POSITIVE HOPE IN THE BEST OF TIMES, WORST OF TIMES

While over 600 Pathfinders learnt, worshipped and had fun at the SEC Camporee, and while Adventist teens and their friends are enjoying camps at Aberdaron, North Wales and Chapel Porth, Cornwall, sadly other teens and youth have been rampaging the streets of London, Manchester and other cities, causing mayhem and forcing the recall of Parliament from summer recess.

The contrast from the fires and looting in city centres to the tranquillity of a Welsh hillside is stark for Pastor Ian Sweeney, President of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the UK and Ireland. He writes, "It seems that I am a world away from the events that have unfolded across London and spread to the West Midlands, as I am currently serving as a padre to the teens at the NEC Camp in Aberdaron, North Wales. Standing at the summit of A nelog surrounded by the natural grandeur of God's creation a tremendous peace came over me which is far removed from the seemingly collective madness of the rioters, so difficult to comprehend or understand even in light of the tragic shooting of Mr Duggan.

'I am sure that many of our members who are living among the violence and uncertainty of their communities would wish an opportunity to escape to a place of safe retreat and peace. This may be practically impossible; however, times like these afford us an opportunity to find our retreat in God and in the peace that He offers. It was David who sang (Psalm 27:1, 4, 5 NIV), 'The Lord is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear? 'The Lord is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid? One thing that I ask of the Lord, that is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in His temple. For in the day of trouble He will keep me safe in His dwelling; He will hide me in the shelter of His tabernacle and set me high upon a rock.' While we live in uncertain times, we must be encouraged by the fact that God is ever loving and dependable and will forever be our place of safety and peace.

The tranquil road to Anelog
"God forbid that we lose our homes, businesses, community and even our lives, I encourage you as David sang (Psalm 27:14 NIV), 'I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.'"

With a heavy police presence on the streets, things were calm Wednesday night, but Adventists living within these troubled communities have been taking a positive stand. On Tuesday evening, youth from the Tottenham area met outside Seven Sisters underground station. SEC Youth director, Pastor Colin Stewart reports that more than sixty people were reached in the space of just one hour. He says, "People were able to share their stories and receive some comfort knowing 'there is still some hope for peace close by' as quoted by one individual who added, 'You can't change the world but I'm glad you're willing to start!'"

Although there was much apprehension to start with, the overwhelming positive response from the community in Tottenham confirms the need for more action and service that goes beyond our church walls. That is an attitude endorsed by Pastor Sweeney who notes that the annual 'Make a Difference' week is coming up next month which, he says, "is about having our congregations being 'light' and 'salt' by positively affecting their communities." While there is a scheduled date in the calendar (24 Sept - 1 Oct), events of the past week have emphasised the need to 'make a difference' now.

That the youth at Seven Sisters 'made a difference' is testified by an undercover police officer who came over and observed the team but who soon collected a pledge card himself to give to his son. He later gave his name and contact details, promising to work with the '365 days of peace' project in the future. Many people took more than one card and some had in mind the person they wanted to give it to! Another man expressed his happiness that there are still positive role models in the black community willing to step out and help make a change. Friendships have been made and lives have been impacted in a very simple way and we hope to continue sharing God through all means made possible by Him. The pledge card states, "I too will live and promote peace instead of picking up the pieces."

Church members have been involved in other areas. At the Tottenham Green Leisure Centre members of the SEC Community Ministries department under the leadership of Elsie Staple have been helping to sort out clothing and other sundry items for distribution to the over fifty families who have been left homeless in Tottenham in the wake of the riots. Community Ministries volunteers are working alongside the Salvation Army and others helping to provide everyday items to help these families begin to make a home again. Elsie stated, "The most urgent need right now are for pots and pans, toiletries and underwear." Local supermarkets are providing food items and the local council is providing temporary accommodation for these homeless families.

This coming Sunday, 14 August, the Tottenham West Green Road Adventist church is hosting a special meal for those needy families in the area who have been rendered homeless by the riots, as well as for those who have lost their jobs as a direct result of businesses being closed as a result of fire damage or looting. Pastor David Burnett states, "We are here to provide a practical and spiritual service to this community long after the media have gone. We are here for the long-term doing what we can to help those who are hurting in the manner that Christ would expect."

Andrew Fuller, Clive Coutet and the 'Preaching Place' team took to the troubled streets during safer, daylight hours, producing two YouTube videos to bring a prophetic word and to listen to the voices of
At the BUC Media Centre, guests to a programme being filmed on Christians and Politics also took a break to highlight their views on the rioting.

A large number of readers have taken time to write to BUC News, many of them expressing the view that this is the time for church members to reach out into their communities in very practical ways. This would be endorsed by Pastor Sweeney who writes, "Traditionally our Church has sought to spiritually improve our communities through evangelistic meetings which is both commendable and to be encouraged. However, it would also be good for our communities to see that we care for the local environment in which we live and that we can make a positive impact. Local congregations could volunteer their services to the extensive clean-up operations. If our members were out on the streets clearing up, wearing bibs that advertise ADRA or their local congregation that would serve as a positive witness that we truly care." As Pastor K C Henry comments from retirement in the Caribbean, "We are very pleased with the positive role the Church is taking in restoring peace to a troubled Britain. We pray that the Prince of Peace will bring calm and restoration of order."

'LIVE YOUR DESTINY' STATES OUTGOING BUC YOUTH DIRECTOR

Pastor Des Boldeau, the outgoing BUC Youth director was honoured on Sabbath afternoon, 6 August for his 40 years of service to youth work in the British Isles. Prior to a 'This Is Your Life' at the end of the South England Conference Camporee, SEC Pathfinder coordinators hosted a private reception for him. Youth, teens and Pathfinder staff came from both the North and South England Conferences – all people that he had worked closely with over the years.

'Captain Destiny', aka Des Boldeau, was the guest speaker to 620 Pathfinders and Adventurers and their leaders during the Camporee week, 31 July - 7 August, at Walton Firs Activity Centre, Cobham. Using the story of Jonah, he encouraged his youthful audience 'to listen to God and respond positively' so that they would be 'Living Your Destiny', the theme of the camp.

"Camporee was brilliant," said Semira, 10, from Watford. "I enjoyed the worships and the activities, especially Chessington." "We love Camporee," was the universal thought from the Holloway Pathfinder Club.

Activities during the week included, carpentry, archery, box climbing, abseiling, caving, drilling and marching as well as numerous craft sessions ranging from raku to quilling. A visit from the riot police to interact with the kids, a falconry display, and the Sabbath afternoon drilldown greatly enhanced the activity sessions.

"Camporee is not only a time of spiritual fulfilment, but a time for young people to try out new activities and make lasting friendships," said Pastor Nathan Stickland, who now changes roles from SEC Pathfinder director to BUC Youth director. He was also given a gift for his seven years of service in the SEC. He concluded, "I trust that the lessons learned, under the tent and in the field will assist the youth in making decisions for Christ."
A selection of photos from the week can be seen on the BUC picture gallery.

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH SPEEDS UP IN ASTON-NEWTOWN/WINDSOR STREET [June Richards]

A ten percent growth rate in just the first half of 2011 demonstrates that members of the Windsor Street South and Aston-Newtown churches in Birmingham are passionate about enlarging God's Kingdom. Between 12 March and 16 July twenty-three new members have been baptised, including six Pathfinders, and a large group who responded to the powerful messages of Pastor Richard Jackson during his 'Victory in Jesus' Evangelistic Campaign in May.

This compelling three-week campaign brought both the message of the saving grace of Jesus Christ led by Pastor Richard Jackson and the life changing ways in which we can help improve our health presented by Dr Patrick Lowe. While this led to an immediate baptism of eleven individuals, the impact of the campaign continued when young soul Joshua Evans responded to the call for baptism at the campaign but decided that he wanted to be baptized in Windsor Street, his home church. God's miraculous power was simultaneously at work on the hearts and minds of eight other individuals who also chose to give their hearts to the Lord.

This finally climaxed on Sabbath, 16 July when a further nine individuals gave their lives to Christ. These candidates felt especially blessed to receive the message of 'The Open Door' by our new BUC President, Pastor Ian Sweeney. Exhorting us to run through 'the open door' he stated that "It is in Jesus that we find safety and refuge and we need to continue to hold on to Him."

Pastor Jackson states that he is very pleased with the outcome of the evangelistic thrust. He said, "I give thanks to God and made it clear that these twenty-three souls came as a result of members going out in the community seed sowing for the year preceding the campaign." He added that, "if we are going to succeed, we must make proper planning and preparation."

The newly baptized members are currently engaged in a nurturing programme led by the District Bible Instructor, Sandra Dawes.

£3000 FOR ADRA SOMALIA

Responding to the desperate plight of over 12 million people in the Horn of Africa, the Croydon Seventh-day Adventist church has raised more than £3000 for ADRA's famine relief operations in Somalia. In a spirit-filled and moving fundraising concert on Sabbath, 6 August, it took just two hours to raise the sum.

The event was attended by hundreds of worshippers, many of them non-Adventists, as well as visitors from nearby churches. The concert was followed by a food sale which also raised over £70.

One of the event's organisers, Elder Neil Nunes said, "it took just two collections and very little persuasion, as people were genuinely moved by the distressing reports of suffering from Somalia and other areas in the Horn of Africa and really wanted to help."

Elder Nunes paid tribute to the people who gave and also those who worked behind the scenes, but he had special words of commendation for Ken Burton and the Croydon Gospel Choir, who "dropped all they were doing and responded to the call for a concert at extremely short notice."
"We give all the glory to God and take no credit for ourselves," Nunes added.

The Croydon church leadership felt compelled to act after seeing the very distressing reports from Somalia, where some aid workers say around 1000 people are dying daily from starvation.

JOHN STOTT REMEMBERED [David Neal]

Editor's Note: John Stott, called by Christianity Today, "An architect of 20th-century evangelicalism" passed to his rest on Wednesday, 27 July 2011. A man remembered for his powerful, evangelical preaching, his influence was felt in many lives, including those of Irish Mission President, Pastor David Neal, who recently wrote this tribute:

The passing of John Stott last week is to me like the loss of a friend. At Newbold College he was held up to us as a model preacher. Our homiletics teacher used Stott's book on preaching, and so naturally conducted field trips to All Souls Church, Langham Place, London. There we saw Stott preach with excellence, depth and integrity. There we saw modelled the perfect sermon structure, (introduction – point 1, point 2, point 3 – conclusion) with a message that both challenged the thinking and moved the emotions.

After a busy Sabbath at the New Gallery Centre in Regent's Street, I would sometimes find myself on a Sunday up the road at All Souls listening to Stott explain the great truths of scripture. As inspiring as that was, it was amazing to see hundreds of young adults listening with intent to the words of the preacher. "Why can't we connect like that?" I thought. This was no rave in the nave, in fact worship was fairly traditional, but with a vibrancy that couldn't be missed. Stott's attention to explaining the Word in detail, combined with a humility in preaching that is rarely seen, allowed the Holy Spirit to speak in more ways than we will ever know. The sight of him on his knees in prayer for a significant part of the worship service prior to the delivery of his sermon was humbling to observe, but also signalled great expectation on what was about to be delivered.

Stott's publishing ministry was wide and expansive. His writings seem to fulfil three objectives. The first is to explain Christian teaching in a way that the man on the Clapham omnibus understands. The second is for Christians to think carefully and deeply about their faith – for there is no place or excuse for poor thinking. The third was to communicate with absolute confidence and conviction the Christian faith as revealed in the Word of God. Many churchmen and members in his own community of faith (the Church of England) seemed long ago to have lost such a conviction. Stott was the watchman staying true to the historic faith.

His epic work, 'The Cross of Christ' is one of the best works I know explaining the reason why Christ went to the Cross. Its publication coincided with the start of my ministry as a young pastor. It was pure refreshment to read it in the context of the agenda of issues our faith community faced at the time. What is the very nature of Christ? How do we understand the Atonement? What is the significance and meaning of Christ's contemporary activity in the Heavenly Sanctuary? How these matters are understood determines the answer to the question, 'What must I do to be saved?' Stott wrote his book to explain that 'the doctrine of atonement is substitutionary from beginning to end.' Heaven sent words for me during a time of theological confusion in Adventism.

Those issues at the time were live and often painful – leading in places to incredible fragmentation within our Adventist community. Sabbath School classes, prayer meetings and sometimes church worship became avenues for
flare-ups in the battle. Magazines, tapes and other so-called 'Adventist' publications from both left and right poured into the UK and Ireland from across the Atlantic and Australia to help us determine who held the 'real truth' on such matters. Some within our community demanded a 'purity' of understanding as finding consensus to keep us together was not on the agenda. The atmosphere was not unlike what is currently seen in American politics with the Tea Party Movement. When everybody else seemed to reach a consensus – 'they just said no.' In such a climate how was a young Adventist pastor able to discern, sift and filter the 'truths' up for grabs at the time?

John Stott gave me an answer: "The ultimate issue in relation to Jesus Christ is not one of semantics (the meaning of words) but of homage (the attitude of the heart), not whether the tongue can subscribe to an orthodox formulation of the person of Jesus, but whether our knee has bowed before His majesty. Besides, reverence always precedes understanding. We shall know Him only if we are willing to obey Him."

Thank you John.

**CHURCH CHANGES**

Please note that the Tipton Seventh-day Adventist church has moved location and changed name. You can now find 'Wednesbury' Seventh-day Adventist church meeting every Sabbath at Woods Methodist Church, Coronation Road, Corner Bromfield Road, Wednesbury, West Midlands, WS10 0TT.

Middlesbrough church has also relocated to their new, permanent home, after selling their old, small building and renting for several years before purchasing their new, much larger facility in the same area of town. You will find a warm welcome when you visit with them at their home on Clive Road, Corner of Linthorpe Road, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough, TS5 6AG.

Both locations have been updated in our Churches directory and our iPhone, TomTom and satnav applications. Always download or check the latest version of our directory to ensure you arrive safely and accurately at the church of your choice.

**YOUR RESPONSES**

The Editor has received a vast amount of correspondence since we first published an article about the riots in London and beyond on Tuesday morning. It has been physically impossible to respond personally to each person, but here are a selection of your viewpoints:

Responding to the BUC video report Madeka writes: "The rioters come from the whole spectrum of society and not only from the black community. However it is true that most of the destruction took place in communities with a large number of non-white people. The causes are many and varied but the manifestation has been criminal and before causation can be examined and addressed the criminality needs to be stopped and action taken to ensure that it cannot be repeated. There appears to be a total lack of respect for society and authority... There is now widespread distrust of government, police, media and other institutions. They have been shown to be corrupt and unable to provide moral leadership and example... As Christians we need to point people to Christ, convey His values and the need for His love. We also need to actively seek out ways to help people firstly in the clean-up and also by intervening in practical ways in the lives of our neighbours, families and communities to make a difference."
"Makes me wish the death penalty was back in. I know it is unChristian, but I am fed up with people's attitude today. People just don't care for each other anymore and do I really need to care about people under evil influences. I know I should, but I love to wash my hands of them. I remember someone else washed His hands in public…" Barbara

"May God's grace and mercy bring back normal life for London. In the present world nonviolence can only bring peace. People should learn from Mahatma Gandhi." Alex (Abu Dhabi)

"Hope that this riot subsides soon. These are signs of the times." Steve

"It is time for us to pray earnestly to the Lord for deliverance and for peace. The situation in London and the UK will be restored if everybody prays for nothing is impossible with God." Lyddia (Malaysia)

"More robust tactics by the police are not going to help until politicians address the underlying problems of youth unemployment and social depravation. The Government's inability or reluctance to address the country's socioeconomic issues and inequalities over many decades has spawned urban ghettos and degradation of living standards for tens of thousands of people. In many cities across the UK this has led to frustration, hopelessness and loss of self-respect amongst many people, especially the youth, which in turn has led to an increase in anti-social behaviour, substance abuse and criminality. I acknowledge that there is a high percentage of thuggery involved in the rioting, but there are also some of the protestors who undoubtedly have legitimate concerns. It is important to take young people who feel disenfranchised seriously." Jacobus

"I think we should be meeting for prayers in our homes and churches." Ellis

"Obviously, the traumatic events in London will have an impact far beyond the borders of Britain. I am thankful that our Church is doing whatever possible to let peace return. We will join the prayers of our fellow believers in London that peace may soon be restored, but also that the deeper, underlying problems may be addressed." Peter (USA)

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) watch the following two programmes from SECmedia:

'Focus on the Future', Monday 15 August, 8:30 pm. Dr Richard de Lisser asks Pastor Grifford Rhamie, "Can God dwell in us?"

'Dark Room', Thursday 18 August, 8:30 pm. Sam Neves and Katie Ramharack sing move from film to TV this week as they share their views on the long-running series, 'Friends'.

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

Friday 12 August: 8:00 pm: Daren Bullock – Changing children
Sabbath 13 August: 12:30 am: Ken Burton – In love with music, 9:00 am: Daren Bullock, 8:00 pm: Ken Burton
Monday 15 August: 12:30 pm and 9:30 pm: Ian Sweeney – Archive interview with the new BUC President
Wednesday 17 August: 12:00 midnight: Ian Sweeney
Friday 19 August: 8:00 pm: Kresho Senjaric – A contemporary rebel
Sabbath 20 August: 12:30 am: John Wilby – , Leave school at 15 – but reach the top.
9:00 am: Kresho Senjaric, 8:00 pm: John Wilby

COMING EVENTS

CHANGE IS COMING! Continuing to Sabbath, 20 August. Holloway Seventh-day Adventist Church, 381 Holloway Road, Holloway, London, N7 0RN. Hear dynamic evangelist Pastor Kirk Thomas and evangelistic singer Anthony Whigham from the USA. 7:00 pm nightly (except Thursdays). Contact: Pastor Richard Holder <changeiscoming@myholloway.org>. Phone: 07809697625.


"MISSION POSSIBLE – THE SOUTH WEST." Sabbath, 13 August. "Mission Possible – The South West." Churches of Area 1 (Cornwall and Devon) will be coming together at Plymouth Church, 88 North Road East, Plymouth, Devon, PL4 6AN, on Sabbath, 13 August for a Day of Evangelistic Emphasis. Visitors to the area please note that many of the other churches will either be closed or running a minimal service that day. Contact: Chris Peake <chris@cpeake.wanadoo.co.uk>. Phone: 07868 711912.

PALMERS GREEN HEALTH DAY. Sabbath, 13 August. Come and join us for an enlightening and informative event. Special guest speaker, workshops, special items. Lunch will be provided. Venue: Palmers Green Methodist Church, 611-613 Green Lanes, Winchmore Hill, Palmers Green, London, N13 4EP. Entrance via rear door. Contact: George Clerk <nii29@hotmail.com>. Phone: 07830529113.

THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL 2. Sabbath, 13 August. The Power of the Gospel 2; Adventist Mission to Kenya Fundraiser: 7 preachers... Enoch Adu, Andrew Davis, Julian Thomas, Christian Thomas, Dr. Verrecchia and Joojo Boni. 5 acts... Kelly Hinkson, Whitley Youth Choir, Dana Cosetecu, Thunderboltz and Endre. 1 programme... 1 message... 5 minutes each. Key Note Speaker: Dr Jan Paulsen. Venue: Newbold Church Centre, Theme: The Power of the Gospel, Time: 1900. The event will be live-streamed on www.newboldmedia.org. Contact: Anthony Fuller <ant_fuller@hotmail.com>. Phone: 079466495061.

HOPE COMMUNITY FAMILY FUN DAY. Sunday, 14 August. Croydon Recreational Ground, Beckenham. Arts & Crafts, community stalls, steel band, bounce castle, food, entertainment and much more! Our aim for the day is outreach to people who do not know God and provide a family friendly day for all. Contact: Rachel Gray <rachelgray78@gmail.com>. Phone: 07957-916662.

NEC LETS PRAYER HARVEST MINISTRIES ANNUAL RETREAT. Thursday, 18 August to Sunday, 21 August. NEC LETS Prayer Harvest Ministries Annual Retreat 10th Anniversary. Theme: Prayer Explosion! Prayer, Passion and Power for Revival. Venue: Conference Aston, Aston University, Birmingham, B4 7ET. Guest speakers: Pastor S Telemaque, Inter-American Division, Pastor D Blake NY, USA. Registration Office: Mrs D. Dawkins, 173 Glaidsdale Gardens, Wolverhampton, WV6 0TX. Tel: 01902 751715, Mobile: 07853 457656, Email: carnationdar@yahoo.com. Further enquiries: Mrs C Douglas, 88 Seymour Grove, Manchester, M16 0LW. Tel: 07535 618841, Email: phministries@talktalk.net.

'WALKING IN THE LIGHT' WITH SPEAKER COSTA VAGGAS. Sabbath, 20 August. Fulham Youth department invites you to our Youth Day 'Walking In The Light' with speaker Costa Vaggas. With special guests New Beginnings, Anointed Saints, Poetical Princess and many others favouring us
with songs and poetry! Lunch provided so come and stay for the day. Afternoon presentation: 'Righteous Relationships' by Jason and Shirley Grant. Address: Fulham Adventist church, 259 Lillie Road, Fulham, London, SW6 7LL. Contact: Communication department <fulhamsda@hotmail.co.uk>. Phone: 0207 386 7177.

SUMMER BBQ & FUN DAY. Sunday, 21 August. The Community Services department invite you to their "Summer BBQ & Fun Day" at the Nottingham Central Church, St Ann's Well Road/Larmartine St, St Ann's, Nottingham NG3 1EJ: 11 am – 4 pm. The day includes – food, games, music, face painting, bouncy castle, items on sale and more. Entry is free but contributions will be accepted as well as donations. All proceeds go towards the Sickle Cell Society charity. Contact: Mrs Joseph <enelro-cservices@yahoo.co.uk>. Phone: 07985953197.

HAGGERSTON COMMUNITY STREET FAIR. Sunday, 21 August. Hackney Adventist church invites you to their annual Street Fair on Sunday, 21 August on Haggerston Road, Hackney, E8 4JA (outside the church and in the surrounding area) from 1:00 pm onwards. There will be fun for all the family with a BBQ, bouncy castle, hook a duck, t-shirt painting, make me an offer stall, cakes, confectionery, ecoactive arts and crafts, homemade ice cream, music, health and fitness stall, massage, Zumba taster sessions, games, car wash and more. Don't worry about Sunday dinner – we have all kinds of food available to suit all tastes and budgets. Fundraising stalls available to individuals, churches or to promote a business or service. Please contact Michelle on 07913 625 443 for details. Email <mawaithe@hotmail.co.uk>.

FREE OPEN AIR GOSPEL CONCERT AND BBQ. Sunday, 21 August. Micklefield Seventh-day Adventist church car park. Free BBQ, free bouncy castle and good gospel music, our annual free community event. Sunday, 21 August from 1:00 pm. Micklefield Seventh-day Adventist church, Centre Approach off Micklefield Road, High Wycombe, Bucks, HP13 7FY. Contact: Jerome <jhlangs@langenhoven.wanadoo.co.uk>. Phone: 07886112142.

CHIP – CORONARY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. Sunday, 21 August to Wednesday, 12 October. Improve your life in just 30 days! With simple lifestyle adjustments learn how to reverse or normalize: heart diseases, diabetes, high blood pressure, obesity, cholesterol, osteoporosis, digestion and other 21st century diseases. FREE information sessions are held at Ilford County High School (Fremantle Road, Barkingside, IG6 2JB) on 21 Aug 4:30-5:30 pm, and 23, 25, 29 and 31 Aug 6:30-7:30 pm. The actual CHIP sessions run from 5 September to 12 October, on Sundays, Mondays and Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00 pm at the same venue. We want our community to be healthier by choice not by chance! Everyone is welcome – book for one of the information sessions and let CHIP enhance your life! Contact: Karen <sureway_chip@yahoo.co.uk>. Phone: 07958 163 436.

LET PROPHECY BEGIN WITH YOU FUNDRAISING CONCERT. Sunday, 21 August. ABCDE (Adventist Bible Committing Disciples of Evangelism) Voluntary Solutions a new and exciting Adventist voluntary organisation run by young people for the people presents Let Prophecy Begin With You Fundraising Concert. The purpose of the concert is to raise awareness of what we do as an organisation and to raise money so the projects are long-term and fulfil the growing demands of the disadvantaged communities in London. This is a concert with a difference as on the night there will be poetry, music, live art painting (for auction), mocktails and merchandises on sale and much more. Artists include Jermaine Wong, Mahali Selepe, New Beginnings and other amazing artists with your hostess Poetical Princess. Venue: Advent Centre, 12 Crawford Place, London, W1H 5HD. Time: Doors open 6:30 pm, concert starts 7:00 pm, ends 9:30 pm. Cost: £5 Adult and £3 Child (under 12). We advise you to purchase your tickets in advance to avoid disappointment! Contact: Dionne Williams <abcede.soolutions777@gmail.com>. Phone: 07931885124.

'FIRED UP' DRAMA PRODUCTION. Friday, 26 August. 'Fired Up,' a tale of daring and desire, tells the story of William Tyndale who is widely regarded as the greatest of all English translators. Tyndale dared to take on the Church and defy King Henry VIII; and the King's desire for a son, which unintentionally draws him into the translation business. Written and directed by Mervyn Weir. Performed in an intriguing mix of contemporary and period drama. Brilliant cast. Soul stirring music from gospel group, 'By Faith'. It is high drama – as much political as it is personal, as much literary as
it is religious. Venue: Newbold Church Centre, Popeswood Road, Binfield, RG42 4AN. 7:30 pm, 26 August. Entrance is free but a collection will be taken. Contact: Marge Lowhar <info@tranzition.co.uk>. Phone: 07973 406 956.

AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY BANQUET 2011. Sunday, 28 August. You are cordially invited to an Extravaganza Banquet at Balham Adventist Church, 16a Boulevard, Balham High Road, SW17 7BW on Sunday, 28 August, 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm in aid of Children in Need. Prizes and surprises with live entertainment and special features. Dress code: black & silver. Three course meal vegetarian / non-vegetarian & non-alcoholic drinks will be served. Cost: Single £25.00; Couple £45.00; Children under 16 £15.00. Contact details: 07960 742 448 / 07956 814 328 / 07904 736 555. Buses: 155, 249, 355, 315. Nearest Station: Balham overhead / underground. Contact: P Ingram <pingram98@yahoo.com>. Phone: 07904 736 555.

CYCLE 4ASNA. Sunday, 28 August. Help raise funds for ASNA by attending the 10th anniversary fundraising cycle ride and picnic. Venue: Richmond Park. Time: 10 am for 11am start. Cycle for 7, 14 or 21 miles through the beautiful Richmond Park. £5.00 entry. Contact: Tony Clairmont <tony.clairmont40@gmail.com>. Phone: 07903 363 343.

ENFIELD CHURCH HEALTH EXPO 1. Monday, 29 August. Enfield Seventh-day Adventist church 'Health Expo' 2011 at Albany Park, Herford Road, Enfield, Middlesex, EN3 5PA. Time: 11:00 am – 4:30 pm. Transport: Buses 191, 279. We are focusing on – Full Health Screening, BMI, HBP, counselling and lots more with special attractions and activities for kids. We are catering for all, both Adventist Christians and most importantly members of the public. Please bring the family and enjoy a fully healthy day. We need medical professions to support, strong men, electricians, persons with food /hygiene certificate. Contact person: Jillian Derry-Williams on 01992853365 / 07785760552. Pastor Steve Roberts 01923673755. Email: Jillian Derry Williams <jillderry@hotmail.com>.

SOUTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE SESSION. Thursday, 1 September to Sunday, 4 September. 61st SEC Session at Warwick University. Contact: SEC Executive Secretary Pastor Paul Lockham <plockham@secadventist.org.uk>. Phone: 01923 232728.

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SMALL ADS

AN EXPERIENCED ADVENTIST AU-PAIR is seeking to work for a Christian family in the UK, preferably looking after young children. Please contact Julia at <yulliy2002@yahoo.com> for details. Julia would be willing to start work in October.

AU-PAIR AVAILABLE: A 21-year-old German/Italian is looking for an au-pair opportunity for about six months in London/surrounding area or elsewhere in England preferably with a Seventh-day Adventist family. Rosanna speaks Italian, German and English at a higher intermediate level. She loves little children and has experience caring for a younger brother and sister. For further details and references email Marion La Mantia at <marion.lamantia@gmail.com>.

JOB VACANCIES. Preceptor, Stanborough Park Boarding School; ESL teacher, Stanborough Secondary School, Watford; Office Secretary, ADRA-UK; Trainee, Mid-level and Senior Finance Officers within the church (BUC). Full details on our Job Vacancies page: http://www.adventistnews.org.uk/vacancies.php.

PHD STUDY REQUEST: A PhD student in the Department of Psychology at the University of Westminster has requested assistance from the Trinidadian members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in looking at why people from the African-Caribbean community in the UK have a higher risk of developing schizophrenia compared to white British people or those who remain in the Caribbean. David Barron, who is running the study, is seeking to find out what might put some groups at more risk than others. The study has been approved by the South England Conference Executive
Committee. For more information, or if you are willing to take part in the survey, please visit: <http://schizotypy.webeden.co.uk>.

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