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CHANGING LIVES: CORNISH STYLE
It may be designed as a Youth Camp, but the May Bank Holiday event at Chapel Porth Adventist Campsite, reached out cross-generationally to touch the lives of children, youth, parents, and even grandparents.

Around 100 people came together at the campsite near St Agnes, Cornwall for the 3-6 May event – the fourth annual SEC Area 1 camp. Locals from Devon and Cornwall were joined by families and youth from Greater London, Newbold, Somerset and Wales for a weekend of worship and fellowship. It was a welcome break in the busy schedules of those attending.

Highlights included walks in the Cornish countryside, team games, the indulgent hedgehog ice creams, and sipping hot chocolate around the bonfire. On Saturday evening, the performances by Christian artists Philippa Hanna and Roo Walker were greatly appreciated. On Sunday, Arianne Haran touched us with her own compositions as well as beautiful renditions of favourite hymns, and Peter Nevland, a spoken word artist from the US, showcased his creativity. Yet it was Michael Hanna's baptism on Sabbath afternoon which was particularly special. Family and friends gathered on Chapel Porth beach to witness this member of the 'Connected' mime group give his life to God and brave the waves together with Pastor Kirsten Øster-Lundqvist.

Worships were led by Steven Hulbert and the LIVE: St Austell praise team. An additional bonus were performances from the Newbold-based mime group, 'Connected'. Through storytelling, the speaker for the weekend, Uriel Herinirina, shared accessible, relevant and thought-provoking messages, challenging us to re-evaluate our own stories and live lives which have God at their centre. It was the relaxed atmosphere, good company and authentic worship which most impressed the attendees. Tara Rhomberg said, "I like the way the activities are planned out; there's lots to do but there's also enough time to relax and get to know people." Catching up with old friends and making new ones is what such camps are for, and without a doubt this was experienced by all over the weekend.

Yet it is not just about creating friendships; there is a bigger cause. Uriel commented, "I like that everyone is here for Jesus. The main reason people came was to spend time with God and each other."

The campsite was buzzing all weekend. All the caravans were filled and a few brave souls even brought their tents. The chefs for the weekend, Nela Rodrigues, Luisa and Victor Hulbert, generously provided delicious vegetarian and vegan food which tickled everyone's taste buds. Despite the threat of rain, we were blessed with sunshine and blue skies, resulting in many glowing faces and a few red noses.

"What an amazing camp yet again", Andrews Jackson posted on Facebook. He comes every year with his entire family. He notes "the spiritual blessings overflowing" and challenges, "if
only we could take this weekend to every area in the Conference and really show the young people and us older ones what a joy worshipping Christ is out in the open."

Summing up the camp, organiser Steven Hulbert stated, "Uriel has been amazing. I think everyone has been together here, being good friends and making good friends, so the camp has done what it was supposed to. Now I have to start planning for next year!"

Chapel Porth holds a special place in many hearts and it isn't hard to see why. It is a place where friendships grow and commitments are made – as evidenced in a BUC News special video report.

A selection of pictures from the weekend are available in the Adventist Church's picture gallery.

[Edit Liebhardt & Darja Markek]

CROYDON PATHFINDERS ACHIEVE SECOND PLACE AT US BIBLE COMPETITION

Croydon Adventist church’s Pathfinder team took second place at the global level of the Adventist Bible competition, the Pathfinder Bible Experience (PBE), held on Sabbath, 20 April, at College View church, Lincoln, Nebraska, USA.

The PBE is a programme designed to encourage Pathfinders, an Adventist run young person’s club similar to Boy Scouts or Girl Guides, to gain in-depth knowledge of whole books of the Bible and become confident in their ability to share that knowledge with others.

As winners of the South England PBE competition, in March, 2013, the Croydon team travelled to Nebraska, along with their coaches and study aids, to compete at the annual PBE in the US. The contest, organised by the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists (NAD), involved teams from churches across North America, and this year, from England!

“We had a total of 38 teams, with seven members per team including an alternate,” commented PBE coordinator, Gene Clapp. “With team members, staff and families, we had approximately 650 persons in attendance for the weekend.”

Croydon team member, Andrée Butts, wrote about his experience. “In preparation for the competition in America,” Andrée writes, “I was invited by a neighbour, who is a pastor of a
Pentecostal church…to come to his church at their Wednesday evening youth meeting and teach to the young people the book of Acts and Thessalonians, as it would be better coming from me.”

In similar ways, other team members were able to dedicate time to study the set Bible books and commentary selections they were to be tested on, despite it being a time-consuming challenge.

“This was an eye opener for me as to what our young people can achieve when they are rightly motivated,” enthused Mary Pascal, mother of team member Kenisha. “The energy from all the groups was fascinating and I found myself drawn into the whole experience as if I was a Pathfinder.”

The 2014 PBE challenge will test knowledge of the entire book of 2 Samuel and its introductory section in the Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary. Finals take place on 12 April, 2014, and will be held at the Sligo Adventist church, Maryland, USA. British Pathfinders plan to be there.

For more information, please contact the SEC Pathfinder department at nbrown@secadventist.org.uk or on 01923 232728.

[Katie Ramharacksingh, with Andrée Butts]

PRIORITISING COMMUNITIES AT SEC URBAN MINISTRY SUMMIT

"If postmodernism were an artist, her canvas would be the city," quoted Pastor Kleber Gonçalves, Director of the Centre for Secular and Postmodern Studies at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists (GC) at the Urban Ministry Summit, 3-5 May.

The Summit, held at the Wyboston Lakes Conference Centre in Bedfordshire, was organised by the Personal Ministries department at the South England Conference (SEC). Their aim was to bring together eight captivating speakers from around the world who would present a weekend of seminars on how to successfully create a community-based presence in the tough, urban areas around England.

“Usually we don’t take into consideration the differences in people’s perspective about life,” explained Kleber Gonçalves, who is also the pastor of a church-planting project in Sao Paulo. “Evangelism is nothing more than communicating a message, many times we think people understand what we are trying to share and they are not. It’s so important for us to find relevant ways of communicating to see where we can really say something that finds a hiding place in their hearts.”

Speakers ranged from experts in Urban Mission, East Asia Religions and Traditions, Church Planting, Adventist-Muslim Relations and Jewish-Adventist Relations, who work in various leadership roles at the General Conference and in the British Union Conference (BUC). All
topics were focused on the GC initiative for London this year, entitled 'Mission to the Cities' which will focus on spreading God to London, more specifically, Potters Bar.

Community involvement was a high priority on each of the presenters’ agendas, with a special focus on meeting community needs.

"We don't need to run every programme for every single community service needed in London!" commented Pastor Gary Krause, Director of Adventist Mission at the General Conference. "We need to start small groups from our 'centres of influence' and place ourselves where we can, as writer Ellen G White said, 'come into direct contact with those needing help'."

BUC President, Pastor Ian Sweeney, and SEC President, Pastor Sam Davis, shared the stage on Sabbath morning as they each gave a short sermon on reluctant biblical prophets, Jeremiah and Jonah. This was followed by a choice of seminars, that ranged from Dr Samuel Wang’s presentation on oral transmission and written revelation in ancient civilisations, to Pastor Petras Bahadur speaking on finding common ground between Adventist and Muslim beliefs.

“Dr Richard Elofer actually works at the GC as Director of the World Jewish-Adventist Friendship Centre and he really gave us new insight into befriending Jewish communities,” said attendee, Pastor Berhanu Tsehaye. “We need to concentrate on being friends with them and through that friendship we can go and attend their synagogues; from there we can learn about them, build trust and after that we can discuss about Yeshua (Jesus) and the promised land. It’s about finding the common ground first and it works! We now have 50 Adventist synagogues worldwide.”

Other presentations from Sam Neves, a pastor in Wimbledon, UK, and Andrew Clark, a pastor in Pennsylvania, USA, looked at radical ways of impacting both local church and community. They spoke of using bold techniques to get churches to truly mix with their communities, such as redesigning inside a church, creating job opportunities, providing a café for anyone to relax and building sites like parks that reach community needs.

“It was a spiritual and God-centred event for the times we are living in,” enthused organiser Pastor Kirk Thomas, Personal Ministries Director at the SEC. “It was also historic, the first time we had a programme like this in the British Isles. I think that the content was both relevant and practical; these speakers were bringing years of tried and proven methods and experience to those willing to listen.”

To see photos of the weekend, take a look at the [SEC Urban Ministry Summit photo gallery](#)

[Katie Ramharacksingh]

**HEALTH EVANGELISM PRIORITY CONTINUES IN PORTSMOUTH**
Can your church make a difference to 10,000 people? That is the intentional aim of Portsmouth Seventh-day Adventist church. For the eighth consecutive year they took part in the Annual Community Fayre and celebration of life in Fratton.

The fayre took place on Bank Holiday Monday, 6 May 2013 at St Mary's Portsea church and grounds. Visitors enjoyed this event with its variety of attractions – Arena displays, bouncy castles; bands; funfair rides and much more…including 100+ stalls.

The Creation Health tent was a great attraction as it promoted and celebrated healthy living. More than a 100 visitors were taken through health checks and ended up with advice from our local pastor, Tihomir Zestic, and guest doctor, Dina Borges.

The church also ran a healthy food stall, cooking and selling food to the public. More than £1,000 was raised for the local Pathfinder Club. A lot of literature was issued including ADC free health courses as well as health cards and tracts.

This was a great day out in the community showcasing the health message with the community.

More photos from the event can be seen in the Adventist Church's picture gallery.

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AN “UNFORGETTABLE” POSTMODERN SERMON IN IPSWICH

The Conference Centre at Trinity Park, Ipswich, was buzzing as Adventist church members from Cambridge, Essex, Norfolk and Suffolk gathered for their joint day of worship, on Saturday (Sabbath), 27 April.

“The bits that the Pathfinders had to do were what I enjoyed the most,” commented Tyronne Waldron, a Pathfinder leader at Basildon church. “They collected the offering and did a little skit, which I thought was good! The speaker, Dr Miroslav, was very good, he inspired me quite a lot when he spoke about us needing to get out there and how it’s not about being lawyers or sales persons; we must be artists in ‘selling’ Jesus to others.”

Main speaker for the day, Dr Miroslav Pujic, is Media Ministries director at the Trans-European Division of Seventh-day Adventists. He led the morning Bible Study programme, contemplating
the character we reflect outside of church, and also spoke during the main family service about reaching the postmodern society.

“Dr Pujic’s sermon was one I’m not going to forget for a very long time,” enthused Tak Hakata, Communication leader at Colchester Community church. “In between speaking, he showed us a video about evangelism that basically made us think twice about how we sometimes try to ‘force-feed’ people when it comes to spreading our beliefs, as Adventists.”

A packed programme included the two morning services, lunch together and an afternoon quiz with a competitive edge. The quiz was interactive and the final tiebreaker question came between the teams from the Colchester Community and Norwich churches. Stephen Marshall, from Colchester, gave the winning answer before the question had been completed, making them the winners this year!

A mini concert brought the day to a close, encompassing a range of performances from the Peterborough church choir, ‘Blessed Hope’, Sharolyn Raj and the male ‘Southend Quartet’.

[Katie Ramharack, with Tak Hakata, Monique Castello & Gertrude Asante. Photos: Jonathan Akrofi]

NEWBOLDIAN GOES DIGITAL

Newbold's regular publication for College alumni, The Newboldian, has gone digital. The entire latest issue is available to read online at http://www.newbold.ac.uk/news/the-newboldian.html.

Keep up with developments on and off campus, including student ministries, the 2013 Bible Conference, new staff members, and the College Board. Many alumni will have received an edition through the post, but with a worldwide circle of friends who appreciate the ministry of Newbold College, this online version will make life at the college more assessable to all.

[[Tim Watkins]]
The Voice newspaper carries two stories involving members of the Seventh-day Adventist church.

In Helping the homeless, Dionne Williams, a member of the Fulham Adventist church, tells that she was so concerned about the plight of the homeless that she decided to set up her own charity, ABCDE Voluntary Solutions.

She told The Voice, "We have volunteers who don't mind getting their hands dirty. We sit down on the ground, next to people who sleep in alleyways and listen to their stories", says Miss Williams. "Sometimes we run out of supplies and it is heartbreaking to watch people walk away empty handed. Things we normally take for granted or even throw away is a necessity for them, and can make a big difference."

Nellie and Sylbourne Douglas also feature in The Voice, under the headline, Couple celebrate 60 years of wedded bliss. Members of Wolverhampton Central Seventh-day Adventist church, their testimony in the paper demonstrates clearly what can make a marriage last. Sylbourne states, "Our God, our family, our church, our work and our home have been the pillars of our lives. We have a lot to thank God for – after all the storms of life there is calm."

The Watford Observer seems to be increasing its coverage of Adventist events, thanks to a committed member of Stanborough Park church who writes articles even if she is on holiday in France. This includes a children's concert raising thousands for charity, a TV chef entertaining pensioners, and, on page 5 of a more local publication, a visit from journalist Bill Hamilton to the Stanborough Park Seniors Club.

For ideas on how you can raise the profile of your church in the local community, watch NEC Communication director, Peter Jeynes', short video on getting your story published in the local press.

[Victor Hulbert]

LATEST MESSENGER ONLINE
'Speak up...' is the headline in the 10 May MESSENGER, the official journal of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the UK and Ireland. The lead article focuses on a Preston church initiative to support a community thousands of miles from home. In his editorial Julian Hibbert plays 'the blame game', Andrew Puckering looks at the ro

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MORE ADVENTIST PROGRAMMES ON YOUR TV

There is now a new and innovative way to enjoy more Adventist programmes on your TV. In addition to Hope Channel Europe via satellite and on-demand, and two programmes each week on Revelation TV (Sky and Freesat), there are now two major Adventist channels on Roku, the tiny internet box that connects to your television.

The Adventist Channel and Hope Channel are streamed for free over the internet to your Roku box, there's no satellite dish or monthly fees. Purchase the box once, and watch all you want.

You will need a broadband connection capable of streaming video with an unlimited download package, a Wi-Fi enabled router and a HD ready TV with a HDMI connector.

The Adventist Channel on Roku is: http://sda.biggytv.com/roku/adventist_channel_roku/.

Hope Channel on Roku is: http://www.hopetv.org/watch/roku/.

[Julian Hibbert]
You can find out more about Roku on their website – or ask in any major electrical retailer such as Currys or PC World. There are also some answers from Hope Channel's web architect on the Adventist News website.

[BUC Media]

**PRAYERS FOR PASTOR BRIGHTON KAVALOH**

Your prayers are requested for BUC Ministerial Association Secretary, Pastor Brighton Kavaloh, who is currently on the stroke unit in the Princess Royal University Hospital, Orpington having suffered a number of strokes early last week. He is making progress in his recovery, however, he needs total bed rest. While we might like to visit him, visits are currently very tiring for him.

He expresses his gratitude for the prayers of his pastoral colleagues, members and family alike. The medical staff are amazed at his progress and expect him to make a full recovery, but in saying this he still has a long way to go before he is fully up and running again.

[Ian Sweeney]

**TV SELECTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Programme highlights for the coming week include:

On Revelation TV (Sky 581 or Freesat 692): The Journey, Hiroshima, Thursday, 9 May, 8:30 pm, repeated Sunday lunchtime, 12 May at 1:00 pm. Victor reflects on the most moving interviews of his career as he takes a visit to Hiroshima, talks to atomic bomb survivors and learns a lesson in forgiveness. Next week, on Thursday 16 May, repeated Sunday 19, a visit to Northern Portugal leads to a reflection on the angel's song of 'peace to all'.

For internet radio listeners: Fridays at 8:00 pm, 'My Song' with Mike Johnson, online at www.lightfm.net. Two hours of your favourite songs from across the decades. Send your requests/dedications to radio@lightfm.net.

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 10 May: 8:00 pm: The Journey: Empty Camera,
8:30 pm: FaithTalks: Is Jesus the only way to God?,
Midnight: The Journey: Empty Camera
Sabbath 11 May: 9:00 am & 7:00 pm: The Journey: Empty Camera,
7:30 pm: FaithTalks: Is Jesus the only way to God?,
8:00 pm: Viewpoint: Is violence ever acceptable?
Monday 13 May: 12:30 pm: In Conversation: David West – unlocking the grief of a childhood death,
9:30 pm: Viewpoint: God in a cruel world
Wednesday 15 May: 8:00 am: Viewpoint: God in a cruel world,
11:00 pm: In Conversation: Jim Cunningham – Head teacher who makes an impact
Friday 17 May: 8:00 pm: The Journey: Hiroshima,
  8:30 pm: FaithTalks: Faith and Disability,
Midnight: The Journey: Hiroshima
Sabbath 18 May: 9:00 am & 7:00 pm: The Journey: Hiroshima,
  7:30 pm: FaithTalks: Faith and Disability,
  8:00 pm: Viewpoint: What is truth?

[Victor Hulbert]

COMING EVENTS

For a full listing of Coming Events please visit http://adventist.org.uk/events

This weekend: 'Signs of the Times' Plumstead Community Church Campaign continues until 19 May. Café 7 hosts 'Act like a lady, think like a man', Welsh ladies will be enjoying a special retreat, three campaigns start: Brixton, Mission Possible, New Life, 'It's time' and Blessed Hope church with Pastor Colin Leon Thorne. Also, Fulham church has a fundraising concert for the charity ABCDE, the London Credit Union host an evening of celebration, there is Food Hygiene Training at the Advent Centre, while in Ireland, Literature Evangelism training starts on 13 May.

For more details and a larger selection of events both this weekend and in the future please visit the Coming Events website where events are continuously updated online. Select your region for events nearest to you. You can also share events important to you on your Facebook or social media profile. You can also submit your event at the same location.

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