JAW-DROPPING JOY AT MIDDLESBROUGH  
[Rosemary West/BUC News]

The jaw-dropping expressions on the faces of former pastors should have been recorded. Remembering the former small church they had pastored in Granville Road, one of the most deprived parts of Middlesbrough, all eight pastors expressed wonder at the large facilities, the extensive decoration work, and the size of the congregation at the Adventist church's new, high profile property on one of the town's leading thoroughfares.

Those expressions could only be matched by the joy on the faces of Middlesbrough church members as they welcomed guests from nearby churches and from as far away as Devon and Suffolk.

On the afternoon of Sabbath, 10 March 2012 they celebrated God's answer to their prayers with a commissioning service for their new building, formerly used for worship by the United Reformed Church. Built in 1923 it has the 'feel' of a traditional church, but has been tastefully renovated for twenty-first century needs. Facilities include a range of additional rooms and a larger hall. These are useful for Children's Sabbath School, Youth work and Community programmes, including a weekly sleep-over for the homeless and asylum seekers.

The service itself was a full expression of faithful thankfulness to God. Remembering the apostle Paul's promise that 'God will supply all our needs' [Phil 4:19] the congregation had sold their old, small and highly vandalised church for a premium price in the hope of buying something bigger. For four years they rented accommodation – while all the time the congregation continued to grow.

Musical blessings came from the Middlesbrough & Newcastle choirs
That search was at times frustrating but finally a fine building came up for sale at a price members could afford. Adventists were able to secure this property, even though they were in competition with people who were willing to offer more! Since that time members and friends worked to clean, renovate, and decorate the building. Contractors did work to the roof and painting. Very impressed, they also attended the service of commissioning!

The Rev Meg Robb and several members of the United Reformed Church also attended the commissioning service, delighted that their church could continue to be used for Christian worship. Ray Mallon, elected Mayor of Middlesbrough, was delighted to attend, both because he knows the church does a lot for the socially deprived, and because he respects the Adventist health message. "This church, the bricks and mortar will take you nowhere," he controversially stated. "It is the people. You are the foundation of goodness." A Catholic himself, he recognised Adventists as 'people with a hope' that can make a serious difference in his socially deprived town. "Pray for each other, and pray for Middlesbrough," he challenged.

In a full day programme, Pastor Cyril Sweeney, NEC President, preached in the morning service asking 'Why do we need churches?' He sees a healthy church as a place that brings people together to do great things, and as 'a theatre of God's grace'.

In the Dedication service address, BUC President, Pastor Ian Sweeny noted that when Jesus came to church there was always drama! "Jesus desires to come into this house through His people," he challenged, "and when Jesus comes home the children shout 'Hosanna to the King of Kings'". He emphasised that our purpose must be to show God's love to the community.

Middlesbrough Church Choir and other singing groups harmonised their praise and worship to God. The visiting Newcastle Church Choir fittingly drew our minds to the text, 'Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus' [Phil 2:5]. When Jesus is in control of our minds He will indeed help us to show His love in action.

A selection of photos of the day can be viewed in the BUC picture gallery.

'PRAISE THE LORD AND PASS THE AMMUNITION!' [John Wilby]

Chaplain Howell Forgy was aboard the USS New Orleans during the 1941 Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour and, during the attack, as he passed along the ammunition line patting the men on the back, he was heard to say, 'Praise the Lord and pass the ammunition'. At Faifley on Sabbath, 10 March this year the Company celebrated the official opening of its recently acquired church. There was much 'praise' during the day and the
'ammunition', in this instance, was a church building – and a congregation – dedicated to the needs of the community.

West Dunbartonshire MP, Gemma Doyle, who cut the ribbon, admitted it was the first occasion she had been asked to open a church. In her address, she praised the congregation for its commitment to community outreach – a comment evidenced by the number of local residents present. Obi Iheoma, minister for Faifley and Paisley said, "I spent some time getting to know folk locally by knocking on doors. It was great to see so many from the indigenous Scottish community at the opening. The name, 'Faifley Community Church', was chosen because we felt it was important that the surrounding community see the church as their place of worship too."

For local seventy-year-old James, this was only the second time in his life he had entered the former Baptist Church. He was so overwhelmed with the day that he felt compelled to make a donation to the church building fund.

David Hatch, outlined the Faifley church's history from its beginning, with three families from the Glasgow church meeting locally in their homes as a Small Group. As numbers grew, they began worshipping in the local Church of Scotland church. The presence of their minister, Rev Gregor McIntyre, spoke volumes of how well our members had established good relationships with fellow Christians. He was presented with a plaque that expressed members' appreciation of his hospitality.

Addressing Faifley members, Mission President, Bernie Holford, said, "In a country, in a world, that is marginalizing spiritual values, this is to be a House where spirituality, connection with a God who loves us, is seen as critically important. And we are glad that God is calling you to make this into a House of Prayer…not just for you...but for everyone."

This was reflected in a charge to Faifley members led by West of Scotland minister, Pastor Clifford Herman: "Do you commit today to being a light to this community, to comfort those who mourn, to provide strength to those who are tempted and suffering, to provide help for the needy, to help relieve those who are distressed, to hasten the coming of Christ Jesus our Lord, to use this building as a House of Prayer for all people, for worship in prayer and song and for the preaching and teaching of God's Word?"

During the ceremony, Faifley church youth and musicians rendered some moving songs of praise and the day ended with a concert full of further praise and thanksgiving. Faifley church leader, Chris Harle, perhaps summed up his members' feelings: "When you invite the locals into your 'House of Prayer' and they accept, you know you are no longer an immigrant squatter, but at home in Scotland."

CONSULTATION ON SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

The UK government is set to launch a 12-week consultation on allowing same-sex couples to marry in England and Wales. With a strongly Biblical view on the sanctity of marriage, Seventh-day Adventists plan to have a voice in the discussion.

Already last year, the Scottish Mission, together with the BUC Religious Liberty and Communication departments, submitted a document as part of the Scottish Parliament consultation, highlighting that while Adventists value the right of
everyone to be respected and valued, and that while Jesus and the scriptures demand genuine love for all, that nevertheless the scriptures offer clear teaching on the definition of marriage as a lifelong union of a man and woman.

A few weeks later the BUC Communication department made a similar submission to Baroness O’Cathain. She was leading a debate in the House of Lords that opposed civil partnerships in churches. Sadly her proposal was defeated but she told the Church that "It was a great help to me in expanding my knowledge of the particular points that have been endorsed by the Seventh-day Adventist Church."

Adventists are concerned about any change to the definition of marriage, and are equally worried that if this change is made, and despite the government's insistence on safeguards, that it will not be long before pressure comes to bear to insist that religious groups would have to perform such ceremonies.

The proposed change in legislation is part of that slide. It is only eight years since the Civil Partnership Act was passed in 2004 to provide legal protections for homosexual partnerships. At the time Parliament was led to believe that this would not affect marriage. At last year's Conservative Party Conference, Prime Minister David Cameron stated that he supported marriage and that it didn't matter whether it was "between a man and a woman, a woman and a woman, or a man and another man." The Equalities Minister, Lynne Featherstone, announced to the Liberal Democrat Party Conference that the government is committed to changing the law in England and Wales to allow same-sex marriage by 2015. She told the conference that the law at present is 'simply not fair'.

As President of the Adventist Church in the British Isles, Pastor Ian Sweeney states: "As Seventh-day Adventist Christians, we stand firm in our Biblical belief and conviction that marriage is a sacred union between a man and a woman and is the best foundation in which children are raised. While we respect moves for equality and eradication of discrimination against any groups, the Bible is our rule of faith. This proposed change in legislation is also a personal challenge to us as Seventh-day Adventists in that in promoting the sanctity of marriage between a man and a woman we should demonstrate in our practice, that our marriages and homes actually reflect what we believe."

Lord Brennan QC sees a perilous road ahead if the government progresses this agenda, particularly when it does not even have a mandate from their election manifesto. He speaks with authority. He has been a Queen's Counsel since 1985 and is a former chairman of the Bar Council.

Writing in The Telegraph he says, "We must recognise that marriage has established historical, sociological and religious foundations. Such statutes as affect it are designed primarily to regulate its legal consequences. Such a heritage cannot sensibly be equated to the denial of equality or to the practice of discrimination. Marriage is surely not the mere provision of goods and services by its participants, or churches or ceremonies that solemnise it.

"Marriage of a man and a woman has sacramental meaning for many religious believers. Such marriage is an institution in our society. It is not to be redefined and re-engineered to meet some contemporary sentiment."

The Church's official statement on the debate has been made available on the BUC website and will be presented to the government with some vigour now the consultation period has started.

A consultation will be launched in March 2012 as to how to introduce civil marriage for same-sex couples.

Meanwhile, as reported in BUC News last week, church members are encourage to sign the Coalition for Marriage petition that is supported by many churches and others outside of the faith community.
SABBATH SCHOOL WITH OBAMA? [Katie Ramharacksingh]

Would your Sabbath School hit the mark if Obama was visiting? This was the question author Curtis Hall posed to over 90 delegates at King's Park Conference Centre, Northampton, for the South England Conference's 'Hit the Mark' Sabbath School Retreat, 9 - 11 March.

Author, teacher, Sabbath School coach and general superintendent at Atlanta Berean Seventh-day Adventist church, Curtis used his experience and passion to help the attendees of 'Hit the Mark' Retreat understand why attendance for the morning study programme is on the decline and brainstorm about what they can practically do to revive it.

"We feel like we can't change Sabbath School, but there are no rules here; we can be creative," said Curtis. With this in mind, the weekend retreat was full of brainstorming to create and implement practical strategies that would enhance and improve the Sabbath School experience. "It was great using practical group exercises, it let us reflect on our own practice in our churches and also see what works elsewhere," reflected Zanzu, a member of Holloway church.

Curtis even suggested that Sabbath School teachers, after studying during the week, leave their quarterly in the car and bring just their Bible to anchor the discussion around. Cheryl Allen, from Willesden church, was encouraged by the ideas and activities. "Brainstorming with others, discussing formats, using creativity and thinking outside the box could change Sabbath School across the country."

By the end, attendees were equipped with a variety of ideas that would shake-up their Sabbath School content and attendance. "Take away the element of predictability," urges Pastor Kirk Thomas, SEC Sabbath School director and organiser of the retreat, "make your Sabbath School exciting and relevant to today."

Curtis Hall will be speaking over the 16-18 March weekend, and to find out more please contact mbramble@secadventist.org.uk.

EUROPEAN SUNDAY LAWS – AN UPDATE [Helen Pearson]

It was a topic of special interest to Seventh-day Adventists: the progress of Sunday laws in the European Union (EU). At Newbold's March Diversity Lecture, Dr Brighton Kavaloh, Ministerial Association Secretary for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the UK and Ireland, mapped out an intriguing history of these significant laws for a 60-strong audience so enthusiastic that some of them stood or sat on the floor.

Dr Kavaloh described 'the relentless attempts by groups in the European Union to legislate Sunday as an official weekly rest day.' He showed how the EU's discussions in the 1980s were initially linked to the health and safety measures for employees at work. 'There was no mention of Sunday,' he said. Then, in the early 90s, mentions of Sunday began to creep into the legal discourse and in 1993 the EU working time directive made provision for a minimum weekly rest period, which 'shall in principle include Sunday'.
Dr Kavaloh showed how in 1996, partially in response to the objections of British lawyers and politicians, the European Court of Justice (ECJ) annulled this provision because the Council had failed to explain why resting on Sunday had any more effect on the health and safety of workers than resting on any other day of the week. But the pressure continued into the 21st century and, in 2010 the First European Conference for the Protection of a Work-Free Sunday supported by 400 representatives from various religious, political and social organisations was held in the European Parliament. Opposition to making Sunday special continued in the British House of Lords where Lord Young of Norwood Green (Labour) suggested that, 'In a multifaith and in many cases no faith, multicultural and multiracial society, Sunday does not have the same significance for all people.' To which Baroness Wilcox, Parliamentary Under-Secretary (Conservative) responded, 'I can confirm all of that.'

Dr Kavaloh included in his lecture a history of the European ideal of 'subsidiarity' from Aristotle through Thomas Aquinas and Pope Pius XI. He encouraged his audience to be aware that the ideal for European member states is to decide for themselves whether to have Sunday as a weekly day of rest and not a role for the European Union institutions or any other religious groups or associations.

He alerted them to the existence of the European Sunday Alliance – a network of national groups, trade unions, civil society organizations and religious communities committed to raising 'awareness of the unique value of synchronised free time for our European societies'. He suggested that, as part of that group, there is an increasingly strong Centre-Right group of Christian Democrats (MEPs) in the EU, the majority of which regard themselves as defenders of Roman Catholic traditions.

A useful Q&A session followed with insights into national thinking about Sunday laws with students and visitors from Croatia, Holland, and Norway. Pastor Kavaloh, as he likes to be called, insisted that the content of his lecture should be balanced by the gospel. 'Just because our fellow Christians think differently on this, does not mean that we should not seek for that ground on which Christ brings all of us together,' he said. 'Treat one another with respect,' he insisted. 'Don't go out making enemies and being uncouth.'

**FAITH LEADERS IN UNITY TO LAUNCH ORGAN DONATION & RELIGIOUS RESOURCES**

As Seventh-day Adventists, we are distinguished by our doctrinal differences and day of worship from the majority of other faith and Christian denominations. That's good; as it presents varied opportunities for witnessing. Yet we can also be a positive witness by some of the things which unite us as fellow human beings. Working to protect the health and well-being of others is one such cause.

So when the BUC Health Ministries director, Sharon Platt-McDonald was invited to the House of Commons on Wednesday, 7 March for a Manifesto launch to increase organ donation awareness along with other leaders of faith communities, she accepted the offer. In the published Manifesto document the involvement of the Seventh-day Adventist Church was praised and highlighted for its "good partnership working." The event was hosted by the All Party Parliamentary Kidney Group.

The work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church on organ donation was highly commended at a previous House of Commons (All Party Parliamentary Kidney Group) event held last year. Highlighting the work of faith groups on raising awareness of the need for organ donation amongst the BME communities, Komal Adris, Director for the Organ Donation Campaign stated, "The Adventist work on organ donation is a perfect example of what can be achieved through strategic partnerships between faith communities and public health institutions."
Thursday, 8 March was World Kidney Day. To mark the event and highlight the ongoing national campaign around organ donation, the NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT) hosted the UK's first National Organ Donation Congress. This included the launch of new leaflets on religious beliefs surrounding organ donation. Participating in a panel discussion around the religious, social, cultural and ethnicity influences on donation in the UK were leaders representing Christianity, Buddhism, Hinduism, Judaism, Islam, Jainism and Sikhism. Sharon Platt-McDonald was invited to speak on the work she has undertaken with the various projects involving the Seventh-day Adventist Church. She was also interviewed for Sky TV and Premier Radio and a number of religious publications.

Tamsin May, NHSBT Marketing & Campaigns Manager stated, "it is evident that the Seventh-day Adventist Church is already being dynamic in promoting organ donation through its network of followers."

Although all the major religions in the UK support the principles of organ donation, there needs to be more awareness to address some of the religious and cultural myths that are barriers to people joining the Organ Donor Register, or causing some families not to agree to donation when faced with the decision.

Sharon states, "I am excited about the opportunities God is giving us as a Church as He opens the doors at every level for us to engage in humanitarian as well as evangelistic initiatives. We hope as a result of the ongoing campaigns and multifaith initiatives that we will see more people sign up to the Organ Donor Register so that more lives can be saved."

The new leaflets (each representing beliefs for a specific faith group) are available to order in print or for download. To add your name to the NHS Organ Donor Register, please call 0300 123 2323, Text REGISTER 84880 or visit <www.organdonation.nhs.uk>.

If you would like more information about the Adventist contribution to this national campaign, information on forthcoming events and national projects on organ donation, blood and bone marrow donations, please contact the Health Ministries department of the BUC on 01923 672251.

**LONDON ADVENTIST CREDIT UNION GOES NATIONWIDE** [Donna Joseph]

It started in London 23 years ago but now plans to expand across mainland Britain. Under the Legislative Reform Order the London Adventist Credit Union (LACU) is now able to offer membership to all members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and non-Adventist family members residing at the same address, within the British Isles with the exception of Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic.

This is a new opportunity for many Adventists and as such, there will be a meeting and registration opportunities, following the AGM at 4:10 pm, on Sunday, 8 April for any church member who would like to know about and/or become a member of the LACU.

Under the banner, 'Aiming for a brighter financial future', all members of the LACU are invited to attend the 23rd Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Sunday, 8 April from 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm at the John Loughborough School, Holcombe Road, Tottenham, N17 9AD. Please arrive at 1:00 pm for a 1:30 pm start. Refreshments will be provided.

LACU offers a variety of services including financial literacy training, including budgeting skills, through to job interview presentation and CV writing workshops. It also gives parents the facility to commence saving towards their children's future university fees, through budgeting and saving. Saving facilities are also available for children.
As a comparison, with respect to borrowing money, while some 'payday' lenders charge interest rates from 105% per month on the reducing balance of a loan, the LACU charges as little as 1%, and no more than 2%, per month on a reducing loan balance, in line with the rules governing credit unions.

GREEN SABBATH – 31 MARCH [Olympic Outreach Team]

So how far do you plan to walk? Although it was fundamentally one of the first instructions given to man, taking care of the Earth is something all of us should endeavour to make time for. Simple and effective ways are encouraged as we all play a part in the big picture, to help care for the environment and ourselves, the way God intended. This may not be top of the gospel tree, but is something that the Adventist Church should be big on.

On Sabbath, 31 March many members from various churches across the British Isles are participating in 'Green Sabbath', some by parking a mile away from their church and walking the rest, meeting with friends and church neighbours along the way. Others will prayer walk between services; and where driving is essential they will carpool.

The day is themed to remind us to care for our bodies and the environment, and towards outreach by using the opportunity to make friends in the community and maybe free up a few parking spaces for the local community in the process. The target is 1,000 miles in one day.... but with your help we could easily make it more.

If you also would like to take on the challenge, sign up or get more information at <www.live-uk.org>.

DEATH OF EITHNE AMOS-NUNEZ

We are sad to announce the death of Eithne Amos-Nunez on Tuesday, 6 March 2012 at her home in Florida where she had retired with her husband, Jaime Nunez. She served as a Literature Evangelist in Western Ireland 1977 - 1990. A person of great faith, drive and holy passion, her life work was to share Jesus with whoever she met. She worked in Ireland when the work in many areas was still in a pioneer stage. Responsible for introducing to Christ, Angela O'Brien, the Kirwen family, and the late Pastor Mike Logan and his wife Evelyn, her drive and success in sharing "The truth as it is in Jesus", to the people of Ireland and Northern Ireland has yet to be matched.

Her specialty as a Literature Evangelist was in getting Uncle Arthur's Bible Stories into convents, libraries and schools, as well as into the homes of the rich and poor... all over the 'Emerald Isle'. Living often on limited finances, and at times requesting the Lord to literally give direction at a road junction to lead to customers and a sale, her life and work abounded in miracle after miracle as she describes in her book 'Miracles Galore', published by the Stanborough Press in 1997.

There were hundreds of people who met Eithne who never became Seventh-day Adventists. But more likely than not, the books remain in the convents, libraries and schools. Who but the Lord knows of their continued influence. We extend our condolences and prayers to her husband Jaime, and to John and Monica McNamara. With them, we wait with hope for the final and lasting miracle Eithne will experience.
GIVE US THE MONEY!

If the headline caught your attention it was intentional. It is the lead story in the 16 March MESSENGER, the official journal of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the UK and Ireland. Pastor Ian Sweeney, BUC President, is there with his arms outstretched. But why? To find out pick up a copy at your local church, or read it online. While packed with information you may be particularly interested in the centre-spread issues page dealing with a report on the freedom of expression for Christians in the UK.

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:

Searching for a God to Love, Monday, 19 March, 8:30 pm. Part of a series of presentations by Dr Chris Blake during the Newbold Week of Prayer. This week's title: 'Illusions 'r us' – the discussion.

'Adventists In Conversation', Thursday 22 March, 8:30 pm. "God isn't limited by the circumstances we find ourselves in. In fact, God often uses the unusual to reach through to us." Garth Anthony's words reflect his belief that a life open to God's leading has taken him on a journey down many unexpected paths.

On Hope TV you can watch a wide variety of programmes on the satellite and website. Next week's schedule includes the following UK produced programmes among its much larger international output:

Friday 16 March: 8:00 pm: Viewpoint: God in a Cruel World, 8:30 pm: Searching for a God to love: Humble Assurance
Sabbath 17 March: 12:00 am & 9:00 am: Viewpoint: God in a Cruel World, 7:30 pm: Searching for a God to love: Humble Assurance
Monday 19 March: 12:30 & 9:30 pm: Petras Bahadur – Bridging religious divides
Wednesday 21 March: 8:00 am: Tina Brooks – What is an ethno-musicologist?, 12:00 midnight: Andrew Leonce – Led by God since early in his life
Friday 23 March: 8:00 pm: Viewpoint: Christians, Business and Ethics, 8:30 pm: Searching for a God to love: Humble Assurance – the discussion
Sabbath 24 March: 12:00 am & 9:00 am: Viewpoint: Christians, Business and Ethics, 7:30 pm: Searching for a God to love: Humble Assurance – the discussion

COMING EVENTS

MISSION TO THE CITIES 'HEALTH EVANGELISM'. Continuing to Sunday 25 March. Dr Elvin Adams at Newtown church, Aston from 10-17 March and Manchester South Church 18-25 March. Health Evangelism Training, Monday to Friday, 10.00 am to 3.00 pm. £30.00 per person or £10 per day. Evening Health presentations are open to church members and the community at no cost. The workshops will give both theory and practice in the running of church-based health programmes. Contact: Grace Walsh <gwalsh@necadventist.org>. Phone: 01159606312.

BUC CHURCH PLANTERS X-CHANGE. Friday, 16 March to Sunday, 18 March. Venue: Staverton Park Hotel. Main speaker: Pastor Tom Evans, Associate Director of NADEI, assisted by
some dynamic Church Planters "practitioners" Walter Allred, Victor Jaeger, Adelfo Izquierdo; and other presenters who will inspire you to be involved in the powerful, passionate potential that is Church Planting! Contact: Catherine Palmer <cpalmer@adventist.org.uk>. Phone: 01923 672251.


ALL NIGHT PRAYER AT NEWBOLD CHURCH BRACKNELL. Saturday, 17 March. 8+ hours of power at All Night Prayer at Newbold church, Bracknell. Are you willing to sacrifice your sleep or work to share your prayers and praise on family matters, relationships, illness, finance etc? Time: 9 pm – 5 am. Speaker: Dr Richard de Lisser. Contact: Florence <ber1268@btinternet.com>. Phone: 07903234243.


WOLVERHAMPTON CENTRAL YOUTH DAY. Sabbath, 24 March. An all-day event starting at 9:30 am. Speaker: Chanel Groce. Theme: Final Destination. Afternoon play: 'Hope Beyond'. The Headlines and a Concert in the evening. Lunch provided. Wolverhampton Central Church, Warwick Street, Horsley Fields, Wolverhampton, WV1 3SD. Phone: 01902 452778. Contact: Esther Douglas <edouglas@keinancare.co.uk>. Phone: 07800670041.

HOW TO READ THE BIBLE FOR ALL IT'S WORTH! Sabbath, 24 March. All day Bible Conference featuring: Laurence Turner, Aulikki Nahkola, Cedric Vine and Jean-Claude Verrecchia. Location: Newbold College (Salisbury Hall), St Mark's Road, Binfield, Berkshire, RG42 4AN. Conference Rate (includes: complimentary NRSV Bible, lunch, supper) £98. For more information contact: Debbie McReynolds <dmcreynolds@newbold.ac.uk>. Phone: 01344 407420. Watch the video.

'BACK TO EDEN'. Sabbath, 24 March to Sunday, 25 March. Gloucester Seventh-day Adventist Church, Cromwell Street, Gloucester, GL1 1RE on 24 and 25 March. Malcolm and Naomi Watson will share health principles from 11:00 am on Sabbath with a healthy lunch provided for all. The afternoon programme at 5:00 pm will be an opportunity for all to share practical ways of maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Sunday starting from 11:00 am we will have 'Raw food' cooking demonstrations. Contact Sasha for further information. Email: <sasha-bennett@doctors.org.uk>. Phone: 07903302505.

SEX, LIES & PORNOGRAPHY – EXPOSED! Sabbath, 24 March. Sex, Lies & Pornography – Exposed! A not-to-be-missed AY! 4:30 pm, Sabbath 24 March at Hanwell Adventist church (58-60 Greenford Avenue, Hanwell, London, W7 3QP). Nearest underground station: Ealing Broadway Station/Northfields Station. Followed by E1/E3 bus (respectively) to Greenford Avenue. Contact: Thelma Soremekun <jlthel57@yahoo.co.uk>. Phone: 07947 737 078.

UNDERSTANDING CHALLENGING BEHAVIOUR. Sunday, 25 March. Reaching out to people in the community in 2012 will involve supporting adults and children with learning disabilities some of whom may have challenging behaviour. This workshop organised by the SEC Disability Ministries department, aims to provide an understanding of behaviours that challenge and strategies used to support people with challenging behaviour. If you would like to attend please contact Natalie Simon for a booking form on nsimon@secadventist.org.uk. Phone: 02077238146.
PPUPPET MINISTRY WORKSHOP. Sunday, 25 March. Hosted by Willesden Adventist church and presented by the highly gifted and experienced puppeteer Anette Moore (Family Ministries and Children's Ministries Sponsor for the Welsh Mission). Discounted resources for sale. Suitable for adults and children and for anyone already in a puppet team. Cost (until 15 March) £10 per person, or £8 per person for a group of 6 or more people. After 15 March £12 per person. Lunch and refreshments included in the price. Contact: Yvonne Cummins <k4cupuppemmin@rocketmail.com>. Phone: 07904906204.

NEC ADRA SPONSORED FUN RUN & WALK. Sunday, 25 March. The NEC Personal Ministries department invites you to their annual Sponsored ADRA-UK Fun Run & Walk for all ages. Come and do a lap (1km) or more (max 15km) to raise funds for ADRA-UK Annual Appeal. There will be music, face painting, refreshments and more in a wonderful setting – Roundhay Park, Leeds, LS8 2JL. Start time: 11:00 am. For more information and to download sponsorship forms go to the Events page at www.necadventist.org.uk. Contact: Orlene Dunkley <odunkley@necadventist.org.uk>. Phone: 0115 960 6312.

PAT'S MAD MARCH SALE. Sunday, 25 March. 12 noon – 2 pm. The usual stalls containing bric a brac, books, clothes, china, linens, crafts, toys and cakes will be on display and light lunches and refreshments available for purchase. Admission 20p. All proceeds go to ADRA. Stanborough Centre, Stanborough Park Church, 609 St Albans Road, Watford, WD25 9JL. Contact: Pat Walton <walton@groats.co.uk>. Phone: 01923 672500.

JESUS IN THE FAMILY, KIDS IN DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING. Thursday, 29 March to Sunday, 1 April. Venue: Windmill Christian Centre, Arbroath, DD11 1QG over the long weekend 29 March - 1 April. This is designed for families but focuses on children. Apply through your local pastor in Scotland, or call Carole on the telephone number below for details. Total cost £45 each. Contact: Carole Barratt-Peacock <office@sdascotland.com>. Phone: 01764 653257.

KEEPING YOUR HEART HEALTHY. Thursday, 29 March. Stanborough Park church invites you to join them as they continue their Healthy Living Programme on Thursday, 29 March. Cardiac Specialist Nurse Kira Moser will be talking about "taking control of your wellbeing". A light supper will be served at 7:00 pm followed by the talks at 8:00 pm. Come join us at the Stanborough Centre, Stanborough Park Church, 609 St Albans Road, Watford, WD25 9JL. Contact: Pat Walton <walton@groats.co.uk>. Phone: 01923 672500.

2012 UK ZAMBIAN ADVENTIST FELLOWSHIP DAY. Sabbath, 31 March. 09:15 am to 18:30 pm, Northumberland Heath Baptist Church, Belmont Rd, Erith, Kent, DA8 1LB. Free parking. Enjoy enriching worship both in song and study. For more details see the UKZAF Facebook page (UK-Zambian Adventist-Fellowship Infor-Page). It is our desire that a fellowship lunch will be provided as usual but this will depend on everyone able bringing some food to share/contributing a freewill offering which will help cover some of the costs of the day. Contact: Elias Chola Kalumba <ukzaf.communications@gmail.com>. Phone: 07967515750.

GOSPEL JAZZ CAFE. Saturday, 31 March. "TheMixtape" in association with Hope Community (Beckenham) Adventist church present a relaxed evening of quality gospel music in a Jazz cafe-style setting. Enjoy and unwind to an eclectic mix of poetry/spoken word, singing and instrumental music all in one place. Includes open mic section, live house band, and supporting background vocalists. Soft drinks will be sold on the night. Price: £3.50 entry fee (£5.00 after 9:00 pm). Over 18s only. Contact: Kezia Yeboah <keziahyeboah@yahoo.co.uk>. Phone: 07932058852.

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