WEDDING BUSTERS IN NORTH LUTON

Imagine a wedding with no reception! What an anticlimax! When members of the Luton North Seventh-day Adventist church took to the streets as part of their Community Chaplaincy programme they discovered one couple that faced this very situation.

The Community Chaplaincy project started by Pastor Dusan Uzelac involves going from door to door in the local community and praying for people and their needs. Church members recently knocked on the door of a couple who explained that they were going to get married soon. After a short conversation the members offered to pray that God would bless their relationship. After the prayer the members asked if they could return again in a few weeks to see how things were going. On the second visit they were invited into the home.

It was during this visit that it emerged that due to financial challenges the couple could not afford to have a wedding reception. They simply planned to go to a registry office and then return home. As the members listened a seed was sown in their minds, why not put on a wedding reception for them? Isn't that what Jesus would do? The church agreed.

Sabbath, 24 September saw the church hall beautifully decorated, tables neatly laid out, and an array of food that was fit for a king! About twenty guests from the local community attended the reception and wedding blessing. Along with food and drink, a number of special musical items were performed. A three-tiered wedding cake made by a church member was cut by the happy couple while photos were taken. After some speeches and toasts the reception was closed in prayer. The couple and guests expressed their gratitude for the kindness shown to them and for the support offered to them by the church family. As the guests left they were each given a free book 'Reach out for life'. The church
will continue to visit with them and pray for them as part of the Community Chaplaincy services project.

**MENTAL HEALTH AND CULTURE** [Helen Pearson]

What is regarded as normal behaviour in one part of the world would lead to hospitalisation in another. That was a surprising revelation from Ken Blanton – a Christian pastor, psychotherapist, and a former hospital chaplain who was guest speaker for the first Diversity Lecture of the new academic year at Newbold College. An audience of 50 heard him explore the question of whether there are connections between perceptions of mental health and cultural context on Tuesday 20 September.

Blanton, a minister of the United Reformed Church in Bracknell, is also trained as a Jungian analyst. Using many examples from his experience as a hospital chaplain and therapist, he demonstrated how a behaviour which is regarded as normal in one part of the world would lead to the hospitalisation of the individual in another. "Our culture determines our perception and level of concern for different qualities," he said. "This affects the way we think, our desired states of consciousness and the way we interpret the behaviour of others." He reminded his audience that in the West, we emphasise the importance of individual autonomy. In the East, community is more important.

Blanton presented a holistic model of mind-body-spirit/psyche health. He urged his audience to become more self-aware, especially when they are trying to help other people spiritually and psychologically and encouraged them to acknowledge the spiritual and cultural preconceptions that they bring to many situations. The message of his lecture was that our preconceptions may well lead to misunderstanding but often also to misdiagnosis. He suggested that an international community like Newbold College and the Seventh-day Adventist Church must be aware of such matters. He recognised that Newbold's intercultural experience meant that we had something to offer to the wider community.

Blanton brought with him members of his own congregation who clearly enjoyed meeting Newbold students and staff. He said afterwards, "Both the fellowship and level of engagement made for a memorable experience... and equally served to remind us how fortunate we are to have a place such as Newbold on our doorstep." The lecture attracted mental health practitioners and others from the local community, the majority of whom have never attended a Diversity Lecture before.

On campus, the lecture generated much discussion on the subject of what exactly is 'normal' behaviour. Further thought-provoking conversation is on the Diversity Centre's agenda. The next event will be on Tuesday 11 October when TV documentary maker Dr Robert Beckford will consider the effects of western colonial mission activity on indigenous populations.

**SABBATH MEANING AT SCOTTISH MISSION DAY OF FELLOWSHIP** [John Wilby]

Three presentations exploring the meaning of The Sabbath and its relationship to Creation, the Advent and as a Festival of Salvation, provided special meaning for Scottish Mission members at their annual Day of Fellowship on Sabbath, 10 September.

Dr John Webster, Dean and Professor of Theology at La Sierra University in California was the guest speaker at the Wallace High School, Stirling, for this highlight in the Scottish Mission calendar. More than 300 members and friends gathered to hear his wide-ranging presentations on the Sabbath.
Dr Webster developed the theme that Creation Sabbath is aligned to the future from the beginning. He quoted from J Moltmann's book God in Creation; "According to biblical traditions, creation is aligned towards redemption from the very beginning; for the creation of the world points forward to the Sabbath, 'the feast of creation'…. The Sabbath is the prefiguration of the world to come....."

It was a packed but worshipful and informative day as Mission Church Plant Sponsor, Pastor Jimmy Botha introduced Focus on Mission, a topic that was readily taken up by BUC President, Pastor Ian Sweeney. It was also an occasion to experience and appreciate the Mission's wealth of youthful musical talent.

Mission President, Pastor Bernie Holford, made a presentation to the Director of the US Thistle Foundation, Betsy Ross, who was in Scotland to view improvements to the Aberdeen church that were partly funded by the Foundation. Her visit also identified other potential projects in which the Foundation might participate.

A gallery of photos from the day is available at <www.scottish.adventistchurch.org>.

COMMUNICATORS EXPLORE CREATIVITY

"Eden must have moved west" – that was the opinion at least, for over 100 Adventist communicators and media personnel who gathered at the Hotel Wellness Park in Laško, Slovenia. The early morning mist reminded them of the way Eden was originally watered, while a stiff climb up the mountain opposite the hotel gave not only therapeutic exercise but stunning views across the valleys of this alpine region. However, it was down in the valley, and mostly indoors, where the creativity happened. "People are usually my 'highlight' at such events," states MESSENGER Editor, Julian Hibbert. "Just getting to know them, and the context in which they exercise their various professions is immensely stimulating. Through all of it I sensed two things: the vast diversity of contexts in which our message must be made relevant is an ongoing challenge; and the impression that, despite the diversity from which we emerge, we share so much in common because of our core Adventist identity."

The sense of networking, identity, and learning certainly increased across the 5 days of the 'Explore Creativity' Conference, 22 - 27 September. The event, organised jointly by the two European regions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church (TED and EUD) included presentations on practical issues such as knowing your audience, helping the local church communicate better, marketing, media relations and social networking. With delegates gathered from as far north as Iceland, Finland and Norway, down to the warmer climates of Italy, Spain and the Middle East, there was a mixture of expertise, ideas and sharing. Working behind the scenes, TED Administrative Assistant, Deana Stojkovic, rejoiced in that sharing: "For me personally, I love the idea that I could connect the faces to the names in the emails, we could all gather together and learn from each other and so many were happy to share their experience and expertise." Newly elected SEC Communication director, Kirsten Øster-Lundqvist, had to rapidly change schedules to attend. She said, "the opportunity of networking across the two
Divisions was outstanding, adding to that the GC leadership presence and the parallel conference for Ministerial Association directors brought the networking to an even higher level." Kirsten added, "the conference enabled me to pick up practical tips and discover different approaches to communicating."

Arunas Klimas, another delegate from within the British Union stated, "I was surprised to see a very big interest in media, talent and other resource sharing among media producers. I was almost jumping out of my seat to say 'amen'". Arunas also expressed the views of many that 'local politics' should not prevent sharing and cooperation. Those barriers seemed to break down over the weekend anyway, as by Monday afternoon media producers were making arrangements to meet again early in 2012.

What were the highlights? The spiritual highs for Kirsten were the Sabbath school by Dr Duda and the sermon by Editor Bill Knott – what she called "a spiritual and intellectual feast, in the midst of practical seminars." Julian adds that it "was the complexity and pervasiveness of the various forms of social media, and the potential for these to be used quickly and effectively to share information and influence thinking. It just makes me realize that such technologies really make it possible … for Christian witness to spread exponentially across the world finding people almost immediately, just where they are!" On the downside Arunas felt there were also examples of poor practise and that the Church still has a lot to learn about social networking. Kofi Owusu, BUC New Media Producer was thrilled by the sharing and the new ideas that bounced back and forth across meeting rooms, dinner tables, and, in the evening, the leisure facilities. He agrees with Kirsten's comment, "The mix of people and expertise meant that I was able to secure support and develop new plans as well as realign projects for my work." There was also satisfaction for presenters. BUC Communication director, Victor Hulbert, was delighted with the networking and conversations he had following his workshops on Communication audits, Interview techniques and Copyright/legal issues. "While some of the countries here are very advanced media wise, others are struggling," he said, adding, "I found it very rewarding to be a small part of the process that helps build up the Communication teams across Europe."

A full report will appear in tedNEWS. Photos and a blog of the whole event are available on the 'Explore Creativity' website – a site that will now be used by delegates to continue the sharing of ideas.

REVIVAL IN AREA 5 [Kirsten Øster-Lundqvist, SEC Communication Director]

Having outgrown their usual venue for a Day of Fellowship, the SEC Area 5 members celebrated on Sabbath, 17 September in two venues. With sought after speakers Dr Emmanuel Osei and BUC President, Pastor Ian Sweeney, both The Globe and The Abbey School in Reading were packed with adults and youth respectively. The theme of the day was Revival.

Successfully leading the day, Area coordinator, Pastor Patrick Johnson was able to arrange one of the "best Days of Fellowship I have been too" – this, according to several attendees. Pastor Johnson reminded the congregations of how thankful we are for the growth in Area 5 – 200 people joined our church through a variety and diversity of evangelistic activities across the 22 churches.
The lesson study was skilfully taken by Pastor Geert Tap who, as an experienced worship pastor, was able to lead the hall into discussing and contemplating what worship really means to us and what the Bible teaches. A combination of the Newbold church contemporary worship leaders and band, joined by Pastor Arne Kristian Andersen from Norway on saxophone, worshipfully led the congregation in praise and music throughout the morning worship.

For Divine Service Pastor Emmanuel Osei, Ministerial Association director of the South England Conference brought the focus on Revival by preaching on "Hope in a valley of hopelessness", bringing to life the story of dry bones in Ezekiel 37.

The day was especially joyful for the children, as Reading church special needs ministry delivered a highly interactive children's story with a multi-sensory experience – a story that held the entire congregation captive as children acted through the story. We saw, smelt, listened and participated in the story of Jonah.

While the adults in the afternoon were treated to seminars on the time of Revival by the area pastors, the children's ministry programme was organised in such a creative manner by Dr Jasmine Rhamie and Pastor Sam Ngui and involved such a level of creativity and worship that it was the envy of many adults. The afternoon programme was set up as a mystery tour where the children visited different stations to gather clues. The children also enjoyed worship and praise by kids' band 'Thunderbolts' from Newbold.

With space being a challenge the Thames Valley Youth Federation brought 500 youth together in The Abbey School for worship and praise and a sermon presented by Pastor Ian Sweeney, BUC President. According to TVYF leader, Julian Thompson, "The PULSE band and praise team led everyone into a powerful Praise and Worship session. Pastor Sweeney in his eloquent and humorous style reminded the youth of Area 5 that it is possible to come to church, involve ourselves in all its activities, and just like 'Sardis' still be spiritually dead, but he said, "Christ can resurrect dead Christianity!"

The youth spent the afternoon putting their questions to Pastor Sweeney, in the workshop "Many Questions... Many Answers". To conclude the day the youth joined the adults at The Globe for a powerful concert showcasing some of the area's great talents in drama, poetry and music. The generosity of the members at the concert, together with pledges from the Conference Youth department, raised £2900 toward the costing of the ever popular Prayer and Faith Conference.

A selection of photos from the day are available in the BUC Picture Gallery. Photo credits: Lara Zestic & Kirsten Øster-Lundqvist
A DAY IN PARADISE... [Daedria Duncan]

Boom, Bomm, aroopoboom, boom! The Holloway Pathfinder drum corps followed by marching Pathfinders took to the streets of Holloway and around Paradise Park, Sabbath, 3 September. Their aim was to make the community aware not only of the club, but to witness about Jesus' love.

The rhythm of the drums and the stomping of feet attracted many to stop and watch the presentation that was displayed. Many had questions to be answered and the Pathfinders did their best at answering them. The Pathfinders invited the members of the community to church and to Pathfinder meetings and were already successful in at least one case. We were happy with the outcome and will be doing more witnessing throughout the year.

GREAT YARMOUTH GETS HEALTHY [Izabela Clarry]

On Sunday, 18 September the health team from the Great Yarmouth Adventist church made a return visit for health screening at the local shopping mall. This time over 160 people were screened. The tests included body mass index, blood glucose, blood pressure and carbon monoxide. The health advisor offered consultations regarding any health and lifestyle related concerns.

One service user was diagnosed with very high blood pressure which he had been previously unaware of. If he did not have the test the problem could have gone undetected for a period of time, resulting in serious implications. The health advisor wrote a GP referral letter and the gentleman said he would make an appointment as soon as possible.

Several other people were referred to the GP after taking the tests and receiving advice. The advice included quitting smoking, managing their weight, cholesterol and sugar levels, and undertaking further tests, like kidney function and diabetes checks.

Most people that were screened filled in evaluation forms and the comments were very positive, including 'excellent throughout', 'keep up the good work' and 'excellent system'. One person commented that the screening was a very good idea as it raised the health awareness in the community. Another person commented that there was a need for further events like this in the future.

The health screening certainly made our church more visible in the local community and built many bridges. Many people took Focus magazines, as well as other literature, like 'He is Coming' and 'Steps to Christ'. Several spiritual conversations took place, and we were able to share with people the reason for conducting the screening – following in the footsteps of Jesus who spent a large proportion of His time on earth healing people and attending to their physical needs.
IS THIS THE YOUNGEST 'POWER' PROMOTER?

Last Sabbath saw thousands of Adventists across the British Isles giving away and sharing Adventist literature in 'The Power of 32,000'.

However, among those thousands is one young boy who strongly believes that giving away literature is not a one day event – it is a continuous work of God's disciples. Maxim is a young Russian speaking boy who does not know English yet, but he distributed more than 50 'Final Events' DVDs on Sabbath, 24 September and then came back asking for more! Is he potentially the youngest and keenest distributor of God's Good News?

A LAST FAREWELL AT LONDON GHANA [Nana Sifa Twum]

Before leaving the UK to take up a pastoral post at Sligo church in Maryland, USA, Pastor Don McFarlane, until recently the President of the British Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists told members of the London Ghana church on Sabbath, 24 September, that the establishment of the Ghanaian churches has impacted not only Ghanaians in the church's territory but has widened the base of the Church in the British Union.

Preaching at a Farewell Service organised in his honour by the London Ghana church, Pastor McFarlane acknowledged that he has never regretted allowing the Ghanaian church to form as a fellowship and subsequently a church. He said that "the Ghanaian churches opened up the way for many cultural communities which in his view has manifested the beauty of Christianity within the Conference."

His wife, Mary, their children, in-laws and grandchildren accompanied him to the packed service, spending the whole Sabbath with the church in worship, fellowship and interaction. Pastor and Mrs McFarlane were presented with the most prestigious and expensive Ghanaian outfit – rich Kente clothes – which he wore to the admiration of the congregation.

"I will also cherish and treasure the memories of this day. As Jesus deemed Bethany as His home, this church has also been my home," he observed.

The senior pastor of the London Ghana church, Pastor Fergus Owusu-Boateng, commended Pastor and Mrs McFarlane for their high sense of dedication, commitment and inspired leadership qualities that the Lord has used to steer the Church this far.

[Pictures Tommy Opoku Agyeman]

NEW LIFE: NEW CHARITY [Winsome Baadjes]

New Life (West Midlands) is always looking for ways that will impact upon the community. Their latest venture involves the grand opening of a community charity shop in the Hill Top area of West Bromwich.

New Life Seventh-day Adventist Community Fellowship believes in practical ministry. Their motto is to help 'Restore Lives'. For them it
is not enough to be in the community, they believe that they must do something for the community where the church resides. Hence the charity they are sponsoring is one they themselves have set up. Called the 'O'Neil Smith Foundation', it is named after the late O'Neil Smith who passed away suddenly in 2005. He had been working as a youth worker for a number of years in London and Birmingham, and specialized in working with young people who were caught up in substance abuse and misuse.

The New Life Charity Shop blessing will take place on Sabbath 1 October, at 3:00 pm with Dr Richard de Lisser and then officially opens one month later. Many friends of New Life, both from the community and also the church are expected to be present. An open invitation is extended to those who wish to attend at 101 Hilltop, West Bromwich, B70 0RU.

The shop is also in urgent need of donations. These may be new or used. Many, if not all of us will be familiar with other charity shops and will be aware of what the charity shop will accept – these conditions are the same for New Life. For further details please don't hesitate to contact Winsome Baadjes on tel: 07727270753 or email: winsome.souls.4christ@gmail.com.

MESSENGER REPORTS SEC SESSION

The 30 September MESSENGER devotes the major portion of the magazine to coverage of the recent South England Conference Session at Warwick University. The lead story highlights President Sam Davis' vision while inside you will find highlights of the opening devotional, coverage of the debates and reactions from the delegates.

NO BUC NEWS FOR TWO WEEKS

BUC News will be taking a two-week autumn break while the editor is on holiday. The next edition will be published on Friday, 21 October. Please check online for Coming Events and the latest details on Hope Channel.

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:

VIEWPOINT, Monday 3 October, 8:30 pm. Celebrating the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible, Victor Hulbert is joined by an experienced team of Bible connoisseurs to explore the strengths, history and politics of the King James Bible and ask – what relevance does the Book have today? Viewers are encouraged to join the discussion following the programme on the Viewpoint TV Facebook page. Next week: Should Christians be in politics?

'Adventists In Conversation', Thursday 6 October, 8:30 pm. Alastair Agbaje gave up a successful career in accountancy and project management to spend a year in Japan on mission service. One year turned to five years and changed the course of his life. He shares his experiences of international cultures, faith and God's leading in his life. Next week: Mike Ostrovljanovic, the story of a young man's search for hope and meaning in his life.
On Hope TV you can watch a wide variety of programmes on the satellite and [website](#) including the following episodes of 'In Conversation':

Friday 30 September: 8:00 pm: **Viewpoint**: The ethics of organ donation
Sabbath 1 October: 12:30 am, 9:00 am & 8:00 pm: Viewpoint: The ethics of organ donation
Monday 3 October: 12:30 am and 9:30 pm: **John Arthur** – Boats to books to ADRA
Wednesday 5 October: 7:00 am: **Su Mathan** – Activist for Jesus,
8:30 pm: **Andrew Lience** – God led my life, 12:00 midnight: John Arthur
Friday 7 October: 8:00 pm: **Viewpoint**: The King James Bible: Relevant today?
Sabbath 8 October: 12:30 am, 9:00 am & 8:00 pm: Viewpoint: The King James Bible

**COMING EVENTS**

"HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS?" Continuing to Sabbath, 1 October. An evangelistic campaign with Pastor Roger Morris from Trinidad, at Stratford church, 58 Janson Road, London, E15 1TE, Sabbath 17 September - Sabbath 1 October. Come and hear the news and be inspired. Contact Ros on 07940776147 for further information. Email: <rosamond.farrell@btinternet.com>.

'DOES GOD CARE?' Continuing to Sabbath, 8 October. A series of nightly presentations at Plaistow Adventist church conducted by Pastor Ray Patrick. Sabbath 4 pm – 6 pm; Sunday 5 pm – 7 pm; Weekdays 7 pm – 9 pm; Thursday No Programme. Venue: Plaistow Adventist church, 97 St Anthonys Road, Forest Gate, E7 9QB. Nearest Tube; Upton Park (District Line); Buses; 104, 238 via Plashet Road or 376 via Upton Lane. Contact: Elder Emmanuel Adjei <achampo@hotmail.com>. Phone: 07895 249298.

HEALTH AWARENESS WEEKEND. Sabbath, 1 - Sunday, 2 October. Brixton Seventh-day Adventist Church, Santley Street, London, SW4 7QG. 1st, 09:30: 'Dr Brown's Follow-up Surgery'; 11:00 am 'Food For Thought'. Lunch @ 2 pm. 4 pm find out how the 'CHIP' programme can change your life forever. On the 2nd @ 10:15 am: presentations on Diabetes, Stroke, Cholesterol, Breast Cancer, Skin Care, Vegan/Vegetarian Cooking and How to prepare 'Raw Food'. Contact: Pandria Morgan <elice_brown45@yahoo.com>. Phone: 07946520576.

AREA 7 YOUTH DAY OF FELLOWSHIP. Sabbath, 1 October. All Up In My Business –with special guest speaker Eric Salisbury from the USA. High Town Methodist Church, High Town Road, Luton, LU2 0BW. Starts at 9:45 am, Rap Session at 3 pm and continues with the launch of Area 7 Youth Federation and mini concert. Lunch provided. For further information contact Nigel Donga on 07737 682087 or email nigel@stayouth.com.

WELSH MISSION DAY OF FELLOWSHIP. Sabbath, 1 October. The annual Welsh Mission Day of Fellowship will be held this year at the Pavilion in Llandrindod Wells. Speaker: Pastor Cedric Vine. Contact: John Surridge <jsurridge@adventistwales.org>. Phone: 029 2084 4106.

HAMPSTEAD MUSIC DAY. Sabbath, 1 October. On 1 October, Hampstead Church, 66 Havercroft Hill, Hampstead, London NW3 2BE, invites you to their annual Music Day programme. Be blessed by the music of the Millennium Brass/Woodwind Band and Hampstead Church Choir. Lunch provided. Evening Charity Concert: 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Featuring Paul Lee & Hampstead's Deacons' Choir. Free entry, refreshments will be provided. Contact: Fiona Pacquette <hampsteadbulletin@gmail.com>. Phone: 020 7482 5022.

CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FELLOWSHIP. Sabbath, 1 October. Harlow Adventist Church, Trinity United Reformed Church, Harberts Road, Harlow, Essex, CM19 4AL. Theme: "Are you ready for Jesus to come?" Sabbath School @ 0930; afternoon programme starts @ 1500 hrs. Fellowship lunch. Contact: Es Weekes <eskerrittweeks@googlemail.com>. Phone: 0788 669 1189.

KEEP THE CHANGE. Sabbath, 1 October to Sabbath, 22 October. Everything keeps changing! Accept our invitation to a series of inspiring presentations and Make A Change You Can Keep. You
will experience 12 change stimulating presentations: True Value, Real Profit, Not Just Spare Change, Write off the Debt, Raising the Bar, Face to Face with the Boss... Other nightly features: nice songs, coaching slot 'The Power to Make Change', and even more. Saturdays and Sundays at 5 pm, Fridays at 7:30 pm. Venue: Tiptree Community Hall, Tiptree Crescent (off Clayhall Avenue), Barkingside, Ilford, IG5 0SY. Admission free! Main speakers: Rory and Ivana Mendez. Contact: Mfakazi <sureway_change@yahoo.co.uk>. Phone: 07 4110 17125.

SETTING WAKEFIELD ALIGHT FUNDRAISING CONCERT. Saturday, 1 October. Wakefield Adventist church are raising funds for various outreach projects. Please support us so we can reach out to the people of Wakefield and the Five Towns. Enjoy fellowship and spirit-filled uplifting music including Amittai from Leeds and Golden Echoes from Doncaster, and supporting artists. Refreshments will be on sale. Time 6:30 pm sharp. Venue: Wakefield Baptist Church, Belle Isle Avenue, Wakefield, W Yorks, WF1 5JY. Entry free (love offering will be collected). Contact: Elder Nicholas <nickytend@yahoo.com>. Phone: 07846060539.

ONE STAGE ONE VOICE ONE HERITAGE TOUR. Saturday, 1 October to Saturday, 29 October. The ultimate live music experience: 'Inspiring Communities Celebrating Diversity'. Join Reality 7 'The Definitive Sound of a Grand New Dawn in South Africa' live in the United Kingdom. Come and join Higher Ground, Acappella & Reality 7 in Coventry (1 October 2011); The Swingle Singers & Reality 7 in London (8 October 2011); Voces8 and Reality 7 in Oxford (13 October 2011); Reality 7 & Luton Gospel Choir (14 October 2011); Reality 7 & MahaliSelepe in Manchester (15 October 2011); Reality 7 in Newbold College (22 October 2011); Reality 7 & Black Voices (29 October 2011). Contact: Jeff <mjm@rsprom.com>. Phone: 07527912295.

ADVENTIST MUSLIM RELATIONS TRAINING DAY! Sunday, 2 October. 10 am – 4 pm. Location: The Advent Centre, 37-39 Brendon Street, (off Edgware Road), London, W1H 5HD. Main speaker: Pastor Petras Bahadur, General Conference AMR director. Cost: £5 per person, including lunch, (if you can't afford then we will help). For all AMR Coordinators, leaders and evangelists. If you have a Muslim neighbour, colleague or friend, who you want to bring to know Jesus, then this training is for you! Free resources available. Book sale. To reserve your place, please email Zinze Bishop: zbishop@secadventist.org.uk or call 01923 656 522 before 27 September.

STRATFORD CHIP. Sunday, 2 October to Thursday, 27 October. Stratford CHIP – Coronary Health Improvement Project. Improve your life in just 30 days. Do you suffer from diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, obesity or other lifestyle diseases? If so you need CHIP. Free info session is taking place on 22 September in the upstairs meeting hall at 58 Janson Road, Stratford, E15 1TE from 7 - 8 pm. The actual CHIP sessions run from 2 - 27 October on Sundays from 3.30 - 5.30 pm; Mondays, Tuesday & Thursdays from 7 - 9 pm at the above venue. Contact Monica by email: stratfordchip@yahoo.co.uk or phone 0208 503 1007.

PARENTING IN A CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY. Sunday, 2 October to Saturday, 8 October. Dr Robert Kennedy, senior pastor at the Oranges Adventist church, New Jersey, USA, and Professor of Ethics and Religion, presents 8 seminars 2 - 8 October at Leicester Central Adventist Church, Corner of London/University Road, Leicester, LE2 1EF. An expert on Parental Legacy, Parental Advocacy, Youth and Sexuality and Family Life matters. Seminars nightly at 7:00 pm including 'The Legacy of Love', 'Is Love Enough?'; 'Spirit Filled Loving', 'Cycles of Relationships', 'Youth and Sexuality', 'Parental Legacy', 'The Legacy of Elijah', and 'Parenting in a Technological Age'. Contact: Yvonne Chambers <vonnyc@ntlworld.com>. Phone: 0116 2758556.

RUSSIAN SPEAKING FUN DAY. Sunday, 2 October. Organised by Newbold International Church, Russian Speaking Fun Day! Children's activities, BBQ, IT & Carrier workshops, traditional food, live music, bouncy castle, sport activities and much more! Join us in the grounds of Newbold College, Binfield, RG42 4AN. Contact: Michael Murga <murga@live.co.uk>. Phone: 07403100838.

CONNECTING PEOPLE, CHANGING LIVES: ASNA. Friday, 7 October to Sunday, 9 October. ASNA celebrates 10 years in 2011. The annual Carers' Weekend 7 - 9 October marks this milestone with workshops, health checks, individual support as well as a black tie banquet on Sabbath evening
featuring Marylin Baker, international Christian singer who is also blind. Other artistes include Jennifer and Janice Philips, Resurrection, Kelly Philips and Co. Cost for the event and further details can be found on the ASNA website www.asna.info. Contact: Sophia Nicholls <sophia@asna.info>. Phone: 01491 821104.

THE PLACE OF LIVING IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE. Friday, 14 October to Sunday, 16 October. Scottish Mission Women's Ministries Retreat, at the Atholl Centre, Pitlochry, Scotland, 14-16 October. Visiting speaker: Isobel Webster. Cost £85 in twin bedded or family rooms (family rooms consist of double/twin and 2 bunks; some other rooms have bunks). Please send a non-returnable cheque made out to Scottish Mission of SDA to Carole Peacock, SM Office, Comraiach, Gwydyr Road, Crieff, PH7 4BS. Application forms available on request from the SM office. Contact: Carole Barratt-Peacock <office@sdascotland.com>. Phone: 01764 653257.


DISCOVERING THE ROCK OF AGES – PECKHAM'S CHILDREN'. Sabbath, 15 October. The Peckham Junior Sabbath School and Children's Ministries department invite you to come and discover "The Rock of Ages" – Jesus! Through the testimonies of the children who came to our Vacation Bible School, through lesson study, the sermon and AYS, you'll discover that Jesus is the only way, the truth, and the life. The speaker for the Divine Service will be Alan Charles, Christian, poet, educator and playwright. Church address: 149-159 Ivydale Road, Nunhead, Peckham, London, SE15 3DX. Contact: Kathleen Tanoh <nicolam67@yahoo.com>. Phone: 07960981160.

HOME RUN – DERBY BETHEL YOUTH DAY. Sabbath, 15 October. "Sometimes you have to go from base to base to realise your sins and return home" – What's in it for you? Derby Adventist Theatre Group performing "The Prodigal" musical. Vibrant Sabbath School – powerful Divine Hour. Special afternoon programme – dinner provided. After sunset Gospel Hour with artists from London, Manchester, Wolverhampton, Birmingham and more. Chill down and social till late with the band. After sunset Soul food on sale. Free parking all day. Speakers: Troy Flood, Andrew Fuller, Pastor Emanuel Bran. Location: The Riverside Centre, Pride Park, Derby, DE24 8HY. 9:45 am to 7:00 pm. Contact: Peter Richards <peter.richards@ristara.co.uk>. Phone: 07782 345681.

DAGENHAM CHURCH MUSIC DAY – 'THIS IS MY STORY'. Sabbath, 15 October. 'This is My Story' – allows you to hear stories of how God has blessed His people through music. Speaker: Paul Lee, Music Director, South England Conference. Delicious lunch provided. Afternoon concert 4:30 - 7:30 pm with talented artists from across London. Free entry! Venue: Dagenham Adventist church, St Marys Anglican Church, Grafton Road, Dagenham, Essex, RM8 3EP. Contact: Sedina Lewis <sedina.lewis@hotmail.co.uk>. Phone: 079 4342 8642.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES EVANGELISTIC SERIES. Wednesday 19 October, to Sabbath 29, October (except Thursday 27 October). Ten evangelistic seminars. Topics include: The Destiny Child; Darling Honey, I Love You; If You Love Me,. Join the family of Sheffield Burngreave Adventist church, Andover Street, Pittsmoor, Sheffield, S3 9EE,7:00 pm weekdays and 6:00 pm, weekends when Pastor Victor Marshall will explore some of those critical issues of life. Contact: Sikhumbuzo Ndlovu <khumbus@hotmail.co.uk>. Phone: 07719469051.

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