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HELP US TO HELP  [Godwin Benjamin, ADRA Annual Appeal Coordinator]

Drought and hunger affect many in Africa and many on that continent need our hands to help them up. Zakaria lives in Northern Ghana and dropped out of school due to financial challenges. ADRA-UK's Food Security Resilience project, which was funded from money raised during the ADRA Annual Appeal, helped Zakaria to work his plot of land and increase his yield by 400%. After just 20 months he now has enough food to eat, enough money to pay back to invest in future crops and most importantly sell surplus to pay for his education.

This Saturday, 31 March 2012 marks the start of the 2012 ADRA Annual Appeal which continues until 15 April (22 April in Greater London). Many people like Zakaria need our help. The theme of this year's appeal is 'Help us to Help' and in addition to door to door collection many volunteers have already booked up sponsored events, personal projects, are making personal donations and are developing other inventive ideas for fundraising. Just speak to your local church ADRA agent and get involved. You can also donate online at http://www.adra.org.uk/ where you will also find a pile of fundraising suggestions.

ADRA is ours. We can make a difference, together, Helping Hands! Yours and mine. Let us give a hand so that we can raise funds to benefit people in Rwanda, Papua New Guinea, Nepal, Mongolia, Somalia, Burkina Faso, Thailand, Myanmar, Zambia and the UK. Some of these countries you may never have heard of but people need our help.

Please commit some time to raise funds or give generously to help ADRA during this year's Annual Appeal. Supporters of ADRA-UK can also make donations of up to £10 by texting 70070 and either 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 10 to 70070 to make their donation.
A WALK IN THE PARK: A RUN FOR YOUR MONEY!  [Tamara Bloom]

"So what was all this in aid of?" a lady asked as she watched a family member enthusiastically help dismantle the large marquee. She seemed genuinely disappointed to have missed the free Health Expo that until an hour before had been housed within it. Well she might! Scores of people had expressed a real appreciation for the complementary health advice, face-painting, music, the bouncy castle and even the home-made soup that accompanied the North England Conference sponsored ADRA Fun Run on Sunday, 25 March.

Following the success of last year’s event, over one hundred participants of all ages and abilities returned to Roundhay Park in Leeds to run or walk up to 10.5 kilometres in support of the ADRA Annual Appeal. And once again members of the public, enjoying the warm weather, were able to stop for a chat with volunteers, enquire about the day or simply enjoy some gospel melodies courtesy of the steel band. One very young passer-by even decided to join the joggers, and along with her father completed an impromptu 3 kilometres!

From 9-year-old Hannah Donaldson, the first child to finish the full course, to Marley Saddler, running on his 18th birthday, the elated faces of runners and walkers coming into their final lap was heart-warming. Their efforts had been worthwhile in more ways than the funds they would collect for ADRA-UK. As shadows lengthened and the final nuts and bolts were taken down from the marquee, the lady looking on gave team members a hug and waved goodbye. One of many new friends made during a great day in the park!

For more information on the ADRA Annual Appeal visit <www.adra.org.uk>. A selection of pictures from the day can be found in the BUC Picture Gallery.

NEW LIFE FOR HEALTH COURSE  [Des Rafferty, ADC Principal]

The Adventist Discovery Centre is pleased to launch an upgrade to its online health course. The new course, simply entitled 'Health' is available from Friday, 30 March. It is packed with information including a number of interactive features. There is plenty for the user to watch, read and do.

Our IT team of Paula Carrillo and Thando Mlalazi have worked feverishly from the beginning of the year to overhaul the health lesson so as to present the excellent material in an engaging and interactive way. This has been a challenge in terms of the size of the task and the diminishing time frame in which to complete the project.

"I am very happy that the ADC can offer this upgrade as part of our continuing improvement to the distance learning facility," states ADC Principal, Pastor Des Rafferty. "I also thank God for the knowledge and skill given to our IT team to complete the task on budget and on time." His hope now is that students will both
enjoy working through the course and, as a result, experience the benefits of improved health and an enhanced quality of life.

You can view the new course by visiting the Adventist Discovery Centre website <www.discoveronline.org.uk>.

As part of a continuing programme of upgrades an ADC mobile app is scheduled to launch in June 2012 and will allow students to more easily access the ADC courses.

This could be your opportunity to introduce a friend, work colleague, neighbour or contact to a health or Bible course offered by the ADC. In this the 'Year of Bible Correspondence School' you can make a difference by never missing an opportunity to share the good news of the gospel. Pass It On!

**HINDU TEMPLE OR ADVENTIST HEALTH? [Grace Walsh]**

A stranger who unexpectedly walked in off the street has had his life transformed by a Health Evangelism Training programme.

This unusually rapid response to the health message occurred in the Manchester South Adventist church where Elvin Adams, MD, MPH was running a training programme organised by the North England Conference Health Ministries department. The evening meetings were open to the public from the first meeting on Tuesday, 20 March a stranger we will identify as David walked into the lecture and took a seat in the back. He seemed to enjoy the health topic under discussion. After the meeting David related that he had been a faithful Mormon for several years but became disillusioned after being betrayed by the leadership of his church. He gave up on religion and God. He was even homeless for a time.

On this particular evening David decided to seek God once again and had been walking about looking for the local Hindu temple where he hoped to find spiritual guidance. He saw that the doors of the Manchester South Adventist church were open and the lights were on. He was impressed that he should come in. He took a seat in the back but felt that God was speaking to him in the message that was being given.

David came to all the remaining training sessions. He ate lunch with us every day and enjoyed the healthful foods that were served. He became friends with several church members. During the training sessions David participated in the discussions and asked sensible questions. At the closing meeting on Sabbath afternoon, 24 March, David gave a powerful and touching testimony stating that he had found God once again among the Christian fellowship of the Manchester South Seventh-day Adventist church.

This completed Health Training that ran in both the Birmingham and Manchester areas and was a clear demonstration that Health Evangelism opens doors and attracts the public to the church.

**NEWBOLD COLLEGE PARTNERS WITH UNIVERSITY OF WINCHESTER [Newbold PR]**

For the past few months Newbold College has spent much time preparing for institutional approval to become a partner institution of the University of Winchester. The College received such approval on Wednesday 28 March 2012 and so is now permitted to submit its Theology programmes to the University for validation.
"We are delighted that so much hard work has resulted in this recognition of what we do at Newbold College," said Dr John Baildam, Deputy Principal, who met with the institutional approval panel in Winchester just a few days ago. "We very much look forward to preparing our programmes for validation and to being part of the University's Institute for Theological Partnerships." Professor Lisa Isherwood, Director of the Institute, stated that she was "absolutely delighted, as I know we will have a wonderful partnership that is flourishing for both parties."

"Partnering with the University of Winchester and now being able to present our degrees for validation is an exciting development," added Dr Philip Brown, Newbold College Principal. "Having our quality undergraduate and postgraduate Theology programmes validated will also allow all eligible students to get a student loan to cover their tuition costs in full each year."

The University of Winchester lies just 45 miles south-west of Newbold College in the ancient capital of England. Its roots as an education provider extend back to 1840, with university title being bestowed in 2005. The University celebrates its Christian foundation, encouraging those living within the Christian faith, whilst also welcoming those who live within other faiths and those with no faith. It includes within its ethos such values as intellectual freedom, social justice, diversity, spirituality, individual well-being, and creativity.

**LEAN EVANGELISM! [Jay Wong]**

Of course I was excited! Who wouldn't be? The three day weather forecast for the weekend was sun, sun and more sun. Added to which I would be in close proximity to a pool and have breakfast, lunch, dinner and dessert all provided. What a smokescreen. The Literature Evangelism Training weekend turned out not to be the weekend away that the fine print had promised. Instead I found myself in the middle of 'Evangelism boot camp'. It was a pressured crash course too for an elite squadron of forty Literature Evangelists (LEs) who had answered the call to arms sent out throughout the British Union Conference.

Throughout the weekend of 23 - 25 March 2012, even though I tried, I could not be guilty of hogging all the sunshine or misappropriating the chlorine. As a matter of fact I never even saw the pool, since 'General' Eglan Brooks ensured that the packed training sessions ran as scheduled down to the last second.

The presenters, or should I say, drill sergeants followed his lead and kept body, soul and spirit totally engaged. Spirit I say, because although we heard from Elisabeth Sanguesa, Wilmar Hirle, and Paul Thompson, throughout the entire weekend all the gossip was about the work of the Commander in Chief. As a matter of fact the testimony segment on Sabbath had to be extended and even then the testimonies of LEs who had encountered the presence of 'the fourth man in the fire' continued during lunch.

In spite of the packed training, prayer was spontaneous and added to the super-charged atmosphere. It was obvious to me that prayer was the LEs' "all you can eat data plan".

Elisabeth Sanguesa, Stanborough Press Marketing director, gifted the group with new artillery supplies then promptly pulled a 'good cop bad cop' routine by giving a surprise on the spot sales challenge which saw even seasoned LEs taxed to the limit as they tried to sell Elisabeth, 'the very busy lady' a book.

Wilmar, GC Publishing Ministries Associate director reminded us that 'challenges for God is just the opportunity for miracles' and to sell is 'to give a solution to people's problems'.
Paul Hammond, Stanborough Press Manager, joined Elisabeth in bringing us up to date with work going on around the world.

Did I mention that in addition to the wonderful supplies displayed and later sold by the Press, free books, CDs and gift packages, that we received free financial advice from Paul Thompson, Experto Credite Ltd Executive Vice Chairman. His presentation, 'Surviving in a Time of Financial Conflict' was both innovative and astute. Paul reminded us to begin with God as our mentor; plan financially and budget so that we stick to the plan; use social networking for marketing; develop skills and invest in ourselves as LEs. The punchline was "Think Ministry: Think Business".

Paul revealed the fact that God has used many Christian business men and women in times of economic downturns to accomplish great things. Sighting people like Elizabeth Fry and Nathan Rothschild he inspired the group to think big. Some of the results of Christians working against the tide include such companies as Amnesty International, Barclays Bank, Lloyds TSB, Cornell University and Cadbury plc, all started by Christian business people.

For me, it was a weekend well spent. So the next time you hear a Literature Evangelist knocking at your door remember, that nice old lady selling books, the friendly couple giving Bible studies, and even the promising young man earning tuition; they're all undercover. They are really LEs.... lean, mean, evangelism machines.

20 YEAR CELEBRATION FOR LONDON GHANA  [Nana Sifa Twum]

The London Ghana Seventh-day Adventist church celebrates the 20th anniversary of the establishment of their presence in London this April.

Even though the church first started as a prayer group and a fellowship in the 1960s, it did not officially form as a church until April 1992. Like any other human grouping, especially working towards the advancement of the gospel, the beginning was not all that easy. Time, money and other valuable resources have heavily gone in to see the church as it is today.

As part of the anniversary, the entire church will engage in public soliciting of funds for the needy around the world through the Church charity organization, the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA).

Senior pastor, Fergus Owusu-Boateng noted that the church has been enormously blessed over the last twenty years. He particularly praised the commitment and the zeal of the members for what he described as 'extraordinary' towards the acquisition of a place of worship for three million pounds.

The three-week anniversary period will be used to engage members and the general public in marriage seminars which will aim at refreshing marriages through lectures and a seminar by a renowned speaker on marriage and relationships, Dr Adu Sampah of the Ghana Union of the Church in Accra.

Among guests during the period will be Pastor Sam Davis, President of the South England Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Ghana's High Commissioner to the United Kingdom and Ireland, Professor Kwaku Danso Boafo, and the Newham Council Mayor, Sir Robin Wales.

The church will also conduct a thanksgiving service to express the gratitude of members to God for what He has done for the church and for individual members. The ceremony will also aim at raising funds for church activities. Members of the church are well noted for such a spirit. It is on record that at one single thanksgiving service, £100,000 was raised towards the purchase of their church building. The anniversary cerebrations, which is under the theme, "Ebenezer, Thus far has the LORD helped" will also be used by members to gear up for the London 2012 Olympics slated for July this year.
Some twenty years ago what was seen as a small gathering of Ghanaian Adventists living in London became a church after more than a decade as a fellowship. Today, the church counts well over five hundred Adventist Christians as members. These are predominantly Ghanaians but there are other Adventist Christians from other African and Caribbean countries worshiping with them. To find out more visit the [London Ghana website](#) or join them in worship at Chadwin Road, London, E13 8NE.

**CLAPTON'S LUNCH DELIGHTS ITS MOTHERS** [Kandi Cox]

On Sabbath, 24 March 2012, the men of Clapton Community Adventist church led the way in honouring Mothers through a special Sabbath lunch.

"Have you had enough soup, bread, juice?" and "no I'll get that for you" demonstrated their care as they waited and served the deliciously home cooked three course meal with brotherly love.

Led by church elder, Bertram Patrice, the men, including Pastor David Burnett, took charge of the kitchen as all mothers were invited to hang up their aprons, rest their weary feet and take their seats in the nicely decorated dining area.

The mothers' response? "101% effort was given and we felt special, loved and most of all highly important." This was echoed by Helen Patrice :"I was at home with my daughter due to her operation but I had a special delivery and the cheesecake was delicious. I love my church family!" Another mum stated, "I appreciated seeing all the men pulling together, young and old in the kitchen talking and laughing with men they might not otherwise have spent time with. It seemed like such a good way to bond and of course it was nice to see the ladies having a break."

The men also presented a specially designed cake and Elder Patrice's speech emphasised that the role mothers play is "intricate and valuable in God's plan" and that "all were appreciated and will continue to be supported by the Clapton church family."

**NEW SKILLS FOR MEDIA VOLUNTEERS**

Rubbing his hand across his forehead Les Hanna stated, "After today I have a new appreciation for the work that goes into BUC News." He had just completed a two-hour practical workshop on how to write a news story and was among around thirty others who learnt the importance of placing the climax of the story at the top, answering the who, what, why, where and when, and learning all about pyramid structures to make life easy for editors. A second group were honing their photography skills, and even had a 'real' wedding couple posing for photos as they sharpened their skills under the careful eye of Asun Olivan, a professional photographer and member of Newbold Adventist church.

This was the third South England Conference Media Academy, held at Newbold Church Centre on Sunday, 25 March. The day's emphasis was principally on news and reporting under the tutelage of an experienced news writer and interviewer, Pastor Victor Hulbert. Pastor Sam Davies, who also has a degree in journalism shared how to get your story published, while Pastor Kirsten Øster-Lundqvist, who organised the day, shared how social media can impact media and witness.

Nancy Ciakudia from Central London expressed that this training was just what she needed as the new church communication secretary. "I have gained some good skills and understand more about what
makes news," she stated, referring to Pastor Hulbert's workshop on news writing. Other participants expressed their delight in the practical exercises that helped them to focus their news writing skills.

The results of the day should be clearly evident in future editions of BUC News and MESSENGER, but more importantly, in local media right across the South of England.

**MIDDLESBROUGH DEDICATION VIDEOS NOW AVAILABLE**

Following the report of the Middlesbrough church dedication [BUC News #772 for 16 March 2012], two Adventist media students at Middlesbrough University have now released two videos with highlights of the day. Available on youtube, the two videos are now linked from the BUC picture gallery report of the day.

**DEATH OF DERRICK MIDDLEDITCH**

It is with sadness that we report the death of Derrick Middleditch on Wednesday, 28 March aged 79 after a long illness. Derrick served the British Union with Granose Foods Limited from 1967 to 1980, first as a sales representative covering the north of England and then as sales manager. Derrick was active in his local church in Middlesbrough from his baptism in 1964 serving in many capacities including many years as an elder. A much loved husband, dad and granddad, Derrick now awaits Jesus' call when He comes again.

**LATEST MESSENGER ONLINE**

Read the 30 March edition of MESSENGER, the official journal of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the UK and Ireland, to focus on a Newbold facelift, to find out 'Who will do it for you?', and discover what will keep your boat afloat. Pick up a copy this Sabbath in your local church or read it online.

**BUC NEWS DEADLINE NEXT WEEK**

Due to the Easter break the submission deadline for BUC News will be one day earlier, Tuesday, 3 April at 6:00 pm. Please ensure your news story and pictures are submitted to us BEFORE then for inclusion in the Easter edition.

**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, 2 April, 8:30 pm. A second chance for Revelation TV viewers to engage in the debate on Organ Donation.

'*Adventists In Conversation*', Thursday, 5 April, 8:30 pm. The start of a brand new season of Adventists in Conversation sees Victor Hulbert talking with Mervyn Weir about his new film release, 'Fired Up', a contemporary look at the life of Bible translator, William Tyndale.
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 30 March: 7:30 pm: **Searching for a God to love**: Illusions are us,

11:00 pm: **Viewpoint**: Christians and Finance

Sabbath 31 March: 8:00 am: **Viewpoint**: Christians and Finance,

7:30 pm: **Searching for a God to love**: Illusions are us

Monday 2 April: 12:30: **Andrew Leonce** – Led by God since early in his life,

9:30 pm: **Roy Adams** – The life and faith of a Christian gentleman and scholar

Wednesday 4 April: 8:00 am & 12:00 midnight: **Clive de Silva** – Motorbiking minister

Friday 6 April: 8:00 pm: In Conversation: Mervyn Weir – Director of 'Fired Up'*,

8:30 pm: 'Fired Up' – UK Adventist produced contemporary drama on the life of William Tyndale*,

9:30 pm: **Viewpoint**: Is violence ever acceptable?

Sabbath 7 April: 9:00 am: In Conversation: Mervyn Weir – Director of 'Fired Up',

7:00 pm: 'Fired Up'

*Note: Only available on the website after the broadcast date.

**COMING EVENTS**

GREEN SABBATH – WALK TO CHURCH. Sabbath, 31 March. Take the 'green challenge' and walk to church this Sabbath, sharing your journey with friends and neighbours in the surrounding community. Live a distance? Park and walk the last mile. For more information visit [http://live-uk.org](http://live-uk.org). Contact: Colin Stewart <sdaolympicoutreach@gmail.com>.

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 <keziayeboah@yahoo.co.uk>. Phone: 07932058852.

TAKE UP YOUR CROSS: DRAMA PRODUCTION + CONCERT. Saturday, 31 March. 'It's easy to say you're a Christian, when it's convenient. Christians don't have signs around their necks that announce their faith.' But think about Christ's words in Mark 8:34, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." What if Christians were required to carry crosses as a mandatory symbol of their faith? 'Take Up Your Cross' is a drama production exploring scenarios that affect how young Christians represent their faith to friends and acquaintances in everyday life.' Followed by a Concert featuring musical artists... Naomi Parchment, Sarah Lopez, New Horizons, Josiah 4, Selina Gooden, Annmarie Spence, Olivia and more. Tickets also available from Seventh-day Adventist Resource Centre, Aston-Newtown Community Church, Lichfield Road, Aston, Birmingham, B6 SSX. Opening times: Wed: 11 am - 4 pm; Thurs: 4 - 8 pm; Fri: 9 am - 1 pm; Sunday: 11 am - 3 pm. Email: <astonnewtowncomms@gmail.com>. Phone: 07707531915.

TEENS PRAYER & FAITH CONFERENCE IV. Monday, 2 April to Friday, 6 April. Thames Valley Youth Federation will visit Alton Castle for the Prayer & Faith Conference [PFC] during Easter half-term. Speakers: Pastors Anthony Fuller and Dejan Stojkovic. Young people aged 13 - 19 will learn
how to form a deep and strong relationship with God as well as empower themselves and make friends, by constant Bible study and social interaction. The cost of £95 includes food, accommodation, transport and conference material. IMPORTANT: All parents/guardians are required to sign a legal consent form. Please visit www.tvyf.org/pfc4contract in order for your child to be granted access to the event. For further info please visit www.tvyf.org. Contact: Julian Thompson <julian@tvyf.org>. Phone: 07988597804.

3 MISSIONS EASTER WEEKEND. Friday 6 April to Monday 9 April. 3 Missions Easter Weekend – Pastor Missah Hiskia (GC Youth director) and Pastor Nathan Stickland (BUC Youth director) will be the speakers for the youth event, scheduled to take place in the beautiful Scottish countryside. For more information, visit www.sdascotland.com. If you would like to apply, please follow the online application procedure for the Scottish young people. Alternatively, email marcel@sdascotland.com. Phone: Marcel: 07814 009 063.

"COME TO THE TABLE": AGAPE SERVICE. Friday, 6 April. A special AGAPE Service: "Come to the Table": Friday 6 April 7 pm - 9 pm at Central London Church (Advent Centre, 37 Brendon Street, London, W1H 5JE). In remembrance and celebration of our God Jesus Christ we are inviting you to join us for a special AGAPE Service of praise, music, prayer, sharing food and fellowship. For more details and further questions please email us at office@centrallondonchurch.org. Contact: Svetla <office@centrallondonchurch.org>. Phone: 02077242987.

'AND THERE WAS WAR' – THE PLAY. Friday, 6 April to Saturday, 7 April. Easter Weekend 2012 @ 7 pm – Logan Hall, 20 Bedford Way, London, WC1H 0AL. 'And There Was War' offers a penetrative look at the Great Controversy in a gritty yet refreshing look at the reasons for the "fall". It follows the intimate challenges of a pregnant Virgin Mary and her betrothed Joseph, Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel and the Crucifixion, all creatively interwoven to tell a truly inspiring story. Appealing for both Christians and non-Christians, it will challenge you, lead you to see the Scriptures in a new light, and ultimately, draw you closer to God. Don't hesitate to get in touch for more info – you can follow us on Twitter @ afinalcall and on Facebook. Contact: Jermaine Wong <finalcallproductions@gmail.com>. Phone: 07944406115.


OPEN CHURCH: SOUTHEND. Sabbath, 7 April. Open Church: A New Testament Concept in Today's World. Sabbath, 7 April, Southend-on-sea town centre (parking at Sainsbury's, SS1 1PL; nearest train stations – Southend Victoria and Southend Central). You are invited to attend this event, hosted by the newly established Southend Community Church (SCC). Starting at 10 am with Sabbath services and an afternoon gospel concert under a marquee at the top of the High Street, Southend. A major community outreach programme including a 1-mile march through the town centre led by a contingent of the Pathfinders and SEC Drum Corps to Southend seafront, a public collection for ADRA-UK and local community charities. Please bring a packed lunch. For more information, call Colin Gordon (01702 212121), email drcolingordon@gmail.com or find SCC Seventh-day Adventist church on Facebook.

"WERE YOU THERE?" EASTER WORSHIP. Sabbath, 7 April. Special Easter Worship "Were You There?" on Sabbath 7 April at 10:30 am at Central London church (Advent Centre: the corner of 12 Crawford Place Street & 37-39 Brendon Street, W1H 5JE). Join us for a special time of worship, praise and prayer in celebration of Jesus Christ our Lord. We have an open door policy: everyone is welcome! Please plan to stay with us for the day! We will continue our celebration with an afternoon presentation from 4:00 pm. The service (and the day in general) is designed specially to be accommodating for friends and family, colleagues and school friends. More details:
"PRAYER & REFLECTION". Sabbath, 7 April. Sometimes life is so busy that it is hard to find the time to slow down, talk with God and dwell on what is important in life. Every month at Stanborough Park Seventh-day Adventist Church, 609 St Albans Road, Garston, WD25 9JL we set aside time to do that. Through worship, a short talk, and creative prayer activities we spend time in prayer, either alone or with others. All are very welcome to join us from 3:30 - 4:30 pm on 7 April. Speaker: Margaret Stewart. Topic: "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." Contact: Prayer & Reflection Team <shermonsgr@aol.com>. Phone: 01923 894 664.

DA MANS DEM (NEW PLAY BY ALAN CHARLES). Saturday, 7 April. Da Mans Dem is coming to Birmingham (Easter Weekend) 7 - 8 April. Focus Arts Promotions presents Love Sax and all that Jazz 2 (Da Mans Dem). Written by Alan Charles, Da Mans Dem takes an informative and humorous look at men and relationships exploring those age old questions what do men want?, why do men cheat?, and what defines a man? In chapter one the girls were explosive in chapter 2 Da Mans Dem will get their say. Get ready for another explosion of humour in this production that will inform, uplift and educate the whole family. Crescent Theatre, Sheepecote Street, Birmingham, B16 8AE. Doors open 7 pm – Show 7:30 pm nightly. Tickets: £15 Adv or £17.50 at the door. Box Office: 0121 643 5858 or www.crescent-theatre.co.uk. More info: 07989 574 066 – focusarts@yahoo.co.uk.

*NEW PLAY* AND THERE WAS WAR (BY JERMAINE WONG). Saturday, 7 April to Sunday, 8 April. This Easter, prepare to be blown away! 'And There Was War' showing @ London's Albany Theatre. Saturday 7 & Sunday 8 April. Doors open: 7 pm for 7:30 start. Bookings in advance: £15, £12 concessions. 'And There Was War' offers a penetrative look at the Great Controversy and is a gritty yet refreshing look at the reasons for the "fall". It follows the intimate challenges of a pregnant Virgin Mary and her betrothed Joseph, Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel and the Crucifixion are just some of the famous stories creatively interwoven to tell a truly inspiring story. For more info on the play and bookings, please visit the Albany Theatre 'And There Was War' page on www.thealbany.org.uk. You can watch the trailers on YouTube by searching for 'Superfinalcall'. Contact: Jermaine Wong <finalcallproductions@gmail.com>. Phone: 07944406115.

COMMUNITY PRAISE EASTER SERVICE. Sunday, 8 April. Join us at Croydon Adventist church for our service of praise and thanksgiving with the Croydon church choir. We begin at 6:00 pm with a songs of praise style programme as we join with our local community on Easter day. Address: 95 Selhurst Road, South Norwood, London, SE25 6LH. Contact: Pastor R Daly <richarddaly7@gmail.com>. Phone: 07958433744.

THE 'ADVENTIST ADVANTAGE' SPECIAL APRIL OFFER. Sunday, 8 April. Vojvodina Foundation, Adventist Lifestyle, Health Centre, Elek, Hungary. This brand new, purpose built centre has reserved places for five UK resident guests, and their supporters for 8 - 15 April and 22 April - 4 May, 2012. Anyone can get the Adventist Advantage on these medically supervised, spiritually uplifting and physically rejuvenating courses. The courses may be particularly beneficial to sufferers of western lifestyle diseases – cancer, diabetes, obesity, rheumatoid arthritis, stress, heart, vascular and autoimmune diseases. The Medical director, Dr Wyn Horsley has served 18 years as a natural medicine practitioner. For 14 years he practiced at the Uchee Pines Institute, Alabama. Guests' price: £50 per day – medical care (physical examinations, personalized treatments), housing, meals. Supporter price: £35 per day, physical examinations extra. For more information contact: Pastor Malcolm Watson. Tel: 01564 771353; Mob: 07786 380769; Email: <malcolmwa@gmail.com>.

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