I-CHANGE, U-CHANGE, WII-WERE-CHANGED  [Victor Hulbert with Catherine Boldeau and Peter Jeynes]

The crescendo of the Michael W Smith song filled the hall at Telford International Centre: "Crucified, laid behind a stone. You lived to die, Rejected and alone..." It reflected the emotional intensity in the air as 500+ young adults found themselves challenged and inspired by the power of the resurrected Christ, at the BUC Youth Congress, organised by Des Boldeau, BUC Youth director.

Throughout five days over the Easter weekend they listened to five specialists in Youth Ministry – all from diverse backgrounds – who led them on a journey designed to help them think of change, not just in themselves, but in their communities.

James Black, Director of Youth Ministries for the North American Division was the Thursday night keynote speaker. "Yours is an awesome theme," he stated, a serious theme for this day and age: 'i-Change, u-Change, wii-Change.' After noting how God had needed to humble him early, coming as he did from the gang violence of the streets of Atlanta, Georgia, he then entertained and inspired the youth with the story of the transfiguration of Jesus in Matthew 17, noting how the three disciples on the hill top needed humbling: "If you want to be the change you've got to recognise the voice of God," he noted. At the same time, the nine disciples in the valley did not realise that they were to be an agent of change for the young boy who needed healing. They needed to learn that "when you are picked to be the change you need to let Jesus do the changing." He also noted that to be the change for others you have to be the 'go-to person' noting the beautiful words of Jesus, "Bring the boy to me."

There were a lot of "go-to persons" at the weekend. On Friday and Sunday afternoons they could be found singing in Nursing Homes and in a nearby park, or knocking on doors sharing their faith via surveys and gaining contacts and Bible study interests to be followed up by members of the Telford Adventist church. The choir singing in the park was so enthusiastic that on both days a number of...
youth who had come to sunbathe joined in with the singing, some of them asking deep questions and sharing their hurts and struggles.

A Passion Play, especially commissioned for the event, was performed in the hall on Sabbath afternoon, then taken out to the park on Easter Sunday, where again people were able to ask questions about the true meaning of Easter.

The Easter theme of the preaching was particularly emphasised by two of the guest speakers. On Good Friday, Tim Gillespie made no apologies for his strong Easter message. As Young Adult pastor of the Loma Linda University church, he used both humour and pathos to convey the seriousness of what Jesus did on the cross for us. "The worst day ever was the most important day ever," he stated, then both in his Friday and Sunday evening sermons rejoicing that Jesus "exploded a tomb".

Resurrection day he called "a day of celebration", stating that "today God started His rebellion on the planet... the world has changed. Death has been overcome." Looking at Romans 5:1 he then challenged those who feel unsure of their salvation that the words, "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us," give us a wellspring of joy from which we can live our lives.

That "wellspring of joy" had already been demonstrated in the storytelling skills of Dick Duerksen from Maranatha Volunteers International. On Friday night and Sunday morning you could hear a pin drop in the hall as he enraptured his audience with tales of God's grace in Malakula, in Peru, in Nebuchadnezzar's Babylon – and in the story of our own lives. On Sunday morning he presented a one man monologue of the story of Peter, showing how this brash disciple thought he would teach Jesus, but how Jesus had, in reality, taught him. Peter learnt, "It's not about me, it's about Him!"

In a double presentation, David Asscherick, the co-founder of ARISE, a ministry training centre in California, focused on the dilemma of Paul in Romans 7, 'O wretched man that I am, who will deliver me from this body of death,' and the solution that is found in Jesus Christ. In the dichotomy of desire and action in chapter 7, and groaning and struggle still to be found in chapter 8, David demonstrated that Paul is "not minimising suffering, but is maximising glory". He added that "while we exist in this groaning position between what could be and what is", that we can rejoice in that while "I'm not what I want to be – I'm not what I used to be". In a third presentation he focused on Acts 15 seeking to demonstrate what is essential and core in our belief system.

Sabbath morning, gave opportunity for two sermons. James Black returned to the pulpit to focus on 'How do I become the change?" "How do we deal with the issue of glorifying God when modern life aims at success?" he asked. His response was that "we have to aim to be significant, not successful."
Using many illustrations, including from his own life he stated, "My degrees mean nothing unless I effect change."

Despite suffering from jet lag and a very sore throat, Adventist World Church Youth director, Gilbert Cangy, also shared a powerful Sabbath morning message, sharing that, despite being raised by missionary parents, at one time in his life he, "went against every value that he stood for". Having left his church and his family, he had an emptiness in his heart. He prayed, "If you are real then you can do something for me." God answered. Gilbert said, "I thought I had to change before Jesus could accept me," but having learnt an important lesson he then used Jesus' family tree in Matthew 1 to show that "there is nothing you can do to make Him close the door."

Talking of Rahab the prostitute he said, "We don't hang around that kind of person – but Jesus does." He did the same with Matthew, the young tax inspector. "Who is the real Jesus – He is the one who transforms people ... like us" he stated, concluding, "We can't talk about the gospel – we have to live the gospel."

While having five guest speakers for a five day event, the diversity of thought and content was well appreciated, and the preaching was well balanced by two praise teams from the South England Conference and the Welsh Mission, a stunning variety of quality music from across the British Isles, including what came to be a well-loved theme song written by 21-year-old Yvonne Bauwens of the Crieff church, "Chance to Change". There was also a choice of 19 workshops, a time to question and discuss with leaders – and of course, the all important social time, networking and making new friends.

Tears, prayers and a powerful testimony ended the Congress. Tim Gillespie narrated the story of a friend who opened up a thrift store that impacted on the local community after he allowed God to change his life. "I've never experienced anything like this before," said Samantha, a guest at one of the local hotels who was invited to the closing ceremony by Pastor Nathan Stickland. She commented on the relevance of the message for her life and on the dynamic music.

BUC Youth director, Des Boldeau, received a standing ovation when Paul Tompkins, TED Youth director, presented him with a special certificate for his years of service along with a special gift, given by on behalf of the Youth directors from around the Union. Tears, appreciation, and a short charge to the youth was the surprise response from Des Boldeau. "I have been privileged to work with several generations of young people, and I thank God for what He has allowed me to do over the past 11 years," he said wiping away the tears. In thanking the guest speakers Des stated, "This Congress has set a precedent for change. This change must continue – and continue in our lives." That in itself was clearly seen in response to times of prayer and dedication. i-Change, u-Change, wii-All-Changed.
A selection of photos and videos from i-Change are all linked from the BUC Youth Congress website, <http://www.adventistyouth.org.uk/congress>. In-depth interviews with each of the guest speakers can be seen on the 'News and Features' section of the Hope TV UK website.

**CORBY CARNIVAL OUTREACH** [Peter Jeynes]

While the young people of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the British Isles were being exhorted to 'be the change' at the BUC Youth Congress, the Corby church in Northamptonshire were actually 'being the change'.

The town held an Easter Carnival. Proceedings began with an Easter Egg hunt – which the church members missed because they arrived a little late. However they did arrive in time to sing at the Christian event, part of the day's entertainment. As one person said, "All we did was lift up the name of Jesus." Mahale Selepe stole the show with her wonderful God-given voice. As she sang she drew many from whatever they were doing in the park who stopped by to see what was going on. Other younger members of the church also sang – causing the Master of Ceremonies for the day to express his pleasure at seeing young people singing so well.

The music drew the crowds and the books given away by church members were more than just souvenirs. Over 300 items of literature came from a small amount of cash given by one of the members who said, "well, God just gave me some money". Other literature was donated by John and Colleen Lewis who run Dove Christian Books, a Seventh-day Adventist bookshop located in the market area of Corby.

Should our members have taken part in a secular carnival with Easter Eggs and its associated connections? Paul, Apostle of note, met with the leading citizens of the day in a political forum. True, he had to warn about food and close links with paganism, but he never advised not taking part in fellowship outside of Christian circles. Jesus, Messiah of greater note, attended weddings with alcohol served – and had friendly and meaningful relationships with tax collectors and other 'sinners'.

As the Corby church leader, Joshua Hamersley pointed out, "We should take every opportunity 'within reason' to preach the word of God." A carnival is an excellent place, held at an excellent time, to meet people in need. James Black, Director of Youth Ministries in North America spoke at the i-Change BUC Youth Congress on "To do jewellery or not to do jewellery... the issue is missing the change". The Corby members missed neither the change, nor the point – they shared God's word in a setting where the need was great.

**WHO HAS THE RIGHT TO A CHURCH WEDDING?**

In the week leading up to the royal wedding, a Channel 4 series, "Who has the right to a church wedding?" has been running just before 8 pm following Channel 4 news. The series is produced by '4thought.tv' and tries to be controversial in placing guests with unusual points of view in front of the camera. Already aired are viewpoints for and against allowing homosexual marriage in a church. On Wednesday evening, recently wed Adventist, Jena Hulbert, shared her Biblical values as to why she chose to abstain from pre-marital sex before her wedding day. While very nervous, Jena said she accepted the invitation to take part in the series as she wanted to let others know the joy that comes from
living within Biblical parameters. At the time of going to press she has still not seen the edited product, but with her husband Steve, is praying that it will be a blessing.

**THREE DAY EASTER FEAST**  [Paul Bellamy]

What sort of Easter Feast did you have? No, I'm not referring to your Easter Sabbath meal, or to the number of chocolate eggs you may, or may not have eaten!

To celebrate the Easter weekend the members of Stanborough Park church were able to enjoy a three part spiritual feast served up by their senior pastor Paul Clee over three days.

On Good Friday evening the story of our Lord's crucifixion was retold through the eyes of Simon of Cyrene, his words taken from scripture's account of his experience and amplified by the words of Mrs White in the Desire of Ages.

On Sabbath morning, Pastor Clee presented another view of Christ's passion, this time seen through the eyes of Peter as, after the arrest of Jesus, he 'followed at a distance.' Behaviour which led ultimately to Peter's denial and subsequently, to the gracious forgiveness he received from Jesus and then to his commission. The challenge to the congregation being, are we in danger of 'following from a distance?' The message was further enhanced by the contribution of the Church Choir as they sang And can it be, and with a rendition of Bruch's, Kol Nidrei, played by Jihee and Jiae Ahn.

On Sunday evening, with the focus on Christ's resurrection, the account of the journey by two of Jesus' disciples on the road to Emmaus was retold through the eyes of the unnamed disciple. Members of the congregation, were taken back in time to become silent witnesses to that 7.5 mile walk, to hear again the words of Jesus as He explained His earthly mission; and then to join the urgent, almost immediate return journey to the upper room, to listen to the message brought to the waiting disciples.

So what of their good news today? Yes, it is just as exciting and relevant, as Pastor Clee stated in conclusion, 'Jesus is risen, He is alive! He is working in the world today! He is interested in you!'

**BUC NEWS PROFILE: DESALINE JOSEPH**  [Sally-Ann Flemmings-Danquah]

Running around the playground and hardly stopping to take a breath, 1 penny sweets and conkers! All these things may form part of your recollection of your school days. However there was also the fateful conversation which may have come about when speaking to your careers advisor; "so what do you want to be when you are older?" This question has probably filled many a school child with dread, however for Desaline Joseph this was an opportunity for her to proudly affirm "I want to be a children's doctor." This affirmation in later years would certainly cause many a raised eyebrow and a closed door.

Desaline spent much of her education competing with herself and her biggest rival in the form of her twin sister Angeline, to ensure that she achieved the best grades at every stage of her career. No doubt this competition helped both girls to reach the goals that they had set themselves as children.

In 2000 Desaline graduated from Leicester University with a first class honours BSc, and in the same year married her rock, Brian Simon. She later went on to complete degrees, in Medicine and Surgery. When she proudly affirmed that she was going to become a 'children's doctor' nobody fully appreciated that Desaline intended to really become the best paediatrician that God would have her be.
Not content to be mediocre, Desaline has continued to strive to achieve knowledge and wisdom – her role model being Dr Ben Carson.

In 2010 Desaline became the first paediatric neurodevelopmental trainee in the county to be employed as a NIHR Clinical Lecturer at Nottingham University. Her main role will be setting up a research training programme to further understand common problems affecting disabled children and their families as well as investigate causes of unexpected deaths in childhood.

Then, just before she took a well earned holiday in April of this year with her husband Brian and her daughter Amy, Desaline completed her doctorate in medicine.

So when I jokingly asked Sister Joseph, Desaline's mother, if there was something in the water that she gave to her daughters, Desaline, Angeline (a pharmacist) and Marcella (currently completing her podiatry degree), she beamed back at me and said empathically "no". Probing on I asked what the secret of the girls' success was and Sister Joseph firmly replied "perseverance and God's grace and mercy!"

When not working and studying hard, Desaline somehow manages to find the time to be part of the spinal cord of the St Matthew's Community Fellowship in Leicester. Without her where would we be?! She has been an inspiration to us all as we have walked this incredible journey with her.

It will come as no surprise to learn that we are so proud to be able to join with her parents, Sylvester and Janet, her sisters Angeline and Marcella, her brothers-in-law Andy and Darren, her nieces Chermaine, Ashley and Renee and perhaps the two who need to receive a certificate most(!), Brian and Amy – in saying Congratulations Dr Desaline Joseph MD!

DEATH OF MRS MINETTA G OWEN

It is with sadness that we have received news of the death of Mrs Minetta G Owen. Mrs Owen passed away on Monday, 25 April aged 99. During her working life she gave many years of service in the church's health institutions including the Stanborough Hydro, New England Memorial Hospital and finally at the Porter Memorial Hospital, Denver, Colorado. In 1973 she married the late Mr W Idris Owen.

Funeral details will be forwarded as soon as these are available.

FUNERAL DETAILS FOR MRS LEILA HANDYSIDES

Following last week's announcement, the funeral service for Mrs Leila Handysides will be held at 1:30 pm on Wednesday, 4 May at the Grantham church in Dudley Road. It will be followed at 2:45 pm by the burial at Grantham Cemetery.

Everyone is cordially invited to meet up for delicious refreshments at The Conduit, 3 Market Place, Grantham, NG31 6LQ at 4:00 pm. There will be a retiring collection for ADRA.

THIS WEEK ON THE HOPE CHANNEL

Five in-depth interviews with top Youth speakers are now available on the Hope Channel UK website. Victor Hulbert caught up with Gilbert Cangy, James Black, Dick Duerksen, Tim Gillespie and David Asscherick at the i-Change BUC Youth Congress and asked them about their ministry and reaching out to youth. In addition, a wide variety of programmes are available on the satellite including the following episodes of 'In
Conversation:

Friday 29 April: 8:00 pm: Garry Gordon – Challenging God.
Sabbath 30 April: 12:30 am: Vivienne Vine – A strong believer in prayer, 9:00 am: Garry Gordon, 8:00 pm: Vivienne Vine

Monday 2 May: 12:30 and 9:30 pm: Bert Smit – Gadget man with a passion for making a difference.
Wednesday 4 May: 8:00 am: Audrey Balderstone – Church as entertainment?
8:30 pm: Cyril Sweeney – Passionate about family, 12 midnight: Bert Smit
Friday 6 May: 8:00 pm: Audrey Balderstone
Sabbath 7 May: 12:30 am: Cyril Sweeney, 9:00 am: Audrey Balderstone, 8:00 pm: Cyril Sweeney

Also, celebrating the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible, an experienced team of Bible connoisseurs explore the strengths, history and politics of the King James Bible and ask – what relevance does the book have today? This is the second in the new Hope Channel Viewpoint series. Watch the programme here.

Your reactions to the programme would be warmly welcomed. 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.


MAKING LIFE COUNT VEGAN COOKING CLASS. Continuing to Sunday, 8 May. Restored Naturally would like to invite you to a 6-week vegan cooking class at the Sydenham Seventh-day Adventist church, Sydenham Hill Community Hall, Sydenham Hill, London, SE26 6TT. Class will include a 20-minute health talk and cooking demonstration with tasters at the end of each session. Recipes include vegan lasagne, Tofu cheesecake, crazy salads and many more. Entrance £5 including free handouts. DVDs also on sale. Contact: D Alexander <sydenhamcommunications@gmail.com>.

"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: 0798 44 33 075.

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: 07772582133 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/25bdid9ty9xmqaug. 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 <hgalters7@aol.com>. Phone: 07956 922121.

LET’S SING. Saturday, 30 April. Battersea Praise and Worship Gospel Concert featuring Battersea's finest and friends... Artists include: 3D, Michelle Braithwaite, Testimony, Devon Boyd and Total Praise, Battersea Youth Choir, Michelle Boyd, Keisha Johnson & Co. Time: doors open at 6:30 pm – starts at 7:00 pm. Admission: free entry – please bring a free-will offering. Transportation: Buses: 44, 137, 156, 344, 452. Trains: Battersea Park Station or Queenstown Rd Station. Address: Priory Hall, Prince of Wales Drive, Battersea, London, SW8 4BL. Contact: Devon Boyd <music@battersea-sda.org.uk>. Phone: 07956383222.

VICTORY IN JESUS. Saturday, 30 April to Saturday, 21 May. Aston-Newtown Community Seventh-day Adventist church presents the 'Victory In Jesus Campaign'. A 3-week outreach programme aiming to help the local community experience victory in Jesus. Sweet gospel music, practical health talks and inspirational preaching led by Pastor Richard Jackson. Every night except Monday and Thursday, 30 April - 21 May. Venue: Newtown-Aston Community Church, Litchfield Road, Aston, Birmingham, B6 5SX. Contact: Pastor Richard Jackson <rssjackson@hotmail.com>. Phone: 07740984029.

SEC WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT CONFERENCE. Sunday, 1 May. SEC Women's Empowerment Conference: 'Women of Spirit – Not Easily Broken'. Sunday, 1 May at the Advent Centre, 12 Crawford Place, London, W1H 5HD. Registration: 9:30 am for a 10:00 am start. Speakers: Gail Masondo – USA/South Africa [Internationally renowned speaker, publisher, chaplain and advocate for women and children]; Eric Salisbury – USA [Elder & Bible Counsellor, motivational speaker & founder of O1B, and Sharon Platt-McDonald – UK [Health Ministries director, British Union Conference]. Cost is £20 per person and includes lunch and materials. See your Women's Ministries leader for an application form. For further information contact Sandra Golding on 07956 429522 or goldingsn@aol.com.

EVANGELISM TRAINING. Sunday, 1 May. Do you want to learn how to share your faith more confidently? Then this workshop is for you! This event is open to all South London (Area 6b) Personal Ministries leaders and personnel but all are welcome! Venue: Brixton Church, Santley Street, Clapham, London, SW4 7QG, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Light refreshments will be served. Presenter: Terry Messenger. Contact: Terry Messenger <tmessenger@secadventist.org.uk>. Phone: 01923 232728.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES DAY. Sunday, 1 May. Come and renew, refresh and revive your life on Sunday, 1 May. Main speaker, Mrs Heather Haworth, BUC Women's Ministries director. To be held
at Kilnasoolagh, the Irish Retreat Centre, Newmarket-on-Fergus. Contact: Mrs Betty O'Rourke <bettyor@hotmail.co.uk>. Phone: 00 353 9096 45937.

BACK TO SCHOOL - FUNDRAISING CONCERT. Sunday, 1 May. Come and help us support the Leicester Kashume School in Gambia. The school was built in 2007 with resources donated by the Leicester Central church, St Matthews Community Fellowship and Kaine Management Group. The school has grown from 20 to 150 students. The well at the school provides the only clean water in the village. Funds are now needed to pay the teachers and to also maintain the school. Tickets cost £3 and can be purchased from www.backtoschoolconcert.org. If you are unable to attend the concert then donations can also be made via the website. Venue: Taylor Road Primary School, Taylor Road, Abbey Park, Leicester, LE1 2JP. Time: 4:00 – 7:00 pm. Contact: Sally-Ann Flemmings-Danquah <contactus@stmattheoscommunityfellowships>. Phone: 07930441396.


PLAISTOW CHURCH BUILDING DEDICATION SERVICE. Sabbath, 7 May. We cordially invite former members of Plaistow church to our Dedication Service on Sabbath, 7 May. Please confirm attendance by 22 April 2011. Contact: Pastor Mohan Abbadasari <mohanabbadasari@aol.co.uk>. Phone: 07940924950.

DONCASTER CHURCH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE. Sabbath, 7 May. Doncaster Seventh-day Adventist church invites friends, past and present members to the 10th anniversary celebration, appreciation and thanksgiving service of the church's founding on Sabbath, 7 May, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. The last ten years have been a FAITH story of how a few, devoted church members were empowered by the Holy Spirit to pursue the vision of sharing their faith with the community. Venue: 1 Austerfield Avenue, Bentley, DN5 9QU. Contact: Mandela Thyoka <mandelat@yahoo.co.uk>. Phone: 07725189991.

MAHALI SELEPE LIVE IN CONCERT. Sabbath, 7 May. Time: 6:00 pm. Admission: £10 adult, £5 6-15yrs, 0-5 free (still needs ticket), group of 5 £40, group of 10 £70, group of 20 £120. Call: Emmanuel Mtindi 07940994046 or Mahali Selepe 07412426987. Venue Address: Alwoodley Gates, Harrogate Road, Leeds, West Yorkshire, LS17 8GS. The 2nd live DVD recorded concert! A special important day so please come and support us! Again proceeds from the DVD sales will go towards rebuilding Cancele Senior Secondary School (www.cancle.co.za). Please note that if you are a parent of a child 5 years and below you still need to obtain a ticket for them even though it is free of charge. This is to help us know how many people we are having on the night in case of any emergency. Contact: Emmanuel Mtindi <emtindi@hotmail.com>. Phone: 07940994096.

RAISED BY PRAISE. Sabbath, 7 May. Norbury Adventist church Music Ministry presents an evening of Praise & Worship. All are invited. Artists include: Norbury Praise Team, Welling Adventist Choir, Dionne Williams, Faith Vocal, Michael Marriott, Kieran Briscoe and many more. Doors open at 6:30 pm; Concert starts 7:00 pm, New Horizon Centre (Pollards Hill CC), South Lodge Avenue, Mitcham, CR4 1LT. Nearest Station Norbury. Buses 255, 60. No entry fee, however a minimum donation of £5 is suggested. Refreshments on sale. Contact: Naome <music@norburyysda.org.uk>. Phone: 07947592894.

THE POETIC VOICE. Sunday, 8 May. Whether you write poetry or music, take the time to develop your craft to a more professional level. This one day workshop is offered to Christian writers in the West Midlands with Catherine Anthony Boldeau at Hammond House, 2259 Coventry Rd, Birmingham, West Midlands, B26 3PA. Cost £10. NB. Register by 1 May for this one day event on
8 May. Time: 10:00 am – 4:30 pm. Contact: Diana Sinclair <musicadvisor@me.com>. Phone: 07886203696.

SEC ADRA FUN RUN. Sunday, 8 May. The Fun Run is at Crystal Palace Park, South London and begins at 10:00 am. Participants have the choice of completing the golden mile (1 mile), 3, 6, 9 or 12 miles. There is no need for registration – just turn up on the day. For sponsorship forms please contact the PM department at the SEC or download from the SEC website. Contact: Terry Messenger <tmessenger@secadventist.org.uk>. Phone: 01923 232728.

ADVENTIST BOOK CENTRE SALE. Sunday, 8 May. Adventist Book Centre sale at Harper Bell School, 29 Ravenhurst Street, Birmingham, West Midlands, B12 0EJ, from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Contact: Paul Poddar <ppoddar@stanboroughpress.co.uk>. Phone: 01476 539902.

GOSPEL CONCERT. Sabbath, 14 May. Pathfinders Fundraising Gospel Concert, 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Nottingham Central Adventist Church, St Ann's Well Road, St Ann's, Nottingham. Come and be amazed at the talent, come and be blessed. Free entry, free food. Freewill offering in support of the Nottingham Pathfinder Club. Contact: Marva Patterson <molasi@ntlworld.com>. Phone: 07814402684.

'I AM PERSUADED' GOSPEL CONCERT. Sabbath, 14 May. Born Again Promotions Presents: 'I am Persuaded' Gospel Concert at Holloway Adventist Church at 7:00 pm. Featuring: Paul Lee; Serena Maurice; Leon Barclay; Natasha Hunter; Reuben Phillip and more. Hosted by Asher McKenzie. Admission: free. An offering will be collected in aid of Holloway church Building Project. Refreshments on sale. Contact: Born Again Promotions <bornagainpromo@yahoo.com>. Phone: 07958676364.

SABBATH SCHOOL TRAINING WORKSHOP. Sunday, 15 May. Sabbath School workshop for Area 6C – Sunday, 15 May 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Clapton church. This is open to all Sabbath School leaders and teachers in Area 6C. Registration is not required. Contact: Terry Messenger <tmessenger@secadventist.org.uk>. Phone: 01923 232728.

ADVENTIST BOOK CENTRE SALE. Sunday, 15 May. Adventist Book Centre sale at John Loughborough School, Holcombe Road, Tottenham, London, N17 9AD, from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Contact: Paul Poddar <ppoddar@stanboroughpress.co.uk>. Phone: 01476 539902.

ADVENTIST BOOK CENTRE SALE. Sunday, 15 May. Adventist Book Centre sale at Sheffield Burngreave church, Andover Street, Pitts Moor, Sheffield, S3 9EE, from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Contact: Paul Poddar <ppoddar@stanboroughpress.co.uk>. Phone: 01476 539902.

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SMALL ADS

LUCA ALFANO; a 27-year-old Italian Adventist from Rome, and a project operator for ADRA Italia, would like to spend 3-4 months in England to improve his English. "I am reliable and friendly; during these months I would like to work and know new people. I ask you if you know any church brother/sister that can host me for this period." He will pay board and lodging. References are available on request. Contact Luca at luca2383@libero.it.

SEEKING ROOM TO RENT in an Adventist home around Stoke Newington or in the North London area. Alexandra has just arrived in the UK from Israel, though he is a British citizen. Contact Alexandra: love2abba@yahoo.co.uk.

SEEKING HOUSE SHARER/S: (Adventists) for a beautiful house in Harrow, London. Very quiet and exclusive private area. Also looking for a room or small studio flat/room in a Christian home to rent in London. Contact Joseph on 07961 394 798.
FRENCH EXCHANGE STUDENT. A 17-year-old young man is looking for a UK exchange family for the summer holidays. For more information contact: vezubuhle@sigidi.co.uk.

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