Email Newsletter of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the United Kingdom and Ireland

For additional and updated news and a full listing of coming events visit our website: www.adventist.org.uk

Contents:

SEEING RED: LEST WE FORGET
SABBATH BLESSINGS AT NEW MEDIA AWARDS CEREMONY
AFTER TYPHOON HAIYAN – ADRA IS STILL THERE
IPREACH DEVELOPS PREACHING SKILLS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
BUILDING FOUNDATIONS AT PRAYER & FAITH CONFERENCE
UNITED IN THE ESSENCE OF WORSHIP
MOTHERS’ PRAYER CONFERENCE ATTRACTS NORTH LONDON CROWDS
STEWARDSHIP & CHURCH GROWTH JOINT CONFERENCE IN MONTENEGRO
DAWN ‘TIL DUSK TRAINING AT SEC PATHFINDER BOOT CAMP
NEWBOLD PRAYER FESTIVAL ENCOMPASSES CAMPUS
ALSO IN THE NEWS
7 NOVEMBER MESSENGER ONLINE
WORLD WAR 1 REMEMBERED: ADVENTIST TV THIS WEEK
COMING EVENTS

-----------------------------

SEEING RED: LEST WE FORGET

Visit the Tower of London this weekend and you will see red. Flowing down from the arches and across the moat, a vista of 888,246 red ceramic poppies each represent individual British or Colonial fatalities during World War I. Entitled, 'Blood Swept Lands
and Seas of Red', and designed by artist Paul Cummins, the final poppy will be laid on Armistice Day, Tuesday 11 November.

Two Adventist young men are among the artisans who have helped create this moving and sombre display. Gharsha Haslam and Leo Mei-Rosu have both worked in the Derby-based ceramics factory where each poppy has been carefully handmade.

Gharsha helped prepare the clay for those who would cut the petal shapes, using a roller to flatten the clay into sheets or taking a block of clay and slicing it into flat pieces for the roller. Leo has modelling and carving skills and so, while working in a number of different roles, most enjoyed actually making the flowers. He says, "In terms of difficulty and time, it wasn't hard at all, but due to the large number of flowers that we needed to make we had to move in a quick rhythm."

It is when he went with his team to the Tower of London that he realized how big and meaningful the project really is. "I felt so overwhelmed and at the same time deeply touched to know that each poppy that we made represents a person who fought and died in WWII." Gharsha adds, "Seeing the many poppies is a constant reminder of the importance of human life and the sadness many humans feel when a life is ended, especially when ended by another human."

Those poppies highlight the high human cost of war, both in the 1914-18 war, and in the wars that have plagued this planet to the present day. Gharsha sees the project "as a way to remind people of how many humans die as a result of the lack of love that is the original cause for conflicts and controversies." He adds, "As a Christian I believe that God, the Creator of every human, is utterly heartbroken when people fight and kill, whether it is a child fighting another child for a toy, or a nation/kingdom ending the lives of other humans from another nation/kingdom for whatever reason."

For many the poppy display represents sacrifice for a cause worth fighting for. For some it brings back memories of lost or injured family members or friends. For others it points out futility.
Leo, himself a pacifist, nevertheless feels proud to have been a part of the project. "It was and it still is a marvellous honour for me to be part of this huge project so deeply rooted in history... It is one of the best things I have ever done in my life by being involved."

The whole subject of war and remembrance is a difficult one for Christians who believe in working for peace, and who uphold the principle of the sacredness of human life. Richard Shaw, also from Derby, knows about such dilemmas. His grandfather, Staff Sgt Wilfred Thomas Shaw, was master farrier to Lord Strathcona's cavalry and received a shrapnel wound to his right wrist during WWI. Richard's own father was an aircrew wireless operator/top gunner during WWII. Shot down over Southern France, he was interrogated by the Gestapo and ended up in Stalag Luft Three, the prisoner of war camp made famous by The Great Escape.

Richard's solution to the Christian dilemma is to respect those brave men who fought in atrocious and inhuman circumstances but to try and turn it into something positive. During the service of remembrance at the National Memorial Arboretum near Derby last year, he arranged for some scripture and picture cards that he designed to be left as an encouraging message for participants. The cards point to the most meaningful death of all, that of Jesus.

"To be honest I don't agree with this idea of war and conflicts," Leo states, "we are meant to live in peace and quiet, but it seems like bad things still happen." The only war Gharsha is interested in is the battle between Christ and Satan (Revelation 12). He says, "This is my main reason for not wanting any part of any war except the great controversy between Christ and Satan because as Paul puts it 'we wrestle not against flesh and blood.'" (Ephesians 6:12)

While both young men have felt privileged to be involved in this historic remembrance of the outbreak of WWI, and the terrible loss of life that ensued, they both feel there is a better way than to fight. Looking back 100 years Leo reflects, "I would have been involved in the war if I was asked, but not on the
battlefield killing people, just in the medical area by taking care of the wounded soldiers."

Gharsha concurs. "If I had the choice I would most likely refuse to be directly involved in the fighting, because from what little I've seen of the world, war seems to be a waste of human time, resources, and life. If I could I would find some way to help the people involved without supporting the war itself."

In a world of hard choices, remembrance and honour are important. For these two young Adventists, love and respect are also key.

See also: 'A Matter of Conscience' – Adventist perspectives on WWI. Discover more about the Tower of London poppy installation here, watch a BBC report on how the poppies are made, and find out about remembrance ceremonies in your local area via the Royal British Legion.

[Victor Hulbert. Photos: Natalie Davison/Leo Mei-Rosu]

SABBATH BLESSINGS AT NEW MEDIA AWARDS CEREMONY

The 'Sabbath Sofa', a social media project initiated by Pastors Vili Costescu and Sam Gungaloo achieved second place in two categories in the Christian New Media awards ceremony organised by Premier Christian Media on Saturday evening, 1 November 2014.

Under the theme, 'The world needs rest, and we have the solution', the mission of the Sabbath Sofa project is to share the gift of the Sabbath with those who need rest. With a worldwide following of over 42,000, the Sabbath Sofa was nominated for two awards: Most Creative Use of Social Media and Innovative Use of New Media in Outreach. Amidst a plethora of very creative entries, the Sabbath Sofa made the list of five finalists, and on the night, was awarded second place in both categories. The winning project in both categories was 40ACTS, a challenge set up by the Christian charity, Stewardship, which positively encouraged Christians 'to do Lent generously'.

There is more to a Christian awards ceremony than the
desire to highlight your mission project. It provides an enjoyable atmosphere in which to network with fellow Christians. "We were overwhelmed by the support and positive comments our project received from the other attendees", states Ana Costescu, one of the hosts for the Sabbath Sofa. "The new friends we made at our table, including bloggers Gillan Scott, one of the most influential Christian bloggers in the country, and Mina Munns, a Children's Ministries blogger, cheered loudly for us when we were announced."

Another highlight for Ana was when she was approached by one of the judges, Simon Jenkins, who said that we are doing a fantastic job, and that he loves our project. Team members from the Saltwater and Honey blog also expressed that our project seemed 'really cool', and that they would continue to follow us on Facebook.

In addition, interacting with other Christians on the night meant that we were able to fulfil our mission. Team member, Julian Thompson, said that being there on behalf of the Sabbath Sofa "gave us the opportunity to engage with other Christians on the subject of the Sabbath." Sam Neves stated, "It is remarkable that the Christian community is willing to engage with the Sabbath and to recognize a divine idea when they see one."

Being recognised as runners-up in a competition involving more established projects than our own is a true encouragement for the team to continue with this project and to keep dreaming big. As Sam Gungaloo said, "Having the Sabbath recognized by the Christian community is very special. We feel privileged to be used by God, communicating His essence creatively."

The team are now looking to see how the project can grow and influence more people with the idea of Sabbath rest. They would love to see Sabbath Sofas all over the world. While the team do not know exactly what the next year may hold, Vili Costescu states, "The one thing we are certain of is that we want to tell as many people as possible: Remember, you're not a machine; experience the Sabbath."

[Ana Costescu]

AFTER TYPHOON HAIYAN – ADRA IS STILL THERE

One year on the world may have forgotten – but ADRA is still on the ground, supporting survivors of Typhoon
Haiyan in the Philippines.

On 2 November 2013, Haiyan began to build over the Pacific. By the 4th it had become Typhoon Haiyan. Over the next four days it continued to grow in intensity to become one of the strongest tropical cyclones ever recorded. As the fierce winds swept over the islands of the Philippines on 8 November, it brought rain, flooding and storm surge waves that destroyed whole towns and villages. Two million people were left homeless, and over 6,000 Filipinos lost their lives, making it the deadliest storm on record for the nation.

Your generous gifts, one year ago, helped save lives and is now giving new hope to people who have lost everything! It is your support that has allowed ADRA to positively touch lives, rebuild homes, restore fishing industries and give hope.

Download or watch our short report on what ADRA has achieved with your support. The report is also available on YouTube. Thank you for your continued and generous support.

[Bert Smit]

IPREACH DEVELOPS PREACHING SKILLS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Can you imagine the joy of training over 100 young people in the art and craft of Biblical Preaching? That is exactly what happened the weekend of 30 October - 2 November at the Pioneer Centre in Cleobury Mortimer.

The North England Conference Youth department had been focussing on training in 2014 to prepare the youth to focus on evangelism in 2015. Preaching is an integral part of evangelism so it was felt that there was a need for a young preachers' convention where youth could develop skills in a focussed, intentional and practical way.

The three main presenters, Pastors Ian Sweeney, Damien Johnson and Peter Gregory – each with their own unique style, shared a variety of presentations including, Expository sermons, Textual sermons, Use of language, How to use your voice, and Jesus in the message. Especially helpful was that each of them would illustrate what they were teaching. Thus when Pastor Sweeney spoke about Sermon structure, he then preached a 30 minute sermon showing how all
elements of the structure were intentionally in there.

Most of the sessions were seminar/plenary style but also involved group exercises. This kept it lively and engaging. As the weekend progressed the programme was adapted to include two preaching sessions were selected attendees each preached a seven minute sermon. They then got immediate feedback from the audience and pastors. It was a nerve-wracking but powerful experience as the youth both encouraged and gave constructive criticism to each other.

Those who came ranged from some who had never preached a sermon before to others who were more accomplished preachers but each testified how it had been a blessing. Joshua Robinson from Huddersfield said how he "was looking forward to putting the things I had learned into practice very soon in my local church." Sophia Peart, currently studying for the ministry at Newbold College said that she "liked how each one of the presenters also preached during the weekend, thus demonstrating the particular classes that they had done." Archie from London added that he was "encouraged by the amount of musicians that were there as if the musicians are also trained as preachers then they will be even more effective ministers for God."

Additional inspiration came from powerful morning devotions by Pastor Alan Hush, Dean Cullinane and Dionne Brown.

The intention of the NEC Youth department is to empower these young people as the speakers in youth campaigns next year and at some of the NEC Youth events. Each session was recorded and will be available in the near future for those who were not able to attend.

The youth returned home with the words of John Wesley ringing in their ears, "Give me 100 preachers who fear nothing but sin and desire nothing but God; such alone will shake the gates of hell." These youth, taking those words seriously, are now more prepared to share the message of God to a dying world.

[Adam Ramdin]
Dynamic speaker, John Coaxum, a pastor in Danville, Virginia, was clearly surprised by the intelligence of British teenagers! "It's a little different from America", he said during the sixth Prayer & Faith Teen Conference held at Stanborough School, 27 - 31 October. "I think that the kids here are a lot more intellectual. They don't take you at face value. They want to know 'why' and ask a whole bunch of questions and they want them answered. I can completely understand that."

The programme, organised by the South England Conference (SEC) Teens department attracted over 200 teens, focusing them on individual faith and personal communication with God. It gave them a residential week of preaching, presentations, praise, worship and socialising with each other. A group of young people from Newbold church, Bracknell, persuaded their parents to bring them to the Conference just for the day, to join in the experience, despite having to study during the half term!

Pastor Coaxum spoke clearly and honestly to the teens each day. His interactive morning presentations allowed the young people to ask questions openly and get real, clear biblical answers back.

When giving an answer or response, he placed high importance on opening up the Bible to show exactly which texts fortify his answers, directly revealing what God had to say on the various subjects. He also emphasised the importance of the teens looking things up in their own Bibles, as he spoke about them, highlighting that it's not enough just for him to tell them, they need to see and read for themselves.

A girl that had been invited by her Adventist friend, thoroughly enjoyed the experience. She said, "I expected to be seriously bored this week, but decided to come to spend time with my friend anyway." However, she was anything but bored! "I was basically shocked because the man speaking kept talking about keeping our bodies special for God and I know that I am not doing that. I'm not sure at the moment if I believe in everything that I've heard but there are things I have already decided to change in my life and will be starting that as soon as I get home on Monday. Now the hard part will be explaining things to my family."
Revelations like these were heard throughout the week, especially in the testimony and Q&A sessions. The Conference provided teens with a safe space to ask and discuss issues and leaders supported them as they talked through their experiences and situations.

The daily schedule included sports, workshops, Q&A sessions and a concert, as well as the evening programmes. One evening was focused on 'Relationships'. This proved highly popular with the teens.

Pastor Coaxum spoke about how relationships are the building blocks of life. He highlighted that, despite Satan trying to influence others through us, God uses our relationships with others to shape them, through our positive examples. He visually went on to talk about how relationships and lives can be compared to the Sanctuary in the Old Testament.

The first is the Outer Court, which equates to our public side that everyone can see and interact with. The second is the Holy Place, where closer friends and family can maintain contact with you. The third is the Holy of Holies, which is the space that is only big enough, and sacred enough, for God and one other person to be in. Pastor Coaxum stressed that if God sits in the Holy of Holies, He will be able to order the rest of your life.

"I chose the theme 'Foundations' for this Conference", concluded Pastor Coaxum. "I was trying to give the teens everything they need to build a firm foundation in God, on the Bible, so that they aren't necessarily relying on a pastor, a church or anyone else to have a relationship with God."

To view a selection of photos from the October Prayer & Faith Conference, please visit the Adventist Church's picture gallery or the SEC Teens Ministries Facebook page.

[Katie Allen]
On 17 October 2014, about 140 worship leaders from all over Europe gathered at Newbold College for the European Worship Conference, spending four days experiencing and exploring the essence of worship. Worship was studied from many different perspectives, enabling the participants to have a glimpse of its development in history, its biblical grounds, its cultural connections and its potential contemporary manifestations.

Among others, the list of presenters included Dr Daniel Duda, who defined worship as responding to all that God is with all that we are; Professor Lilianne Doukhan, who explored the role of music in worship; Ken Burton, who shared creative tips for congregational worship; and Tihomir Lazić, who highlighted that worship is not optional – we are made to worship our Creator and Saviour.

Since nothing related to faith should remain on the theoretical level only, the conference dedicated Sabbath to the practical side of worship as participants and visitors came together for a Day of Fellowship in the Dominion Centre, London. Both the morning service and the concert in the evening included different formal and cultural elements, each making use of a certain set of gifts, addressing a certain set of needs, and each, ultimately and foremost, giving glory to God, the cause and centre of our day-to-day worship.

For a full report visit the TED website. Enjoy additional photos on the essenceofworship.org website.

[Kärt Lazić, tedNEWS]
seventy people made history at a Mothers' Prayer Conference held on Sabbath 1 November 2014. It is believed to be the first prayer conference in the Adventist Church in the UK for mothers run by mothers, and according to one participant, "It was such a mountaintop experience!"

Laura Osei, Headteacher of the Eden School, was the main speaker for the event held at Parliament Hill School, Highgate in north London. Her intriguing presentation, 'When Mothers Cry!' definitely 'hit the spot' as it resonated with the feelings and thoughts of those present. It was based on Jeremiah 31:16-17, where God urges Israel: "Don't cry any longer, for I have heard your prayers and you will see them again; they will come back to you from the distant land of the enemy." Her second presentation was interactive as she spoke about and invited the audience to participate in the seven great prayers.

Forgiveness was the topic of Dr Gloria Mushe's seminar. A member of the Milton Keynes church and an experienced GP, she spoke about how lack of forgiveness can hinder our prayers. We should ask God to "forgive us our debts as we forgive those who sin against us."

A powerful and personal narrative was delivered by Donna Fletcher-Bryan, an educator from the Stanborough Park church. "Despite your pain, you should praise anyhow", she told an audience whose eyes were awash with tears having listened to her moving story of faith.

Meaningful praise and worship enhanced the seminars and set an appropriate mood of prayer. Andre Best, Natalie Nugent, Dean Hinckson, and Jacquei Johnson and coordinator Tony Best ably set that mood with technical choreography by Karl Johnson.

Prayer warriors, Toyin Aworinde and Tola Afe from the Holloway and Blessed Hope churches delivered powerful prayers for our sons and daughters before the day ended with Catherine Anthony-Boldeau leading mothers 'Down from the Mountaintop'. She summarised all the thoughts and prayers offered during the day and encouraged every mother that when they are feeling overwhelmed by their role and responsibilities to look to the Father for strength. These closing sentiments were echoed by Kelly Hinckson, the day's musical evangelist as she sweetly and smoothly crooned, 'I look to you'.

Closing the day, Barbara Lawrence, one of the organisers stated, "I believe that the Father was here and has already answered our prayers."

[Catherine Anthony Boldeau. Photos: Arianne Boldeau]
STEWARDSHIP & CHURCH GROWTH JOINT CONFERENCE IN MONTENEGRO

On Sunday, 19 October 2014, some 40 'pilgrims' left London Gatwick bound for an 8-day retreat at 'Mission…Possible! 4', a South England Conference Stewardship and Church Growth Conference in Montenegro.

Arriving in late afternoon sun, they saw a place worthy of its reputation as Southern Europe's 'jewel in the crown'. Montenegro, literally, 'Black Mountain' is a small but beautiful country south-west of the Adriatic Sea. The beauty of the countryside was only matched by the 5* facilities and hospitality which greeted them on arrival, and remained consistently with them throughout their stay at Splendid Hotel, Conference and Spa.

After a brief rest and with the sun setting over the mountains, the conference commenced with a keynote address by Pastor Peter Roennfeldt. He took delegates on a historical journey of the Advent Movement and global church planting missions. Central to his message was the rallying cry to make 'Mission Possible' through discipleship.

Each day commenced with a hearty breakfast fit for a king, morning worship that included the inspirational sounds of praise and worship led by Joel Duntin, Jaz Rodney-Sargeant and Paul King-Brown, and then a line-up of dedicated speakers sharing with all delegates on themes of Stewardship and Church Growth. These included Peter Roennfeldt, David Cox, Richard de Lisser, Aris Vontzialidis, Paul Lockham, Terry Messenger, Earl RamharackSingh, Simon Martin, Curtis Murphy, Kim Newell and Jaz Rodney-Sargeant. They presented a series of distinct but connected messages, on topics which led to a practical call to action for stewardship, discipleship and mission to a dying post-modernist world.

The week of workshops concluded as the sun set over the foothills of Montenegro, and Sabbath evening was welcomed in by Pastor Martin. He led the
evening plenary with a heartfelt call for action-led stewards to finishing the work.

During the last meeting of the week Dr de Lisser, on behalf of the SEC, gave a present to the owner of the hotel thanking him for the services of the hotel through the year. It so happened that it was also his birthday! After we all sang Happy Birthday, Pastor Vontzalidis offered a prayer of blessing for him.

Before leaving, all delegates committed to three action steps to be taken within the next six months as a result of their training.

A selection of photos from the week can be seen on the [Adventist Church's picture gallery](https://www.adventistchurch.org/).

[Jaz Sargeant]

DAWN 'TIL DUSK TRAINING AT SEC PATHFINDER BOOT CAMP

Attendees at the annual SEC Pathfinder Drum and Drill Boot Camp, held this year at Newbold College and Primary School, welcomed unseasonably warm weather for their outdoor training, from Wednesday, 29 October - Sunday, 2 November. The long weekend saw Pathfinders of all age groups come together from churches across the South England Conference to expand on their drumming and drilling skills.

Organised by Pastor Kevin Johns, SEC Pathfinder director, the boot camp included both practical and theory classes, geared at different skill levels. Beginner drummers were able to start their learning from scratch, using tabletops as their practice drums!

The intermediate drummers practised outside, from before sunrise to well past sunset, truly living up to the title of a boot camp. All attendees were required to rise at 5:30 am and participate in a 6:00 am exercise class, before moving on for breakfast, worship and the day's workshops.
"It's a bit different to last year and I'm really enjoying it because it's good having such an intense time of training", enthused Tahirah Holder, a Pathfinder from the Ilford church. "When you have it only one Sunday a month, the rest of the year, there is so much in-between that it kind of distracts you from what you've learnt. I'm not so excited about the early starts! However, it's what I've signed up for, so I'm dedicated to it."

Instructors were tough, but fair, encouraging each Pathfinder to learn at their own pace, while ensuring certain elements, such as promptness and courteousness, were honoured. Team leaders were expected to ensure every member of their church's club attended each activity on time, as points were awarded to or deducted from each group throughout the camp.

From Thursday, 30 October, the first elements of the GO UK event, organised by the SEC Youth department, began to appear on campus. Pastor Johns had previously arranged for those attending the boot camp to participate in the coinciding GO UK weekend programmes.

"It's a brilliant way, especially for the young people, to display their skills in front of a wider audience", commented Pat Holder, mother to Tahirah. "They work hard throughout the boot camp and the rest of the year, as do the leaders. We have some exceptionally gifted drum and drill leaders, some quite young too, like Jaikeem George, who is teaching the intermediate drummers this week."

Jaikeem put the drummers through their paces, in the Newbold School playground, ensuring everyone was brought up to the same level, as well as teaching new sequences. Those that had not already acquired the Drumming & Percussion honour and badge were given the opportunity to achieve it as the camp came to a close.

"This half-term I've helped at drum camps for both the NEC and SEC and it's really nice to see so many people interested in this ministry and willing to put in the work to improve", said Sajitha Forde. "It can be quite challenging, the late nights and early mornings are very intense, but when you see them progress it's brilliant. Especially seeing them now and then the next year, you see the real progress."

To view a selection of photos of the boot camp, please visit the Adventist Church's picture gallery.

[Katie Allen]
NEWBOLD PRAYER FESTIVAL ENCOMPASSES CAMPUS

Community prayer can be different. That was certainly the case at Newbold College on Friday, 17 October 2014, as staff, students and community followed a wilderness map across campus, stopping at prayer points to reflect on elements of the Israelites' forty year wilderness journey, and the implications for their own lives.

Organised by Prayer Force – a part of the Newbold Campus Ministries, the congregation was split into twelve groups, each representing an Israeliite tribe. They then visited at six stations where scripture and reflective accounts were shared, and songs sung. Most importantly, heartfelt prayers were said.

Prayer Force leader, Theology student Sophia Peart, explained that the motivation behind the festival is, "I pray, you pray, we pray," and the festival was "a good opportunity to express this motto."

Domingos Javela, a new Business student from Angola said, "I was excited to participate by being a leader of the tribe of Issachar. It is also good to know that I am studying at an institution that is praying for everyone; even my own challenges!"

Participants 'crossed the Red Sea' in Moor Close Gardens. This included prayer for individual weaknesses in faith, family and friends who do not know Christ, the restoration of the garden, and for Moor Close staff. They then turned 'complaints into Thanksgiving' at the entrance to the Café, continuing around the campus to reflect on 'Bitter made Sweet', 'the Law at Mount Sinai', 'Repentance and Confession' and finally, 'Trust and Praise'.

[Judith Makaniankhondo]

BACK TO TOP... EMAIL STORY...

ALSO IN THE NEWS

Early risers on Tuesday morning, 4 November engaged with Dr Chidi Ngwaba, Adventist lifestyle doctor and Men's Ministries leader for the South England
Conference. He appeared on ITV's Good Morning Britain to share how men can deal better with depression and mental health issues.

Meanwhile Willesden church enjoyed an exciting October of evangelism, climaxing in a 14 person baptism on Sabbath, 25 October. Read a full report here.

Not to be outdone, Cambridge church reports on their World Culture month. Every Wednesday night in October, the church family, with friends from the local community, joined together to learn about food and culture from different regions of the world. It brought the church so close together that they now plan to continue the programme on a monthly basis.

[BUC news]
Hope Channel:

Thursday 6 November, 8:30 pm – Revelation TV (repeated Sunday 9 November, 1:00 pm). To coincide with Remembrance weekend, the TV premiere of ‘A Matter of Conscience’ airs on Revelation TV (Sky 581, Freesat 692, internet and Roku). Encourage your friends and family to tune in and watch this significant programme about Adventist young men facing up to the challenges of WWI.

Thursday 13 November, 8:30 pm – Revelation TV (repeated Sunday 16 November, 1:00 pm). Former gangster, Gwenton Sloley reveals his cry to God from a London prison cell, how a police officer who believed in him changed his life, and how, in his streetwise style, he now mentors youth, attracting them to positive lifestyles. Our continuing and informative series of ‘In Conversation’.

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

[BUC news]

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

Sabbath 8 November:
NEC Day of Prayer. United in the Spirit of His Presence. Preacher: Former BUC President, Pastor Cecil Perry. Hot soup and bread provided but please bring your own lunch. Time: 10:00 - 18:00. Venue: Chelmsley Wood Adventist church, Pike Drive, Birmingham B37 7US.
Vision Investment. The East & Central African Fellowship Community invite you to a special day focusing on faith, music, investment, and food from the region. Time: 10:00 - 18:00. Venue: Beckton Maranatha Adventist church, St Mark's Church & Community Centre, Tollgate Rd, Beckton, London E6 5YA.

Sunday 9 - Sabbath 15 November
Week of Spiritual Emphasis at Newbold College. Speaker: Anthony Fuller. Non-student welcome!

Sunday 9 November:
Christmas Book Gift and Craft Fair. Light lunches will be served. All the profits will go to the Watford Peace Hospice. Time: 11 am - 3 pm. Venue: Stanborough Park Centre, 609 St Albans Road, Watford WD25 9JL.

Tuesday 11 November:
A Diversity of Witnesses – Can we really know what God says? Lecturer: Dr Jean-Claude
Verrecchia, Principal Lecturer in New Testament, Newbold College. Time: 7:30 pm. Place: Smith Centre, Salisbury Hall, Newbold College RG42 4AN.

Saturday 15 November:
Community Services Fundraising Concert – Greenwich. Time: 17:00. For tickets or for more information please call Elsa Conreaux on 0798 965 9838. Venue: Greenwich Seventh-day Adventist Church, Devonshire Drive, London SE10 8JZ.

Brahms German Requiem – Manchester Central. A special evening of music! Time: 18:30 - 20:30. Cost: £5.00. Venue: Manchester Central Adventist church, Cross Lane, Denbigh Place, Pendleton, Manchester M5 4AD.

Sunday 16 November:
National Disability Ministry Conference. For Disability Awareness coordinators and those interested in Disability Ministry in the BUC. Workshops include: Deaf Awareness Ministry, Supporting Carers, Mental Illness, Accessible Church, Starting your Disability Ministry. Download the Disability Awareness Poster to advertise in your church. Time: 09:30 - 16:30. Venue: Hilton Watford Hotel, Elton Way, Watford, WD25 8HA.

MOHAP Day Retreat. Join us at the Advent Centre for a day of prayer for spiritual, social, physical and emotional healing. Time: 09:30 - 17:00. Venue: The Advent Centre, 12 Crawford Place, London W1H 5HD. Find out more and book your place at http://www.mohap.org/.

Scottish Mission Church Officers Training. Church officers in Scotland will receive training for their various designated roles at Crieff SDA Church, Gwydyr Road, Crieff PH7 4BS. Lunch will be provided. BUC trainers Pastors Nathan Stickland and Llew Edwards will be present. Time: 10:00 - 16:00.

Inspire Ur Biz. It will be an inspirational day for anyone thinking of starting a business, or already in business. Time: 12:00 - 18:00. www.InspireUrBiz.Eventbrite.co.uk. Venue: Hope Community Hall, 56 Churchfields Road, Beckenham BR3 4QW. Check link for costs etc.

Friday 21 - Sunday 23 November:
Mystery of Music. Hear the testimony of an ex-record producer. Learn the right and wrong uses of music. Learn of music from the heavenly realms – a four part programme. Venue: Oxford Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1a Chester Road, Oxford OX4 1SL. Check link for further details.

Saturday 22 November:
The London All Sax Ensemble Music Programme. If you are a lover of saxophones, come and enjoy this musical programme. Invite your neighbours, colleagues, family and friends! The evening will be presented by Paul Lee, SEC Music Ministries director. Time: 17:00 - 18:30. Venue: Hampstead SDA Church, 66 Haverstock Hill, London NW3 2BE. Cost: Free entry. Contact: dwanell@gmail.com.

Milton Keynes Women's Ministries Banquet. 'Ready to meet a King'. Guest speaker: Shirley Grant of Eagles Wings Ministries. Time: 19:00 - 23:00. See link for further details or email mksdawomen@gmail.com for more information.

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.
SMALL ADS

CHURCH WALL HANGINGS AVAILABLE. The Sutton-in-Ashfield church has 3 beautifully made wall hangings surplus to requirements. 1) Jesus: the way, the truth, the life. 2) Hope, Joy, Peace and Love and 3) I am the true vine.

They have not put a price against them but welcome a donation to their building fund. For more details contact Sue Anscombe: Sue@kira.co.uk.

BUC News is a weekly news bulletin produced by the Communication Department of the British Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Items for inclusion should be sent to bucnews@adventist.org.uk and need to be received by 6.00 pm on Wednesday. Coming Events should be submitted via the on-line form at: http://adventist.org.uk/events. The editor reserves the right to modify articles received to make them suitable for inclusion. The views expressed in this bulletin do not necessarily reflect the views of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, though we try to ensure that they do. You are free to re-print any portion of this bulletin without the need for special permission. However, we kindly request that you identify BUC News or other sources..

You can manually unsubscribe from this mailing list by clicking on reply and including the word 'unsubscribe' in the subject line. The British Union Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church accepts no liability to any party for any error, omission or mis-statement by any contributor in any material published in this newsletter.