ROYAL WEDDING ENDORSEMENT BY JAMAICA'S GOVERNOR GENERAL

Pomp, pageantry and praise – not just at last Friday's Royal Wedding at Westminster Abbey, but continued the next day at a special Day of Fellowship at Hampstead Adventist church with Sir Patrick Allen, Governor General of Jamaica.

Themed 'The Royal Wedding', the day's proceedings featured stirring and appealing musical input from the London Male Voice Choir, the Millennium Brass Ensemble, and 14-year-old Tennae Drysdale. A well-ordered procession and guard of honour mounted by Pathfinders contributed to a sense of splendour and occasion. With well over 500 people packing the sanctuary for the extended morning service, local minister Humphrey Walters delivered the morning's address based on the parable of the wedding garment, taking his cue from the royal wedding service.

Sir Patrick Allen, former President of the West Indies Union Conference, and now Governor General of Jamaica, was special guest for the day. He had attended the Royal Wedding on Friday but, he informed us, like any dedicated Adventist, looked forward to worshipping on Sabbath in church with his brothers and sisters in the Lord. Addressing a packed out congregation, Sir Patrick remarked that he appreciated the sacredness of Friday's wedding service and hoped it would help in encouraging young people to continue to uphold the institution of marriage.

Even though he has been Governor General for two years, he is still defined by many people he meets as a minister of the gospel, Sir Patrick disclosed to us. This, he says, gives him the opportunity to witness regarding his faith. He shared an example that while at the wedding he was asked about the significance of being an Adventist, and was quizzed on whether his duties as Governor General ever clashed with his Sabbath-keeping. He was able to explain that there
was no inevitable conflict; that he is happy being an effective Governor General and, at the same time, a faithful Sabbath-keeping Christian. Requesting the prayers of the church, he conceded that if he were ever to turn away from the faith, everyone in Jamaica, Adventist or not, would be disappointed in him.

Key issues being championed by him and his wife, Sir Patrick informed us, revolve around the family, education and youth affairs. These, they are seeking to address from a holistic standpoint that embraces mental, spiritual, social, emotional and physical considerations. He has used his high position to implement a programme that is tagged the "I believe" initiative, where young people are empowered to find good values and use their God-given talents to build a good nation and serve God and country. Sir Patrick concluded his address by challenging us to do good, stating: "We will only pass this way but once; any good deed we can do, let us do it now, because we will not pass this way again."

Accompanying him on the day were BUC President, Pastor Don McFarlane, as well as former BUC President Pastor Cecil Perry. Also in attendance were SEC representatives, along with a number of pastors.

CORDS OF LOVE MARRIAGE RETREAT  [Michele Dantzie]

With wedding fever in the air it is an astonishing thought that last year, a phenomenal number of individuals in the UK filed for quickie divorces, allowing them to get on with their 'new and happier lives!' Reading this information, I wondered if any of these individuals were Christians and equally questioned what new and contented lives they would now have. We live in a society where it seems that almost everything has become disposable and Christian marriages have not escaped the endemic of this secular attitude – 'if it doesn't work or you're bored with it, get rid of it!'

The 'Cords of Love' Marriage Retreat run by the South England Conference Family Ministries department, aims to buck this trend. I was apprehensive at first, nevertheless after attending the Marriage Retreat, 22 - 24 April at Latimer Place, Buckinghamshire, I was pleased that I had managed to secure places for my husband and I.

In the company of approximately 19 couples, and set in acres of breathtaking rural views over the river and Chess Valley, the weekend proved to be an exceptional and spiritual experience led by Pastor Les Ackie and his wife, Irma. They provided a professional and thought-provoking time that gave the group the opportunity to discuss personal backgrounds and experiences, including their history as a couple together, how to build our emotional awareness and how forgiveness can build through increased tolerance and the recognition that individuality and character differences can actually enhance our marriages and personal happiness. For myself, I learnt how to recognise misconceptions, adjust my reactions to situations, and change self-defeating behaviours.

Married life has its challenges and the fast pace of life can take its toll on even the most experienced couples, that's why this retreat weekend was not just about getting away and spending some quality time together, it was a time to discuss and reflect, and combine the benefits of learning from the experiences of other couples. It was a great way to inject some change in our lives, to slip away from the sameness of everyday life and take some time to look at various aspects of our relationship. It provided the opportunity to spend time with like-minded couples who experience similar problems and who were able to offer support.
You don't have to be an 'old married couple' to benefit from a marriage retreat. Even if you are somewhat new to marriage like me, a retreat can give you a chance to boost the best things about your marriage. So regardless of the length of your marriage, retreats like this will give you the resources to really stay the course with the best kind of intimacy re-established between the two of you.

I hope the poignant and touching experience of Sunday afternoon, where we all pledged to take responsibility for our emotional and spiritual health, to cultivate the Fruit of the Spirit, commit to becoming transitional and the promise to intentionally nurture our marriages, followed by prayer with each other, will be committed to our memories and hearts.

It was indeed a time of deep reflection not just in relation to the retreat but also on the words found in Mark 10:9 – 'What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder'.

PIERCINGS, CRASH COURSES & STREET PARTIES [Rosemary Lethbridge]

Practical Evangelism community style, has always been the forte of Southampton's Watering Hole project. This was certainly true in April – an extremely busy month for The Watering Hole. Two special church services entitled, "What's So Good About Good Friday" and "Body Piercing Saved My Life" drew visitors and friends from our local community. Two young adults deeply into body piercing came and spoke about their experiences. We heard why they got pierced and they explained about the different types of piercing and how it was done – accompanied by much toe curling from the congregation. This introduced the message that Jesus was pierced in several parts of His body, not as a fashion statement or for any of the other reasons our piercists had given but for the benefit of others.

In between the Sabbath services our life groups ran a mini-series called "Life Lessons from Jesus' Last Week of Freedom." However, although thought-provoking and helpful for our existing membership, sadly no one attended from our community network.

That changed on Easter Sabbath as three activities engaged the local community: Intercessory Prayer – not only for our own Easter evangelism but what was happening across the UK, a children's outing bird watching at a local reserve and the second of our "Crash Course in Christianity Adventist style" – specifically timed to coincide with Easter. During this seminar we looked at who Jesus was, why He came and what He offers.

These activities were followed by a fellowship lunch before the service where several of those engaged in the morning activities stayed to enjoy more interaction. In the evening we screened a film on the subject of forgiveness. "To end all wars" is the story of a Japanese POW camp and had many well-known actors in it. However, perhaps due to the unseasonable, fantastic weather it failed to draw a large audience (only 9). The large hall in the community centre, costing £150, and seating 250-300 people had been given to us free of charge by the community centre management committee.

Sunday saw our annual Egg Hunt with 140 people attending. 119 people of all ages hunted for approximately 2,400 mini eggs and 240 tokens to exchange for bigger eggs while others helped man refreshment stalls and craft and activity stations. It is the third year running that we have organised this free event for the community. One adult who had taken part last year returned bringing 6 friends
with her because, "this is the best Easter egg hunt I have ever taken part in, even better than those I remember from my childhood". She turned out to be a neighbour from halfway down our street and has since given me her phone number and offered to volunteer at any event where we need helpers.

We took a well earned break on bank holiday Monday to gather our strength for the Royal Wedding Street Party that we co-hosted on Friday, 29 April. More than 500 tickets were sold for this event and just under 600 people, including volunteer helpers, attended. Bouncy castles, coconut shy, races, face painting, stalls, refreshments, a wedding hat competition and parade were just some of the events to keep people amused while they waited for the huge wedding tea and the cutting of the cake. In the evening a BBQ and band continued the entertainment as people continued to enjoy the sunshine, with many not wanting to leave "such a wonderful event".

The event was covered by local papers and the local radio station voted our street party the best local party with the most happening. Now we are planning for our fourth Community Camp at Chapel Porth.

**LIVE THE CHANGE AT CHAPEL PORTH** [Steven Hulbert] Also a [BUC News Video Report]

While millions of eyes were focused on Westminster Abbey and a Royal Wedding, another life changing event was taking place in the Royal Duchy of Cornwall. At Chapel Porth Youth Campsite, where the sun shines, the waves crash, and the busyness of life disappears, LIVE: St Austell and Devon and Cornish youth held their second Youth Camp, doubling their numbers from last year and enjoying a rich mix of Adventist youth and their friends. Guest speaker for the weekend was Tamar Joyeux, an MA Theology student who travelled down with some friends from Newbold College. Originally from St Lucia he is a keen surfer and has explored the waves on many a Devon and Cornish beach. The theme for the weekend was 'Making LIVE live', 'LIVE' an acronym for Living Intentionally Versus Existing. Tamar looked at an individual word each day bringing Biblical understanding, new words, and great stories to the worship. The youth were captivated by his understated but engaging style. They now know the meaning of 'numinous', are ready to take risks like Ephahroditus and have been challenged to aim for 'Great Expectations' rather than just 'manage expectations'.

Two morning talks were shared with us by Victor Hulbert who used his skills as BUC Communication director not just to illustrate his talks with great pictures, but through practical stories and life experience, share how God's 'Great Expectations' for us can grow through reading the Bible, through a prayer life – and by sharing community together.

Other activities that took place at the camp included basketball, surfing, walking, and a Sunday night concert.
starring invited guests, Philippa Hanna and Roo Walker. They shared not only their musical talent but their testimony – and by the end of an interactive evening had half the audience up the front joining in the music. It was amazing.

Diana stated, "after such an amazing weekend I've had a bit of a hard time studying but thanks for organising it, I really enjoyed every single bit of my time there." Dan stated, "I didn't know food could taste so good," while Trina stated, "It was awesome, I am truly humbled to have met such nice people!" Chris, who has only recently met Adventists, was just impressed with the whole atmosphere, the worships and the new friends he made. The whole weekend was a real blessing in worship, in friends, in food, in music, and speakers. Everybody went home happy with the experience and sad it was over.

Photos from the weekend are on the BUC picture gallery, and a BUC News video report featuring Tamar Joyeux (and some good surf) is also available.

ABERDARON BALLOON RELEASE  [Vivienne Barratt-Peacock]

During a long weekend away at our beautiful campsite in Aberdaron this April, members of Loughborough church particularly enjoyed the release of 40 brightly coloured balloons from the beach on Sabbath afternoon. Tags inviting anyone who found the balloons to request a free DVD were attached to the balloons. On the reverse, the children, who are always keen to share their love of Jesus, had written simple messages such as, "Jesus loves you" and "Jesus is coming soon".

When we reached the beach, one person commented that the landscape more closely resembled the surface of the moon than a beach! As can happen so quickly in Aberdaron, the sea mist had descended, and this, combined with the almost complete stillness of the sea, provided a strange, yet beautiful atmosphere.

After filling the balloons with helium, Terry led us in prayer for those who might find them, and following a countdown, we all let go and watched our balloons drifting up into the mist! We hope that the words written by the children on the balloon tags will help someone to learn about the love of Jesus.

CHANGED FOR THE BETTER; CHANGED FOR GOOD!  [Andrew Puckering]

[Editor's note: Following last week's report of the i-Change BUC Youth Congress we are pleased to add a personal perspective from one delegate, MESSENGER Proof Reader and philosopher, Andrew Puckering. More resources from the congress are also available, including an informative interview that gets to the meat of the theme song, Chance to Change.]

I was one of the nearly 600 delegates for the BUC Youth Congress, 'i-Change', that started pouring into the International Centre at Telford on the evening of Thursday 21 April – and kept pouring in! Some of the sleepier youth were motivated by a friendly rivalry between 'Alpha Team' and 'Omega Team', led
by recently married Andrew Davis, and theme song composer, Yvonne Bauwens. Andrew also
organised a hugely enjoyable social evening, incorporating fun, games, and 'dancing like a ballerina'!

I was really uplifted by humorous and intelligent presentations from the speakers – James Black
showed me that real change means being willing to 'get other people's stuff on your hands' to make a
difference in their lives; David Asscherick studied Paul's hope of change in Romans 7 and 8, and
showed me that real problems in the Early Church didn't stop them from changing the world; Gilbert
Cangy shared how his own life had been changed by the Gospel; Dick Duerksen told stories of
changed lives from Bible characters and missionary workers throughout history; and Tim Gillespie
highlighted for me the revolutionary Gospel message that Christ presented, and continues to present,
through His crucifixion and resurrection.

Workshops and stands full of information and resources were
operated by a huge number of Church departments and
institutions, and some were so popular that delegates had to rush
to squeeze into them! In one workshop Tim Gillespie warned us
that 'James Black is next door, and in twenty minutes you'll start
to hear him through the walls' – sure enough, James Black's
passionate delivery was heard right on cue!

I joined some of those 'changed delegates' as they aimed to change
the Telford community during the weekend including door-to-
door witnessing, sharing praise in the park on the Friday and
Sunday, and a smaller group who sang at nursing homes over
days; these outreach efforts were so appreciated that a
nursing home resident even offered to marry one of the visitors!
During the Praise in the Park, a dramatic Passion Play was
repeated in the brilliant sunshine for local residents.

Pastor Des Boldeau was visibly moved as he received a standing
ovation from all the delegates at the close of the congress. He will
soon be stepping aside as BUC Youth director 'to make way for a younger person', but the congress he
organised has left us changed for good, and changed for the better.

ADVENTIST ASIANS MEET IN MANCHESTER [Ottakal Chackochen]

The spring gathering of Asian Adventists in the UK and the
rest of Europe took place in Manchester on 22 - 23 April. It
began with Friday vespers with Pastor Ashley Kongari from
Finland. The Sabbath morning began with a well-planned
Sabbath School programme organised by Sekar Babu. The
Divine Service was organised by Joy Paul, and the preacher
for the service was Pastor John Melki. After the mandatory
rich Indian meal provided by Prabha John, the afternoon
consisted of a Health Seminar by Pastor Malcolm and Naomi Watson, and a musical programme
coordinated by Wilfred Masih. It was a time of fellowship, spiritual commitment and encouragement.
John Varghese and Prem Wilson along with a number of helpers worked behind the scenes to make
the day a success.

TEDMEDIA PRODUCTIONS WEBSITE LAUNCHED [Jemina
Da Silva Macedo, tedNEWS]

tedMEDIA Productions, media unit of the Trans-European Division's
Communication department has gone live with their new website.
Complete with all their productions to date, the website also allows
you to get to know the team, gives updates on current projects, behind the scenes photos and footage and of course, allows you to view any one of their numerous clips and episodes.

"The tedMEDIA Productions website is packed with media resources that can be accessed and used in all aspects of ministry. From Bible studies to sermon starters, programme fillers to small groups – there are resources for every occasion," says Miroslav Pujic, TED Communication & Media Ministries director. "The website allows everyone to use the material we are producing to further the nurture of current members as well as using the internet as a way of reaching postmodern thinkers and fence sitters."

The flavour of the website is high-tech and professional and includes a variety of clips and programmes, including a 15 day 'Get Active' challenge with Patricia Ferreira-Lopez, as she attempts a range of new sports, encouraging the health message; inTUNE music videos; 'Experiencing the Joy' drama illustrations; talks with Cliff Goldstein; real life testimony stories; and reports and programmes from 'Mind the Gap' and 'Evidence'.

"Media is becoming more and more part of our everyday lives and it's important that we harness it and use it to our advantage," says Pujic. "Now that we've created it, it's up to you to use it – so get online now and see what's on offer!"

To take a look at the new website and the resources currently available, go to <www.tedmedia.org>.

HOPECALLS WEBSITE UP AND RUNNING [Karen Plumb]

HopeCalls is a Christian website which was launched in January 2011 by Walthamstow church member, Karen Plumb. Her vision is to provide "Everyday Hope in everyday lives". She says, "HopeCalls is underpinned by Biblical principles and a firm faith in God, drawn from the Seventh-day Adventist Message." Through the practical application of Christian principles, the site offers emotional, spiritual and physical food for the mind, body and spirit. Each month, HopeCalls aims to bring new perspectives on common experiences expressed in Biblical writings, lifestyle advice, herbal remedies and personal reflections. Karen is looking to church members and friends to support HopeCalls in its mission to develop "Christian Hope in Practice" and in doing so, she encourages readers to contribute by sharing reflections, favourite work and comments.

THIS WEEK ON THE HOPE CHANNEL

Tom Pignon's Mongolia travel blog continues this week on the Hope Channel website. There is also an engaging interview with Yvonne Bauwens, composer of the Chance to Change theme song at the i-Change BUC Youth Congress. In addition, a wide variety of programmes are available on the satellite including the following episodes of 'In Conversation':

**Friday 6 May:** 8:00 pm: Audrey Balderstone – Church as entertainment?  
Sabbath 7 May: 12:30 am: Cyril Sweeney – Passionate about family, 9:00 am: Audrey Balderstone, 8:00 pm: Cyril Sweeney  
**Wednesday 11 May:** 8:00 am: Matt Vincent – Kite boarding or Ancient Sumerian languages?  
8:30 pm: Rob Pearce – Faith in an emergency, growth in a church plant  
**Friday 13 May:** 8:00 pm: Matt Vincent  
Sabbath 14 May: 12:30 am: Rob Pearce, 9:00 am: Matt Vincent, 8:00 pm: Rob Pearce

Also, 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. 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>.

VICTORY IN JESUS. Continuing 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.

DANIEL & REVELATION SEMINAR. Continuing to Sabbath, 21 May. Daniel & Revelation Seminar presented by Pastor George S Dadey. Date: 3 – 21 May (Tue, Fri, Sat & Sun). Time: Weekdays: 7:30 pm; Sabbaths: 11:00 am & 4:00 pm. Venue: Sydenham Seventh-day Adventist church, Sydenham Hill Community Hall, Sydenham Hill, London, SE26 6TT. Contact: Nerrie Barrett <sydenhamcommunications@gmail.com>. Phone: 07859 068 295.

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.

HOW HEALTHY ARE YOU? Sabbath, 7 May. Chingford Community Adventist church Health & Temperance Day. Sabbath, 7 May. Time: 9:30 am – 12:30 pm. Afternoon: 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm. Venue: Chingford Community Seventh-day Adventist church, Highams Park United Reformed Church, 40 Malvern Avenue, Highams Park, London, E4 9NP. *Applying water treatment; *Herbal Poultice to relieve rheumatism; *Bring relieve to gallstones quickly; *Get natural relief and control your hay-fever this summer. Special guest speakers and much, much more. A very practical day. Contact: Marylene <specialm@hotmail.co.uk>. Phone: 07947571043.

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.

IF YOU BELIEVE YOU WILL RECEIVE. Sabbath, 7 May, 10:45 am – 5:30 pm (lunch will be provided). The school community has been working together to provide a special programme themed 'If you believe you will receive'. Guest speakers include Pastor Simon Martin, Opal Johnson, Dr Jennifer Darkwah and many others. The day will be a mixture of straight talk, praise and worship, a mini concert, laughter and fellowship. Staff and parents will be performing a musical rendition on the day! Join us at: Stanborough Secondary School, Stanborough Park, Garston, Watford, Herts, WD25
9 JT. This event is free. Contact: Shannelle Hall <shall@spsch.org>. Phone: 01923 673291/07985 656349.

PRAYER AND REFLECTION: "DISCOVERING THE TRUTH". Sabbath, 7 May. Sometimes life is so busy that it is hard to find the time to slow down, talk with God and dwell on what is important in life. Every month at Stanborough Park church, 609 St Albans Road, Garston, Watford, WD25 9JL, we set aside time to do that. Through worship, a short talk, and creative prayer activities we spend time in prayer, either alone or with others. You are very welcome to join us from 3:30 – 4:30 pm and be a part of this quiet time. This month's theme: "Discovering the truth of Jesus". Contact: Stanborough Park church <wishingyoujoy@ntlworld.com>. Phone: 01923 894 664.

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. Proceeds from the DVD sales will go towards rebuilding Cancele Senior Secondary School. 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. 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@norburysda.org.uk>. Phone: 07947592894.

CORE OF ADVENTISM. Saturday, 7 May to Saturday, 14 May. The Core of Adventism seeks to provide unity through focused study on some important beliefs for our Church. In a Christ-centred way we will look at the core beliefs of our Church and the surrounding issues of the Sabbath, the Sanctuary, the State of the Dead, the Spirit of Prophecy and the Second Advent of Jesus Christ. For full information and venues visit: http://www.adventistinfo.org.uk/coreofadventism/ Contact: Eglan Brooks <eglanbrooks@adventist.org.uk>. Phone: 01923672251.

CHILDREN'S MUSICAL CONCERT FOR ADRA. Saturday, 7 May. Concert begins at 7:00 pm. Venue: Stanborough Park church, 609 St Albans Road, Garston, Watford, Herts, WD25 9JL. Featuring children from Stanborough Park church playing music for young children with piano, violin, flute, trumpet and piano duets and a string ensemble. Concert is free but there will be a collection for ADRA-UK and Stanborough Park church Music Fund. Contact: Peter Walton <walton@groats.co.uk>. Phone: 01923 672500.

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.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY EMPHASIS DAY: WOOD GREEN CHURCH. Sabbath, 14 May. Don't miss this relevant lecture as you observe the current events in the Arab world. Morning presentation (11:00 am): 'Islam in Bible Prophecy' by Elder Tristan Cuniah. Afternoon programme (4:30 pm) focusing on issues concerning Religious Liberty. Join as at Northcott Avenue, Wood Green, London, N22 4DB. Contact: Elder Tristan Cuniah <wgbulletin77@yahoo.co.uk>.

PARALLEL CONNECT DAY. Sabbath, 14 May. Whether you are a kid, have kids or are simply young at heart, there is something for you! The day starts with a talk by Geert Tap, continues with provided lunch, scavenger hunts for adults and kids, and an evening vespers to close. Connect with your friends or even make new ones, connect with Jesus, or get to know Him for the first time! Parallel is an alternative service of the Stanborough Park Seventh-day Adventist church, 609 St. Albans Road, Watford, WD25 9JL and starts at 11:00 am on Saturday mornings. Contact: Dejan <dex006@yahoo.com>. Phone: 01923 894664.

GOSPEL CONCERT. Sabbath, 14 May. Pathfinders Fundraising Gospel Concert, 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Nottingham Central Adventist Church, St Anns Well Road, St Anns, 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, Pittsmoor, Sheffield, S3 9EE, from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Contact: Paul Poddar <ppoddar@stanboroughpress.co.uk>. Phone: 01476 539902.


LIVE: ST AUSTELL PRESENTS – PETER NEVLAND. Friday, 20 May. We are pleased to have Peter Nevland all the way from the USA sharing with us his unique talent of the spoken word. Other guests include: The Lyrical Soldier, Jermaine Wong, and guest speaker Pastor Eddie Hypolite. The event is free but a collection will be made for a local charity. Venue: St Austell Seventh-day
Adventist Church, Bucklers Lane, St Austell, Cornwall, PL25 3JN. Contact: Steven Hulbert <happytobebeans@yahoo.co.uk>. Phone: 07772582133.

GOD'S IMMINENT RETURN... STOP! ARE YOU READY? Sabbath, 21 May. God's Imminent Return... STOP! Are YOU Ready? Leicester Central Youth Day, 2011. Inviting all youth to a personal, very spirit-filled day. Contact: Thenji Banda <thenjibee2@yahoo.co.uk>. Phone: 07938156027.

SABBATH SCHOOL TRAINING WORKSHOP. Sunday, 22 May. Do you want to revitalise your Sabbath School experience and learn the best teaching practices? Then you are invited to Peckham Adventist church, 149-159 Ivydale Road, Nunhead, Peckham, London, SE15 3DX, Sunday, 22 May, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm for a special workshop. This event is open to all South London (Area 6b) Sabbath School leaders and teachers but all are welcome. Presenter – Terry Messenger. Contact: Terry Messenger <tmessenger@secadventist.org.uk>. Phone: 01923 232728.

ADVENTIST BOOK CENTRE SALE. Sunday, 22 May. Adventist Book Centre sale at Brixton Adventist church, Santley Street, Clapham, London, SW4 7QG, from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Contact: Paul Poddar <ppoddar@stanboroughpress.co.uk>. Phone: 01476 539902.

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SMALL ADS

DIANA LOGACHO; a 22-year-old mechanical engineering student from Barakaldo Adventist church, Spain wants to improve her English in London during July and August. She would be happy to work on an exchange basis. For more details and references contact dianys_18_2@hotmail.com.

WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHER. High-end international wedding photographer with good offers for Adventists and Jews. Make your special event unique and unforgettable. Contact info@peterlanephotography.com.

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.

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