WHAT WILL YOUR FINAL WORDS BE?
A year-end message from Pastor Ian Sweeney, President of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the UK and Ireland:

I find that the Christmas season followed by the New Year is one that has me engage in reflection of the past year as well as looking forward to the future. This year that moment of reflection was also brought on by hearing of the news of the death of Kim Jong-il, the late son of North Korea's eternal President, and made me ponder the final words of the dying or soon after to be dead.

I have to admit that I find the final words of the living fascinating, whether for their humour, irony or pathos. Permit me to share a few.

Sir Winston Churchill (24 January 1965) who led this country to victory over Fascism, is reported as saying on his deathbed: "I'm bored with it all."

The author Oscar Wilde is reported to have said (30 November 1900): "Either that wallpaper goes, or I do."

I read that the last words of Karl Marx (14 March 1883) uttered to his housekeeper were, "Go on, get out – last words are for fools who haven't said enough."

On a more sombre and prophetic note, President John F Kennedy was reported as saying on his arrival into the city of Dallas (23 November 1963), "If someone is going to kill me, they will kill me."
In Dr Martin Luther King's final sermon before his assassination (13 April 1968), his sermon ended with these words: "Well, I don't know what will happen now. We've got some difficult days ahead. But it doesn't matter with me now, because I've been to the mountaintop, and I don't mind. Like anybody, I would like to live a long life. Longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will...."

The Apostle Paul was on his third missionary journey and it was his expressed wish to visit the cities of Jerusalem and Rome. While making his way to these destinations he requested a final meeting with the elders from the city of Ephesus where he had previously ministered. In that final meeting, Paul shared the following final words with the elders:

"And now I am bound by the Spirit to go to Jerusalem. I don't know what awaits me, except that the Holy Spirit tells me in city after city that jail and suffering lie ahead. But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God. And now I know that none of you to whom I have preached the Kingdom will ever see me again." [Acts 20:22-25 New Living Translation]

I have to confess that I find Paul's final words incredibly inspiring. Paul measured the value of his life to the sharing of the Gospel. His final words to the Ephesian elders were that unless he was sharing the good news of Jesus Christ, his life was of no value to him. While I have no idea when I will utter my final words, I am determined to join with Paul in valuing my life in connection with "finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus – the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God...."

I pray that you too would join with Paul in ensuring that our final words would reflect a life that is preoccupied with sharing the Good News this Christmas season and throughout 2012.

May you have a wonderful and safe Christmas and New Year.

CALL TO PRAYER FOR START OF 2012

While the high-streets are crowded with last minute shoppers – and others may already have their eyes set on bargains to be picked up in the New Year sales, BUC President Pastor Ian Sweeney, in a heartfelt interview, is calling on members to start the New Year with the best bargain ever, a quality ten day prayer experience with God and fellow believers. Please watch his New Year message on the Hope TV-UK website and plan on how you can be a part of this very positive experience. For more on this worldwide prayer initiative, also visit the dedicated page on the BUC website: http://adventistinfo.org.uk/globalrain.

BAFTA PREMIERE FOR 'FIRED UP' [Kirsten Øster-Lundqvist/BUC News] Also a BUC News Video Report

While carols flowed from the nearby church and shoppers staggered through Piccadilly under the bright Christmas lights, selected church members, dignitaries and members of the Tyndale Society joined with Mervyn Weir and Marge Lowhar at the BAFTA theatre for the premiere screening of 'Fired Up' on Sunday evening, 18 December 2011.
While they sat in seats that had been endowed by the likes of Steven Spielberg and other movie greats, the film they came to see was one that was more than entertaining, it was life changing. ‘Fired Up’ brought the Bible alive at BAFTA.

Adapted from the highly acclaimed stage play commissioned as part of the 400th Anniversary of the King James Bible, ‘Fired Up’ is a skilful retelling of the story of William Tyndale and the Bible translation politics that were mixed with King Henry VIII’s need for an heir. Writer and producer Mervyn Weir used fast paced, modern performance poetry to frame the production that then draws the viewer from a classroom into a period costume drama to tell the Tyndale story and shows how he was one of the main forces behind securing an English translation of the Bible.

Bible translation can seem like a dull business yet the film excited an audience who were audibly moved, in parts by humour, and in the climax as they remembered those who died because they believed so strongly that the Bible should be available in English. "The key thing for me," Mervyn argues, "is to make the story accessible to a modern, youthful audience." The story clearly inspired Mervyn himself who added that it "made me appreciate the Bible more and I hope it will inspire others to read it. Tyndale's challenge to us," he concludes, "is to translate the Bible through our lives for this generation."

The highlight of the film is a climatic debate between student, (Lauren Wigmore) and lecturer (Andrew Wall). She rightly challenges him on why a book that men died to translate is not valued more, and equally how it can still be such a cause of conflict in the world today. "It doesn't make sense, for me, for my generation," she argues. "God's love should bring people together!" The powerful response that really hits home is that the Bible must be translated into people's lives, into your life, that you must "live it in glorious, colourful 3D."

Did it really make that kind of impact? A representative from the Tyndale Society, moved at the quality of the acting, said, "It is a very good message for young people as it brings it into the twenty-first century." One of those young people, Reuben Massiah of Balham Adventist church, played Henry VIII. He enthused, "Tyndale is now one of those people that I really look up to." Pastor Karin Wieczorek, just arrived from Australia, found the screening to be "a truly touching experience. I am proud to see an Adventist product of such quality and spiritual inspiration."

That experience will soon be available to a much larger audience as Marge Lowhar states, "We are now working to ensure that far more people see it." How will this work? Marge and Mervyn will be working on some final enhancements to the film over the next four weeks. Plans are then developing with selected churches or areas to arrange viewings for the community in strategic public locations where they will feel comfortable and where the message of the Bible can be emphasised. ‘Fired Up’ will also be aired internationally on the Hope Channel and on other
selected media. A DVD release is also planned.

The stage play was first commissioned by the South England Conference. SEC President, Pastor Sam Davis, speaking at the premiere told the audience he was 'blown away' by the stage play and was delighted that, together with sponsorship from the British Union Conference, the vital, 'Fired Up' message could now be shared with a much larger audience.

For more reaction and interviews with Mervyn and Marge, watch the special BUC News video report. A selection of pictures from the evening are also available in the BUC Picture Gallery.

NEWBOLD CELEBRATES! ...A COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS [Peter Manners-Smith]

Packed with people, musicians, choirs and orchestra Newbold Church Centre in Binfield was in full celebratory mode on Saturday night, 10 December 2011. 'Newbold Celebrates!' was a Christmas event in front of a capacity audience of church and local community members. Marketed in the local press as a 'carol concert with a difference', the ticketed event was completely sold out as locals joined church members to see in the festive season together. The varied event included plenty of carol singing and a wide range of performance items ranging from a jazz quartet to the music of John Rutter, and from a candle-lit rendition of 'Silent Night' by the church's contemporary service band to a lively rendition of 'Sleigh Ride' by the church orchestra.

Over 100 performers took part in what was the largest concert Newbold has seen for several years. Sandra Rigby-Barrett, one of Newbold's music directors and leader of the church's 30-piece orchestra and the college's 25-member choir, said "the evening was a triumph for musical diversity with styles which appealed to every generation."

One of the highlights of the evening was having the church orchestra, college choir, and the church children's choir along with a band, playing and singing together for two of the carols, the sort of mass participation reminiscent of 'Prom Praise'. Having over 75 instrumentalists and singers, including both traditional and contemporary instrumentation, coming together to lead the congregational singing was a first for Newbold church and a unifying force for worshipping together in a church where musical tastes cover the whole spectrum of sacred music. Pastor Patrick Johnson, senior pastor of Newbold church said "I'm proud to be part of a church where we are blessed with the resources to put on such a diverse and exciting evening for our members and their friends. It's great to see people of all ages and musical tastes participating in and attending this programme, and being confident enough to invite their friends in significant numbers."

Children were very visible in the programme with both the children's choir and the children's band (The Thunderbolz) taking centre stage at various points in the evening. Several children also played in the orchestra, some with their parents. Keren Milanovic, local primary school teacher and co-director of the children's choir, said "we really wanted to make children feel part of the celebrations this year. Giving them the opportunity to use their talents and perform to such a large audience shows them that we love having them in our church family!"
Media was also key to the success of the event with a video forming an integral part of the promotional and a live video stream during the evening being watched by many over the internet and is still being viewed at www.newboldmedia.org.

"In pulling this event together we mobilised over 160 local people including actors, greeters, car parking attendants, caterers, media personnel and musicians" said Peter Manners-Smith, programme director for 'Newbold Celebrates!' "Some of those who took part were local community members, whom it's been a real pleasure to get to know better as we worked together to put on this event." He hopes that this will become an annual fixture in the local community calendar and "that people can look forward to the opportunity for themselves and their children to participate in a large-scale, high-quality community celebration of Christmas for the Binfield and Bracknell area."

"Hopefully this can herald a new phase of community interaction for Newbold church" says Pastor Johnson. "In order to connect to the community we are inviting not just attendance but participation in such events so that we can get to know them and show them that we value them."

'CREATION HEALTH PLUS' BRINGS NEW LIFE  [Grace Walsh, NEC Health Ministries, Community Services & Disability Ministries Director]

Pastor Jeff Couzins delivered the programme and explored each letter in the CREATION acronym to help participants understand the eight guiding principles of wellness and longevity as they embarked on their new lifestyle.

CREATION Health is a lifestyle transformation programme designed to help people live life to the fullest by focusing on the eight universal principles of whole person health God originally gave at Creation. God gave Adam and Eve the power of choice; a weekly day of rest; a peaceful environment that soothed and nurtured their souls; they were active mentally and physically; they trusted God; enjoyed an interpersonal relationship; and were energized by a tasty banquet of nourishing foods.

There were touching testimonies as the participants shared their experience of the programme. Most of them lost weight and others were sharing the principles with their families thereby bringing the whole family into God's original plan for abundant living. One of the testimonies was from 85-year-old Eddie Yates. He was just amazing stating that he had "never felt so fit in his life". He said that through the eight principles, his life was transformed. He felt 27 years old and he was filled with joy and empowered to live life to the fullest.

Participants stated how they had learned to make the power of choice work for them and discovered the importance of resting fully in mind, body and soul. They were also taught how to create an empowering environment and to make activity an exciting part of their lives. One of the most important lessons shared was trust in God and learning the dynamic benefits of faith.

All the participants thanked Pastor Couzins for bringing the programme to them and showing them that CREATION Health is about enjoying a life of health and happiness through a holistic approach. He states, "It was a humbling experience for me, because experienced Adventist nurses were
commenting on how much they were learning during the presentations I had prepared on Cardiovascular Disease, Exercise, Sugar, Digestive Transit Times, Water, Cancer, Diabetes, and Osteoporosis.” Pastor Couzins gave credit to Hans Diehl and CHIP for equipping him and pointing him in the right direction. He says, "The seminar series was not a CHIP programme, but I did adopt, adapt and augment some of the CHIP principles in developing and preparing the Lifestyle School.”

Flowing from the Creation story, CREATION Health's eight life principles provide personal, practical, and transforming tools for living the eternal life. It is based on Biblical principles found in the Creation story and supported by evidence-based science. For more information on CREATION Health contact: Grace Walsh, Health Ministries, Community Services & Disability Ministries director, North England Conference. Tel: 0115 960 6312.

ADRA EMERGENCY AID FOLLOWING PHILIPPINES TROPICAL STORM [Christina Zaiback, ADRA International]

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is on the ground in eastern parts of Mindanao, Philippines, distributing emergency supplies of food to some of the hardest hit families in response to flash floods brought by recent tropical storm Washi (locally referred to as Sendong). Official reports from the Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (RDRRMC) have attributed Washi to at least 807 deaths in the cities of Cagayan de Oro and Iligan collectively.

An estimated 1,440 families in the affected areas are receiving much needed emergency food kits comprised of rice, noodles, canned fish, dried fruits, beans, peanut butter, milk, oil, salt, and sugar. Implemented by ADRA Philippines, the distribution will last four days and will be carried out in close coordination with the City Social Welfare Office and Adventist Community Service volunteers.

According to Agency reports, a number of residents in the affected areas are now stranded on rooftops after fleeing to higher ground as the dangerous flood waters began rising. Household items such as kitchen appliances and furniture have been swept away by the gushing water, leaving families robbed of personal belongings. Businesses have shut down as the floodwaters inundated their premises, following widespread power and water outages.

According to the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC), the overflowing of the Mandulog and Agus rivers has been confirmed as the source of massive flooding in Lanao Del Norte, a province in the Northern Mindanao region. Nearly 72,000 people have been affected by the tropical storm in this province alone, with an estimated 71,000 others affected in 12 additional provinces throughout Mindanao.

Tropical storm Washi made landfall on 16 December, causing a downpour through the early morning hours of 17 December. With gusty winds moving at speeds reaching 50 mph, and heavy rains accumulating to 8 inches in less than 24 hours, Washi has inflicted significant water damage to homes, buildings, and roads.

The Agency is working to broaden its response, and plans to provide flood victims with essential health services, in addition to increased access to clean water. Additional information will be provided as ADRA's response expands.

For more information about ADRA, visit www.adra.org.uk. To support the survivors of Typhoon Washi, donations can be given to the ADRA-UK Disaster Relief fund here, or visit our website to donate online.
LEICESTER CHRISTMAS CONCERT SUPPORTS ADRA  [Philip Herbert]

On Sabbath, 17 December 2011, Leicester Central Adventist church enjoyed a feast of music that raised over £200 for ADRA-UK. The performers supplied a diverse range of musical fare, from gospel through to classical, a cappella vocals and instrumental solos. Pauline Matturi led us through the concert with witty anecdotes and reflections on Christmas and the music to be performed. There was even space for some audience participation, directed by retired French teacher, Suzette Jeannon, who taught the audience to sing a French song that speaks about a dream of the events in the Christmas story. It took many back to school days with an opportunity to refresh their French speaking and singing abilities. Spencer Williams and Fea Matturi read the Nativity story in fluent French. This too was the diligent work of concert organiser, Suzette Jeannon.

There were some guests such as a Women's Gospel Choir led by Greg Smith, Artistic director of Kaine Management Group, who specialise in reaching out to the community through gospel music and workshops. This choir meets at the Leicester Central church every Monday where Greg teaches the art of singing gospel music. They presented some soulful renditions including, 'Silent Night', 'O Holy Night' and 'Mary Did You Know?' Many of the singers in this choir spoke of the holistic benefits of singing together in a choir and how they were impressed by the quality and diversity of music being performed that night. A number of them spoke of the healing effects of being able to sing together.

It was a delight to see a full church enjoying the fellowship of diverse groups of people. We hope that there will be many more opportunities to enable non-churched individuals to enjoy the Adventist message within such inclusive, celebratory occasions.

LONDON LIVE COMMUNITY CHOIR DEBUT  [Paul King-Brown]

On Saturday, 3 December, the London Live Community Choir treated the local Notting Hill community to a spectacular inaugural performance. The audience of 160 plus; made up of mainly friends and family of the choir and members of the local community, clapped and cheered, as the choir dazzled us with their renditions of Faithful, I Almost Let Go, Total Praise and Silent Night. With a live stream viewing audience spanning the USA to South Korea, we were all taken on a gospel journey of salvation, encouragement, and hope. It was obvious that this was not just a concert, but that all had a spiritual experience. After the encore you were left wanting more from this excellent group of people. Lesley, one of the choir members, expressed her excitement, "I wish we could perform every weekend!" And of course the standing ovation reaffirmed the excellence of the choir's contribution.

Led by the Choir director Keron Rhamie, singers from both the local and wider community met for the first time about two months ago, responding to advertisements in the local paper and personal invitations. It has been an exhilarating experience for everyone. The choir has been rehearsing weekly for the past seven weeks, and finally for a session with the musicians – anticipation and excitement building as the performance drew closer. Melanie, a choir member who responded to the local ad conveyed she was looking forward with eager anticipation, having searched for somewhere to sing for a long time. "It's been three years since I have sung and performed. I am really looking forward to the Christmas concert!"
The Community Choir experience marries music, commitment to excellence, and fellowship. The journey within the London Live Community has birthed deep friendships and filled many with admiration and appreciation of each other. Another choir member, Jenny comments: "I must say a big, big, thank you to all the wonderful people that I met. Keron is a very special talented person and looked after all of us; and yes, we all wanted more. Thanks to all, for the best time I've had for a long time!"

London Live is about people and building relationships, with our motif of sharing God and sharing life together the choir's contribution enabled us to raise £200 for the Haiti appeal project; which was presented to us by the local vicar of Notting Hill Community Church, Ken Persaud.

With the concert over, many new participants are now requesting to be informed of when our next rehearsals begin.

NEWBOLD COLLEGE EXPANDS INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS STUDIES PROGRAMME
[tedNEWS/BUC News]

Newbold College in Bracknell, Berkshire took another international leap on Sunday, 11 December when the leadership team signed a five-year agreement with Southern Adventist University (SAU), USA to provide a Newbold campus-based "European Semester" for SAU's undergraduate business studies students majoring in International Business.

"The purpose of this agreement is for Newbold to provide SAU International Business majors with a memorable cultural experience that is Newbold campus-based and academically rooted in Christian business values" said Dr Philip Brown, Principal, Newbold College.

Earlier this month Dr Brown signed a memorandum of understanding with Dr Gordon Bietz, President, SAU while visiting the SAU campus. The agreement, co-proposed by John Crissy, (School of Business, Newbold College) and Braam Oberholster (School of Business, SAU) provides for Newbold College to host a group of Junior/Senior SAU students majoring in International Business on the Newbold campus each autumn, commencing in 2012.

From the students' perspective, the Newbold international experience will include "International Business" field trips to a variety of well-known locations in London such as the European Bank of Reconstruction, the Bank of England, Lloyds of London, the ASI-UK conference, visits to companies such as Siemens and visits to not-for-profit organisations such as World Vision International.

Additionally, students will be able to participate in "cultural experience" trips to a variety of well-known locations in southern England such as the Globe Theatre, the British Museum, the National Gallery, Westminster Abbey, a walking tour of 'Jane Austen's Bath', Winchester Cathedral, a performance at the Royal Albert Hall, Hampton Court and William Shakespeare's Stratford-upon-Avon.

Up to seven students are expected to comprise the first "pilot" group of SAU students. Feedback from this "pilot" group will ensure further improvements and/or refinements to the offering with the first substantive cohort of Southern's International Business students mandated to attend Newbold College.
for a semester from September 2013. The "European Semester" offering will also be extended to the wider SAU student body as well from 2013.

GOD MADE ME, ME! [Heather Haworth, BUC Children's & Family Ministries Director]

Three departments joined together for a time of envisioning 5-7 December at High Leigh Christian Conference Centre at Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire. BUC directors, Sharon Platt-McDonald and Heather Haworth, planned this event for the Children's, Family and Women's Ministries directors and sponsors from all across the UK and Ireland. The idea of this first joint department event was to engage the teams in developing ways to better serve in the Mission of the Church. The title and theme for the three days was God made me, ME. Sharon wanted this title "To convey the way God engages in everyone's life on a 'one to one' basis and that He is concerned about our total well-being – spiritual, physical, emotional and educational."

Guests included Mrs Clair Sanches. As the TED Women's Ministries director she spent some time with her counterparts. Dr Brighton Kavaloh, BUC Ministerial Association director and Pastor Nathan Stickland, BUC Youth director were able to take time out of their busy schedule to join in the envisioning on the Tuesday. Mrs Kathy Senessie, a medical specialist who deals with those suffering trauma, added her wealth of experience during the workshops where all contributed towards putting together a 'Sexuality Toolbox' and a 'Connecting Cultures' programme.

As department leaders in the Conferences and Missions, the group of 13 attendees spent time finding ways to meet their own needs as well as those they serve. "Especially the adults caring for the well-being of children," explained Family Therapist Mrs Karen Holford, "must spend time evaluating their own emotional balance." The wealth of practical information and resources presented during her morning seminar was developed into an afternoon of enjoyable learning activities. This 'Happy Healthy Children' material will be shared by the attendees in their church visits. "It is so good that these departments have such a team of committed and lovely people," commented Mrs Holford.

Mrs Jeniffer Oroko, who works in Scotland for the NHS in the area of Diversity, commended the approach these three departments decided to take in opening up in a practical way the sensitive and difficult area of accepting and integrating our ethnicity within the church family. How to encourage local church leaders to take time in planning their services to meet the needs of all ages, as well as cultures, was another aspect of church life that was discussed.

Heather and Sharon had put together a wealth of resources. These were enhanced by those of the attendees. Beulah Plunkett, NEC Children's Ministries, Adult Sabbath School and Peace School of Evangelism assistant director, felt everyone had benefited from the variety of topics covered. "Although God has made us individuals," commented Heather, "We are enriched by being a part of the great family of God. These days away were for our own personal enrichment and to focus our ministry in a prayer filled way. I know it is only through the power of prayer that we can be effectively proactive in serving the church and reaching out to the community."

DEATH OF PASTOR ROBERT SURREIDGE

It is with regret that we have to inform you of the death of Pastor Robert Surridge on Sabbath afternoon, 17 December, age 54. Robert had suffered a severe stroke the week before at his home in Yuba City, California. His wife, Dawn, and their two sons, Martin and Jack were with him at the time of his death.

Robert was born in America of missionary parents and so lived in Nigeria and Ghana as a boy. He was an alumnus of Stanborough School and Newbold
College and gained a PhD in New Testament from King's College London. He started ministry in the South England Conference where he served between 1982 and 1999, including caring for the Church Growth department. He then took up a pastoral position with the Northern California Conference, serving a total of thirty years in ministry.

In addition to his immediate family, our sympathies go to his parents, Pastor Ron Surridge (former NEC President) and Mrs Rachel Surridge; as well as his brother, Pastor John Surridge (Welsh Mission President) and the extended family.

His memorial service will be at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, 3 January 2012 in the Deer Park Elmshaven church, Saint Helena, California. A further service will be held in England at a date to be announced in due course.

CHRISTMAS OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note that the BUC, Conference and Mission offices are closed from noon on Friday, 23 December and will reopen on Tuesday, 3 January 2012. The next BUC News will be published on Friday, 6 January 2012 and will be packed with your seasonal year-end articles. On behalf of the BUC Communication team, thank you for your support this year. It will be our pleasure to continue to serve you in 2012.

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:

'Adventists In Conversation', Thursday 29 December, 8:30 pm. As a 3-year-old, Paul Lee would go to church with his grandmother in his native homeland of Jamaica and sing along with the church choir. And since those early days, his love of music and singing has shaped his journey through life, a journey full of conflicts between his love of contemporary music and his commitment to his Church and its conservative attitude towards music.

On Hope TV you can watch a wide variety of programmes on the satellite and website including, during the next two weeks, a special festive flavour pointing people towards the wonder of 'God become man' in the incarnation of Jesus Christ. Enjoy the following UK produced programmes:

Friday 30 December: 8:00 pm: Viewpoint: Christians, Business and Ethics
Sabbath 31 December: 12:00 am, 9:00 am & 8:00 pm: Viewpoint: Christians, Business and Ethics

COMING EVENTS

PRAYER RETREAT. Friday, 23 December to Tuesday, 27 December. This event has the backing of the North England Conference and the British Union Conference. Venue: Quinta Christian Centre, Quinta Hall, Weston Rhyn, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY10 7LR. Dates: Check in – 3:00 pm Friday 23 December. Check out – 3:00 pm Tuesday 27 December. Theme: 'Revival and Reformation Today'. Guest Speakers: Pastor Felix and Mrs Dambudzo Njini and others. Programme: Sacred Music, Fellowship, Sanctuary and Prophecy Lessons, Prayer Sessions. RSVP and Registration: Mr Noel Chitate 07970181973 or 01212417846. Contact: Noel <nchitate@yahoo.co.uk>.

GREENWICH PATHFINDER CLUB FUNDRAISING CONCERT. Saturday, 24 December 4:00 - 6:00 pm. Pathfinder Club Fundraising Concert at Greenwich Adventist Church, Devonshire Drive, London, SE10 8JZ. Come and see Greenwich Pathfinders, Adventurers and friends in action. Food and drinks on sale. A special offering will be collected. Contact: Dorothy Blenman <greenwichchurchclerk@yahoo.com>. Phone: 07572679388.

CHILDREN'S BANQUET. Monday, 26 December. Croydon Adventist Church Children's Ministries presents a Banquet entitled "Disney in Wonderland". Come and enjoy good food, entertainment and laughter all done by our children. Cost: £5 per child. Discounts for parents with more than 3 children. Please contact Bro Augustus 07588272967. Contact: Andrew Newby <childrenschurch@croydonadventist.org>. Phone: 07949220307.

END OF YEAR TALENT SHOW. Saturday, 31 December. Be part of the end of the year celebration in the Advent Centre, 12 Crawford Place (off Edgware Road), London, W1H 5HD, organised by Holloway church and SEC Teens Department. The doors will open from 8:00 pm. Entrance fee: £3.00. Join us for a night of worship, games and a talent show with the winner taking home an iPod shuffle. Contact: Dejan Stojkovic <dejan@secadventist.org.uk>. Phone: 07919172176.

SEC EVANGELISM EXPO. Sunday, 15 January. Pastors and members from all South England Conference churches are invited to this special ONE DAY ONLY training event at Newbold College, St Mark's Road, Binfield, Berks, RG42 4AN. Great choice of materials and ideas to explore and purchase! Contact: Ruth Stewart <rstewart@secadventist.org.uk>. Phone: 01923 232728.

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