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GOING ONCE, GOING TWICE - SOLD!

Church members from across the UK and Ireland have been demonstrating their creativity with fundraising activities for this year's ADRA Annual Appeal. With just a few days left to collect here are a few of the things your fellow volunteers have been up to. If you're still stuck for ideas on how to support the Adventist Development and Relief Agency then read on!
Leamington Spa Adventist Mission held their Annual ADRA Auction on Saturday evening, 29 March. Each year they invite members and friends to a light meal of soup, rolls and cake, with the proceeds given to ADRA. This is followed by an opportunity to browse through various items donated to be auctioned.

In the midst of much banter, laughter and fun, the church ultimately raised £270. More may come as senior member, Hazel Layland's demonstration of a hula hoop went viral among her friends on Facebook – stimulating her to ask for further donations.

Members at Darlington church packed shopping bags in a local supermarket and managed to raise a whopping £512, as reported in their local paper, the Northern Echo.

The small Isle of Man church has set itself an ambitious target, as highlighted in Isle of Man Today. The group, in their high visibility jackets, are becoming a well-known and welcomed part of the island community – and are possibly the highest per capita fundraisers in the British Isles.

This Sabbath Kennington Community Fellowship in London is organising an all-day ADRA Fundraiser including, in the evening, a Cake Bake/Sale, an auction where they will be selling people's skills and concluding with a social.

Many Adventist Facebook users have chosen to highlight ADRA as their cover photo for a few days. The ADRA-UK Facebook page has provided a series of choice photographs.

And, for all you athletes out there, don't forget the SEC ADRA Fun Run is scheduled to take place on Sunday, 27 April at Crystal Palace.

For more information or other fundraising ideas please visit the ADRA website or Facebook page.

[Fabrice Baker-Livingstone]

WITH LOVE FROM BETHEL

Being a light in the community is sometimes easier said than done. There is the fear of rejection, the risk of cramming too much information in one go, the hunt for quick results… then
discouragement.

However, Derby Bethel Adventist church has embarked on a different route, focusing on 'compassion'. Last year a church member launched the idea of reaching out to the community in need by providing life essentials such as clothing and food. By Christmas they launched their first 'Gifts Giveaway' aimed at the children in the surrounding community.

The idea was simple: church members donated brand new items (clothing, toys, books etc.) or good quality second-hand items. Then the community was invited to the church for a relaxed afternoon away from the hustle and bustle of Christmas shopping. Many attended and said how they loved the idea and were delighted by the scope of choice available for their children. The following evening, people were invited back for a free supper. We discovered that Christmas is a great occasion and opportunity to initiate or reignite relationships.

On Mother's Day, 30 March, we doubled the fun as a dedicated and enthusiastic team organised a themed event based on the same model: Gifts Giveaway and Free Evening Meal (with a food bank available to all). With an increase of 20% in attendance, this event was another success.

Thanks to the generous donations and great support from Bethel church members, dedicated prayers and planning, the event was very positively received, with 100% of respondents quoting the event as 'excellent'.

"This encouraging feedback gives a new spring in our step. We praise God for this success. We know He is doing something in our hearts and in the community", stated event organiser, Clarisse Elysée. She added, "Our vision is to reconnect with people from our community, and show that we genuinely care. We want to be Jesus' hands and feet where He placed us."

'With Love From Bethel' has now expanded to Facebook in order to share its mission, updates, events and stay connected with its target audience.

Catering Manager, Lavern Haslam, shared how thrilled she was to be part of such outreach activity: "I am so blessed to be part of it. God is using my talents to the fullest. I thoroughly enjoy doing His work. Managing the catering team and having a nice conversation with our guests during and after the events – this brings me great joy."

This is just a first step in establishing positive and sustainable relationships with the Derby community. Clarisse concludes, "We have now reviewed the results of the need assessment survey and are actively preparing for the Easter weekend where we'll implement some of the feedback received."
RWANDA AFTER 20 YEARS: NOTHING... BUT TOO MUCH

This week marks the 20th anniversary of the genocide in Rwanda. Twenty years is almost nothing... but is also too much.

I was 20 years old. I had a very brave and beautiful Christian fiancée, who followed me to 'the ends of the earth'. Today she is my wife and has given me two wonderful children. We are still brave, Christian, and a wonderful family, but today my heart grieves for families that I left behind in Rwanda. I don't know if they could start a family, or even if they are still alive. I certainly know of several that no longer are.

It is never nice to commemorate this kind of anniversary. Lots of names are piling up in my mind. Dassany was the central story of a Mission Quarterly report many years ago, telling the story of his conversion. He died dramatically in Kigali. Ranjan Kulasekere was a missionary, originally from Sri Lanka, he was murdered on the stairs in front of his house, the same spot where we had shared endearing moments.

Then there was Efrem, our tireless translator into Kenyarwanda and Swahili. Years later I knew he got married and started a new home. Alfonsine, the cook, widowed during the war, and witness of the horrible death of her own children, right in front of her. Mass graves on the roadside, lifeless gazes, people dragging their feet together with what little, if anything of their life was left.

This morning my mind was blocked due to a flood of terrible images coming out of the oblivion drawer, simply triggered by reading the news. The heist of a 15-year-old soldier, pushing the barrel of his machine gun against my face, my angry reaction to that scared teenager (my Lord, I think now... and I rather do not think about it anymore).

The fearful shouting of one of our translators when I lost track of the road and ran the car into what he said was a minefield, carefully stepping back on our own tracks. The 11-year-old child to whom we gave a ride from Mugonero, heading to Kigali, who dropped a grenade from his pocket because of a pothole on the road. Five hours to drive just 90 km.
Our team was unique, Dolores Gascón (nurse), Miguel Gracia (paediatrician), Pablo Gracia (logistics and laboratory supervisor), Susana De Madariaga (nursing assistant) and myself (logistics and communications). We worked in situations that test fortitude, that build, brand and model character for life, and make decisions that will shape the future of many.

Where is God's image in this nonsense, in this madness soaked in pain? Although it may seem unbelievable, it is there, hidden, waiting. For I also remember the beautiful smiles of children running and waving by my car window, despite their eyes already showing the signs of having witnessed something that nobody should ever see in their entire life. Children shouting with joy for life, suddenly smuggling themselves quickly to the first hiding place, just because one of us pulled his hand from the pocket to pull out... a gun? They know nothing but a camera suddenly can be perceived as a threat.

I also remember Kigali marketplace the first week. Empty. Serious. Frugal. Scarce in food and people. I recall also the same marketplace two months later. Bustling, crowded, alive. One scream echoed across the street, giving me goosebumps. I turned my head, and after two seconds, I heard a loud cry of joy. Two ladies had re-encountered each other in front of the post office. Both were alive!

Returning to the ADRA headquarters in Kigali, another joy: Monique, a secretary, had just heard that one of her five children, a 12-year-old, was still alive in Goma. She didn't care anymore about borders or distances.

Life makes its way through the midst of disgrace. The image of God emerged. The stories told during morning worships at the dispensary were shocking. Tests of faith. People who were faithful to God, to their wives and families, despite the price of their entire family's lives. Others who survived at the highest price, that of their own souls, agreeing to kill blood of their blood to save their own life.

Bible verses took on new meaning, "Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown" (Rev. 2:10 NIV), "while we wait for the blessed hope – the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13 NIV), among many others. Hymns such as 'When the roll is called up yonder' and 'Shall we gather at the river' became our most sung favourites.

Blossoms follow fire. After the genocide, even during it, new babies were born. Life bloomed once again. Twenty years have now passed. I cannot, must not, do not, want to forget. We must avoid the repetition of history.

Those days made my childhood dreams come true, to become a 'missionary'. But you never really know what is to come. I kept a diary over those months. Today I realized that the diary has not been opened since. It has sat closed for 20 years. It is somewhere at home but the things recorded in it have never been forgotten.

Stanic, a Bosnian friend of mine, messaged me in Madrid today with an interesting question: "Pedro, what is your conclusion about all that happened?" My answer: "All this pushed me to definitely study theology and become a pastor." Stanic lives in a country with its own dramatic story, yet launched a second question at me: "Is there any chance to understand all that mess?"

The truth is no. Evil has no explanation, and it cannot be understood. My answer is simple: "The world
will never, ever change. Only the Second Coming of Jesus Christ will do it, and the Gospel has to be preached in order to reach that point. That was my point, and ever since I have been in a constant search for more efficient ways of sharing the Gospel, leading me to where I am now, mass media preaching."

Another tough question followed: "So you don't actually believe in social impact? I mean, in all these ideas of reaching communities through different ways?"

My answer reflects the personal drama of any Christian who is living their life in the best way: "I do, but not as a solution. It is a worthwhile must, but meanwhile we pursue our main duty, finishing the massive preaching of the Gospel to the entire world." I finished with a few words: "There are... and will be changes... just keep pushing."

For Rwanda, 20 years is nothing... but is also too much. And for me? The years fly by with a longing for the soon return of Jesus to this world. That gives me renewed energy for my task: communicating the good news.

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More: Francene is a genocide survivor. Hear her tell her remarkable story of survival and forgiveness in an [archive audio recording from 2004](#). This was her first time to tell her story in public. It was shared across the world on the English Language Service of Adventist World Radio.

[Pedro Torres]

**RAW CUISINE AT WESTON COOKING CLUB**

Raw food enthusiast, Luisa Hulbert, wooed attendees with her preparation of a selection of raw food recipes at Weston-Super-Mare Adventist church’s fortnightly cooking club, on Thursday, 3 April.

A new concept to many of those who attended the vegetarian cooking club, the raw food line-up included beetroot ravioli, courgette spaghetti with a sun-dried tomato sauce, a green smoothie, stuffed cabbage leaves and a rich chocolate cake topped with avocado frosting!
"I was interested in the idea of raw 'cooking', not to become 100% raw, but I'm a person who likes to do different things", Luisa explained. "So, I came across the raw food and I thought, that is a challenge. You are so used to eating food cooked, and especially so used to certain flavours, that this is definitely a different way of doing it!"

Accompanied by her husband, Victor, and supported by an enthusiastic group of local helpers, Luisa whipped up samples of each recipe so that all the curious, and some sceptical, attendees could sample the raw food cuisine.

"I've been coming for four years", commented Janet McArdle, "and they are all lovely people. I feel that they don't push religion on me but I've learnt a lot. I have to admit that I'm not vegetarian, but I do take quite a bit on board from the club. I've definitely changed my diet over the past four years and even cooked some of the recipes I've learnt here for my children, who are in their forties now, and they loved it!"

The cooking club has been running for six years and will celebrate it's seventh birthday this October. It is one of the ways the Weston Adventist church provides opportunities for members of their community to engage in weekly activities. Geared towards serving, including and engaging their community, they also run craft clubs, day trips and retreats, as well as extending invitations for people to join their weekly church services.

That was certainly the case this week, as attendees from Thursday night returned on Sabbath to hear Luisa's husband, Pastor Victor Hulbert, both preach in the morning, and share a seminar on forgiveness in the afternoon. In the run-up to Easter cooking club members also have a special invitation to a flower arranging exhibition on Sabbath, 12 April where Audrey Balderstone will tell the story of the Passion through the medium of flowers.

Wayne Erasmus, Weston's pastor, is enthusiastic about the different types of activities that are available to the community and especially what it means for the growth of the church.
"If Weston doesn't make a reasonable, valuable and positive impact on it's community, it will die", he stated. "I'm glad that our members see these community activities as a way for our church to grow. Today, we have seen Luisa take us on a gastronomic journey, preparing amazing concoctions and allowing us all to sample the raw food diet. We've all had a new experience!"

The next cooking club will be held at the Weston-Super-Mare Adventist church on Thursday, 17 April, from 6:45pm. To find out more information, please visit the Weston-Super-Mare church's website weston.adventistchurch.org.uk, or email Pastor Wayne Erasmus werasmus@secadventist.org.uk.

A short highlights video of the evening is available as well as photos of the event on the Adventist Church's picture gallery.

[Katie Ramharacksingh]

1000+ PRAYERFULLY QUILLED CARDS

"Imagine what the Holy Spirit of God can do through a small piece of paper decorated with selfless love." These were the words of Ana Carolina, a member of the Drumcondra Seventh-day Adventist church as she reflected on a creative outreach project that her congregation has embarked on in Dublin since February 2014. Over a period of several weeks volunteers made over one thousand quilled cards with encouraging messages. These cards were then handed out to members of the public in Dublin streets.

Lindita Vani tells the story. "It started with wanting to go around and ask strangers on the streets of Dublin: 'Are you single?' on Valentine’s Day and wanting to make their day by giving them a card with a simple Bible verse, 'Love is … 1 Corinthians 13'.

"Then International Women’s Day was approaching and the media was giving statistics about the high number of women experiencing abuse and we thought of going out with an appreciation card and a hug for the women in our churches and in our community. As Mother's Day was approaching we thought of our mums. Most of us are away from our families and so many mums in Ireland have their children abroad so we thought, 'let’s quill cards again'." We had a few more helpers that turned the cards into fridge magnets this time though. Below are the experiences of some of the people who gave of their
time to make and give cards on these three occasions. They all agree that 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' [Acts 20:35]"

Christina: "I enjoyed being part of this project, and making a special day more special for others, maybe those who didn't think they would receive anything on a day when certain target people get presents, e.g. girlfriends and boyfriends on Valentine’s Day or mothers on International Women’s Day. We shared cards in a multicultural environment, making it special for everyone. Making someone smile by giving a card and saying a warm word is like giving a hug when it is really needed. You never know how the words on the cards impact or will impact the life of those who have received them."

Madaleine: "I really enjoyed making the cards and seeing everyone's individuality reflected in their creativity. It was so cool seeing all the different flowers that would come out and being able to share that with my church family was really lovely. Being away from my family, especially on Mother's Day, made me miss her so much and it felt really nice even just sending her a picture of one that I made for her with the quote 'a mothers hug lasts long after she lets go'. Sometimes I really miss just touching my family... I know that there would be lots of mums that wouldn't be able to touch their children or even give them a hug so I know that it will have blessed someone feeling the same way."

Alessandra: "It was a bridge between myself and other mums. Each strip quilled was thinking about other mum's children as a special gift from God."

Felipe: "I really liked it because I was thinking of my mother. I love my mother, and doing something for mothers was very nice for me. She is very important in my life. I think that God sent to me a really wonderful mother! I liked making the cards because I was helping. I think that doing something for other people is very good in life, and seeing other people happy is very gratifying."

Ana Carolina: "I'm sure God's word will not return void. Hearts will be transformed. Our 'work' is what makes the difference!"

[Lindita Vani]
SEC COUPLES UNITE AS 'INTIMATE ALLIES'  

Twenty-two couples explored the concept of 'one flesh' at the 'Intimate Allies' Couples Retreat led by husband and wife team, Pastor Leslie and Irma Ackie, at Latimer Place, Buckinghamshire, 28-30 March 2014.

As the director of the Family Ministries department at the South England Conference, Leslie Ackie is committed to providing a relaxed place for married couples to explore their relationships, encouraging them to cultivate strong marriages that can withstand attack.

"Christian marriages are under constant assault from external forces and internal pressures", said Pastor Ackie. "These retreats offer couples the opportunity to invest in their relationships as they explore ways to nurture their spiritual, emotional and physical intimacy. Strong marriages mean a strong church, one that can be effective in its world mission."

The concept of 'one flesh', from the text in Genesis 2:24, led to discussions on spiritual, physical, emotional and intellectual intimacy. Topics covered over the weekend included, 'Safe Haven Marriage', 'Naked and Unashamed', 'Love and Respect', 'Spiritual Intimacy' and 'Sacred Sex'.

Vernica and Philip Massiah attended the retreat because, they wrote, "'Intimate Allies' accurately describes the quality of relationship demonstrated by the retreat leaders, husband and wife team, Pastor Leslie and Irma Ackie. It was this title that attracted us to the event."

They described how "Leslie and Irma put us at ease with their professional, well-organised and conversational presentation style. They cleverly shared the delivery of their extensive material on the subject while weaving in thought-provoking exercises, contributions from those attending and honest examples from their own marital and life experiences."

With marriages ranging from 2 years to 28 years in length, every couple's comments, opinions, questions and answers were valued and treated with respect. Laughter filled the room and at times tears flowed, as they heard real-life stories from some of the highs and lows of marriage, meeting, falling in love, parenting, conflict, forgiveness and commitment.

New and lasting friendships were forged and uplifting praise and worship sessions contributed to the bonding, spiritual atmosphere of the event. A photo shoot during the banquet captured moments what will serve as a reminder of an inspirational and relaxing weekend that helped a diverse variety of married couples become, and remain, intimate allies.
IRISH CITIES OF HOPE LAUNCH JESUS7

Residents in some of Ireland and Northern Ireland's major cities will have the chance to delve deeper and explore the life of Jesus through an exhibition running in the week leading up to Easter Sunday.

Starting Sunday, 13 April, Seventh-day Adventist churches in Belfast, Londonderry and Dublin are staging 'Jesus7', an experience that aims to engage the visitor. Each part of the exhibition focuses on one aspect of the life of Jesus Christ, taking the visitor to some of the key places Jesus visited and telling the story of some of the many people Jesus interacted with.

The free exhibition is open to both adults and children and each church will host the exhibition at varying places throughout their respective cities. For example, Belfast Seventh-day Adventist church's exhibition will be open daily from 10 am through to 7:30 pm. In Londonderry, the main exhibition will be in the Guildhall Square.

The daytime exhibition is enhanced by a series of 7 evening seminars which aim to expand upon the themes of the day. Starting at 7:30/7:45 pm each evening (exact start time is location dependent), Pastor Janos Kovacs-Biro, a Hungarian born international speaker and traveller, will focus on a specific biblical place that Jesus visited and the different people that He interacted with.

The seminars are being broadcast live from Belfast to audiences in the three other cities plus Galway church. They will also be streamed free of charge on the internet via the Irish Jesus7 website: www.jesus7.ie.

For more information about Jesus7 you can visit the website or check out the Facebook page.

[Adam Keough]

WATFORD TOWN FUNDRAISE TO CREATE DISABLED FACILITIES

In the process of renovating their recently purchased building,
Watford Town Adventist church is consistently engaged in fundraising activities. Their current objective is to upgrade their church’s disabled facilities and so they held their first concert in their new building on Brixton Road, Watford, to raise funds on Saturday, 22 March.

Fundraising chairperson, Valerie McLeary, appealed to the audience to help with the continued development work at Watford Town, as the church seeks to make its building and people a 'centre of influence' and an 'oasis' in the Watford community.

The total raised during the evening came to £1146! The funds will immediately be used towards disabled facilities, a shower room and a lift.

"Watford Town is in an active mode of fundraising to prepare our building for active ministry", commented Valerie. "We have a mission to be accessible to all in our community and these funds will go towards just that, making our church a place for all. It was a wonderful evening of sharing, praise and high quality Christian entertainment."

Throughout the evening, the church was awash with the sound of music, vocals and instruments blended together to create an exquisite display of gospel music. The concert began with an upbeat violin piece from the very talented Victoria Balan followed by a variety of artists including, a capella group 'Resurrection', 'Recall', Clifford Sulumba, Febbie Sulumba and Michelle Mutongi.

Mike Smith, compère for the evening, kept the spirit of the generous audience high while saxophonist Daniel Costin delivered the grand finale to an overwhelming ovation from an audience of over 150.

"What an evening of great vocal renditions!" enthused local member, Mavis Bramble. "Poetry that got you thinking, amazing piano performances and the ministry of the saxophone, Daniel definitely generated funds for every note he played. Encore!"

[SEC Communications with Valerie McLeary]

'FAITH & FOLLOW UP' AT MOHAP DAY RETREAT

Angela McFarlane had battled with a chronic illness for many years. She shared her story of how God helped her throughout her illness at the Ministry of Healing and Prayer (MOHAP) Day Retreat, at the Advent Centre, London, on Sunday, 23 March.

Pastor Greg Davis, South Ghana Conference's Universities Chaplain, was among one of the 14 pastors that attended the event. Having never attended a MOHAP retreat, he was keen to experience it.

"This is wonderful!", he enthused. "I have been truly blessed. I will definitely be introducing the concept of MOHAP to the South Ghana Conference to enable them to have this experience too!"
As well as pastors, attendees included a span of people from teenagers to retirees. Several people commented on how wonderful it was to see so many young people interested in prayer and healing.

Pastor Paul Lockham, British Union Conference (BUC) Executive Secretary, gave a poignant devotional entitled, 'Faith and Follow Up'. He intertwined it with a personal and compelling testimony on God's miraculous intervention in the life of his baby daughter. An initial life-changing prognosis did not come to fruition and his daughter now has four children of her own.

BUC Health Ministries director, Sharon Platt-McDonald, spoke on, 'Pain and How to Handle it'. She provided attendees with a number of different natural remedies for pain management. These may help assist in reducing the reliance on pain medication. Pastor Richard de Lisser, South England Conference (SEC) Stewardship director outlined how the decisions we make and how we choose to view the world will determine our destiny. His presentation was punctuated with a moving testimony on his own experience of Parkinson's disease and his resolute decision to put unfailing trust in God.

To join in the experience, visit the next MOHAP Day Retreat, on Sunday, 25 May 2014 or the MOHAP Annual Retreat, from Friday 29 August – Monday, 1 September. Please visit www.mohap.org for more information.

[Janet Hamilton]

WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU

With your help, ADRA raised £539,133 for positive humanitarian projects in the 2013 Annual Appeal. Because of your help and generosity that meant they were able to help 225,000 people. Read the latest edition of Messenger, the official journal of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the UK and Ireland, to find out more.

Also, how do you lay down love, stop guilt getting you down, or, perhaps, pick up some new witnessing tips? All this, along with devotionals, news and Bible Answers, in the 4 April edition, available from your local Adventist church or online.

[Julian Hibbert]
JONATHAN BURNETT: ADVENTIST TV THIS WEEK

Enjoy these special selections on Revelation TV and Hope Channel:

Thursday 10 April, 8:30 pm – Revelation TV (repeated Sunday 13 April, 1:00 pm).
Jonathan Burnett shares his no-holds-barred experience of life in a pastoral family, including the rough times during the death of his mother, and his challenge with weight and emotional issues. Find out more in 'Adventists In Conversation', Revelation TV (Sky 581, Freesat 692 and Roku).

Thursday 17 April, 8:30 pm – Revelation TV (repeated Sunday 20 April, 1:00 pm).
For the first time on British television, Animal Encounters hits Revelation TV. For the next ten weeks enjoy the best of nature without the evolutionary dialogue. Gabi from Germany, Kezia from Kenya and Cassila from Brazil will share their personal experiences as they encounter God's creation. They meet other people who have found a closeness with their Creator as they help preserve, rescue and nurture animals that have been orphaned through hunting, injured in the wild or abandoned as pets, or threatened due to environmental deterioration. In this first programme the three adventurous girls spend the day with elephants, taking a ride, feeding the young and learning to admire these marvels of God's creation.

HOPE CHANNEL. Get all your favourite programmes on Roku including all your international favourites plus an immediate, greater selection of UK based 'on demand' programming. A schedule, and a selection of ways to watch Hope Channel is also available by visiting www.hopetv.org.uk.

[Victor Hulbert]

ALSO IN THE NEWS

This edition of BUC News is full, but visit our website to discover a number of new articles just posted including NEC ministers wives learn the importance of prayer, the joy of baptisms in Bristol and Cambridge, and new choir robes for Telford Ghana church.

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

Sunday 13 - Saturday 19 April:
Contact: Pastor Weiers Coetser. Various venues in Dublin: Live Streaming. Contact: Pastor Stephen Wilson. (Other venues will be added as they are confirmed.)

Sabbath 19 April:
Sir James & Lady Carlisle @ Swansea. Venue: Holy Trinity Church, Parkways, Sketty Park, Swansea SA2 8JQ. There will be a fellowship lunch and all are welcome. Bring a friend if you can. For more information contact Pastor Jovan Adamovic on: 01792 475441.
The Casualty – a modern Easter musical in Gospel style for the whole family. Venue: The Hexagon, Queen's Walk, Reading RG1 7UA at 7:30 pm (doors open at 7:00 pm). Reading Box Office: 01189 606060. Tickets £11.20 / Concessions & Groups 10+ £9.70 incl. booking fee.

Tuesday 22 April:
Newbold Diversity Lectures. Lecturer: Debbie Higgens, Director of the C S Lewis Study Centre at 'The Kilns'. [http://www.cslewis.org/aboutus/staff/](http://www.cslewis.org/aboutus/staff/) Time: 19:30 - 20:30. Venue: Smith Centre, Newbold College, St Mark's Road, Binfield RG42 4AN.

Friday 25 April:
weR1 Sabbath Sessions. weR1 ministries presents Sabbath Sessions for Adventist singles over the age of 23 starting at Lewisham Seventh-day Adventist church at 7:30 pm. See poster for full details.

Sabbath 26 - Sunday 27 April:
The Ultimate Job Weekender. Venue: Brixton SDA Church, Stanley Street, London SW4 9QG. Sabbath, 10 am - 5 pm | Sunday, 10 am - 8 pm. Register your interest for the fair (Sunday) at: [www.TheUltimateJobWeekender.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.TheUltimateJobWeekender.eventbrite.co.uk).

Sabbath 26 April:
Women of Virtue Fellowship Day – to mark the launch of the BUC Women of Virtue programme. Venue: Hightown Methodist Church, 47 Hightown Road, Luton LU2 0BW. Time: 09.30 am - 6.00 pm. (You will need to bring your own lunch.) Download Poster for Women of Virtue Fellowship Day. Book your place for the Women of Virtue Fellowship Day.

Gospel Concert – Netherfield Nottingham. Afternoon programme will look at the work of ADRA followed by the evening concert which will include a collection for ADRA. Time: 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Venue: Netherfield Seventh-day Adventist Church, Kendrick Street, Netherfield NG4 2LE.

Youth Gospel Music Expo. Time: 19:00 - 23:00. Venue: The Riverside Centre, Riverside Court, Pride Park, Derby DE24 8HY. Tickets £10 per head or £30 for a family of 4. Doors open at 7pm, show starts at 7.30pm. Call: 07557 915725. Email: register@harmonyinpraise.co.uk.

Candlelit Gospel Jamboree. An evening of Praise and Worship at Hallum Community Youth Centre, Hallum Grange Crescent, Sheffield, S10 4BD. Time: 19:00 - 21:00. Adults (12+) £6.50; Students £5; 6 - 11's £3.50. Book now on 079441 66007 or email carterknowle.churchevents@yahoo.co.uk.

Sunday 27 April:
ADRA Fun Run 2014 – is back at Crystal Palace! Walk, Jog or Run – Get Involved. Time: 10 am - 2 pm. Call 01923 232728 or email mbramble@secadventist.org.uk for more info. Download the ADRA Fun Run Sponsorship Form. Organised by the SEC Personal Ministries department.
SEC First Aid Course. Venue: The Advent Centre, London. Time: 10:00 - 17:00. First Aid Application Form. Contact the SEC Health Ministries department for further info: nsimon@secadventist.org.uk.

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

INTERNSHIPS WITH NEWBOLD MEDIA. An opportunity for students to gain work experience in the media field and make new like-minded friends. 1 June - 12 July 2014. For full details visit: http://newboldmedia.org/internships/.

HOLY LAND TOUR – An experience of a lifetime, a journey to the very source of your Christian experience. An opportunity to visit sites where Christ once walked, including the opportunity to experience a baptism in the River Jordan. 11-18 May 2014. Price £965 all inclusive, based on two sharing. Single supplement available. Contact Pastor Richard Daly for a booking form on 07958 433744.

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