LOVE CHURCH?

A Gay Pride march may have been hitting the streets outside Westminster Central Hall, lovers of music may have been rummaging through trays of CDs and vinyl albums at a Music Fair in the basement, but in the Central Hall itself, 2,000 Adventists were learning about love of a different kind.

Adventists know doctrine. They uphold standards and share an important end time message. But those attending the British Union Conference Grand Day of Fellowship on Sabbath, 2 July learned that 'A new kind of love' – demonstrated so clearly by Jesus in the Gospels should be the basis by which Christians are known. Pastor Charles Tapp, senior pastor at the Sligo church, Washington DC, based his sermon around Jesus' words in John 13:34-35: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

In very practical terms he then related to the congregation as to what that should mean in their lives and communities. He said, "I have discovered that when individuals leave the Adventist faith it is rarely due to some doctrinal dispute, but it is usually over this thing called love or should I say the lack of it." His quoted Douglas Cooper's book, Living God's Love as one of his favourite practical definitions: "Loving is using one's God-given power of choice to do or say, that which is in the best good or interest of another regardless of feelings."

By the conclusion of the sermon he challenged the congregation that "what I hear Jesus saying to us today is that the one thing that He wants us to be known for more than anything else is our ability to love the way that He loves. In other words He wants us to be The Love Church." He also argues that this definition should come, not from ourselves, but from those outside the Church looking in. "Let us never forget that the name that means most to our communities is not the one that we have nailed to the front of our buildings, but rather it's the one that we have nailed to the front of our hearts."
The message resonated with the mission focused emphasis of the day under the Session theme, 'That the World may know'. Following Dr Daniel Duda's exposition of the Sabbath School lesson, representatives from every part of the British Isles shared a Passion for Missions, using testimony to show how 'simple church', witnessing on the streets of Dublin or Edinburgh, or even offering free Bibles as part of an online quiz were making an impact. Malika Bediako shared how a mission trip to Ghana had changed the lives of some of the secondary school children who had accompanied her.

In the afternoon the President's Report mixed video footage, live interview and music to share the message of how God had led His Church over the past five years. Despite the economic downturn, the destruction by fire of the BUC office, and other challenges, outgoing President, Pastor Don McFarlane, reported on the faithfulness of church members who increased their tithe returns by 37% over the five years, while donating a total of £4,399,334 in Sabbath School offerings. The area that gave him greatest satisfaction, he said, was that of evangelism – something that he had been personally involved with himself. The Year of Evangelism was particularly rewarding, he stated, as local pastors and churches took the initiative to run campaigns and outreach programmes leading to 1,255 joining the Church.

Music was an important part of the day, including a massed choir, soloists, and special items, and climaxing with a concert highlighting some of the best in Adventist music. People rose to their feet with the Hallelujah Chorus at the end of the President's Report, and it was with hallelujahs in their ears, and love in their hearts, that members headed back out into the evening sunshine of London to not just 'love church', but as a church to love the world they are in.

Pastor Tapp's sermon is available to view on the Hope TV website. A transcript is also available. Photos from the day are in the BUC Picture gallery.

PASTOR IAN SWEENEY TO LEAD CHURCH IN BRITISH ISLES

"I am very humbled," Pastor Ian Sweeney told delegates, immediately after being elected to the office of President at the Seventh Quinquennial Session of the British Union Conference on Sunday, 3 July at Stanborough Park church, Watford.

A wise President from many years back, Pastor O M Dorland, stated that "the best person for President is the man who does not want the job!" This is an apt description for Pastor Sweeney, a preacher and a church pastor who, for the past three years has served as President in the North England Conference, and who, as he told BUC News this week, is a man who gives permission for directors to dream a dream to see the work of the Church move forward. Pastor Sweeney describes himself as self-effacing. "I don't claim to know everything," he told delegates, "but this much I will say. When all is said and done here, the world out there needs to be impacted by what we talk about in here." His emphasis for the next five years is clear, "We must reach out and bring a greater impact for a world that is dying in sin!" He added, "it is not about me, it
is about everyone of us seeking to make a change and to have our message reaching the people who don't know."

He will be supported by another new officer. Pastor Paul Lockham has served as Executive Secretary in both the North and the South Conferences, before that having gained pastoral experience in the South England Conference as well as the Irish and Welsh Missions. Along with his wife, Helen, he also spent time as preceptor at Stanborough Secondary School. As a man of broad experience he was thus the logical choice to take on the Executive Secretary role at Union level. Standing on the platform he noted that Stanborough Park church is a special church for him. It is the church he grew up in and where many momentous events had taken place. "Today," he said with an emotional tear in his eye, "this one has to be the greatest." His greatest hope for the next five years is that our Church can "move closer to being a place where the love and grace we see in Jesus' ministry is seen in our churches and members' lives."

Well-known to all delegates, the third member of the leadership team, Mr Victor Pilmoor, was returned to office to continue as Treasurer. Delegates appreciated his financial stewardship of the Church through recent difficult economic times. For the future he recognises that we "are on a life long journey to the kingdom, whatever the battle – God is in control and He wins." Looking at the big picture, he adds, "Too often we lose ourselves to the passion of clauses and sub-clauses, the tyranny of small numbers, fickle personalities and trifling behaviour. But if God is for us, who can be against us?"

A full report of Officers and Departmental directors voted was in the previous edition of BUC News and will be in MESSENGER. More background to the Session can be found on the Session website.

In retiring from office, former President, Pastor Don McFarlane stated, "The past five years have been challenging years... but God came through for us anyway." He then noted that for perhaps the first time in 38 years of ministry he did not know what he would be doing tomorrow. However, he expressed that he is sure that God has something exciting planned, and that "where He leads, I will do my best to follow." As Pastor Eric Lowe steps into retirement from the role of Executive Secretary, he shared with delegates that he never expected to be in some of the roles where God has led but that he could only be successful because of "the marvellous teams we have worked with."

Teams are now in transition. In the coming weeks the North England Conference Executive Committee will be meeting to select a new President. Pastor Lockham will carry the mantle of both the BUC and SEC Executive Secretary until the SEC Session in September, supported until then by Pastor Lowe. There will also be a time of transition for directors who are leaving, and new names who are coming in but it is anticipated that the full team will be in action by September.

In concluding the weekend of meetings, Pastor Sweeney stated that "the tone set for the weekend is a powerful one, it is one of love." He added, "it is scary for me, but it is my passion and I've not always been successful: we must never lose sight, to love the people who don't know Christ." To achieve that would undoubtedly be success.
A photo gallery from the Session, plus an audio recording of Pastor Tapp's Sunday devotional is available from the BUC Picture gallery. The Session Report and supporting documentation is on the BUC Session website.

RESTRUCTURING THE BRITISH UNION

It was the last item on the business agenda but was the one most anticipated and discussed – not just on the day but in the months leading up to the Session. The debate had been building up since letters started appearing in the MESSENGER over a year ago suggesting it was time to look at modernising the Church structure in the British Isles. And it was not just MESSENGER readers. Discussions equally took place at both Conference and Union levels. This led to the document that appeared in the 13 May MESSENGER, "A mission-driven structure for the British Union."

However, the document itself was not the primary focus of the ensuing debate. Even earlier in the day Pastor Don McFarlane had hinted that the proposal being made might not be quite what delegates were expecting. Charing the session, Victor Pilmoor noted that things have changed over the years and we need to ask the question, "how can we do things better?" One of the reasons that there had not been change was, he argued, that "turkeys don't vote for Christmas!" What we need now, he suggested, is a substantive conversation, not about contraction or failure, but on how best do we take this Union forward?

Illustrating his Sunday afternoon message with PowerPoint, Pastor McFarlane outlined the history of the organisation and structure in the Adventist Church, looked briefly at various models, and then noted that this was a time for consultation to see if there was a will among delegates and membership to look at restructuring in any form. His final motion to the delegates was that the British Union should set up a Study Committee to review the whole structure of the British Union [see insert on right].

Debate then opened on two fronts: 1) Was restructuring necessary and 2) Was the motion too restrictive?

Speaking to the first issue, Dr Keith Davidson noted that change needed to be "driven from below" and wondered whether this was the case. Dr Steve Logan echoed Pastor McFarlane's comment that everywhere he went in the church people were discussing the document and that, if there was no change, delegates would also "have to justify the status quo." Pastor Steve Wilson added that the very exercise itself was useful "even if there were no change" as it would give us a greater understanding of our resources, our needs and where we are. Mr George Acquah wanted to ensure that the proposal was primarily on a soul winning basis, rather than linked to finance.

A number of delegates spoke to the motion indicating that they felt it was too restrictive, Mr Steve Mitcham stated that "it was too narrow, putting a hedge around the committee." Pastor Garth Anthony proposed an amendment limiting it to just the first three of the seven points. The amendment was passed by a narrow majority. A later amendment reducing it further was substantially defeated.

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Mr John Wilson was one of those that thanked Pastor McFarlane for undertaking a difficult task. "That the leadership is looking at it is commendable," he said, while equally wanting to ensure that the committee taking this forward would be appropriately qualified and representative. A round of applause followed Mr Dereck Morrison's cry for change as, he argued, our members are frustrated that even with all the good we are doing, we are only scratching the surface evangelistically. "This," he said, "is a very positive move." Mr Samuel Annor also noted that this is in line with many charities that are streamlining their operations to be more efficient and effective.

In the final vote delegates agreed "To set up a Study Committee, in harmony with GC Policy, to review the structure of the British Union, with a view to: Eliminate unnecessary duplication; Reduce expenditure on executive/departmental leadership; Provide more resources (financial and human) for local churches, where the mission of the Church is carried out."

Following the vote former BUC President Pastor Cecil Perry thanked Pastor McFarlane for the work he had done on the document, then challenging us with the devotional theme of the weekend stated, "Let us leave this place with the mind of a Church that loves."

HEALTH REACHES A SUMMIT IN THE BRITISH ISLES  [Sharon Platt-McDonald]

Sandra Golding was effusive: "The Wellness Summit was truly inspirational, thought-provoking and life changing," she said. "The workshops that I attended were extremely beneficial and ... the speakers were excellent and had so much knowledge and experiences to share with the attendees." Others of the delegates agreed stating things like, "This has been a fantastic learning experience. It has to be the best training event I have attended so far," or "I am leaving this Summit equipped to take back health programmes that I can use in my church and community. I am so glad I came."

This was the first Adventist Health Summit for the UK. Under the caption "Wellness Summit – To Train, Inspire, Equip", a range of courses, workshops and plenary presentations on 31 topics, provided comprehensive training for delegates between 21 - 26 June at the De Vere Venues Staverton Park Hotel, Northamptonshire.

Trainers and presenters were both from the UK and from as far away as the World Church Headquarters in Washington DC. In his evaluation, Dr Handysides World Church Health Ministries director, classified the event as 'outstanding' and stated: "The conference achieved its objectives of educating, empowering, and enlisting many to the ranks of a balanced, compassionate and sensitive Health Ministry."

Planning the event was a challenge. BUC Health Ministries director and Summit organiser Sharon Platt-McDonald states: "Last June, I wrote out to our team of Health Ministries directors and sponsors and other health professionals about my vision of hosting a Wellness Summit in the UK. I had in mind an event that would embrace a holistic view of health covering the emotional, spiritual, physical and social aspects of wellbeing. I commenced by asking the team to identify what the key health needs were in their local churches, communities and what would be the most impactful training that they could bring back to their Conferences and Missions. With a planning team of 13 I was relieved when they all bought into the vision and as a result the subsequent planning meetings went smoothly."

Pastor Jackson was asked to evaluate the efficacy of the Summit including the scope of training, ministerial input/support, evangelistic potential, ongoing health programmes and medical missionary
work within the British Isles. It was encouraging to see pastors and the delegates they sponsored sitting around tables planning how they would implement the training received. For instance, evangelistic campaigns will be prefaced with one health programme while another one will be placed as a follow-up at the conclusion of the series.

On a practical level, the Food Health Educator, Hydrotherapy and Massage courses equipped individuals with a range of skills to make health programmes more varied with learning that can be transferred to church programmes and community initiatives as well as domestic settings.

Health was seen in action during the Summit! Morning exercises were led by Sandra Golding who took the delegates through a range of movements to music, from stretching exercises to salsa! Equally, none of the attendees will forget the wonderful evening of laughter (laughter therapy), led by Beryl Emm. The benefits of laughter were vividly demonstrated and resulted in a sound night's sleep for most participants.

Enthusiastic health leaders and Summit delegates are now returning to their churches armed with skills to run courses such as Depression Recovery, Living Free (Finding freedom from habits that hurt), Weight Management, and Wellness Expos. The emotional and mental wellbeing of our churches and communities will improve as delegates attending the Forgive to Live, Depth Evangelism (faith and mental wellbeing), Emotional Intelligence, Emotional Education and Mental Health First Aid courses, bring back the learning to their local areas. Equally encouraging were the delegates who attended the courses aimed at both ends of the age spectrum. Drug Endangered Children and Youth, Paediatric Obesity, Trauma, Loss and Compassion and Adverse Childhood Experiences were eye-openers that equipped delegates with skills to better understand and minister to vulnerable children and youth. The Older Persons' Health Strategy sought to raise awareness of the need of our aging population and how best to minister to this age group. Men's Health, Cancer Focus and many other aspects of health were covered in the varied training sessions some with an external presenter from the NHS. As a result the National Action Cancer Team will be extending its existing work with the BUC Health Ministries department.

If you would like any of the workshops/courses mentioned above to be brought to your church and community please ring the BUC on 01923 672251 to speak with Sharon Platt-McDonald. A video report of the Summit will be available online in next week's BUC News. A picture gallery is available now.

**ADVENTIST ENGINEER LAUNCHES TERRAIN HOPPER** [Peter Jeynes]

The New Atheists, among them Richard Dawkins and Christopher Hitchens, have moved from the assertion that there is no God – to attacking Christians, Christianity and faith in general. Reading some of their work suggests that Christians at best are second-rate thinkers – and people who generally don't even read.

Sam Dantzie is not one of those Christians. As an engineering designer he had worked on creating equipment for other people. He is now a designer who has created his own "ground-breaking, leisure product with mobility in mind."
The business began with a simple event. The Dantzie family, Sam and Debbie, loved walking in the hills but the birth of first child Nathan made such expeditions impossible. The attempt to find a suitable buggy for their child proved fruitless. As Sam says, "although there were many 'off-road' manual buggies, we soon found out that we quickly ran out of puff." The result for the Lincoln church elder was the attempt to design a mobility product to enable the family to continue their off road walking activities as before.

Nine years and numerous prototypes later the result is a 'go anywhere' powered product suitable for adults and children alike. What began as a way of safely carrying small children across difficult terrain will now set adventurous adults and people with mobility problems free.

On Thursday, 30 June, the product designed and built in Louth, Lincolnshire, made its worldwide debut when it was unveiled at the Mobility Roadshow in Peterborough. Described as a leisure product with mobility in mind, TerrainHopper is more than a little different from the electric and powered wheelchairs it looks set to replace.

During a recent test of the off-road version on Mablethorpe beach, a passer-by commented with enthusiasm that he would love to buy one. At the Peterborough launch day experienced interviewers broke off from immediate tasks to investigate this new machine. A disabled friend said, "If I had one of those I could get anywhere."

Eldest son, Nathan, now an 11-year-old thinking of being baptised this year, has been inspired by the family venture and is thinking of becoming a missionary and a design engineer while 4-year-old Amy, the baby of the family, herself able to drive the family's machine, was plainly enthusiastic about the whole venture.

The members of Lincoln church have been praying for the family as the product has neared the launch date and important deadlines approached. That in itself has defined the Christian nature of the family project. Rather than being the obsession of an inventor locked away in a shed at the bottom of the garden God has been a part of a programme that aims to help people with mobility problems.

In addition to being an elder at Lincoln church, Sam is an experienced preacher and public speaker. He has ably demonstrated that Christians aren't just unthinking, brainless people set on harming the world. Instead Sam and the family have created a product that will benefit people who want and need greater mobility.

For more information please call either Samuel or Deborah Dantzie on 01507 354963 or email <terrainhopper@live.co.uk>.

100% INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PASSES AT STANBOROUGH SCHOOL

[Anne Pilmoor, BUC Education Director]

On Wednesday, 6 July, the Year 13 students at Stanborough School learned that they had achieved an outstanding suite of results for the International Baccalaureate examinations: a 100% pass rate in all subjects and 22 top grades. The school has every reason to celebrate and the students are proud of this impressive achievement. The International Baccalaureate has great currency in all of Europe, enabling students to have
access to many European universities and higher institutions. With the recent announcement of a significant increase in tuition fees for English universities, universities in Europe are becoming ever more popular as they provide an attractive, affordable option.

GCSE students in our churches are invited to find out more about the IB course offerings at Stanborough School. The school would relish the opportunity to help more students experience similar success in 2012/2013. Telephone the school on 01923 673268 for further information.

LATEST MESSENGER ONLINE

With full coverage of Camp Meeting, 'A marriage made in Heaven' is the lead story in the 8 July MESSENGER. Julian Hibbert confesses that he can get lost 'even with a satnav', while Patrick Boyle looks at 'Evangelising and non-Christians'. Just a taste of a packed edition that you will want to read online or pick up in your local church.

PROGRAMMES TO WATCH THIS WEEK

A choice of UK produced Adventist programmes are available for you to watch this coming week.

On Revelation TV (Sky 581 or Freesat 692) enjoy the following two programmes from SECmedia:

'Dark Room', Thursday 14 July, 8:30 pm: The Book of Eli. What will we do when our Bibles are taken away? Have we committed to memory portions of scripture to keep us going through the time of trouble? The Book of Eli serves as a reminder of how precious the Word of God is and what men will do to posses it.

On Hope TV you can watch a wide variety of programmes on the satellite and website including the following episodes of 'In Conversation':

Friday 8 July: 8:00 pm: Nicolae Butoiu – Freedom in prison – if it's for your faith!
Sabbath 9 July: 12:30 am: Darren Bullock – How heading a charity can change your life,
  9:00 am: Nicolae Butoiu, 8:00 pm: Darren Bullock
Monday 11 July: 12:30 pm and 9:30 pm: Anne-May Wollan – Life above the Arctic Circle
Wednesday 13 July: 8:00 am: Mike Logan – Cosmic monster to Loving God,
  8:30 pm: Kresho Senjaric – Musical rebel, 12:00 pm: Anne-May Wollan
Friday 15 July: 8:00 pm: Mike Logan
Sabbath 16 July: 12:30 am: Kresho Senjaric, 9:00 am: Mike Logan, 8:00 pm: Kresho Senjaric

COMING EVENTS

HOME COMING DAY AT ENFIELD CHURCH. Sabbath, 9 July. Friends at Enfield church would like to invite you to their 'Home Coming Day' on Sabbath, 9 July, 9:30 am to 8:00 pm. Preacher–Pastor Steve Roberts. Lunch provided. AYS programme with the Chiswick Choir. Contact: Jillian Derry-Williams <jillderry@hotmail.com>. Phone: 07785760552.
Bramley Church Youth Day, Leeds. Sabbath, 9 July. Bramley, Leeds Adventist church is a small one-year-old branch of Leeds church in West Yorkshire. This is its first Youth Day and you are all invited to partake in supporting, fellowshiping and interacting with the members and locals. The day will be packed with God's Word, holy music, inspirational testimonies and delicious vegetarian food. Venue: St Peter's Church, 8 Hough Lane, Leeds, West Yorkshire, LS13 3JF. Contact: Tanya Chibonga <goldmosaic@gmail.com>. Phone: 07778043407.

The John Loughborough School Thanksgiving Service. Sabbath, 9 July. Venue: The London Ghana Church, 50 Chadwin Road, London, E13 8NF. (Lunch provided). 9:30 am - 5:30 pm. Theme: 'To God be the Glory'. Year 11 cohort has finally come to the end of their journey of 5 years at JLS. Please come and share in our day of Thanksgiving and Praise to God for this journey. Contact: Verona Hoilett <secretary@johnloughborough.haringey.sch.>. Phone: 02088087837.

Marriage & Relationships. Sabbath, 9 July to Sabbath, 16 July. Single! Dating! Courtship? Looking For A Lasting Relationship? Tying The Knot? Problems In Marriage? Slough Adventist Family Ministries department cordially invites you to attend this special family campaign with Pastor Eglan Brooks. Sabbath, 9 July @ 9:00 am - 16 July with weekday meetings @ 7:00 pm (except Thursday). Light breakfast and free health checks on Sunday 10th. Come and listen to precious counsel that will change your view on relationships forever. Venue: Slough Adventist church, 56 Albert Street, Slough, Berks, SL1 2BU. Contact: Kevin <thando994@yahoo.co.uk>. Phone: 07534964550 / 07983711972.

Fundraising, Thanksgiving & Worship Day. Sabbath, 9 July. Horley Gatwick church Thanksgiving, Praise and Worship Day, with a special offering for building an extension. Venue: St Michael and All Angels Church, Church Road, Lowfield Heath, Crawley, West Sussex, RH11 0PQ. Contact: Wilbur Mutambara <gwmutamba@aol.com>. Phone: 01737 230815.

Poetic Voice Workshop II. Sunday, 10 July. 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, with Catherine Anthony Boldeau at Hammond House, 2259 Coventry Rd, Birmingham, West Midlands, B26 3PA. Cost £10. NB: Register by 3 July for this one-day event on 10 July 10:00 - 16:30. Contact: Diana Sinclair <musicadvisor@me.com>. Phone: 07886203696.

Newbold College 2011 Awards Ceremony. Sunday, 10 July. Newbold College 2011 Awards Ceremony, Sunday 10 July, 11:00 am in the Newbold Church Centre, St Mark's Road, Binfield, RG42 4AN. For tickets please contact Debbie McReynolds, PA to SMT, email: dmcreeynolds@newbold.ac.uk or telephone: 01344 407420.

Harper Bell Adventist School – Fun Day. Sunday, 10 July. 12 - 5 pm. A fun filled day for all the family. Special guest appearance: Jeharna South. Harper Bell's Got Talent show, bouncy castle, great food, face painting, hand massages and body/face creams on sale, and much much more. Have a stall for £5 plus donation of 10% of the profits. Please contact the PTFA on Harperbell_PTFA@hotmail.com. Contact: Rose Kerr <harperbell_ptfa@hotmail.com>. Phone: 07801802360.

Yes She Can – Women’s Retreat (Weekend). Friday, 15 July to Sunday, 17 July. Time: 5:00 pm Friday – 12:30 pm Sunday. Location: Horsley Park, De Vere Hotel, Ockham Road, East Horsley, Surrey, KT24 6DU. The purpose of the weekend is empowerment. We will be discussing a variety of topics relevant to women, incorporate prayer times, social activities, cookery demonstrations and fun moments and of course time to enjoy the beautiful surroundings! Contact: Sara Mullan <sara.mullan@hotmail.co.uk>. Phone: 07957 476 538.

Extreme Makeover. Sabbath, 16 July. A day full of music, poetry and praise. Various acts will be performing: Paul Lee, Adoration and many more. The speaker for the day will be Ray Patrick, come join us and be blessed... Lunch will be provided. Time: 10:00 am. Address: Chiswick Church,
Stamford Brook Road, London, W6 OXW. Contact: Leia Davies <extrememakeover@hotmail.co.uk>. Phone: 07769156028.

THE JOURNEY. Sabbath, 16 July to Sabbath, 30 July. Palmers Green Adventist church presents two weeks of spiritual revival with Pastor Victor Hulbert. Join a refreshing Gospel Journey, Sabbath 16 - 30 July. Venue: Winchmore Hill Methodist Church Hall, 611-613 Green Lanes, London, N13 4EP. Entrance at the right side of the building. Programme times: Sabbath 16 & 23 July @ 10:30 am – 1:00 pm & 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm & Sabbath 30 July @ 10:30 am – 1:00 pm. Sunday 17 & 24 July @ 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm. Wednesday 20 & 27 July @ 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm. Come along and be encouraged, uplifted and refreshed by the messages and the music. Lots of giveaways, free CDs and light refreshments. For further details contact: Pastor Holness on 07950 387764 or email psmholness@aol.com. Don't miss it!

HOME COMING DAY AT LEICESTER CENTRAL CHURCH. Sabbath, 16 July. A cordial invitation is extended to all, including those who once worshipped in Leicester and have relocated or lost contact with us. Come and hear the words of veteran preacher, Pastor C R Perry. Highlights of the day include international songs and praises. As far as possible individuals are encouraged to come dressed in their traditional costumes from around the world. If you would like a special invitation for someone you would like to invite, please contact Yvonne Chambers, our church clerk. We would love to see you on Sabbath! Contact: Yvonne Chambers <vonnc@ntlworld.com>. Phone: 0116 2101354,

THE HIDDEN HAND...? ILLUMINATE? Sabbath, 16 July. Battle for the Mind – The Hidden Hand, 9/11, Credit crunch, Natural disasters, Civil unrest, War, Terrorism, Music, Media. Prophetic Movements or Conspiracy Theory? Just a series of random events or is there an unseen hand behind history. ...Illuminate or? Hosted by AYS dept @ Watford Town Adventist Church, 187 Leavesden Road, corner of Diamond Road, Watford, Herts, WD24 5EL. Contact: Tony Best <iluvmuzic1964@yahoo.co.uk>. Phone: 07877959132.

"THERE AREN'T EVEN WORDS" TESTIMONY PLAY. Sabbath, 16 July. An encouraging play that looks at the issue of Christianity and Cancer. Venue: Carter Knowle Adventist Church, Junction of Carter Knowle Road/Montrose Road, Sheffield, S7 2EE. Time: 1630. Entrance free but with an opportunity to donate towards Cancer Research and Breast Cancer Care. Contact: Elvina Lee <testimonyplay@aol.co.uk>. Phone: 07788844333.

ADVENTIST-MUSLIM RELATIONS TRAINING DAY. Sunday, 17 July. On Sunday, 17 July Area 6D will be having an Adventist-Muslim Relations training day at the Advent Centre – 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Our aim is to help Christians confidently answer Islam. For more information email us at area6d@hotmail.co.uk or text or call 07538 208 501.

GRAND TABLE TOP SALE. Sunday, 17 July. Muswell Hill Adventist Church, Sunday, 17 July. Venue: St John's Community Centre, Holland Walk, off Ashbrook Road, London, N19 3SX. There will be lots of things on sale such as clothing, bric-a-brac, food and drinks. Entrance fee: 50p. Time: 10:30 am – 2:00 pm. Buses: 43, 271, 263, 41, 210 & 17. For further details contact: Doris Adams on 07910 713204. Email <dadams9@sky.com>.

CLAPTON BRIC-A-BRAC FAIR. Sunday, 17 July. Clapton Community Adventist church is having a Bric-a-Brac Fair to raise funds to renovate their building. Date: Sunday, 17 July from 11:00 am. Venue: Clapton Church, St Paul's Church, Chelmer Road, London, E9 6AY. There will be food/refreshments/health message, clothes sale etc. Contact: Yvonne <claptonchurchclerk@yahoo.com>. Phone: 07956333737.

JAIME JORGE LIVE IN CONCERT. Thursday, 21 July. World renowned violinist and recording artist, seen on 3ABN and the Hope Channel at Stoke on Trent Church, 69 Vistoria Street, Basford on Thursday, 21 July at 7:30 pm. This is a very rare opportunity to see and hear Jaime's inspiring music and testimony live on his first ever visit to the North England Conference. Contact: Jean Hardy Baerg <jaman_j@hotmail.com>. Phone: 01782 625712.
MEETING OF THE MINDS: SHARING MUSIC AND POETRY. Sabbath, 23 July. Music for the Mind – A programme of original praise and thanksgiving by musicians and poets intended to edify the mind. Time: 5:00 - 7:00 pm, Camp Hill Adventist Church, Birmingham, B12 0JP. Possible open mic time. Contact: Diana Sinclair <musicadvisor@me.com>. Phone: 07886203696.

PREMIER PRESENTS: LYRICAL SOLDIER LIVE IN CONCERT. Sabbath, 23 July. Michael Agyei (from South East Community Adventist church), also known as Lyrical Soldier, is a preacher, singer, rapper and a spoken word poet. In a nutshell, he truly is the epitome of a "Lyrical Evangelist". In concert on Sabbath, 23 July at Regent Hall, Oxford Street from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm (registration from 6:30 pm). Why not invite your family, friends and church to this event? Tickets are strictly limited so get yours now! Contact: Premier Gospel Radio <response@premier.org.uk>. Phone: 08456 52 52 52.

SHOULDA COULDA WOULDA. Sunday, 24 July. From the writer of "Love Sax and all that Jazz", comes a new production from Alan Charles "Shoulda Coulda Woulda", based on the songs and vocals of Vanessa Brigg, one of Trinidad and Tobago's top gospel singers. It's a story of triumph over adversity, it tells the story and how music, mission and love for God were used to overcome a life of abuse, pain, anguish and suicidal attempts. It's a story of hope for the hopeless, rest for the weary and peace for the downtrodden. Crescent Theatre, Sheepcote St, Birmingham, B16 AE. Tickets £15 adv or £17.50 at the door. Box Office 0121 643 5858 or 07989 574 066. Contact: Alan <focusarts@yahoo.co.uk>.

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SMALL ADS

ACCOMMODATION WANTED for an Adventist French female student who will be studying in the University of Kent in Canterbury from 19 September to the end of June 2012. Contact laise971@gmail.com or 07570 015349.

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