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PHILIPPINES: ADRA SUPPORT BRINGS CHRISTMAS HOPE
As we approach Christmas, ADRA continues to help the people of the Philippines affected by Super Typhoon Haiyan that struck last month.

A two-month emergency project that ADRA started a month ago continues to support communities on Panay Island through assistance with clean water, food packs, hygiene kits and shelter. Last week, ADRA distributed food packs to families in three more barangays/villages: Atiplo (239 families), Batobato (255 families) and Pawa (355 families).

ADRA was one of the first organisations to respond on the island of Panay where there were many unmet needs caused by the typhoon. Recently, ADRA has assessed the needs in Tacloban, and although there are many other organisations working in that area, there are still many unfulfilled needs. In the New Year, ADRA is planning to set up a base in Tacloban and partner with other NGOs and UN organisations to ensure the needs are also met there.

As well as meeting the immediate needs of the people during the emergency phase, ADRA has planned a recovery project to start in January using funds raised from around the world, including here in the UK. This project will help fishermen repair their boats, repair and replace fishing nets that were lost in the typhoon, provide an alternative source of income for families, and work to improve the communities' ability to survive any future storm. The project will support almost 9,000 people from fishing communities in Iloilo province, on the island of Panay.

Currently donations in the UK to the ADRA Haiyan appeal stand at £112,036. More money is still coming in with a number of Christmas concerts scheduled for the coming week. Visit the ADRA-UK Facebook page for more updates and for Tom's video blog during his recent trip to the Philippines.

[Tom Pignon / Zeny Cooper]

**APPLAUDING THE 2014 BUDGET**

This may be a new first in Adventist history. The 12 December British Union Conference Executive Committee burst into applause at the end of a 40 minute presentation of the 2014 budget.
BUC Treasurer, Victor Pilmoor, has presented budgets for longer than he cares to remember. This year he wanted to emphasise the mission behind all we do. Using the hymn, 'Tell out my soul the greatness of the Lord', he used various themes to demonstrate the purpose of every penny to be spent in the coming year. "Our simple mission is to 'Tell the world'," he stated. "Christians have a simple witness to speak to the greatness of the Lord, the wonder of His word, and to speak of His might and glory."

Each department of the Union was challenged to harmonise their budget request using a line from the hymn which is based on Luke 1:46-55. Victor adds, "Using the idea that 'the budget is the vision with price tags', balancing the budget was more about the balance of the mission rather than an obsession with arithmetic."

The overall projected tithe income for 2014 is £20.14m. Most of this is utilised for mission at Conference and Mission level. The BUC budget is £2.6m and is used for leadership and governance, administrative support, professional and departmental development and resourcing the Church across the British Isles. In a vivid visual presentation, Pilmoor demonstrated "the wealth of the Church's activity, the determination of our purpose and our commitment to the cause."

While the budget showed an increase, despite the difficult economic climate, the membership trend showed a dip in the other direction. During the third quarter membership dropped from 34,423 to 34,226. Should alarm bells be ringing? Not according to Paul Lockham, BUC Executive Secretary. He explained that one larger church had 'cleaned its books', a job that had not been done for very many years. "There is no point in having 400 members on your books if they are no longer there!" Accurate record keeping actually helps with the process of church growth. A membership audit is continuing in a variety of churches, and while in some it may see a drop in stated membership, in others it will see an increase as some baptisms have failed to find their way into the membership records. It is anticipated that year-end statistics will show an increase.

Among other items voted on the day was an approval for the South England Conference to proceed with the purchase of a new, representative office. The Conference has long outgrown the now fifty year old premises at 25 St John's Road.

With changing government regulations, the committee also completed an 18-month process of closing the current pension plan while opening a new one that adequately protects the needs of our retired ministers and staff.

The day closed with tribute given to Heather Haworth. Retiring at the end of the month, Heather has served for 17 years in the areas of Children's, Women's and Family Ministries. She was given a personal thank you at the committee and then a staff send-off a few days later at a BUC staff
SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM ACROSS THE UK AND IRELAND

"Christmas is ruined", states a light-hearted Ian Sweeney in his year-end Christmas message. As President of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the UK and Ireland he candidly noted that our debate should not be around Father Christmas and is he real or not! Rather, as Seventh-day Adventists, Christmas should be seen as an opportunity to enrich the lives of others. Can we make it a 'merry' Christmas in the true meaning of the word as we choose to serve others?

Christmas, Pastor Sweeney states, is about "Immanuel, God with us. Let us bring Immanuel to the people," he challenges, "letting them know that God can still be a positive presence in their lives." Watch the full message here.

Seasonal messages from leadership in the South and North Conferences as well as the Scottish and Welsh Missions will be released on www.hopetv.org.uk over the coming days. A message from Pastor David Neal and his team in Ireland was already released last week.

Dr Bertil Wiklander, President of the Trans-European Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church has written a year-end message for church members across Northern and Central Europe.

In wishing "all a good new year filled with God's grace", he notes the he has seen more baptisms in the TED than he can remember (looking at the European territories only). He states, "The Great Hope Project and the Mission to the Cities campaign took off, and a very successful Youth Congress was conducted. In September, we had the first joint Ministerial Meeting with the Hungarian Fellowship of Adventists, who separated from us in 1975, and the signs are now giving us positive hope for coming closer to them. The Field School for the London Mission to the Cities events in October, the Secular and Postmodern Conference and the TED Annual Council in November were also blessed and successful."

His conclusion is a fitting one for all of us: "I want to thank you all for your support and prayers. May God be honoured! May Christ be lifted up among us! And may the power of the Holy Spirit dwell in us and be shared through us! A blessed new year from the Lord to all!"

[BUC News]
"SWAP YOUR FEAR FOR FAITH" AT SEC TEENS DAY

Over 1,000 teens travelled to Westminster from across the UK, to worship together at the South England Conference's Teens Day of Fellowship, at the Emmanuel Centre, on Sabbath, 14 December.

"I am excited to have teens here today even from Birmingham in the North England Conference too", enthused Pastor Dejan Stojkovic, SEC Teens director. "I have been welcoming the teens as they arrive this morning and it has been great to see well-known faces mixed with a lot of new ones!"

Dynamic young speaker, Asher McKenzie, spoke about how fear makes us sceptical, selfish, scared and stubborn. He looked at the biblical stories of Daniel, David, Esther and Moses and how God was able to do amazing things through them. God rescued Daniel from lions, helped David defeat a giant and led Esther to save an entire race, all of this when they swapped their fear for faith.

"Today, I challenge someone to swap your fear for faith", said Asher. "When God replaced Moses' fear with faith, He was able to do something powerful. He will with you too."

"I felt like I needed to hear someone tell me their real, own experience with God today", commented Felisha Dume. "So, it really caught me when Asher told us about his experience of trying to get into a flight training programme at the RAF. The way that he gave himself, and his fear, over to God just allowed God to find that place on the programme for him."

The morning, led by Nana Bonnie, focused on overcoming daily challenges and emphasised the negative power of elements such as gossip.

"There's nothing more damaging than a bit of juicy gossip", claimed Nana, who has worked with the SEC Teens department for several years, lending a hand on their various events. He urged the teens to abandon the practice of gossip because of the way it can cause irreparable damage.
Throughout the day, all attendees had the opportunity to fill out a commitment card, allowing them to request Bible studies, baptism, prayer and more. As the day drew to a close with a lively concert, organisers were thrilled to find that 14 people had made the decision to get baptised and 36 more had requested to begin Bible studies.

To see a selection of photos of the day, go to the Adventist Church’s picture gallery or to the SEC Teens Facebook page.

The SECmedia team enjoyed capturing the day! Watch the short, summary video here.

[Katie Ramharacksingh]

REACHING MANCHESTER STUDENTS FOR JESUS

For me it started after watching the graduation of the Friendship Evangelism Class early this year. This was an initiative started by Manchester South members, Dr Judith Antwi and Reanne Allison after their 4 month intensive course at PEACE (Practical Evangelism Adventist Centre of Evangelism). I was convinced to enrol in the next class. We learnt the importance of making relationships with the aim to reach the community. We posted more than 10,000 flyers in a bid to reach at least one soul for Jesus.

Our search for a speaker who could deliver an appropriate message to a mainly student audience led us to PEACE co-ordinator, Craig Gooden, based in Southport. Among listeners to his message from 29 November – 14 December, was an international language student who came initially just to improve his English, a Manchester University student looking to have Bible studies, and another student, 'Love', who states that God was disturbing her sleep, telling her she must do something for Him.
During one presentation, Craig used volunteers from the audiences to illustrate Satan's attempt to do away with God's Law. Two of the volunteers happened to be visiting the church for the first time. After participating they realised the importance of the Ten Commandments and how it wasn't enough to follow just the six used by the law of the land, but also the four that show God's love.

By the end of the last presentation 'What will heaven really be like?' Craig had painted such a vivid picture that the alter call brought everyone out of their seats to the front, for the final prayer. Friendships made here will continue in heaven.

[Del Chambers / Manchester South Communication Team]

**UNDER 10'S LEAD COMPLETE SABBATH SERVICE**

On the last weekend of November, the Newbold Adventurer Club hosted a weekend of events to encourage other children in the community to join their club. This included a worship service on Sabbath, led completely by the children (aged 4-9) - with even the message delivered by the children!

Invitations were created so that Adventurer children could invite their friends from school to the activities happening over the weekend which began on Friday evening, 29 November, with a short vespers service in Moor Close chapel.

The uniqueness of starting the Sabbath was the theme introduced by Pastor Patrick Johnson, senior pastor of Newbold church. Three Adventurer Club staff members shared a little insight into their family Friday night traditions. Then the Busy Bees got everyone involved by teaching the congregation a lovely action song, and after a prayer there was feasting on sweet clementines and biscuits – a chance for the adults to chat – and for the children a wonderful time to run around and play.

Although they are aged from just 4 to 9 years old, the next day, the Newbold Adventurer children led a wonderful Sabbath service all by themselves. The service opened with the Builders class leading the congregation in song, accompanied by the band [Marco on piano (9), Reuben on bongos (8) and Sara on guitar (6)]. The offering was then collected by some of the lovely Little Lambs, while the rest of the class sang 'Hear the pennies dropping', followed by a beautiful prayer by Enno (5). To celebrate the start of the Christmas season, the Eager Beaver class then sang a song about Mary and the angel Gabriel. Christopher Braga (8) and Tawanda Chengeta (9) delivered the message with a wonderful sermonette about the ways that God blesses us with His gifts. It was the first time that most of the congregation had ever received the message from such
young speakers, and it was so powerful! The service closed with the Sunbeams and the band, leading the congregation in a final song.

The following day, on Sunday, the Adventurer club held a 'taster' session – a short meeting – so that new children could come along and see what sorts of activities happen during meetings. And, after a very busy weekend, the children were overjoyed to attend the end of year Christmas party that same evening at Kids'n'Action (a soft play centre) – what a wonderful end to the Adventurer year at Newbold Church!

[Maria Rosenquist]

**ANNUAL TOY SERVICE AT STANBOROUGH PARK CHURCH**

A half-century tradition continued at Stanborough Park church on Sabbath, 14 December as members dug deep into their pockets to purchase and donate new toys for needy children in the Watford area.

Hundreds of toys festooned the front of the church for the Annual Toy Service. Organised by Pat Walton, a tireless fundraiser for good causes, the toys are collected from the church and distributed to needy families by social workers who know where the toys will find good homes.

Pat states, "The social workers from various institutions who are working in the children's sector are delighted with the toys that they give to the families they are working with." For many of the recipients it's a lifeline as otherwise their children would be in danger of missing out on Christmas.

Receiving the toys on behalf of the children, Mayor Dorothy Thornhill thanked the congregation for their generosity and reminded those present that although the economic situation was improving there were still many needy families in the area who would benefit from these toys.

Pat commented, "The Toy Service always gives me a thrill especially when I see the children coming down the aisle onto the platform to put their toys in the sacks. Some of the children do struggle to put their toy which they do not want to part with into the sack.

"It is also very rewarding to receive the toys ahead of Saturday morning from older folk in the church who seem so delighted to be giving a toy to a child this Christmas."
The event was reported in the Watford Observer, giving further opportunity for witness and to explain Adventist belief and practice in the comments section.

[June Coombs]

**RAW FOOD CHRISTMAS FOR LEAMINGTON**

Members at Leamington Adventist Mission may be changing their festive diet following an informative Health Day presentation on Sabbath, 14 December.

"Oohhh! I'd like to have a go at making that!" "That looks colourful and interesting!" "That tastes really good!" These were just some of the remarks as members enjoyed a healthy food tasting class in the afternoon programme. It was hosted by Naomi Watson and Tilly Harrison, both very good cooks.

The whole day had a Health Emphasis. This included spiritual and physical renewal. In the morning guest speaker, Dr Christopher Levy, preached about sleep. He highlighted the biblical references to sleep and the balance needed between adequate sleep to restore our bodies but not excess. He also gave tips to help fall asleep – though not during the sermon!

At lunchtime the hospitality team served an excellent, vegetarian potluck. The lively afternoon presentation was then supported by informative slides and quality sample dishes.

Alternatives for traditional Christmas recipes were considered. The focus was on raw food recipes, mostly vegan, as these contain the highest nutritional content. Naomi’s enthusiasm for this subject was particularly evident and a fitting testimony. As part of her recovery from cancer, about six years ago, she changed to a largely raw food diet and has since enjoyed good health.

People were surprised and delighted with the new tastes from different raw food combinations. We thank God for all the good things He has provided and are now looking forward to trying the new recipes at home.

[Lorraine Glinton]

**ADVENTIST MUSLIM RELATIONS COORDINATORS' ENVISIONING DAY**
The Adventist Muslim Relations (AMR) department hosted an envisioning day on Sunday, 8 December at the Advent Centre, London. Recognising that many churches are located in Muslim neighbourhoods, the theme of the day was, 'What is your vision for the Muslim community around your church?'

Pastor Petras Bahadur, South England Conference AMR director, had invited colleagues from the Conference office to share their vision. This included Pastor Sam Davis, SEC President who emphasised that, "we should not ignore the fact that our church programmes should be tailored to meet the needs of the local community, also when the community is a Muslim community."

The importance of preparing oneself for outreach, and how to practically prepare for the programmes, was presented by Pastor Terry Messenger, SEC Executive Secretary, while Pastor Emmanuel Osei, SEC Ministerial Association director and Prayer coordinator, spoke about the importance of prayer and took time to pray for Pastor Bahadur and his family.

Testimonies were heard from new Christians. Some had struggled with the dietary concepts in the majority of Christian churches but were excited to learn that the Adventist Church adheres to a biblical diet which is closer to a Muslim traditional diet.

"I am so thankful that many churches are seeing the need to engage with their Muslim community", says Pastor Bahadur. "Ten years ago our churches had little impact in connecting with the Muslim community but today we have around forty coordinators, who are working with their local areas to strengthen this ministry."

[Kirsten Øster-Lundqvist with Petras Bahadur]

**PERSONAL REFLECTIONS ON MANDELA**

As I stood there on Robben Island peering into Mandela's prison cell I contemplated for a moment what it must have been like to have been incarcerated in such a confined space, on a remote leper colony, off the Cape Coast for nearly three decades; only to forgive those who finally freed him, bringing to an end the atrocities of apartheid and heralding in the dawn of the new South Africa with Mandela as head of state.

As these and other thoughts raced through my mind I asked myself a question: As a Church have we been incarcerated on an island of our own making, imprisoned for over 150 years by our refusal to deal with the very issue that led to
Nelson Mandela being imprisoned for 27 years, that of discrimination, prejudice and institutional racism within our own ranks?

David R Williams, a noted Adventist professor at Harvard University stated, "Of all the major institutions in our society, the church is still the most segregated. Americans of different races work together, play together, study together, and entertain each other. But seldom do they pray or worship together."

While he is speaking to an American audience we need to ponder on whether there are lessons for us to learn this side of the Atlantic.

Nelson Mandela said, "I hate racial discrimination most intensely and all its manifestations. I have fought all my life; I fight now, and will do so until the end of my days." That is a very appropriate message for the Church to take on board.

Seventh-day Adventists have a significant end-time message to share with the world. It would be a shame for that message to be hampered because we refuse to deal properly, sincerely and sensitively with the issue of race, colour, culture and creed within Adventism both locally, nationally, and globally.

Perhaps our brothers and sisters in Mandela's new South Africa can show us the way forward on this issue. In a statement prepared for the Truth and Reconciliation Committee by the Adventist Church they stated, "We are constrained therefore by the love of God that has grown more keenly in our hearts to confess that we have misrepresented the gospel of Christ in our sins of omission and commission regarding apartheid. We realize that this has had a hurtful effect on our society, on our corporate Church and its individual members. We are deeply sorry and plead for the forgiveness of God and our fellow citizens."

Is it not time as we commemorate 70 years since the establishment of regional Conferences in the United States that a concerted effort be made by our leaders to seek to amalgamate both black and white Conferences in a show of unity as was and is the case in South Africa today? The 15 million members of the Southern Baptist Convention led the way with this back in 1995. They passed a resolution at their Atlanta session to reconcile racially.

Britain is clearly a different place to America and integration has worked in a different way. But perhaps in the British context more can be done in the area of intentionally planting multicultural 'All Nations Churches', as is the case with the Sureway Community church run by a lay person, the London Live church, and the Camberwell All Nations church. As Pastor Ian Sweeney, President of the British Union Conference, rightly notes, we are called to be salt and light in our communities. That means reaching out to those who may be diverse and different to me. It means coming out of my comfort zone both in my daily life and in my worship experience.

This can be done. All that is needed is a coalition of the willing moving under the auspices of Jesus Christ.

The South England Conference recently organised its first-ever Cultural Diversity Day of Fellowship bringing together approximately 1,800 people from different countries and cultures to celebrate the gift of cultural diversity and to recognize what a blessing it has been to the Conference. Members came dressed in their cultural regalia to celebrate under the theme, 'Make Us One'. They were asked to share contact details with each other on specially designed, Make
Us One contact cards, encouraged to plan exchange programmes, and at lunchtime share their cultural food with someone of another culture.

The SEC is committed to celebrating and recognizing the strength and blessings of cultural diversity within the Conference with the intention of standing together, walking together, working together, and building God's kingdom together!

As we lay Mandela to rest may we not rest until what he lived for and died for becomes a reality in our own Church... That we may be one!

[Richard de Lisser]

ABERDARON ADVENT CAMPSITE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Aberdaron Advent Campsite will be celebrating fifty years of youth and family ministry in 2014. To prepare for the celebrations they would like to hear from anyone who has a recent or old story, fond memory or special memory of their time spent at Aberdaron. Please send your story to Aberdaron Advent Campsite, using the address at the end of the article.

In addition, the anniversary celebrations will include a new logo – and the design could be yours!

We would like everyone to get involved so have opened the design up to you. Here are the categories and prizes:

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The overall winner will have their logo used and will receive an extra prize of 2 days of outdoor activities with Aberdaron's outdoor activity advisor (date to be mutually agreed).

Please send your competition entries to Aberdaron Advent Campsite. Closing date for entries: 31 March 2014. Winners will be notified by post and announced at the 50th Anniversary Weekend, 16-19 May 2014.

As part of Aberdaron Advent Campsite 50th anniversary celebrations we have special rates for chalet bookings during 2014.
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For bookings, memories and competition entries, here is the address: Aberdaron Advent Campsite, Glan-yr-Afon, Anelog, Aberdaron, Pwllheli, LL53 8BT. T: 01758 760281. E: enquiries@aberdaroncamp.com.

[Les Simpson]

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THE BUC NEWS TEAM**

It is your positive encouragement that keeps the *BUC News* team motivated from week to week. In the season of goodwill those messages seem to increase. For instance, Rosemarie writes, "Just a note to thank you for the newsletters every week. It is so good to be able to keep up with what is happening… Thank you for all the work you put into it and all the other things you do."

It would be easy to become self-congratulatory, but *BUC News* is a team effort that starts with good reporting at a local church level that is supported by efficient Communication directors and sponsors at Conference and Mission level, and then a small, committed team to edit, proofread, pull the videos and the webpages together, and generate content that we believe lives up to our motto: Inform, engage, inspire.

Towards the end of his Gospel the disciple John writes, "Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name." [John 20:30-31] He wrote his testimony as a witness. It is that same witness that gives purpose to *BUC News* and the Mission of the Church.

The Communication and Media team thank you for your contributions, comments, constructive criticisms and support, and also wish you God's richest blessings for 2014 and beyond. We will be taking a break over Christmas but look forward to serving you again in the New Year.

[BUC News]
SEASONAL HIGHLIGHTS ON HOPE & REVELATION TV

Enjoy the London Adventist Chorale at Christmas in specially commissioned programmes to be shown both on Revelation and Hope Channel.

This will be the last specific listing for Hope Channel programmes in BUC News as Hope Channel Europe ceases transmissions on 31 December 2013. However, remember to purchase your Roku box to gain access to a vast variety of Hope Channel and other Adventist programming. Roku transmits programming via the internet. Simply connect it to your HD ready TV and the wireless internet in your house. These boxes are currently on special offer in Currys and other electrical suppliers in the run-up to Christmas.

Programme highlights for the coming week include:

On Revelation TV (Sky 581, Freesat 692 and Roku): Enjoy the London Adventist Chorale Christmas programme part 1, Thursday 19 December, 8:30 pm, repeated Sunday 22 December at 1:00 pm: Then next week, on Thursday 26 December, repeated Sunday 29 December enjoy part 2 of the glorious music from these award-winning Adventist musical ambassadors.

In January a brand new series of 'In Conversation' will air on Revelation TV. Guests include Richard Shaw, a Disability coordinator in Derby who, though brought up atheist, found the faith of one of his carers irresistible; Debbie Higgenes, another atheist whose reading of C S Lewis's Mere Christianity, changed her life; Julian Hibbert, Editor of Messenger, who shares some of his background and motivation for ministry, and Gwenton Sloley, a London based gangster and armed robber who now points people in a new direction. The first programme, to air Thursday, 2 January will follow the journey of Pastor Geert Tap from Holland, the Newbold and now to the Central London church.

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 20 December: 8:00 pm: In Conversation: Richard Poulton – Legalism moves to grace,
8:30 pm: FaithTalks: Faith on the waves,
11:00 pm: London Adventist Chorale at Christmas pt 1.
Midnight: The Journey: The angels' song

Sabbath 21 December: 9:00 am: In Conversation: Robert Hinds – Farming and faith,
11:00 am: London Adventist Chorale at Christmas pt 1,
7:00 pm: In Conversation: Richard Poulton – Legalism moves to grace,
7:30 pm: FaithTalks: Faith on the waves,
8:00 pm: The Journey: Masada,
10:00 pm: London Adventist Chorale at Christmas pt 2
Monday 23 December: 12:30 pm: In Conversation: Mike Logan – Finding God in the rough times,
9:30 pm: The Journey: The Sanctuary,
10:00 pm: FaithTalks: Faith and Stress,
10:30 pm: London Adventist Chorale at Christmas pt 2
Tuesday 24 December: 10:30 pm: London Adventist Chorale at Christmas pt 1
Wednesday 25 December: 8:00 am: The Journey: The Sanctuary,
11:00 pm: In Conversation: Tim Pignon – What makes an ADRA employee?
11:30 pm: FaithTalks: Faith and Stress
Friday 27 December: 8:00 pm: In Conversation: Wayne Erasmus – Pastoring across cultures,
8:30 pm: FaithTalks: Churches and gang culture,
11:00 pm: London Adventist Chorale at Christmas pt 2,
Midnight: The Journey: Hiroshima
Sabbath 28 December: 12:30 am London Adventist Chorale at Christmas pt 1,
9:00 am: In Conversation: Richard Poulton – Legalism moves to grace,
11:00 am: FaithTalks: C S Lewis,
7:00 pm: In Conversation: Wayne Erasmus – Pastoring across cultures,
7:30 pm: FaithTalks: Churches and gang culture,
8:00 pm: The Journey: Sanctuary,
10:00 pm: London Adventist Chorale at Christmas pt 2

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COMING EVENTS

Friday 20 December:
Free Family Christmas Fun Day – DBK. Dream Big Kidz presents a free fun day for the family to enjoy, from 11:00 am.

Saturday 21 December:
Night of Worship and Praise – Community of Hope, at the Bishop Latimer Church. Doors open 5:00 pm. Concert starts at 6:00 pm. Tickets: Adults £5.00; Children under 11, £1.00. Refreshments on sale.
Christmas Concert in aid of the Kent Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre. Venue: Simon Langton School for Boys, Canterbury, Kent CT4 7AS. Start time: 17:00.
Why We Believe – a play by Mark Grey at Tottenham (Holcombe Rd), 5:00 pm.
www.WhyWeBelieve.net
Hounslow Cornerstone Winter Fundraising Concert, @ 7:00 pm. Free entry.

Sunday 22 December:
A Christmas Carol live at Moor Close. Tickets: Adults £5, Children £2.50, Family £12. 4:30 pm & 7 pm. Phone: 01344 401792. Proceeds from the event go to a local charity.

Tuesday 24 December - Wednesday 1 January:
Advent Shelter 2013. For more information, please contact Elsie Staple: estaple@secadventist.org.uk; 01923 232 728 or Natalie Bryan: nsimon@secadventist.org.uk; 020 7723 8146. Advent Shelter Volunteer Application Form.

Wednesday 25 December:
Christmas Lunch at Holloway Church. If you have made no other plans for Christmas Day, why not join Holloway Seventh-day Adventist church for a traditional Christmas lunch, 12 - 4 pm.
Sabbath 28 December:
Lewisham Homecoming Day. We are inviting all friends, both local and from further afield to come to join us. There will be soul-searching preaching during the 11:00 am worship service and a special time of musical praise and worship during the evening’s service, starting at 5:15pm.

Saturday 28 December:
Tottenham Gospel Choir and Friends in Concert. Book your tickets now! See poster for details. A portion of the proceeds will be given to support the Philippines typhoon appeal. Start time: 7:00 pm.

A Taste of The Divine – will be an evening of praise, thanksgiving and fine dining set amidst beautiful surroundings. Location: The Hilton London Paddington, W2 1EE. Dress Code: Tuxedos and Gowns. Time: 7:00 pm. For tickets call: 07985 262 378 / email: hanwellsocials@gmail.com.

Wimbledon Teens Banquet. An end of year banquet with food, photoshoots, games and FUN! Age range: 12-21. Contact egungaloo@yahoo.com for more details. £5 entry commencing at 19:30.

Wednesday 1 January 2014:

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SMALL ADS

ABERDARON ADVENT CAMPSITE ACTIVITY INSTRUCTORS. Aberdaron Advent Campsite, in conjunction with the NEC Youth & Pathfinder departments, is looking to develop its range of outdoor activities and require volunteers to train as activity instructors. If you have an interest in outdoor pursuits (such as kayaking, sailing, climbing, archery, and such like) with the possibility of developing these skills into a supplementary earner or full-time career please send your CV in the first instance to Aberdaron Advent Campsite, Glan-yr-Afon, Anelog, Aberdaron, Pwllheli, LL53 8BT or email it to: enquiries@aberdaroncamp.com.

STANBOROUGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSURY. Stanborough Secondary School has a number of scholarships and bursaries available for the 2014/15 academic year. Full details and application deadlines on our website.

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