HOPE IN A TIN

The phones have been ringing, 850 extra canisters have been requested by churches and over 650,000 leaflets have been distributed so far during the 2011 ADRA-UK Annual Appeal, according to Appeal coordinator, Godwin Benjamin. With good weather and the appeal under way for the past two weeks, he estimates that more than 20,000 collection tins will be used for this year's campaign.

This weekend will be the last opportunity to collect door-to-door for people in need, except in the Greater London area where the appeal ends on Sunday, 17 April. Bert Smit, ADRA-UK's CEO, said: "This is always a period of unease for us as it takes time for ADRA Agents to bank the funds collected. We are eager to see if we can meet the financial commitments made in good trust to give opportunities to thousands of people around the world."

The North England Conference in conjunction with ADRA-UK will be hosting a fundraising Sponsored Walk and Run for all members in the NEC at Roundhay Park in Leeds. More than 500 people are expected to attend the event this Sunday that will include a Health Expo and various other activities for adults and children alike.

Later the same day Bert Smit will be interviewed on BBC Radio Leicester between 17:30 and 18:00. This programme reaches approximately 200,000 people across the East Midlands. Producer Daniel Robinson wrote: "We would like to conduct an interview with you to promote the excellent work that ADRA are doing. I have invited a representative from the Leicester Central Seventh-day Adventist church to also attend the interview as I thought it would be nice to get a local perspective on ADRA."

Which church or which individual will collect the highest total this year? Who knows? And in a sense it doesn't matter – although a Middlesbrough member may claim a record for the highest jump
on Sunday, 17 April as she leaps of the Transporter Bridge to raise funds for ADRA. What is important is that each individual plays their part in supporting a programme that makes a real difference in a significant number of people's lives. You + ADRA = Opportunities.

**ADVENTISTS, BLOOD AND COMMUNITY**  [Sharon Platt-McDonald, BUC Health Ministries Director]

"I find working with the Seventh-day Adventist Church so inspiring. I cannot think of another group who would embrace complicated health issues with such enormous generosity of spirit on a Saturday night," stated Liz Aram, a Communications Specialist in the NHS Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia Screening Programme.

Writing to BUC Health Ministries director, Sharon Platt-McDonald she said, "Truly you are an example to us all – it just shows what amazing things people can and will do when they have a common cause and a strong community. David Cameron need look no further for his Big Society model… It is a pleasure and a privilege to work with you." Sharing her delight at working with the Adventist Church, Liz was very affirming of her visit to the Balham church for the launch of the pilot project to raise awareness about blood disorders. This initiative also seeks to highlight the need to increase the amount of donors from BME communities as there is a huge deficit of 'community matched' blood. This means that in an emergency it is often hard to find a good blood match for rare blood groups in certain cultural groups.

The Health Ministries department of the British Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists has been working in partnership with the NHS Blood and Transplant and the NHS Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia Screening Programme since 2010. This has now culminated in a health awareness pilot project at the Balham church.

Sharon says, "Our Church is committed to raising awareness about health issues as we believe in the holistic well-being of the members and communities that we serve. In so doing we are glad to bring this initiative to the Church and include the members in its development." She notes that sickle cell and thalassaemia are conditions that affect the Adventist community so it is very helpful to raise awareness and highlight the screening and blood services that the NHS provides. Sharon states, "Our community can play an important role in saving lives through blood donation and we are working with NHSBT to raise awareness of the need for blood and highlight how our church members can contribute."

As part of the pilot programme, the Balham members were led in a discussion exploring factors that may impact people's beliefs around blood donation in respect to ethics, faith, culture and social determinants. The information gathered from the discussion groups and questionnaires will help to inform the future development of the project. Following the 2 April pilot programme at Balham church, the hope is to train health leaders in all churches to give a presentation about these issues and to lead a discussion in their local churches.

The NHS Blood and Transplant team will be attending our Camp Meeting with their mobile blood unit on World Blood Donor day, 14 June. Sharon looks forward to seeing you there and promises
to be at the front of the queue to donate blood. If you would like more information about these projects please contact Sharon Platt-McDonald on 01923 672251.

DOUBLE CELEBRATION AT NEWARK  [Peter Jeynes]

It was unique for Newark – possibly for the UK – a wedding and a baptism in one day and all highlighted on local radio – meaning an increase in the number of visitors.

Isaac and Anna arrived at church on Sabbath, 2 April, along with relatives and friends from Ghana and Poland, straight from the registry office and ready for the baptismal pool. Held in a village hall the baptism was the first held by the church in the town for over 50 years. The arrival of the portable baptistery gave an opportunity not to be missed.

The baptism, witnessed by friends and family, included items and translations of the event in Polish for the benefit of Anna's parents. Polish members of the church from Leeds and Darlington helped Anna feel 'at home'.

It was during the baptism that we heard Isaac say that he had told God that he would go to church when he was married. Isaac was clearly told, by God no less, that he should go to church first. Isaac did, first in his home country of Ghana and then in Stevenage, England. It was in Stevenage that he met Anna, a young lady from Poland, and the two fell in love. They travelled north in search of work – and also found the Newark Seventh-day Adventist church and a warm welcome.

Time passed and then a decision followed by Bible studies – and then the big baptism and wedding day.

Isaac and Anna were joined at the baptism by Joan Kirkland, longtime resident at Newark who had her own story to tell. Long a church attendee she had been reading the MESSENGER and noted a recent baptism report where two people were received by Profession of Faith. "Can I become a member of the church like that?" she asked. It turned out that Joan had wanted to become a member for a long time but infirmity had made baptism an impossibility for her.

So it was that Newark members celebrated. They had worked hard together, created the opportunity for a wonderful occasion and had given great praise to God.

NEW LIFE FOR MOTHERS  [Patrick Herbert]

New Life brought new mothers to church on Sabbath, 2 April, for Mother's Appreciation Sabbath. This church plant is blessed with 15 children from the surrounding community who attend on a week to week basis. Their mothers send them to church with someone else but do not attend themselves. In the eyes of New Life these children are special. So much so that Miriam Morgan travels sixty miles each week to be their Sabbath School teacher.

This church is always looking for intentional and creative methods of spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ, and in this instance used the children to be witnesses to their mothers. For this special Sabbath, the children were to be the ones who had major participation in the service and its
preparation. Therefore the children were given their homework – a CD with songs and a song sheet, that they needed to learn. The mother thus heard the message of Jesus as they helped their children learn the songs.

As the children rendered their songs, the parental input was evident, as many of the mothers could be seen mouthing the words and some even could be heard singing along with the children. One song that particularly touched the hearts of the mothers was the song, "We are following Jesus.”

Though beautifully decorated cards were made as invitations by the children and taken home a week before Mother's Appreciation Sabbath, on the day before the programme a mother whose children regularly attend New Life, said she was not coming and her three daughters were not coming. After a 45-minute conversation with church leader, Winsome, this mother was still saying she would not be coming. In fact she shared all the reasons why she would not be present. However on the Sabbath morning, she turned up before ten o'clock, sat on the front row, stayed all day and could be heard later saying how much she enjoyed herself. Other mothers also made special efforts to be present, even the landlady of a local pub who was determined to be present so she could enjoy her children's participation, even though she had been up late the night before.

Mothering Sabbath was considered a success at New Life, not only because of the fine children's input, not only because of the fine lunch buffet that was spread, not only because of the multi-ethnic mix of visitors from the community, but also because many of the guests said, "we will be back next week".

WHAT'S YOUR VIEWPOINT?

The pilot of a new series for Hope TV is now available on the Hope TV-UK website. Viewpoint is a topical discussion programme that explores issues affecting UK society and the church. In the first programme Victor Hulbert and his panel of guests address the issue of organ donation and the concerns that all communities have with the idea of giving and receiving organs. In this programme we discover that while it is an issue for the whole of British Society, there are also particular religious and cultural taboos to be carefully worked through in the Black and Minority Ethnic Communities. Guests on each programme include at least one expert on the subject under discussion, along with a pastor and other regular contributors. As a new series, the production team would welcome your input, both in terms of your reaction to the first programme, but also with your ideas and suggestions for future topics and guests. Comments can be made directly on the Viewpoint page of the Hope TV website. Programme two will be on the contribution of the King James Bible to the language, culture and religious background of the British Isles and the world.

RAIN IN LOWESTOFT [Izabela Clarry]

Rain may not be the best topic for a special spring Sabbath in England, but it still brought out the crowds for a reunion Sabbath at Lowestoft church on 26 March.

Participants at an SEC Area 8 Spiritual Retreat last November
2010 enjoyed it so much that they gathered for a day to hear BUC President, Pastor Don McFarlane, join with pastors Paul Smith and Michael Walker to share the Biblical concepts of the Early and Latter Rains.

Pastor Smith officiated with overall organisation of the day. Pastor Walker, who spoke about the Early Rain during Pentecost in Acts chapter 2. He reminded us that the disciples spent much time in prayer before they could be filled by the power of the Holy Spirit, which signifies the importance of earnest prayer, especially together as a church. The real highlight of the Pentecost was not the gift of tongues, but the zeal and passion of the disciples and their lives transformed from within:

"After receiving the power from on high, cowards became braves; where they had been filled with rivalry and suspicion, they were now filled with humility and love; from being narrow-minded and intolerant (such as wanting to call fire down from heaven), to becoming lowly but mighty in prayer," he said, adding, "It isn't change of men that God needs but changed men."

Pastor McFarlane followed with the call to repentance and fasting in Joel chapter 2, where God promises to send a Latter Rain on 'all flesh'. Whilst part of the prophecy was fulfilled during the Pentecost and later in history, he emphasised that there is still more of the prophecy to be fulfilled. However, we won't receive the greater infilling of the Holy Spirit if we don't respond to the lesser infilling in our lives. "We need to study the Word of God and pray, wrestle with God like Jacob did, till our hearts are in line with His will," he said.

After a delicious lunch prepared by the ladies from the Lowestoft church, we gathered back in the sanctuary for a Bible study on "The Early and Latter Rain", followed by a question and answer session, both led by Pastor Paul Smith. During the meeting participants split into groups and prayed that the words spoken during the day would bring fruition and real change in their lives and hearts will be prepared for the final outpouring of God's power through the Holy Spirit.

MIX-D: A PLATFORM FOR MIXED-RACE CONVERSATIONS [Philip Herbert]

'More than the highest human thought can reach is God's ideal for His children,' is a thought penned by author Ellen White that has inspired Denise Williams. A very dedicated Elder of the Leicester Central Adventist church, she has recently written a book entitled 'Mixed Matters: Mixed-race pupils discuss school and identity'. It is based on research and experience in a teaching career which spans twenty years of work in primary, secondary and special schools in the East Midlands. In addition, this includes her work as an Educational Consultant, where she has supported and challenged senior leadership teams in schools to address issues of equality, diversity and inclusion. Presently, she is the Deputy Head Teacher of a provision for 5- to 14-year-olds who are excluded from schools or at risk of exclusion.

Denise says, "As an Education Consultant specialising in Ethnic Minority Achievement, I was frustrated by the lack of progress made in raising levels of achievement for certain ethnic groups. I found myself saying the same things to different professionals working with mixed-race pupils all across the country, so it seemed to make sense to share the experience of the pupils themselves and have all this experience in one place."

She notes that pupils of mixed-race very often feel unsupported by educational professionals and are one of the groups who are least likely to gain 5 GCSEs with A* - C grades. Her solution? "My starting point in trying to raise these pupils' levels of achievement is to begin with their experiences. I was fortunate enough to act as a consultant on a project called Mix-d that set up youth conferences across the country for young people of mixed-race and drew on their experiences to inform practitioners and policy makers."
The book is aimed at education professionals who work with children and young people of mixed-race. When pupils are given a chance to articulate their experience, they say that they are often stereotyped and that many assumptions are made about them and their aspirations. This publication will also be of interest to mixed families as educational outcomes can be greatly improved where parents and carers work in partnership with schools.

The book was a four year challenge placed alongside full-time work, family and church commitments. Denise states, "I am hoping to challenge some of the misconceptions that surround mixed-race pupils and make the pupils themselves central to the discussion." Furthermore, she has observed how 'mono' heritage people are quick to tell those of mixed race heritage, how they should think, feel and behave. It is hoped that the book will challenge some of the preconceptions around this subject, whilst stirring debate, as it is these conversations that will focus the minds of those involved to improve the educational outcomes of this group.


**ADVENTIST ARTISTES RECORD EASTER CD** [Des Boldeau, BUC Youth Director]

Adventist artistes gathered on Wednesday evening, 6 April, and worked late into the night to record Passion, a new and original work based on the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The purpose of the recording was to produce an outreach resource CD for the forthcoming BUC Youth Congress, iChange to be held over the Easter weekend.

The CD is 20 minutes long and reflects on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, through the eyes of Mary His mother, Miriam, a small child and Caiaphas the High Priest. One commentator stated that "the work is filled with pathos and the characters have portrayed their messages with the kind of passion that transports the listener to the place of the crucifixion".

It took 10 days for Passion to be scripted and recorded. Involved in the recording were Sharon Platt-McDonald, BUC Health Ministries director (actress and singer), Denzil McDonald, (actor), Tina Brooks (soloist and vocal coach), Bobby Carr (soloist), Arianne Boldeau (actress) and Pastor Des Boldeau. They were supported by Alec Adams, from the Milton Keynes church, the pianist and composer of the music to Resurrection, and Catherine Anthony Boldeau, the writer, director and producer of Passion as well as the composer of Calvary.

Speaking about the project, Catherine said, "God put the whole thing together. He just gave me the idea, and I ran with it and am very grateful for all those who participated in the project for giving of their time so willingly."

You can hear a sample of Passion online. If you would like a copy to use as a witnessing tool, please contact Des Boldeau at <dboldeau@adventist.org.uk>. 
Sometimes a local programme suddenly goes international. This was the case at Longsight Adventist church in Manchester during the North England Conference 'Breathe Free' training weekend 19 - 20 March when participants were joined by Peter Sang a visitor from Kenya. Peter used to work for the charity Vision but now runs his own orphanage in Kenya. He was so impressed with his visit to the UK and the training he received on Breathe Free that he sent an email to Grace Walsh following his visit expressing his positive joy at his visit to Manchester, "a city known to be home to the Manchester United football club." He writes, "Coming from a rural part of Kenya, I was amazed by the wonderful modern roads and other communication networks in the UK. On the way, I was happy to see extensive and beautiful farms as we travelled through the super highways. We reached our destination with ease having been navigated by a machine mounted in the car. This is not common in my country. After the Divine Service, I was also happy to participate in the Holy Communion service. It was a big blessing.

However, I thought we were done but surprisingly, in the afternoon my host and friends quickly planned and paid for me to attend a two-day intensive training on Breathe Free: the plan to stop smoking. The course was coordinated by Sister Grace Walsh, NEC Community Services and Health Ministries director. Participants were not only from Adventist churches in Manchester but also some non-members. Honestly this was my first time to undergo an intensive training and exposure on the subject. The director's manual or kits are comprehensive documents that guide the facilitators and the participants alike. The package also includes handouts, personal plan book, pamphlets and scripts. The same are also supported by documentary DVDs. All these made the training very informative and interesting... I had read some pamphlets on the subject on plans to stop smoking before in my country, but the training and the manuals we went through this time brought completely new dimension and insights."

Peter plans to implement some of what he has learnt upon his return to Kenya – both in regard to some aspects of the policy documents governing his Sunrise Children's Home and then to "share the information especially with my church members so that we can all spread the gospel on Breathe Free of tobacco and other substances containing nicotine."

This was only one small part of his UK Adventist experience as the next Sabbath he spent the day with Adventist business people – again gaining insights and making friendships that may benefit his future ministry.

PRAYER CORNER

Emmanuel Agyemang, a 16-year-old secondary school student has written asking for prayer. He writes, "I was perfectly healthy until just a few months ago when minor knee pain led to a diagnosis of osteosarcoma or bone cancer. I have since been in and out of the hospital; either getting chemotherapy or getting sick from it. I have been told osteosarcoma requires aggressive chemotherapy before surgery then more chemotherapy. The course of treatment is projected to take about one year. It has been very difficult and it takes a lot to get through one day but I have faith in God and I believe God will come through for me to find joy in my situation."

Recently baptised, he is asking the wider church family to pray for him. While now living in the USA where he plays the saxophone for the Marching Warrior Band of Herschel V Jenkins High School, he
grew up in the UK where his parents, Dora and William Agyemang studied at Newbold College and were members of the London Ghana church.

He concludes, "I humbly wish to solicit your prayers in these difficult times. I know the good Lord will listen to you on my behalf and heal me. I am going through difficult times but I am still waiting on the Lord for my healing."

**OBITUARIES: AARON F SMITH, DAVID THROSELL, RAYMOND FAVER, BEVERLEY OFFICER-CLARKE**

This week we are sad to announce the passing of four former church workers:

**Mr Aaron F Smith** died on 29 March, aged 81 following a courageous battle with cancer. Aaron Smith served 16 years in Literature ministry initially as a Literature Evangelist and finally as Publishing director in the South England Conference between 1981 and 1996. He is survived by his wife, Iris M Smith. The funeral service will take place on Sunday, 10 April in the Mandeville Adventist church, Mandeville, Jamaica.

**Mr David Throssell** died on 31 March, age 91. David Throssell gave almost 40 years of denominational service prior to his retirement in 1982. He worked initially at the Stanborough Hydro and Granose Foods Ltd. However, the larger part of his working life (34.5 years) was spent as Maintenance Engineer at Newbold College. He is survived by his son, Leigh Throssell and daughter, Lorna Nightingale. The funeral will be held at Basingstoke Crematorium, Stockbridge Road, Basingstoke, Hampshire, RG25 2BA, on Monday 9 May at 2:00 pm.

**Mr Raymond Faver** passed away on 31 March aged 67. Mr Faver worked for the South England Conference for 16 years as Caretaker at the Advent Centre. He is survived by his son and daughter, Darren and Donna and step-children Blossom, Brian, Eddie, Jennifer, Joy, Ron, Sharon, Tony, Vilma, and Yvonne. Funeral details will be advised as soon as these are available.

**Beverley Officer-Clarke** It is with sadness that we announce the death of Beverley Officer-Clarke on Sunday, 27 March. She taught for many years at the John Loughborough School, more recently as Assistant Head Teacher until 2008. She was an amazing woman, who inspired, motivated and educated hundreds of Students and Young People. The funeral will be held at Chiswick Seventh-day Adventist church, Stamford Brook Road, London W6 0XW, on Wednesday 13 April at 11:00 am. There will be a viewing just prior. Due to Beverley's passion for the education and welfare of young people, the family have asked that any financial offering given will go to the Mary Mount School in St Mary, Highgate, Jamaica.

**THIS WEEK ON THE HOPE CHANNEL**

A new programme is featured on the Hope Channel website this week. **Viewpoint** looks at contemporary issues affecting culture and church. A wide variety of programmes are available on the satellite including the following episodes of 'In Conversation':

Friday 8 April: 8:00 pm: **Dan Augsburger** – Prayer in the real world.
Sabbath 9 April: 9:00 am: Dan Augsburger
8:00 pm and 12 midnight: **Matt Vincent** – Ancient Sumerian or flying power kites? What gives Matt satisfaction?
Monday 11 April: 12:30 and 10:00 pm: **David West** – Healing childhood grief – at the cinema.
Wednesday 13 April: 8:00 am: **Terrence Blackman** – Needing God in the city.
8:30 pm: Laura Osei – Passion, faith and school.
12 midnight: David West
Friday 15 April: 8:00 pm: Terrence Blackman
Sabbath 16 April: 12:30 am: Laura Osei, 9:00 am: Terrence Blackman, 8:00 pm: Laura Osei

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.

**ADRA-UK ANNUAL APPEAL 2011.** Continuing to Sunday, 17 April. This year's [ADRA Annual Appeal](#) continues until 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.

**THE HEAVENS DECLARE.** Continuing to Thursday, 21 April. The Heavens Declare. 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 until 21 April, at the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Ratheane Avenue, Mountsandel, Coleraine. 14 April: "Astronomy and Genesis – Do they speak the same language?" 21 April: "The date of Jesus' crucifixion – established from scripture and astronomical chronology" (Easter special). Speaker: Pastor Dr Mart de Groot, a former director of the Armagh Observatory. Contact: Mart de Groot <mart.degroot@gmail.com>. Phone: 02838871252.

**PAT'S SALE.** Sunday, 10 April. Pat's Sale returns on Sunday, 10 April 12 – 2 pm at the Stanborough Centre next to Stanborough Park church, 609 St Albans Rd, Watford. A range of bric-a-brac, china, books, crafts, clothes, toys, linens, crafts on sale as well as refreshments and a light lunch! Proceeds go to support ADRA. Contact: Pat Walton <walton@groats.co.uk>. Phone: 01923 672500.

**SOCIAL EXCLUSION: FALLOUT AND CONSEQUENCES.** Tuesday 12 April. The last Newbold College Diversity Seminar for the 2010-11 academic year will be next Tuesday, 12 April. Subject: "Social Exclusion: Fallout and Consequences." Lecturer: Dr Gertrude Shotte, Lecturer, Institute of Education, University of London. Place: Salisbury Hall, Newbold College RG42 4AN. Time: 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome. Refreshments served. Contact: Helen Pearson <hpearson@newbold.ac.uk>. Phone: 01344 401792.

**MUSIC4CHILDREN.** Friday, 15 April to Sunday, 17 April. Children aged 7-15 are invited to come along with their instruments to sing and play at this residential Sacred Music Weekend. Led by a team of experienced musicians and house parents, they will learn music that they can play in church and at local events. 15-17 April will be a fun-filled weekend with a focus on sacred music, where young musicians can improve technique, gain a better understanding of music, as well as interact with their peers in a group setting. Venue: Malvern St James School, Worcestershire, WR14 3BA. Cost: £65. Contact: Diana Sinclair <musicadvisor@me.com>. Phone: 07886203696.

**ADRA MUSIC CONCERT.** Saturday, 16 April. Newbold College Ladies' Choir at Oxford Seventh-day Adventist church to promote the work of ADRA and raise funds for 2011 ADRA-UK Annual Appeal. Contact: Sophia Nicholls <sophia@nichollsweb.com>. Phone: 07768298297.

**BUC YOUTH CONGRESS: I-CHANGE U-CHANGE WII-CHAN.** Thursday, 21 April to Monday, 25 April. CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: Monday, 11 April! Be the change you want to see in the world. [Book now](#) for your place at the first BUC Youth Congress in years! Taking place at The International Centre, Telford over Easter 2011. Well-known international speakers: David Asscherick, James Black, Dick Duerkssen and Tim Gillespie. Morning workshops led by those
already running successful and innovative ministries. Afternoons out in the surrounding areas using your new-found evangelistic skills. A fantastic chance to meet like-minded 18+ aged youth from across the BUC and worship, learn, share and socialise! For registration details and more information about booking your accommodation, see the website. Contact: Pastor Des Boldeau <bucyouth@adventist.org.uk>. Phone: 01923 672251.

CORDS OF LOVE: SEC MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND. Friday, 22 April to Sunday, 24 April. Join Les & Irma Ackie for a weekend of interactive seminars exploring the principles of successful marriage; with plenty of opportunities for reflection and relaxation. Visit the website for more details. Contact: Anna McLarty <fm@secadventist.org.uk>. Phone: 01923 23 27 28.


PRAISE & THANKSGIVING DAY. Sabbath, 23 April. Stonebridge Community Adventist church annual Praise & Thanksgiving Day in aid of our Church Building Fund. An all day programme with a special musical concert in the afternoon. Speaker: Pastor Ray Patrick. Venue: St Margaret & St George's United Reformed church, 67 Nicholl Road, Harlesden, London, NW10 8SH. Contact: Emmanuel Ampofo <ampofom@yahoo.co.uk>. Phone: 07984 934296.


"HOW TO BE A PLAYER" RESIDENTIAL WEEKEND. Friday, 29 April to Sunday, 1 May. Transforming lives, the "How to be a player“ residential weekend for 13- to 17-year-olds, at Wyboston Lakes, Bedford is a fantastic 4* opportunity to challenge and empower teens. Full details and costs at <www.secyouth.co.uk/events/h2bap-residential/>. Only 40 places available so apply fast! Contact: Pastor Eddie Hypolite <ehypolite@secadventist.org.uk>. Phone: 07984 43 30 75.

LIVE: ST AUSTELL AND AREA 1 CAMP 2011. Friday, 29 April to Monday, 2 May. LIVE: St Austell & Area 1 youth (Devon and Cornwall) are happy to announce a camp on the North Coast of Cornwall: 29 April - 2 May in a beautiful spot called Chapel Porth. Prepare for a weekend of fun, games, worship, and special guests in one of the most beautiful locations in the South-West of England. Price: Only £20 per person for the whole weekend ages 13+. For application forms or more info contact: Steven Hulbert (SteveO) on happytobebeans@yahoo.co.uk. Mobile: 0777258213 or 01726 72412. Facebook: www.facebook.com/sdhulbert. Contact: Steven Hulbert <happytobebeans@yahoo.co.uk>.

UK ZAMBIAN ADVENTIST FELLOWSHIP DAY. Sabbath, 30 April. Venue: International Gospel Church, 102a Watling Avenue, Burnt Oak, North London, HA8 0LN. Time: 08:30hrs to 18:30hrs. The UK Zambian Adventist Fellowship is inviting you to take part in an online 'Doodle poll'. Please click the link below to participate and cast your vote, comments, suggestions etc. http://doodle.com/25bmdl9ty9xmqag. We would like to use this polling system to determine the numbers of people attending, and thereby enabling us to plan effectively. Contact: Elias Chola Kalumba <ukzafcommunications@gmail.com>. Phone: 07967515750.
AREA 7 WOMEN’S DAY OF FELLOWSHIP. Sabbath, 30 April. Area 7 Women's Day of Fellowship at High Town Methodist Church, Luton, LU2 0BW starting at 9:30 am. All are invited to attend (men as well). Guest speaker Gail Masondo from USA/South Africa [internationally renowned speaker, publisher, chaplain and advocate for women and children]. For further information contact Sandra Golding on 07956 429522 or goldingsn@aol.com.

GOVERNOR GENERAL OF JAMAICA AT HAMPSTEAD CHURCH. Sabbath, 30 April. The Governor General of Jamaica, Sir Patrick Allen, as well as Lady Allen, will be present at Hampstead church, Sabbath 30 April. This will be a grand occasion of music, praise, fellowship and rejoicing. Join us if you can. 66 Haverstock Hill, London, NW3 2BE. (Please be very careful where you park!) Contact: Humphrey Walters <hgwalters7@aol.com>. Phone: 07956 922121.

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SMALL ADS

SPANISH EXCHANGE. Lourdes Estalayo, Dean of Girls at the Adventist boarding school, Sagunto, Spain, has a 15-year-old daughter who loves England and the English. She would like to exchange with another girl who wants to learn Spanish in the month of July. They would host each other for 15 days each in each other's homes. If you and your daughter are interested please contact Lourdes at lurdestalayo@hotmail.com.

JOB VACANCIES: Year 6 teacher at Stanborough Primary School, Watford. Applications by 18 April. For full details visit our <job vacancies page>.

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