YOUTHFUL DELEGATES IMPACT IRISH MISSION SESSION

Seventeen-year-old Irene Ayaa typifies the vibrant new face of Adventism in the Irish Mission. Arriving seven
years ago as a refugee, she is now an active member of the Kilkenny Adventist church and plans to study law at university. On Sunday, 3 November she was also secretary to the Nominating Committee for the Irish Mission Session meeting at Belfast church.

Irene was one of five delegates under the age of twenty, and among an astonishing 70% of the 103 delegates found to be representing their church for the first time. That statistic demonstrates the new face of Adventism in Ireland but also highlights the need for learning together, for developing integration skills, and for discovering ways for these 'new Irish' to build spiritual connections with their Irish hosts.

That is happening, and came to the forefront during a debate on Mission to the Cities. A delegate from the Dublin Ranelagh congregation recalled that when he arrived in Dublin 13 years ago the church was very small. "Now it has grown massively", he stated. "I am delighted now that we are actively in a position to reach out to the Irish population."

That was the point behind BUC President Pastor Ian Sweeney's opening devotional message on Saturday evening, 2 November. Reading from Daniel chapter 1, he noted how king Nebuchadnezzar gave the four Hebrew lads Babylonian names, aimed to change their diet, and so slowly move them away from their God. "There is an issue of identity that is important", he told the delegates. "I can't change my colour or my background, but I can change my spiritual identity."

Whether in church Sabbath morning, in a business meeting Saturday night, or out on the street, Pastor Sweeney emphasised that "we are sons and daughters of God", emphasising, "Let us show His identity in our lives."

Pastor David Neal, Irish Mission President, shared his personal testimony of 'mingling' with his neighbours – a small group of Northern Irish Protestants who want to talk about Christian things. "Can the Lord use us to connect with those we don't normally connect with", he asked. The emphasis on reaching out and across was to continue throughout the two days.

Not everything was good news. The economic downturn, particularly in the South, hit the Church hard. Some churches closed as immigrants without work returned to their home countries. ADRA-Ireland could no longer be maintained. Grianach House School in Galway was forced to close. The Mission ran a negative budget for four years. As BUC Treasurer, Victor Pilmoor pointed out, in the economic reality of Ireland, that there has been any increase in income at all is something to praise the Lord for.

A reason for significantly more praise came in the Secretariat
report. Pastor Paul Lockham noted a membership increase of 169 members from 532 to 701 over the three years to December 2012. This included 80 baptisms, and, according to Pastor Lockham, was a significant boost for a Mission where membership had been fairly static around the 300 mark for many years.

Noting that in a number of congregations attendance is considerably higher than membership, Angus Rothwell, a delegate from Ballinacrow made the significant point of asking about those over the years who no longer attended. Pastor Lockham responded that, "We need to keep in touch with them and show we care, even if they are on the fringe somewhere."

Coming back to the issue of changing demographics in the Church Pastor Lockham noted that this kind of change is happening worldwide. "Migration between countries happens all the time. Sometimes this has an impact on the home church. How we handle that is very crucial." As Pastor Neal stated in the President's Report, "We all need to take time to hear the perspective of the other as well as expressing our own."

Time for delegate debate is important. Youth sponsor and Belfast pastor, Adam Keough enjoyed the longest question period focussed around issues of retaining and developing spirituality in our youth. There was admiration for what had been done, but a desire for more training and mentoring events and questions on how you measure success.

Pastor Keough responded that "Every event should be about spiritual growth. If not then there is something wrong with an event."

Beni Hlongwane put the emphasis back in the home stating, "Don't expect pastors to babysit your children", while Maureen Gatharia reflected that "My best memories in church are from summer camps. Camps are growing – so now I am a volunteer I strongly feel we need more training for leaders." She added that as a result of Youth Ministry, "I have grown since I moved to this country!"

Health Ministries has also grown significantly over the past 3 years, perhaps due to the infectious enthusiasm of Health sponsor, Edith Samambwa. She commended a number of delegates who have lost weight. "You all deserve a hand. I have become more aware of how health improvement and the way we live has been showing on our faces", she stated. That weight loss emphasis did nothing to dampen the appetite of delegates as they enjoyed a wholesome vegetarian Sunday roast prepared by cheerful Belfast volunteers with helpers from young children to grandparents.
The range of health activities was astonishing including Expos in town centres and village halls, 'kids in the kitchen', men's and women's health weekends, cooking schools and health clubs. Health will also be one of the strong evangelistic strands of Mission to the Cities in 2014. Betty O'Rourke noted, "We have found it is a tremendous way of breaking down barriers in rural Ireland. I use the Catholic Church newsletter to promote our Expos. We now also run cookery classes in the Newmarket church – with 15 villagers coming."

As Pastor Weiers Coetser presented the Communication Report he confessed to being "a lover of technology, but short of time." Nevertheless, supported by the BUC Communication department, he achieved websites for most churches in Ireland, maintains the Irish section of the Adventist Church website, runs an active Facebook page, has helped build and run the ADC Ireland web presence, writes articles, populates photo galleries, and still has time to pastor two churches! The Nominating Committee voted him an assistant.

Mission to the Cities was the major and most important discussion of the day. While the major focus will be on Dublin, Pastor Keough thanked Pastor Neal for equally "making it a call for every other church in Ireland, for every individual to be involved and work for God in a big way."

Pastor Mark Finley, World Church evangelist will be a major speaker next year. To rapturous applause and enthusiasm, Pastor Neal presented every delegate with Finley's new book, 'What the Bible says about…' The Stanborough Press has graciously donated 1,000 copies as its contribution to Mission to Dublin.

With the Session scheduled to close at 4:30 pm, the Nominating Committee brought a report at 4:22 pm. It was referred back for minor adjustment allowing delegates to reflect on issues such as where tithe should be paid – where you worship or where you come from. Tom Batoon, Castleknock delegate and himself with loyalties both to Castleknock and his home country humorously stated, "When I eat in McDonald's I don't pay in Burger King." It was a point well taken yet balanced with Mr Pilmoor's caution that, "We sometimes need to feel the pain of those in transition and to understand their viewpoint."

Pastor Dan Serb, the most recent pastor to join the Irish Mission ministerial team took the opportunity to share the joy of working together. "There is sometimes a view that it is the pastors and the rest. We are in it together. Break down the barriers and work together."

That does seem to be the case in the small but complex geography and politics that make up the Irish Mission territory. Finally, gone 5 pm, the Nominating Committee presented its final report.
The following names will serve the Irish Mission for the next three years:

**Department Sponsors:**

Health: Ms Edith Samambwa.
Youth: Pastor Adam Keough, Pastor Ben Pontanar (Associate/Youth pastor – Greater Dublin area), Pastor Jeff Freeman (Associate Youth – Pathfinders).
Family Ministries, Trust Services, and Adventist Discovery Centre: Referred to the incoming Executive Committee.

**Executive Committee:**

Pastor David Neal ex-officio (President & Chair)  
Mr Victor Pilmoor ex-officio (Treasurer)  
Pastor Paul Lockham ex-officio (Secretary)  
Pastor Adam Keough  
Pastor Jeff Freeman  
Mrs Lynda Walker (Belfast)  
Ms Rebecca Matheson (Banbridge)  
Mr Bobby Johnston (Larne)  
Mrs Lilian Cooper (Newmarket)  
Mr Andrei Rotaru (Dublin Romanian)  
Mr Jeason Kanaraj (Dublin Ranelagh)  
Mr Ropo Dare (Dublin Castleknock)

The full Session Report book, the Credentials and Licences Report and a photo gallery can all be found on the Irish section of the Adventist Church website. More comments and information on the day can be seen on the Irish Mission and BUC News Facebook pages.

[Victor Hulbert]

**THE ONE PROJECT AT NEWBOLD COLLEGE**

The One project, a gathering of Adventists that focuses on the primacy of Jesus in their lives, has hit Britain for the first time in its three year history. The weekend of 1-3 November saw almost 200 people gathered at Newbold College to dialogue, listen and refocus on Jesus Christ as the centrality in the Adventist faith. A group of 12 pastors, lecturers and one nurse all preached on the theme of 'Jesus-All'. "The Christ-centred message" observes Dr Brown, "is compatible with the Newbold College mission statement, so Newbold was a natural place to have the first One project gathering in the United Kingdom."
Preachers included several South England Conference pastors, lecturers from Newbold College and speakers from the USA. It was positive and intentional that this gathering had a strong local flavour.

Pastor Sam Davis, South England Conference President was one of the preachers who asked the gathering "Are we so focused on doing church that Christ is overlooked? That we do Bible study on prophecy but miss seeing Christ?"

There were plenty of short sermons, but what makes this a different gathering is that each presentation is followed by 'round-table discussion' where leaders and laity, students and retirees meet to dialogue around the centrality of Christ in so many aspects of the Church and faith. "This dialogue is an integral part of the gathering", explains Pastor Kirsten Øster-Lundqvist, SEC Communication director. She has attended several gatherings. "Each dialogue is unique to each table, but the presence of the Holy Spirit clearly guides in the open ended discussions as similar thoughts and discussions echo throughout the room."

Those watching on live stream did express that "you probably had to be there" but were nevertheless blessed by the messages. They will shortly be available on demand, thanks to the efforts of the Newbold church media team.

"It's always good to be home and be able to connect with people who have impacted my life" stated British born pastor, Japhet De Oliveira, chaplain at Andrews University and co-director for the One project. "It was an overwhelming result, as people shared with me how much this gathering has renewed their faith, not only in Jesus but also in the Adventist Church."

With his guitar Pastor Nicholas Zork led in worship, and the hall was filled with passionate voices singing 'In Christ alone' as well as old favourites such as 'What a friend we have in Jesus'. It was a thoughtful mix of old and new songs.

Mervyn Weir, who facilitated a table discussion stated, "We need more of this emphasis. If this was the filter for everyone to go through to become a member, our church would be more effective." Edit Liebhart added, "It's been good to meet people and discuss important stuff." Several attendees expressed that it had been refreshing to refocus on Jesus.

The weekend culminated in a communion service with a blessing prayed over each person. Executive Secretary for the Trans-European Division, Pastor Audrey Andersson concluded, "It has been a real blessing to be here. I just wish everyone could have the
opportunity to come to the One project." To learn more about the One project and to find out about the next gathering, visit their website: <the1project.org>.

[Kirsten Øster-Lundqvist. Photos: Dan Sabatier]

THREE PASTORS ORDAINED/COMMISSIONED IN THE IRISH MISSION

A warm embrace by 600 people became an emotional conclusion to the Irish Mission Day of Fellowship for three special pastors and their wives. Pastors Stephen Wilson and Ben Pontanar were ordained, and Pastor Anthony O'Rourke was commissioned on Sabbath, 19 October 2013 at a special service hosted at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Blanchardstown, Dublin.

The personal significance of the event was clearly seen on the faces of the ordinands and their families as they were called onto the stage by colleagues who introduced them to the congregation. Pastor Gavin Anthony shared how refreshing it was to work with Ben Pontanar, a young pastor from the Philippines, who had no interest in personal power or politics, but a passion and an incredible calm disposition.

Stephen Wilson was introduced by Pastor Douglas McCormac who had supervised him in his years as an intern. Douglas had the privilege of watching Stephen grow up as a child. He observed Stephen's passion for ministry, a commitment to teamwork, and evangelism from an early age, especially his interest and skill in working young people in an urban context. In a hearted way Douglas explained that anything wrong with his ministry, it was Douglas who had to apologise to the church. The bond between the two pastors was evident, as was the mutual passion for being the best pastors that they could be.
There were misty eyes in the audience as Pastor David Neal introduced Tony O'Rourke, a senior minister who had followed a different spiritual pathway. Tony and Betty's journey involved significant change. Spiritually searching to discover the truth about God through the clear lens of scripture, rather than through the filter of the church, they were baptised together in Galway in 1992 by Pastor Eugene Taylor. An elder of the Galway church since 2000, the Lord quietly prompted Tony to consider full-time gospel ministry. In 2008 this prompting led him into denominational service.

Pastor Paul Lockham, BUC Executive Secretary, explained that there was very little difference between being an ordained minister and a commissioned minister. The two designations merely mark the different pathways into ministry. Locally, in the British Union and in Europe, ordained and commissioned ministers have exactly the same authority and status to perform their duties.

As the ministers and their families were introduced and took their seats on the stage, members of the various churches responded with special music and enthusiasm. There was no doubt from the size of the congregation and the response of the members that they hold their ministers in high regard.

The ceremony itself focussed on the vulnerability that accompanies pastoral ministry. Pastor Ian Sweeney, President of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the United Kingdom and Ireland referred to the challenging times in ministry, when church leaders want to give up. He affirmed that today's pastors were not alone. Jeremiah once prayed for his 'congregation' to die! Pastor Sweeney encouraged the pastors to keep their commitment strong, and exhorted the church members to continue supporting the pastors.

Pastor Wilson's response on behalf of the ordained pastors also reflected on the odds that are aligned against pastoral ministry. He reflected on a website that encouraged pastors to resign. "Pastors would serve the world better as counsellors or community workers, than as spiritual leaders." His response was to reaffirm the commitment of all three ministers to make God known through their lives and ministry.

Ordination also involves the family of the pastors. Mrs Jennifer Sweeney and Mrs Marci Neal, wives of the BUC and the Irish Mission Presidents, charged the pastors' wives to make it their sole concern to be good Christians and good mothers. That would allow many of the other demands to fall into the right place.
The ordination/commissioning of these ministers mark a continuing maturation of ministers in the Irish Mission, who currently employ ten pastoral workers to oversee the work in eighteen groups or congregations.

The service was one highlight in an all-day event that included presentations by the Dublin churches about their preparations for the 2014 Dublin City of Hope project, as well as a morning worship service led by Pastor Cedric Vine, lecturer in New Testament Studies at Newbold College of Higher Education.

Pastor Vine's presence at the Irish Mission Day of Fellowship had particular significance. Not only was he guest preacher, but he was there to celebrate with his cousin, Stephen Wilson as his call to ministry was recognised by the church. Cedric invited the congregation to dig deep into the Word expounding on stories from the Gospel of Mark to demonstrate Christ's example of encouraging faith. The full sermon can be [watched online](#) as can a recording of the ordination service.

The hall, which accommodates 600 people, was filled to capacity by members who had travelled by car and bus from across Ireland to attend.

A selection of photos of the event are available in the [Adventist church picture gallery](#).

[Weiers Coetser]

## BE YE TRANSFORMED: TEENS PRAYER & FAITH CONFERENCE

Over 200 teens gave up other half-term plans to attend the South England Conference (SEC) Teen's Prayer & Faith Conference (PFC), from Monday, 28 October to Friday, 1 November.

The Prayer & Faith Conference continues to be a life changing experience for many teenagers from around the SEC and Europe. Held at the Stanborough Park Secondary School, Watford, the teens came together to worship, pray and discuss their faith.

Pastor Donald Rolle, Youth Ministries director at the Central States Conference (USA), was the speaker for the week. He related his past experiences with what young people in today’s teen generation are going through. He challenged the teens with his last message, on Thursday evening, which was taken
from Romans 12:1-2. He urged each young person to be transformed by renewing their mind and striving for a stronger and better relationship with God.

"PFC was a great experience", commented Daniel Callender, from the New Life Adventist church. He enjoyed making new friends who shared similar beliefs. "Pastor Donald Rolle gave great words of encouragement and sermonettes. Going to PFC has allowed me to use what I have learnt through everyday life and gain a closer relationship with God."

It was more than sermons. The teens took part in workshops that focused on real issues that affect them. Discussions across a variety of topics were beneficial as they allowed each teen to ask questions that they might not feel comfortable asking anywhere else. Free time allowed some teens to participate in group activities including playing football, doing homework and revising for their exams.

The leaders also made sure there was time made to keep fit! Alvin McQueen took some teens through their paces early each morning. Those who survived the challenge all week were rewarded with metallic Bibles for their endurance.

The 'season of prayer' session was the highlight of every morning as the teens prayed together in groups. This was a special time as they connected with God, sharing their fears and needs.

"Wednesday night was the highlight of my PFC experience", enthused Meljude Fajardo, from Portsmouth Adventist church. "We had an amazing praise session after the evening service with the praise team; it was lively and amazing to see. We just carried on worshipping and praising God as if it was our last day on earth."

Thursday night was special, as young people gave inspirational testimonies of how God has worked in their lives. Many were left in tears as they witnessed the power of God for themselves or through someone else's experience.

At the end of the week, 24 teens decided to give their lives to Christ, deciding to move forward to baptism.

To see more photos of the week visit the Adventist Church picture gallery.

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CAMBRIDGE WORLD CULTURE FESTIVAL

Four Wednesday evenings in October saw Cambridge church members capitalizing on the opportunities of Black History Month to invite the community into their
building.

Each group presented snippets of their country and special items including traditional dance, music, and a little about their culture. "No church outreach programme is complete without a little food", shared one of the church members. So at the start of every evening, the kitchen doors were opened inviting all the visitors, church members and their guests to taste the delicacies each country offered.

The Philippines was represented on the first night, along with India, Peru, Brazil and Panama. A week later, the journey of discovery took everyone westward. While at first sight the Europeans – including the British – seem to be a minority at Cambridge church, a closer look reveals it is a strong minority with British, Bulgarians, Estonians, Germans, Lithuanians, Polish, Portuguese, Serbians, Spanish and Swedes.

From the jam and scones, toad-in-the-hole and Kåldol mar, tasting took a turn to a little extra spice as the learning moved south into Africa.

"Africa is not a country but a continent made up of 55 countries", said the proud Africans as they took to the stage to showcase the best of their motherland. Folks gathered around the table as they were served mouth-watering foods from all over the continent including mandhazi, dengu, rice with peanut butter, sadza or ugali, and vegetable relish.

Amazing facts about Africa then quashed some long held preconceived, sometimes ignorant and usually biased portrayal of the mother of nations. The capital cities' glitz, the lights, the splendour, the wildlife, the cultural diversity and 21st century pictures of Africa added to the recognition and appreciation of the work of the Lord across the continent. "The greatest good news of the night was that the Church in Africa continues to grow so rapidly in many of these countries."

The final week brought everyone across to North America, Canada and the Caribbean. These make up a fairly large portion of the church members, including those who are born in Britain; demonstrating the way culture is passed through generations, even while living in another country!

The idea of the month was not to share the differences between the various cultures alone, but to highlight the similarities, realising that there is good cause to be unified in the way we live together as a community, and work together as a church.

To bring this message home, another special invitation was extended to families, friends and neighbours for a special Culture Day titled 'Celebrating the Unity in Diversity'. This included a dynamic afternoon service with a parade of nations and national flags. The day continued into
the evening with an International Music Concert, attended by special guests from Plaistow in London, and other neighbouring churches in East Anglia.

Local pastor, Colin Stewart, tied the month together by sharing just how special God has made each nation, blessed with different gifts and strengths, which when working together can produce wonderful results for God's Kingdom.

Not only have countries been able to appreciate other cultures a little more, but the occasion has brought the gift of new friendships in the community – the best result of all.

[Cambridge Communication Team]

THE ONLY WAY IS UP

The October half-term break found the North England Conference (NEC) Pathfinder staff in training.

Sunday morning 27 October, revived by the extra hour of sleep, the clocks having been turned back, 16 NEC Pathfinder staff met in Derbyshire to undergo training in Mountain Leadership (ML) and Walking Group Leadership (WGL).

The training was required to enable the Pathfinder groups within the NEC to go out on climbs to the higher peaks in the country safely. After the introductions and what the courses entailed, the leaders were separated into their respective groups, 9 WGL and 7 ML.

The first climb to the summit of Mam Tor, with gusty winds up to 35 miles per hour blew us about like kites on a string as we climbed in the Dark Peak. The grit stone held us so no one slipped as showers fell. We came to train whatever the weather threw at us.
We were given features to identify and pinpoint our exact location, we were taught to express our locations through stories for each section of our journey. Night navigation was an important part of our training, we were given locations which we had to find on our maps using a torch for light before taking a bearing and pacing out the steps to it.

Rope work was introduced, climbing up steep crevasses and then lowering ourselves down again. Learning to position ourselves in a way that helped others, we were constantly made to demonstrate what we were taught. We had to show our instructors that we could get it right and do it safely.

On Tuesday 29 October while the WGL group were heading home the ML's were on their way to Wales to continue their training in Snowdonia. The mountains were higher and the winds stronger and the rain just kept coming down. The next three days saw us scrabbling over boulders to reach the summit, making judgements to find the most suitable way to reach the summit, experiencing night navigation in the hills and by Friday, using the skills taught throughout the week to lead a portion of a route using the features, the story and the landscape to pinpoint our position. During the debrief, one of the instructors, Neil, stated we were a fortunate group of people because we had a ready-made set of people with which to work and enhance our skills. He reminded us that this was a national qualification so we were not to limit ourselves to Pathfinders only.

Why did they do it? NEC Pathfinder director, Alan Hush said, "This year is all about equipping and strengthening our area coordinators and senior trainers. The aim of this training is to provide human resources for our clubs. Now our clubs can request trained personnel to go anywhere in the UK, thus connecting with nature and God in a way that was formerly prohibited."

And the trainees' response? "We have more opportunities to witness of the Lord's creative power as we are out in nature." Tired, soaked but satisfied the happy seven headed home thrilled to have completed our training by the grace of God. For we are certain He guided our steps and kept us from harm.

[John & Gloria Bishop]
ALSO IN THE NEWS

Celebrate the 10th year for an internet prayer ministry – with an opportunity to join in; learn more about Community Cooking Hubs and how they can make a difference; and Ilford church moves to its new 'synagogue' home at Coventry Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 4QR. Read all these articles and more on the news pages of the Adventist website.

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TV HIGHLIGHTS ON HOPE & REVELATION

Programme highlights for the coming week include:

On Revelation TV (Sky 581 or Freesat 692): In FaithTalks, Kirsten Øster-Lundqvist looks at 'Marriage and Divorce': Thursday 7 November, 8:30 pm, repeated Sunday 10 November at 1:00 pm. Next week, on Thursday 14 November, repeated Sunday 17 November:

Marriage and divorce.

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 8 November: 8:00 pm: In Conversation: Colleen Lewis – Christ in the marketplace, 8:30 pm: FaithTalks: Women and Faith, Midnight: The Journey: Sabbath Rest
Sabbath 9 November: 9:00 am: In Conversation: Paul Lockham – A faith rekindled, 7:00 pm: In Conversation: Colleen Lewis – Christ in the marketplace, 7:30 pm: FaithTalks: Women and Faith, 8:00 pm: The Journey: Iona and Worship
Monday 11 November: 12:30 pm: In Conversation: Vivienne Vine – The power of simple prayer,
9:30 pm: The Journey: Seeking the lost
Wednesday 13 November: 8:00 am: The Journey: Seeking the lost,
11:00 pm: In Conversation: Jim Cunningham – Life of a headteacher
Friday 15 November: 8:00 pm: In Conversation: Michael Omolewa – Faith at the top, in UNESCO,
8:30 pm: FaithTalks: Community through gospel music,
Midnight: The Journey: Sabbath Rest
Sabbath 16 November: 9:00 am: In Conversation: Colleen Lewis – Christ in the marketplace,
7:00 pm: In Conversation: Michael Omolewa – Faith at the top, in UNESCO,
7:30 pm: FaithTalks: Community through gospel music,
8:00 pm: The Journey: Seeking the lost

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COMING EVENTS

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Friday 8 - Sunday 10 November:
Crieff Study Weekend, Speakers Mike & Helen Pearson. Topic ‘Prayer’.
Welsh Mission Women's Ministries Weekend. Contact: Jennifer Rowell. Tel: 01432 880294.

Sabbath 9 November:
Netherfield Day of Fellowship & 'Christie and Friends' Concert, with preacher Dr David Marshall.

Saturday 9 November:
ADRA Gala Dinner, Watford. To purchase tickets at £75 each or discuss sponsorship opportunities please contact Sandra Golding at sgolding@adra.org.uk or call 07956 429522.

Sunday 10 November:
NEC church officers training days for 3 Sunday's starting today.
ABC Book & Food Sale, 10:00 am at Manchester South Seventh-day Adventist church.
Christmas Book and Craft Fair at the Stanborough Centre, 11 am - 3 pm. Profits will go to the Watford Peace Hospice.
Natural Hair and Beauty Day, Wolverhampton Central Adventist church @ 1:00 pm.
RESPECT – The Movie, UKCCA Arts Centre, 3 St Mary's Road, Luton LU1 3JA @ 6:00 pm. Admission: £10. Box Office: 01582 437111. https://respect-themovieluton.eventbrite.com/

Tuesday 12 November:
The Essential Energizer Talks, at the Stanborough Centre, Watford. Final programme of the series.

Thursday 14 November:
Introduction to British Sign Language, every week on Thursday until 12 Dec, 7:00 pm at Lewisham church. Cost £30.00. Email Michele Gordon at deafministries@lewishamadventist.org.uk.

Friday 15 November:
The Dialogue Café, doors open from 7 pm, starts at 7:30 pm at the Central London church.

Friday 15 - Sunday 17 November:
Scottish Mission Family Ministries Leadership Training weekend. Limited spaces, contact the Scottish Mission office for details: 01764 653257.

Sabbath 16 November:
Sanctuary Sounds Community Music Day at Palmers Green church. Lunch provided. Afternoon concert 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm.

Saturday 16 November:
Community Services Fundraising Concert, at 5 pm at Greenwich Adventist church. Free admission.
Derby Bethel Fundraising Concert, with the London Adventist Chorale at the Riverside Centre, Derby @ 6:00 pm. Tickets are available online at https://derbybethelconcert.eventbrite.co.uk/
Sunday 17 November:

ABC Book & Food Sale, 10:00 am at the John Loughborough School.

Mission to the Cities...for all – joint ASNA & BUC annual national Disability Ministries Conference for all leaders, 10:30 am - 4:30 pm at the Hilton Watford Hotel. Book your place now!

Oxford: City of Dreams, is a programme of music and drama that celebrates the history and musical heritage of Oxford. Oxford Town Hall @ 6:00 pm. Tickets: Adults £10.00; under 16 £5.00.

Friday 22 - Sunday 24 November:
National Lay Bible Workers’ Convention 2013 – Eastwood Hall Hotel, Nottingham. Closing date: 9 November 2013 is the deadline for all applications. Contact Catherine Palmer or 01923 672251.

Sabbath 23 November:
SEC Day of Cultural Diversity – first Day of Fellowship celebrating the diversity of our Conference under the theme, 'Make Us One'. Venue: The Dominion Centre, Wood Green.

Saturday 23 November:
Breath of Life Quartet Concert – The Dominion Centre, Wood Green. Doors open 6:30 pm, Event 7:30 pm. Tickets are £10 each and you can order yours by calling 07757 816316.

Sunday 24 November:
First Aid Training one day course – 10.00 - 17.00 at The Advent Centre. Cost £40.00.

‘Why We Believe’ – a play by Mark Grey at Balham church, 7:00 pm. www.WhyWeBelieve.net

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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SMALL ADS

THE WOMEN OF IMPACT CHORALE from Puget Sound Adventist Academy, Kirkland, Washington, USA (near Seattle) an 11 girl group ranging from ages 12-18 plan to visit England, Wales, and Ireland 11-25 June 2014. The chorale believes in the mission of sharing the gospel through music and have previously toured Argentina, Brazil, and Eastern Europe. They would like to draw up a tentative itinerary by 25 November. If you would be interested in a concert at your church during that period please contact Anita Dorland at agdmail@comcast.net.

INTERESTED IN THE LIFE OF THE LATE PASTOR DEREK BEARDSSELL? He wrote an autobiography which his family are now ready to print. His daughter, Beryl Emm, states, "There are many people who loved him and may want a copy of this book." If you are one of those people please let Beryl know so they can print sufficient copies. Email beryljemm@yahoo.co.uk to express your interest.

HOST FAMILY NEEDED. Vyacheslav, a married, Adventist gentleman from Russia would like to spend a few weeks in England with an English speaking family to help improve his language skills. He is willing to help with tasks around the house or in a voluntary capacity and/or to pay for his stay. If you would like more details, please email vfkenigsda@list.ru.

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