands.

Reflecting on the office rebuild he stated that this must not be "just a building but a nerve centre for Christ-centred and compassionate service." During the interview he talked about issues of diversity. "I think one of the most important things for Seventh-day Adventists is to understand how they are to relate to everyone," he stated adding, "We need to be walking, living letters from God." He also endorsed 'radical' evangelism as long as we are doing it for Christ.

Within the current church debate, he spoke on how we should treat those who may have a different point of view to the one we hold. "If we are truly being driven by a relationship with Christ and by His grace in our lives... we're going to treat each other, regardless of our opinions, with dignity, with true love."
In an impassioned plea to members Pastor Wilson urged them to keep a secure hold on truth, particularly in the current, secularised society that seemingly doesn't care about religious things. "When you scratch the surface and really get down into a person's thinking, everyone has a great need for God."

The full interview, including footage from the Sabbath services and the Rededication of the BUC office can be seen on the Hope TV-UK website. An audio version is also available.

'A PERFECT DAY' AT BUC OFFICE OFFICIAL OPENING

Just two years and four months following a devastating fire at the British Union Conference offices in Watford, England, General Conference President, Pastor Ted Wilson was able to stand outside the doors of the rebuilt office on Sunday, 13 March and cut the ribbon – to the applause of several hundred guests who had gathered from as far away as Scotland and Ireland for the occasion.

Pastor Wilson reflected on the experience of the 12 spies exploring the Promised Land, the negativism of ten balanced by the positive nature of Caleb and Joshua. It would have been easy to be discouraged by the burnt out shell of a building, but using the 'glass half full' principle he exhorted the congregation – and those who work in the office, to look to the positive as they use the resources of the office to share the Adventist message more fully in the British Isles.

Architects, builders and planners all had their part of the story to tell, but Watford Town Councillor, Alan Burtenshaw summed it up in commenting that the new building had blended the best of the old with a new modern style that, as BUC Treasurer, Victor Pilmoor, stated, demonstrated "the roundedness of the Adventist faith, drew one's eyes up towards heaven, and opened up the vista of the 'Eden' that is the Stanborough Park estate".

"It was a perfect day," reflected Audrey Balderstone, an active member of the Watford community. She was not referring to the weather, which at times was wet and overcast, but to the exhortation from Pastor Wilson, the uplifting music of the Adventist Vocal Ensemble, the history of the work of the Church in the British Isles, and the rededication of the BUC office.

BUC President, Pastor Don McFarlane stated his delight that the rebuild process has produced an office fit to serve the needs of a 21st century church. "The challenge for us who work in the office now is to make it, not merely a pleasant workplace," he said, "but a place where God is impacting the lives of church leaders and where we allow the Holy Spirit to take plans and ideas and make them into living experiences for God's glory."

Photos, the programme and a video recording of the service are available in the BUC picture gallery.
With news of Japan's most devastating earthquake and tsunami very much in the minds of church members there was a somewhat sombre atmosphere at Stanborough Park church on Sabbath, 12 March. With large crowds expected to hear a message from World Church President, Pastor Ted Wilson, many came early and halls and anti-rooms were set up to relay his important message for Adventists in the British Isles.

Those crowds discovered a very personable President. Joining in an interactive Sabbath School class, taking as much time as necessary to listen and share with members, and specifically sharing the pain of Stanborough Park member, Johnson Wong, who is grieving the loss of his daughter-in-law as a result of the Christchurch earthquake, Pastor Wilson came across as warm and caring.

During his sermon he described the fragile state of the world's economy, the growing inability of political powers to control or influence world events, turmoil in the Middle East, and the tragic events caused by natural disasters in New Zealand and Japan. In such a world as this Pastor Wilson emphasised the centrality of the Church's global mission: to spread the good news about Jesus and His soon return – this 'Blessed Hope'. He reminded his listeners of their personal responsibility to spread the word in Britain's secular society by living Christian lives, illustrating the point by referring to the words of a hymn sung that morning at the close of Sabbath School – Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Hold o'er my being Absolute sway! Fill with Thy Spirit Till all shall see Christ only, always, Living in me!

Pastor Wilson believes in the name Seventh-day Adventist. "Every time you say the name," he stressed, "you preach a mini-sermon." He then went on to develop his theme, taken from Joel 2:28-32, that emphasised the imminent return of Jesus, the need for Spirit-led revival, and the unique role of the Church to proclaim this message.

Stanborough Park church was but the first of three Sabbath appointments that engaged Pastor Wilson with the British Church family. Following a lunch break he travelled to North London where he met with ministers, sharing with them a message based around Paul's call for preachers to be 'beautiful feet' who share the Good News of the Gospel [Romans 10:13-15]. He told them that "we cannot force revival and reformation, but as pastors we can facilitate the Holy Spirit," adding, "how can our members understand the time in which we are living unless you inform them as their preacher?" Quoting Adventist Church co-founder, Ellen White, he emphasised to the ministers that "a revival of true godliness among us is the greatest of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work." [1 Selected Messages 121]

Moving to the main auditorium in the 'house on the rock' church, Holloway, he then reemphasised his core message to a packed congregation of North Londoners: "I believe with all my heart that Jesus is coming again!" Pastor Wilson stated that he has a great burden for the urban centres of the world, telling members that "God has placed you here for a specific purpose – to live out His life in your life – and let them see Him who is altogether lovely." Basing his message around the feeding of
the 5,000 he reminded listeners that nothing is impossible to God. He said, "Lay your plans to evangelise London at the feet of Jesus reminding them that "God can do great things in London."

In all three venues Pastor Wilson concluded his messages with a call for rededication and an invitation to the congregation to stand and pray together in groups of two. The call was well received. Prayer times had to be extended. Pastor Wilson's first visit to Britain since his election to the post of President of the General Conference in July 2010 is one that made a difference as members were energised and reminded of their priorities.

A picture gallery from the three services, and links to videos of the services can be found in the BUC Picture gallery.

ADRA JAPAN STARTS FEEDING EVACUEES

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is continuing to respond to the devastating tsunami that was triggered by the 9.0 magnitude earthquake that struck Japan on Friday, 11 March. The death toll now stands at over 5,000; but there are more than 8,600 missing and over 370,000 evacuees.

ADRA Assessment teams reached the severely affected city of Sendai in the Miyagi Prefecture within 24 hours after a 7-metre tsunami wave crashed through the city, destroying entire communities. "The damage is so devastating, I have no words left to utter," said Atsushi Suhara, Programme Officer for ADRA Japan after flying over Natori city to assess the level of the damage.

"Getting precise information and the holistic picture of the damages on the ground still remains a challenge," said Hideo Wantanabe, Programme Officer for ADRA Japan, after his initial assessment in the city of Sendai. "However, we are gradually getting clearer pictures of what kind of support and assistance are needed by the people affected."

Working together with local authorities, ADRA Japan was appointed on Wednesday, 16 March to support an Evacuation Centre in Wakabayashi ward in Sendai city, Miyagi Prefecture. This Evacuation Centre is a public junior high school. ADRA Japan is providing hot meals at the Centre where approximately 300 displaced people are living and around 1,000 come to eat. The first truckload of food, non-food supplies, fuel and cooking gas left the ADRA Japan Tokyo office on Wednesday afternoon. These will be the first hot meals for the evacuees who are battling not only with loss but with snow and increasingly cold weather.

Rather than managing the Centre, ADRA Japan will support and fill the "gap" of activities that the Evacuation Centre Committee has already been implementing. Evacuees have been helping each other and ADRA will work alongside them. ADRA Japan's major activity for now will be to serve hot meals to 1,000 people twice a day until the situation allows people to live by themselves.

Electricity, water and gas and gradually being reconnected in some wards and cities in the affected areas but there are many isolated places still awaiting access. Petrol is very scarce in the affected area and in the Tokyo metropolitan area.

The humanitarian situation continues to be exacerbated by reports of hundreds of large aftershocks, the onset of sub-zero temperatures in the heavily affected region of Sendai, and the fear of nuclear fallout from damaged nuclear power plants.
The ADRA Japan office began in 1985 primarily as a funding office for developing nations. Due to the numerous natural disasters that face the nation, ADRA Japan already had an emergency response plan formulated, tested, and in place. This pre-planning allowed staff and volunteers to rush to the affected areas and begin working, and included securing large vehicles to aid in the transportation of relief items from other parts of Japan to the affected areas and the distribution of food and non-food items.

In Japan itself ADRA is receiving generous donations of both cash and relief items. Approximately $US62,000 was received from the famous artist group "DREAMS COME TRUE". Donations are being given to ADRA-UK, ADRA International in the US, and various ADRA offices in Europe, Asia and the Pacific. Your donations will join all these others to provide help and hope to those affected. To help ADRA Japan reach out please make a donation on the ADRA-UK website http://www.adra.org.uk by following the link on the home page. Regular news updates are also available on the site.

LIVE: ST Austell Presents – Philippa Hanna  [Steven Hulbert]

She was feeling lost, unsure of who she was. Trying to fit in with the cooler crowd, she fell into a life of smoking, drink and mixed up relationships. She searched for something spiritual but it was always the wrong place. On Saturday night, 12 March 2011, Philippa Hanna told her story and shared her music at LIVE: St Austell, a church plant focused on reaching a similar generation in Cornwall. She is now a gifted singer/songwriter who has dedicated her life to serving God.

It was a real blessing to have so many people turn up to the Keay Theatre to enjoy the musical talents of Philippa whose life story fitted in perfectly with the theme of LIVE. In between songs she shared her story of 'where she was' and now through Christ how she became 'who she is', sharing some new great songs such as 'Raggedy Doll' and 'I Am Amazing' from her album, 'Out Of The Blue'.

Philippa told how she made friends with a guy she met, Roo Walker. They ended up writing some music together as she sang and he was an amazing guitarist. One day he texted her saying he had found Christ and eventually after seeing the change in him she agreed to go to an event which totally 'weirded her out' as it was so Christian. Despite wanting to get out of there Philippa decided not to run and to see if this Jesus would actually work. From then on her life completely changed.

Roo was, in fact, the supporting artist for the evening's concert. He was hand-picked from over 20,000 entrants by BBC New Talent, and went on to become a finalist in the new songwriters' competition in 2008. Since that time he has been making a name for himself as a gifted and comedic musical performer.

The charity Compassion UK had a stand at the event as Philippa Hanna is an advocate for them. That evening several people took on the responsibility to sponsor a child.

The whole evening was an amazing blessing. God was in that theatre and it provided a great opportunity for people to think about Christ – some for the first time. The LIVE: St Austell team were able to meet with new people from St Austell and around Cornwall who we otherwise may never have known.

The idea behind LIVE: St Austell is that we encourage people to stop going through the motions of life in order to discover life itself. Being intentional in how we live, ideally in the light of God and His will in our lives, is what gives us purpose. Philippa was lost and confused, just going through the motions of life but then she discovered Jesus Christ and now she writes songs because of Him and
encourages others in discovering Him for themselves. God has blessed us all with purpose and it is our choice if we are going to be intentional about following Him or just merely exist in this world. To find out more about LIVE: St Austell visit them on Facebook.

SCOTTISH SONGS OF PRAISE [John Wilby]

There was good reason for "Songs of Praise" at several Scottish churches on Sabbath, 12 March when Newbold College Ladies' Choir stopped over in Edinburgh and Paisley during their Scottish and Irish tour. Under their Director, Sandra Rigby-Barrett, and with members drawn from twelve countries, the choir rendered a repertoire of classical and modern songs of praise.

The highlight of their visit was on Sabbath afternoon when they joined more than 150 members and friends of the Glasgow, Paisley and Faifley congregations. There they witnessed the baptism of five more members of the West of Scotland churches. Cause for praise indeed! See a gallery of pictures at <www.adventistscotland.org>.

BOOKINGS FOR CAMP MEETING 2011 NOW CLOSED [Sam Davis]

Please be aware that we are now totally full and cannot take any more bookings for Camp Meeting, 13-19 June 2011. We are also discouraging members from booking with outside agencies with a view of coming to the site on a daily basis. Because we are full, day visitors cannot be allowed for health and safety reasons. We will not have the capacity in the halls to cope with any additional visitors. We apologise for any disappointment this may cause.

DEATH OF W D (BILL) BEAMISH

It is with sadness that we have received news of the death of W D (Bill) Beamish early on Sunday morning 13 March 2011 aged 72, following a battle with cancer. Bill Beamish gave almost 39 years of denominational service between 1962 and 2001 serving in various treasury roles in the Stanborough Hydro, Liberian Mission, South England Conference and Stanborough School. His final period of service was as Treasurer of the North England Conference from 1988 to 2001.

Bill is survived by his wife Doreen and sons Paul and Michael. The funeral will be held on Wednesday, 23 March at 12:00 midday at Christ Church, Casson Street, Ironville, Notts, NG16 5NN. Flowers from the family only are requested. The family request that donations go toward the hospice where Bill was cared for. If you would like details of how to donate, please contact Michael Beamish by emailing <michael.beamish@tesco.net>. Thank you for remembering Doreen, Paul and Michael and their families in your prayers.

THIS WEEK ON THE HOPE CHANNEL

This coming week on 'In Conversation':
Friday 18 March: 8:00 pm: Michael Lattibadare – God never gave up on him.
Sabbath 19 March: 12:30 am: Michael Lattibadare
Monday 21 March: 9:00 pm: Garth Anthony – God isn't limited by circumstances.
Wednesday 23 March: 8:00 am and 8:30 pm: Garth Anthony
Friday 25 March: 8:00 pm: Garth Anthony
Sabbath 26 March: 12:30 am: Garth Anthony

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.

COUNTDOWN TO THE END SEMINAR. Continuing 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.

DISCIPLESHIP SMALL GROUP TRAINING. Continuing 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, 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 Leavesden 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. Continuing 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, 187 Leavesden Road, North Watford, WD24 5EG. Contact: Sandra Joseph <sannijo70@aol.com>. Phone: 07956 510964.

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.

SEC MEN'S DAY OF FELLOWSHIP. Sabbath, 19 March. The 2nd annual SEC Men's Day of Fellowship. Venue: Emirates Football Stadium. Time: 11:00 to 17:00. The call this year is for men to embrace their God-given roles of leading, protecting, mentoring and serving. The focus is Affirmation. Inspirational worship, preaching and teaching groups in a place where men can enjoy being men. Keynote speaker: Pastor Sam Davis. Registration for this event is not required but seating is limited and we are expecting a thousand men. If you or your members have any queries please email Cliff & Chidi <men@secadventist.org.uk>. Phone: 01923 232728.
"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. More info coming soon... Contact: Anthony Fuller <ant_fuller@hotmail.com>. Phone: 07946 495 061.

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 8J3 - 0114 275 3479 - more info: 07989 574 066. Contact: Alan <focusarts@yahoo.co.uk>. Phone: 07989 574 66.

CLASSIFIED ADS WEBSITE FOR ADVENTISTS. Saturday, 19 March. Launching a Classified Ads website for Adventists in the UK. www.adventistconnectionsuk.com, a lay-led independent ministry for Adventists, takes care of all your advertising needs. Buy, sell, exchange and promote your services and business throughout the UK. Contact: Sibu <adventistconnectionsuk@gmail.com>. Phone: 07868483285.

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.

ASI-UK SPRING CONVENTION 2011. Friday, 25 March to Sunday, 27 March. ASI-UK "Sharing Christ in the Marketplace" with Pastor Japhet De Oliveira. Spring Convention, Hunton Park, Kings Langley, Herts. ASI is an association for Adventist business and professionals to come together to learn and encourage one another to bring their work colleagues to Christ. Our Conventions give us all the opportunity to share our experiences, learn, fellowship and support independent ministries. We have secured a great deal from the De Vere venue at Hunton Park: Day delegates: (Sabbath only) £39, Students £25. This includes the Conference/lunch/dinner/snacks/evening entertainment/use of leisure facilities including spa pool. Full Weekend: £135. All of the above including Friday dinner and Sunday lunch and 2 nights B&B in lovely accommodation. For further details please contact the Secretary ASAP. Contact: Christine <manners-smith@ntlworld.com>. Phone: 07790 452920.

JEHARNA SOUTH - LISTENING PARTY. Saturday, 26 March. Come along and meet teenage gospel singer Jeharna South. Listen to live performances of original songs from her debut EP 'Promise'. You are sure to enjoy this special evening of inspirational gospel music and interviews, hosted by Clive Palmer. Be there at the start of the journey! Tickets at £5 each are limited and cannot be reserved without payment. Purchase online at: http://jeharnalisteningparty.eventbrite.com/. Venue: Birmingham Conservatoire, Birmingham City University, Paradise Place, Birmingham, B3 3HG. Contact: R South <info@jeharnasouth.com>. Phone: 07591710780.

ADRA-UK ANNUAL APPEAL 2011. Saturday, 26 March to Sunday, 17 April. This year's ADRA Annual Appeal commences 26 March and concludes on 10 April for all areas outside Greater London and 17 April in Greater London. Please make an effort to raise some funds in your own way. You can make a difference, so give opportunities and not excuses. If you want further information please contact the ADRA office. Contact: Godwin Benjamin <godwin@adra.org.uk>. Phone: 01923 681 723.

CREATING INSPIRING WORSHIP IN YOUR CHURCH. Tuesday, 29 March & Tuesday, 5 April. A BUC training seminar for pastors & elders, "Creating Inspiring Worship in Your Church," will be presented by Stephen Currow in the BUC Board Room, Stanborough Park, Watford, for pastors: 10:30 am Tuesday, 29 March and for local church elders: 7:30 pm on Tuesday, 5 April. Stephen Currow is Principal Lecturer in Pastoral Studies at Newbold College, who, after eight years of teaching at Newbold, will be taking up a new appointment later this year as Principal of Fulton College, Fiji in the South Pacific. Seating limited to 50. Register early at Ministerial page on BUC website. Contact: Faye Weekes <fweekes@adventist.org.uk>. Phone: 01923 672251.

GOSPEL MUSIC XPLOSION. Saturday, 2 April. St Mary's Church, Luton, LU1 3JF. Featuring, Mahali Selepe, Ullanda Alexander, Inspired Redemption, Paul Lee, Holy Tabernacle, The Way, Higher Ground. Ticket price £8; Children £4. Contact: Daison Zinyemba <zinyemba_d@yahoo.co.uk>. Phone: 07943179903.

SUPER-DETOX. Sunday, 3 April to Sunday, 17 April. Date: 3-part workshop – choose from either set of dates: Sunday 3, 10 and 17 April at 09.30-12.30 (or) Friday 3, 10 and 17 June at 09.30-12.30. Detox – 21 days – Come and learn about your body, how it works, guidelines for detoxing properly for more energy, calmness, improved skin and hair and even shifting some of those extra pounds. It is three mornings of talks, practical demonstrations, and group work to help you every step of the way. Location: Woodhall Farm Community Centre, Datchet Close, Hemel Hempstead, HP2 7JX. Course fees: non-Hertfordshire residents: £99 for 3-part training – non-Hertfordshire residents required to register by contacting Angelette at 0844 272 1509 or email info@creating-health.com. Hertfordshire residents (over 18 years): FREE – funded by Worldshapers (requirement for free funding includes attendance to all parts of the course). To register with Worldshapers call Matthew on 01442 269 804 or email aspire@worldshapers.org.uk. Contact: Angelette Muller <createnutrition@gmail.com>. Phone: 0844 272 1509.
SMALL ADS

IT SUPPORT Person urgently required to provide maternity cover for the BUC office and Adventist Discovery Centre. Role will include web maintenance and problem solving. Applications by 8 April.

SECRETARY required for SEC Youth department. 30 March deadline. For full details visit our <job vacancies page>.

CAN YOU BE A 'FOREVER FAMILY' FOR RACHAEL OR RIHANNA? Rachael is a tap dancer! As well as her weekly dance class, 7-year-old Rachael loves going swimming with her foster carer. She is close to her sister Rebecca and they enjoy spending time together. Rachael has a good appetite and likes exotic fruits! Rihanna is 4 and ½! Her outgoing personality and many friends allow her to really enjoy school. She enjoys funny cartoons, computer games, music and her favourite band is JLS! Both are from an Afro-Caribbean background. For further information please call: Carolette Caines on: 020 8356 6872 or email: <carolette.caines@hackney.gov.uk>.

LARGE DOUBLE FURNISHED BEDROOM TO RENT in large semi-detached house in Upper Norwood overlooking a green park in a square; Large accommodation with a separate hallway, bathroom with shower, possibly sole use as there is also a downstairs bathroom suite. WIFI and separate telephone in the room with free local and long-distance calls to a range of countries, TV/DVD, chair, chest of drawers and built-in double wardrobes and storage cupboard included. The nearest station: Gipsy Hill, which is a 10-minute walk and a single-decker bus stop 1-min. from house. Fully fitted kitchen with use of amenities. Rent: £550 per month inc. for single person; would consider a couple at an additional fee. Must be a practicing Adventist. All enquiries to <jenn1franc1s@yahoo.co.uk>.

£200 CHIP GRANT. To assist local churches in health evangelism, and for a limited period, the Adventist CHIP Association UK & Ireland will award a grant of £200 per church when participant packs are ordered for your first Coronary Health Improvement Project programme. To benefit from this limited offer contact ACA Secretary Beverley Ngandwe to place your order: Tel: 07801 062417, email: bevjean@btinternet.com. For information on introducing CHIP to your church or to arrange for a CHIP Leadership Training Workshop in your area email: info@chipuk.org.uk or call National Training Coordinator David Hatch on 07878 532788. Allow three months for CHIP orders and six weeks for MicroCHIP orders. Certificates for both programmes should be ordered two weeks prior to the Graduation service.

The I-CHANGE YOUTH CONGRESS is fast approaching! Good news! The fee for the congress is back to £45! There is no excuse why you shouldn't register! Make it a special time to reconnect with God and friends. Register today at: <www.adventistyouth.org.uk/congress>.

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