NEC SESSION DAY OF FELLOWSHIP

What better way to celebrate the beginning of a quadrennium of service than with a Conference-wide Day of Fellowship? After two business days of the North England Conference Session, where new leaders and directors were elected to serve the Church for the next four years, the NEC held a special Day of Fellowship on Sabbath, 15 September, at the Cheltenham Racecourse.

The look and feel of The Centaur Conference Centre changed overnight from the business sessions. On the Friday delegates had deliberated, but on Sabbath the saints sang.

Weekday business attire was exchanged for Sabbath best and hundreds filled the auditorium as Pastor Ian Sweeney, British Union Conference President, introduced the new team of NEC directors. He commented that Usain Bolt needed his team members to hand over the baton in the 4x100m relay and, in the same way, the previous NEC team are simply handing over the baton to the newly elected; not because they have failed, but because they need to hand over the baton to finish the race.

Elaine Harlin and Lorna Ayo-Ola brought a special touch to the service as they, throughout the day, signed on stage for the hard of hearing. Joining them on stage to coordinate the morning Study Service was Beulah Plunkett, re-elected Sabbath School director for the NEC. She examined the lesson
interactively and despite the audience gradually increasing in size, small groups were able to discuss and report their findings as they studied God's Word, not just the lesson book.

The afternoon, led by pastors Geoff Smith and Daniel Ebenezer, showcased evangelism in the NEC. Pastor Smith spoke of one type of outreach that has been appealing to many. "Health is a big area, there are many different aspects of the ways in which people are reaching out. One example is where Melvin Ellis has started up the 'Sutton Strollers', a rambling group. He's got 20 people from the local community coming together at the church on a Tuesday morning…and when there are a little bit more focused activities in the church, they're quite happy to come along."

Tying the different elements of the day together were the praise team who sang enthusiastically, creating an atmosphere of reverence. As individuals entered the auditorium, they were greeted by a sea of praise that enveloped the audience with God's presence. This atmosphere continued throughout the programme as young Nealson Clifford, from the Birmingham Bournville church, sang 'Jerusalem', and was followed by Heather and Paul Haworth telling a Children's Story about God knowing what's best for us, even when we pray for something else.

Pastor Ian Sweeney's sermon also followed this thread as he spoke of how the prophet Jeremiah, was open to God and kept preaching even in the foreign land he had been forced to move to. He asked, "If we already know what we are going to do, irrespective of what is said, why bother asking God for a revelation?... Citizens of God's Kingdom will always obey God's Word."

The message of the sermon was driven home with a well-timed, live phone call, at 6:50 am Jamaican time. The call came from the new NEC President, Pastor Lorance Johnson, currently on holiday there. He spoke to those gathered of his desire to follow God's call. "We consider this such a solemn, divine appointment at such a time as this in our Church's history." He stated: "Many hours into the early morning, Joan and I talked and we prayed. One thing that concerned us was, 'what is the will of God?' And this, my brothers and sisters, is what we vehemently sought…we resolved that we ought to move forward in faith. Joan and I are honoured to serve in this capacity, we pray that we will be true to duty…that we will be faithful."

A selection of photos from the Day of Fellowship and Session are available on the [BUC Picture Gallery](#).

**CRIEFF GOES J-WALKING** [Bernie Holford]

Over the weekend 22 - 23 September, the Crieff church and grounds were transformed into a set for visitors to meet nine characters who had met Jesus. While England was being drenched in autumn gales, God blessed this part of Scotland with sunny, balmy weather, perfect for an outdoor/indoor event.

On arrival, the J-Walkers, mostly neighbours and friends from Crieff, looked around an exhibition in a marquee which took them back to Biblical times. A guide dressed in costume then took groups to meet various costumed characters stationed in simple, evocative sets with appropriate props.
They heard the story of John the Baptist and Peter while they were chained up in the gaol. Mary, mother of Jesus, and the Woman at the Well shared their experience of knowing Jesus. The aroma of baking bread in the kitchen gave an authenticity to Martha's tale. She went on to introduce her brother Lazarus, newly raised from the dead!

Simon of Cyrene and Thomas gave their angle on the impact of meeting Jesus on their lives. Finally John on Patmos told each group his story and recommend that they read about it in the gospel that was named after him. After spending less than an hour going around the church and grounds, J-Walkers were given a Gospel of John and an invitation to attend the 'Tracing the Footsteps of Jesus' evangelism series starting in October.

J-Walkers were extremely positive in their responses. 'Now the Bible stories make so much more sense to me.' 'Could you do this again?' 'The actors were so good, I was moved to tears by some of their stories.' One child as he was running around said, 'This is fun, where can I find the another 'J'? ' (Children had a special pack and activity sheets, and were encouraged to 'spot the letter Js' which were hidden around the various sets. They enjoyed meeting the pony too!)

Inspiration for the idea came to Ruth Farrer, a Crieff church elder. She then led the whole church in planning and implementing the programme, and everyone who could took a role and helped out. "To see the whole church coming together to share the story of Jesus was one of the most rewarding ministry times of my life," stated church pastor and Mission President, Bernie Holford. "This was a great unifying experience for our members and I'm especially grateful to other pastors and members from around the Scottish Mission for the enthusiastic part that they played."

**'IN HIS IMAGE' CONCERT CELEBRATES DIVERSITY**  [Katie Ramharacksingh]

A range of artists performed for the two hundred gathered at the 'In His Image' evening concert, at Newbold College, on Sabbath, 8 September. Coordinated by Sophia Nicholls, South England Conference Disability Ministries director, the concert highlighted how we are all made in God's image; a fitting topic as the 2012 Paralympics drew to a close.

Hosts for the evening, Nigel Nicholls and Pastor Patrick Johnson, introduced artists from renowned saxophonist, Mark Bunney; to Adam James; to a group of young men, CJ Nicholls, Oliver Hudson and Marco Lapuz, called the 'Oxford Trio'. Each singer, able-bodied or disabled, gave their absolute best, making the evening a real blessing to all those listening.

In the audience, Jadanna Huie enthused, "I appreciated the diversity of acts and the inclusion of both able and disabled artists. You always have awkward moments of what to say about or around disabled people, but Pastor Sam Davis was eloquent and well-articulated in his welcome as he reminded us that Jesus hung out regularly with those who society looked down on and had cast out. Espen Johnson's brief interview about his life, interest in media and overcoming his disability was also really inspiring!" [His 'Beautiful Life' is further explored in a recent film release on Hope Channel.]
A real highlight was a performance from Victoria Oruwari, a blind singer from Nigeria. Singing at the age of 8, when she became blind, and has always believed that her voice is a gift from God. He has led her to sing and witness for dignitaries at national events in Nigeria.

Sophia Nicholls commented, "I believe people were challenged in the way they think and respond to people with disabilities. It was ultimately about recognising differences and celebrating how we are all made in God's image. It was especially inspiring because of the backdrop of the Paralympic Games."

THE BIG PICTURE – AT BRECON CAMP [John Surridge]

Beautiful warm weather characterised Brecon Camp over the weekend of 7 - 9 September 2012. Although this autumn camp tends to be quieter than the one that is held in the spring, quite a lot of day visitors came on the Sabbath to hear our guest speaker, Dr Mart de Groot, and to picnic and fellowship next to the gentle waters of the River Usk beside which the tents and caravans were pitched. Dr de Groot is an astronomer turned pastor and over the weekend he carefully combined the themes of astronomy and the great controversy.

In his opening talk on Friday evening Dr de Groot showed numerous pictures and diagrams which demonstrated that our universe is in constant motion. "We live in a restless universe," he said, "where nothing – from the largest galaxies to the smallest atomic particles – ever stops moving." Common words, like 'rotate' and 'revolve', took on new meaning for most in the congregation as he explained the difference between them in planetary terms.

Even the period of time that we call a day can be understood in two different ways, he said, depending on how you measure it in astronomical terms. In the midst of all this motion and possible confusion, God gave us a simple guide for obtaining rest: the Sabbath. And as the sky went dark and the stars came out, the Brecon campers experienced that rest for themselves.

On the Sabbath morning Dr de Groot made the main point of his sermon in the children's story. Reclining on the ground he took a bag of coins and talked about how they were made. Hot metal has to be stretched, rolled, and reheated before the image of the king can finally be imprinted on to its surface. So it is with us: the times of trial may seem hard to understand but it is all part of the process that God uses to change us into His likeness.

More mind-boggling images got the congregation thinking on Sabbath evening, with colliding galaxies illustrating that there is a lot of conflict going on in the universe. More important that the interstellar conflict however is the battle which has been raging between God and Satan since before our world was created. Though difficult to understand, the biblical concept of the fall does make some sense of the decay, death and destruction that we see around us.

Once again under a starry sky, and for some sitting
around a particularly hot bonfire on the river bank, these ideas were discussed and debated. Certainly there was a lot of new material for people to think about.

In the final meeting on Sunday morning, Dr de Groot surprised his audience by pointing out that our universe is a very wet place. On a typical Brecon weekend this might not have needed much explanation, but from a scientific point of view Dr de Groot pointed out that water is actually one of the most common molecules in the universe. This led into a detailed discussion of the flood and an interesting proposal about how the Genesis account could be explained in scientific terms.

Not surprisingly over the weekend there were numerous questions from the campers. Was there really a Big Bang? Will Jesus' second coming happen through the Orion Nebula? Does heaven exist inside or outside of our universe? As a true scientist, but also a well-read theologian, Dr de Groot did not give many black or white answers. Instead he led his audience through the thought processes which helped them to answer their own questions. In the end it's the big picture that counts. It's not so much the facts about the stars and the universe that are important, but whether or not we see the image of God in them, and whether we allow Him to impress that image on us.

More than 100 pictures can be seen on the [Welsh Mission website](https://www.welshmission.org).

**EMPOWERED** [Catherine Anthony Boldeau] Also a [BUC News Video Report](https://www.bucnews.com)

A new weekly devotional book for women was officially launched at the British Union Conference Women's Ministries Conference held on Sunday, 9 September. 'Light on the Path', is a compilation of 52 readings and activities contributed by 38 women, some of whom had never written before. One lady from South London said, 'I didn't think I could write. But when I prayed and then chose a passage of scripture, the words just flowed.'

'Delicately engineered', 'charmingly delivered', 'engaging and thought-provoking' were some of the terms used to describe the day. Under the theme, 'Empowered', the Stanborough Park church came alive with the sound of 170 women from all around the British Isles who, in the words of a lady from the North England Conference, had come to 'be empowered in a warm and safe environment.'

The packed day was the brainchild of Sharon Platt-McDonald, organizer, host and BUC Women's Ministries director. Ably supported by her team, the programme aimed for women to 'reach other women, restore lives and reflect Christ'.

The day began with a welcome from Pastor Ian Sweeney, BUC President and one of the only two men present at the event. He was followed by his wife, Jennifer, an experienced health practitioner, who though generally shy and retiring in public, delivered a powerful and meaningful devotional, encouraging the attendees to be 'all they can for God'.

Throughout the day there were several plenary sessions. In 'What's Your Story?', Helen Pearson, a PR consultant, church elder and counsellor, spoke about the importance of story in our lives and the uniqueness of each of our lives. Valrie Bernard-Allen, sociologist and PhD candidate, engaged the audience with statistics about 'SDA Singles'. Her ground-breaking research aroused much interest and opened the floor for a frank discussion on the issue. So much so, that an unscheduled closed workshop was immediately organised.
She was joined on the platform with the other morning presenters and also Pastor Kirsten Øster-Lundqvist, (SEC Communication and Media director) and Pastor Mary Barrett, (team pastor: Watford Town, Stevenage and Welwyn Garden City), to give thoughts and opinions around current issues regarding women in the Church. Questions were taken from the floor as well as guided enquiries from the day's host. Issues under the spotlight included, Women in Church Leadership, Singleness, Sexuality, Marriage and Childlessness. Credit should be given to the panel members for their honesty, their willingness to be vulnerable and also for their spiritual guidance to questions that were often very challenging and that are not addressed in the normal church environment, but are very relevant to the lives of over 70% of the Adventist membership in the United Kingdom and Ireland.

After lunch Thembie Mapingire, coordinator for the SEC Counselling Service, spoke on the delicate subject of the sexualisation of women and children as seen in the world and depicted by the media. Then came the workshops: The Last Chance Parents (Malika Bediako), Recession Proof Woman (Sandra Golding), The Time of Your Life (Geraldene Farmer), Pink Ribbon Breast Cancer Prevention (Grace Walsh), What's Your Story? – Making Your Own Decisions (Helen Pearson) and Writing a Devotional (Sharon Platt-McDonald).

A visibly emotional Sharon ended the day's proceedings with thanks to her counterparts from the Conferences and Missions, the presenters, workshop facilitators, exhibitors and staff. 'I felt the moving of God today,' she said when interviewed later. 'I believed that His Spirit was present as we dealt with controversial issues, addressed neglected matters of importance and helped individuals connect with each other.'

SEC OPENS SCHOOL OF EVANGELISM  [Katie Ramharacksingh]

"I used to put evangelism in a box by itself, but I now realise that everything is connected to evangelism!" exclaimed Maria Williams, from Ilford church, at the launch of the South England Conference's School of Evangelism. The grand opening was held at John Loughborough School, on Sunday, 23 September, and saw over 165 people registered for the 10-month courses.

Developed by Pastor Kirk Thomas, Sabbath School and Personal Ministries director at the SEC, the school is a way of training lay people on a wider scale. "We needed a programme that was cost effective, that anyone could attend and that could run several disciplines at the same time to maximise people's availability," explained Pastor Thomas. "A programme where everyone could be there at the same time, like a school, could inspire more people."

Smooth running of the day was down to the constant work of Sabbath School and PM secretary, Mavis Bramble, assisted by Anna McLarty. As the day involved a variety of classes such as Leadership, Church Growth, Music Evangelism, Health & Community, Lay Bible Workers and Lay Preachers and Cross Culture Evangelism, there was a worry about how courses would be received. However, especially after the wonderful lunch provided, every attendee had something positive to say.

Verdel Humphrey, from Peterborough Riverlane, enthused, "It has
been an answer to my prayer. This training provides the means to learn and practise our work for the Lord. I have already recommended this training to a church member and I would recommend it to my future husband! I would encourage my church to attend whether for Bible work, community work, health work or any of the other training programmes available."

"Before you invite people to church, you should invite people to your home," encouraged Pastor Petras Bahadur, SEC Adventist Muslim Relations director. This was something that particularly stuck in people's minds throughout the day and they continued learning skills to help them not only in home and church, but in their communities too.

"My vision for the School, is that it will become a permanent feature of the SEC," stated Pastor Thomas. "Whether I'm here or not, whichever director continues after me, I would want it for the Church family. The foundation is there; we now need people to build on it for the future."

If you want to register for the 2012-2013 School of Evangelism, you have until Sunday, 21 October to send your application in to <mbramble@secadventist.org.uk>.

**AREA 1 DAY OF FELLOWSHIP** [Kirsten Øster Lundqvist]

Driving down narrow country lanes in Devon to the Rattery Village Hall, members from across Devon and Cornwall came together on Sabbath, 22 September for a Day of Fellowship.

Whereas the sunshine drew the youth to study outside with LIVE-St Austell leader, Steven Hulbert, indoors, Pastor Ian Lorek skilfully led the adult lesson study, taking the congregation through to understand how the term anti-Christ is anyone or any system denying the Deity of Christ. The way to guard ourselves against being deceived, stressed Pastor Lorek, "is to know Jesus and to have a personal relationship with Him."

With a variety of hymns and praise music the congregation built musical bridges embracing both style and age. The main speaker was Dr Cedric Vine, from Newbold College. He focused on the basic question "Why did Jesus have to die?" Dr Vine demonstrated the journey of discovery the early Christians undertook to understand this question, and how it is a similar journey in the 150 years of Adventist Church history.

"Wouldn't you have loved to have Jesus' Bible study notes?" asked Dr Vine, leaving the congregation with something to think about while they enjoyed lunch.

The afternoon was a continuation of Dr Vine's presentation leaving no one in any doubt that although the theme was: Why did Jesus have to die?, the conclusion is that church members are to rejoice in the resurrection of Christ, proof that they are saved.

Pastor Kirsten Øster-Lundqvist also gave a presentation on the place in the church for communication and media as evangelism.

Pastor Chris Peake, Area 1 coordinator, said, "I think we had a really good day and our members seem to be very pleased with the presenters." This was reflected in the friendly goodbyes, and the lingering of people who wanted to just talk that little bit longer.
"ADAM, WHERE ARE YOU?"  [Serena Francis]

"Adam, where are you?" was the question posed by Pastor Sam Davis, South England Conference President, at the height of Ilford church's packed Men's Ministries Day, on Sabbath, 22 September.

The day was titled, 'The Calling of a Man' and Pastor Davis spoke about the detrimental impact of absent fathers and husbands who neglect their family duties. He emphasised the emphatic call from God to men, which commands them to stand up and take their role as head of the family.

After the morning service, which also included special items from the male portion of the congregation, the ladies of Ilford church were treated to a special lunch - hosted and prepared by the men!

DEATH OF PASTOR RICHARD HOLDER

It is with great sadness that we have to inform you that Pastor Richard Holder lost the battle with cancer on Tuesday, 18 September. Richard had served as a pastor in the South England Conference since April 1985 in both the Bristol and London areas including Balham, Chiswick, Croydon, Holloway, Hope Community, Leytonstone, New Addington and Stoke Newington. He also served on both the SEC and BUC Executive Committees and chaired the London Lay Advisory Council.

The funeral service will be held on Tuesday, 2 October 2012, at Ruach City Church, 197-199 Kilburn High Road, Kilburn, London, NW6 7HY. Viewing from 9:00 am with the service commencing at 10:00 am. The reception will begin at 3:00 pm at Balham Seventh-day Adventist church, 83 Elmfield Road, London, SW17 8AD.

Please remember his wife, Pennie, and their children Candice, Hadassah, Daniel and Nathaniel in your thoughts and prayers at this time.

DEATH OF ERROL DUDLEY HERTOGS

Born 12 December 1922 in Durban, South Africa, died Tuesday 18 September 2012 in the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford where he had gone from home in Binfield, Berkshire. Errol and his late wife, Drusilla were of mission stock, had met in South Africa but moved to Mauritius where they both worked before accepting a call to the Kendu Mission Hospital where Errol served as Business Manager from January 1966 to May 1971. From there they moved to the UK where he served in the NED (now TED) Treasury department, first as cashier then as Associate Treasurer until his retirement in July 1989 having served the Church for 23 years and seven months.

Our sympathies are expressed to Keith, Gillian and Bruce and their families, and we look for that day when death will be vanquished forever.

The funeral will be held at Newbold church, Binfield on Monday 1 October at 11:00 am. Family flowers only, donations may be made to ADRA by those wishing to express their remembrance in this way.
DEATH OF AGNES POULTON

Agnes Poulton, at 104 years old, was Stanborough Park church's oldest member. She died at her Watford care home on Monday morning, 24 September 2012.

Born on 25 April 1908 in Plumstead, south London, into a Catholic family, Agnes moved to Watford with her family aged 13 when they became Adventists as her father was unable to continue working as a policeman and found denominational employment at Granose Foods.

At age 16 she joined her father at the Granose Foods factory, where she gave 40 years of service before taking early retirement on 1 May 1964 to care for her elderly mother. After her mother died she enjoyed an active retirement and lived independently into her 90s until a fall forced her into care.

In a tribute to Agnes, Head Deaconess Paulina Rinta-Aho described her as sweet and gentle and kind, never had a bad word to say about anyone or anything. The funeral will be held at Stanborough Park church, Tuesday, 9 October, 10:00 am.

PROGRAMMES TO WATCH THIS WEEK

Here are some programme highlights for the coming week:

On Revelation TV (Sky 581 or Freesat 692): FaithTalks: Kirsten Øster-Lundqvist asks, "Is Jesus the only way to God?" on Thursday, 27 September at 8:30 pm. Repeated Sunday lunchtime, 30 September, 1:00 pm. Next week, in a new series, The Journey, Victor Hulbert dusts off his passport and hiking boots and discovers that his joy of travel also teaches him a lesson or two about faith. On Thursday, 4 October and Sunday 7 October, the subject is, "Fix your eyes on Jesus".

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 28 September: 8:00 pm: Jacques Venter – Minister for children, 8:30 pm: Faith Talks: "Why is Christianity so divisive?", Midnight: Jacques Venter
Sabbath 29 September: 9:00 am & 7:00 pm: Jacques Venter, 7:30 pm: Faith Talks: "Teens and Faith"
Monday 1 October: 12:30 pm: Rosemary Lethbridge – A burden for those with no church, 9:30 pm: Viewpoint: Organ Donation
Wednesday 3 October: 8:00 am: Organ Donation, 11:00 pm: Aris Vontzalidis – Orthodox to Adventist, 11:30 pm: Searching for a God to love, (Illusions are us 2)
Friday 5 October: 8:00 pm: Paul Lockham – The reluctant Christian, 8:30 pm: Faith Talks: "Faith and Disability", Midnight: Paul Lockham
Sabbath 6 October: 9:00 am & 7:00 pm: Paul Lockham, 7:30 pm: Faith Talks: "Faith and Disability"

COMING EVENTS
"NEW BEGINNINGS". Continuing to Saturday, 29 September. A two-week Evangelistic Campaign at Plaistow Adventist church. Nightly at 7:30 pm (except Mondays and Thursdays). For more information call 07883 038662, Elder Thabani or 07895 028690, Brother David. Contact: Elder Thabani Bhebe <tthebe@yahoo.com>. Phone: 07883 038662.

GOSPEL EXTRA 2012. Continuing to Saturday, 29 September. A 2-week Evangelistic Campaign with evangelist Pastor Kirk Thomas. Sabbaths 11:00 am and 7:30 pm and weekdays at 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm (except Thursdays). Venue: Hounslow Cornerstone Seventh-day Adventist church, 175 Heston Road, Hounslow, TWU5 0QU. Contact: Maureen Rock <maureenrock@hotmail.co.uk>. Phone: 07768304026.

BUC POWER 34000. On Sabbath, 29 September, the BUC in conjunction with the Conferences and Missions are asking every church, every member to set aside some time to share the good news of salvation through a day of mass literature distribution. What an opportunity for ministry! Churches are free to be creative about how they accomplish this. For FREE Focus Magazines please contact Catherine at the BUC. For ADC materials (VOP cards etc) please contact Des Rafferty at the BUC. Contact: Catherine Palmer <cpalmer@adventist.org.uk>. Phone: 01923 672251.

DERBY ZIMBABWE DAY OF FELLOWSHIP. Sabbath, 29 September. ZUSDAF presents The Home Stretch, Derby Day of Fellowship. Guest speaker: Pastor Ray Patrick. Venue: The Riverside Centre, Riverside Court, Pride Park, Derby, DE2 4HY. http://www.theriversidecentre.co.uk/. Contact: Tidings Chengeta <tchengeta@yahoo.co.uk>. Phone: 07429121802.

AREA 7 YOUTH FEDERATION - CREATIVE PRAISE. Sabbath, 29 September. Creative Praise: Run Til I Finish! A Sabbath afternoon of music, poetry, drama, mime and more. A fantastic opportunity for all to be a collective part of unique individualised worship. Starting 5:00 pm at Luton Central Adventist Church, 1 North Street, Luton, Bedfordshire, LU2 7QD. Contact: Nigel Donga <nigel@a7youth.co.uk>. Phone: 07737682087.

CHESTER GREEN CHURCH GOSPEL CONCERT. Saturday, 29 September. A gospel concert in aid of the Chester Green Church Building Fund. Sabbath evening, 7-8:30 pm, at the Chester Green Adventist Church, 220 Mansfield Rd, Chester Green, Derby, DE1 3RB (http://chestergreen.adventistchurch.org.uk/directions). Contact: Olga Marr <derbychestergreen@gmail.com>. Phone: 01332 230630.

CONFLICT - THE FIGHT FOR YOUR LIFE. Saturday, 29 September; Sunday, 7 October & Saturday, 13 October. An outstanding Christian comedy drama depicts real insights into various situations we can all relate to. Venue: Crescent Theatre, Sheepcote Street, Birmingham. For tickets contact the Box Office: 0121 643 5858; online – http://www.crescent-theatre.co.uk ; Showing 7 October at Harrow Arts Theatre, 171 Uxbridge Road, Hatchend, Middlesex. Box Office: 0208 416 8989; online – http://www.harrowarts.com; Showing 13 October – Nottingham Arts Theatre, George Street, Nottingham. Box Office: 0115 947 6096; online – http://www.nottingham-theatre.co.uk . Contact: Tre Young <damariproductions@yahoo.com>. Phone: 07852002545.

BIG SIX FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT. Sunday, 30 September. Get involved and don't miss this opportunity - no age limit. Any queries contact Daniel, on: 07534580888. Contact: Daniel Doley <daniel_doley@hotmail.co.uk>.

GOSPEL HEROES SHOWCASE. Sunday, 30 September. A full day of gospel music singing by soloists and group acts in front of judges to try to win a pass as part of the Gospel Heroes Talent Search Showcase. All styles and forms of gospel music will be featured. Venue: Balham Adventist
Church Hall, 83 Elmfield Road, Balham, London, SW17 8AD. Time: 12:00 noon to 8:00 pm, doors open at 11:00 am. Date: 30 September. Further details of the events please visit: http://www.herostars.co.uk/gospel-heroes-showcase/. Contact: Henshaw E Ehi <henshaw@herostars.tv>. Phone: 07831070998.

MUSIC DAY: GIVING MY BEST CONCERT. Sabbath, 6 October: 9:00 am - 6:00 pm. New Life's Music Day with an afternoon of praise to raise funds for Lupus and Cancer. Musicians include Joel Duntin, New Life Choir, and many more. Contact: Louanne Sampson <louannesampson@yahoo.co.uk>. Phone: 07961031967.

WIN WELLNESS SEMINAR! INTEGRATED HEALTH & FAMILY. Saturday, 6 October to Saturday, 20 October. Hear how to experience optimal health & wellness, build better relationships, achieve better communication and improve finances. Special features include: Marriage counselling, Health screening, Free demos & tasters, and Prayer sessions. Speaker: Pastor Dudley Hosin (Health & Family Life Educator from Jamaica). Every Sabbath, Sunday, Tuesday & Friday, 6 - 20 October. Time: Sabbath 11:00 am: Seminar. 4:00 pm: Seminar. Sunday: From 2:00 - 5:00 pm: free health screening, blood pressure, body fat analysis, BMI etc., 7:30 pm: Seminar. Tuesday 6:30 - 7:30 pm: free demo + tasters, competitions, prizes to be won, 7:30 pm: Seminar. Friday 7:30 pm: Seminar. Address: Sydenham Hill Community Hall, Sydenham Hill, London, SE26 6TT. Bus: 363, 356, 202. Contact: Pastor Nerine Barrett <sydenhamcommunications@gmail.com>. Phone: 07859068295.

HANDSWORTH CHURCH YOUTH CAMPAIGN. Saturday, 6 October to Saturday, 20 October. Transformed. Speakers include: Victor Acquah, Justin Kim and Adam Ramdin. Special Youth nights on Thursdays. Contact: Handsworth church <contactus@handsworthsda.org.uk>. Phone: 0121 374 3672.

LONDON 2012 CULTURAL OLYMPIAD IN THE EAST MIDLANDS. Saturday, 6 October, 7:30pm. Ballare: To Dance, Peepul Centre Leicester. A colourful sound world of classical music scores with strong world music flavours, which connect with international dance traditions with new works devised by Philip Herbert, one of the UK's finest black classical composers to celebrate the Olympic and Paralympic Games. Tickets £12, £10. Book Now. Contact: Philip Herbert <phlphbrt@yahoo.co.uk>.

SONGS OF THE FREE. A BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATION. Saturday, 6 October. Born Again Ministries Presents: A Black History Celebration – 'Songs Of The Free' featuring: Mark Bunney; Yemi Ellis; Poetic Evangelist; Praise Choir; Everald Dixon and more! Venue: Holloway Seventh-day Adventist Church, 381 Holloway Road, London, N7 0RN. Tickets: £5.00. Part of the proceeds in aid of the Holloway Church Building Project. For further information and to secure your tickets please contact: bornagainministries710@gmail.com or call 07415581737. Refreshments on sale!

GOOD PARENTING 2012. Saturday, 6 October to Sunday, 14 October. Venue: Santley Street, Brixton Adventist Church. Good Parenting 2012 features: The Brixton Community Forum; on 7 Oct @ 4:00 pm come join the police, Simon Marcus, founder of the Boxing Academy and many community leaders discussing how parents can prevent the London Riots ever happening again; Parenting workshops on the most challenging issues facing parents today; on 14 Oct @ 2:00 pm with national experts on parenting like Dr John Coleman – Oxford University; 19-21 Oct come join Smart Parenting seminars with international leading Family Life Educator and best-selling author Nancy Van Pelt. This programme is beneficial for single and stepparents, as well as grandparents, teachers and child care workers. Admission free and refreshments provided. To register for any of the Good Parenting 2012 featured events or for more information, visit www.goodparenting.org.uk. Contact: Layne <robinsonlayne@yahoo.com>. Phone: 020727488283.

LUTON SINGLES' SEMINAR. Sunday, 7 October. A seminar for the Singles including single parents, single grandparents and those seeking to be married. Venue: Luton Central Church, 1 North Street, Luton. Lunch and refreshment provided. Registration at 9:30 am for 10:00 am start. Concludes 4:00 pm. This event is free. Please confirm your attendance with Peggy Rusike; email amazinggrace@hotmail.co.uk or call or text 07972887979.
MINISTRY OF HEALING AND PRAYER (MOHAP). Sunday, 7 October. Seeking to provide spiritual support to terminally sick and chronically ill people of all ages, providing opportunities for fellowship and friendship within the church and wider community. This day retreat will include praise and worship, one-to-one pastoral counselling, prayer and anointing, testimonies, prayer, discussion, devotional – Pastor Michael Hamilton (spiritual healing), Health presentations Dr Christopher Levy (physical healing), Sharon Platt-McDonald (mental / emotional healing). All attendees must book and be. Booking is also required for those requiring a two course lunch. Venue: Newbold church. Time: 9:30 - 5:00 pm. For more information and booking form see www.secnews.org.uk/events. Contact: Janet Hamilton <mohapraying@ymail.com>. Phone: 07407 692 256.

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"An Apple a Day". Do you have a copy of this cookery book that you would be willing to lend to Mrs Jenny Cumings of the Cheltenham and Hutton churches? She wishes to use recipes from it for a health outreach and would like to copy certain recipes. If you can assist please call her on 01277 651070 or write to 59a Station Road, Billericay, Essex, CM12 9DR.

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