THOUSANDS OF YOUTH 'BECOME THE SERMON' ON GLOBAL YOUTH DAY
Youth from across the British Isles joined with an estimated 8 million Adventist youth worldwide to actively 'Be the Sermon' on Global Youth Day (GYD), Sabbath 21 March 2015. From hugs in High Wycombe to chalk art in Ireland, street singing in Cambridge or visiting a residential home in
Plymouth, youth broke away from the traditional sermon to demonstrate in practice the love of Jesus.

Central to the programme – and highlighted in an hour-long live broadcast streamed on Hope Channel, were youth from Newbold College of Higher Education and Newbold church. They both took to the local streets of Bracknell to be the sermon and, together with staff from the College, some also travelled to the West African countries of Ghana and Nigeria.

A team of Newbold students and staff, led by Nana Bonnie, part of the College's Finance department and a member of the Reading Ghanaian Adventist church, visited Valley View University (VVU) in Oyibi, Ghana. The team worked with VVU's Pathfinders to minister to the children at the Christ Faith Foster Home where they donated a selection of food items, toiletries and books, and the Pathfinders entertained the children with marching drills and drumming lessons. "The children of Christ Faith Foster Home were very grateful and also shared with us some heartbreaking personal stories", Nana reported.

Newbold School of English student Iris Kichenama was also part of the group who travelled to Ghana. "It was an honour to be in Ghana for this event", she said. "GYD was not just a one-day event, it is an experience that will remain with me for a lifetime. This is something I would like to do all over again and I encourage everyone to serve whenever an opportunity arises."

The second group of Newbold staff and students visited Nigeria. Here they worked with students from Babcock University to raise awareness about the elimination of poverty, and raised funds that were donated to a local children's home. "My experience in Nigeria was eye-opening", said Religious Studies student Iliana Gonzalez. "It was not just great to represent Newbold, but also to bring back the values of GYD, and to share them with the rest of the students", she said.

The Nigerian group engaged in outreach activities such as singing, playing with children and
passing out refreshments to local merchants and citizens. "Serving in Nigeria was such an awesome experience, and it was great to see so many young people engaged in various acts of service throughout the day. I was blown away by the kindness and love shown by the Babcock students to those living in the community around the university", said Joseph Philpott, Theology student and President of the Newbold Student Association.

Meanwhile back in England the Newbold College and church youth also participated in various outreach activities including spending time with the elderly residents of a local care home, visiting a local dog rescue centre, face painting and handing out fruit and balloons in the town centre while the church's youth gospel choir performed for shoppers. Pastor Alastair Agbaje, Newbold Chaplain, and one of the key organisers of Newbold's activities on GYD said that it was amazing how the local community embraced the youth. "Our local Tesco and Waitrose stores very generously donated vouchers towards our activities in the town centre, and McDonald's donated the balloons", he said.

The international events of GYD were broadcast via the Hope Channel in a 24-hour live streaming event which attracted approximately 250,000 viewers. "What our TED youth have accomplished today is touching", said Tim Den Hertog, member of Newbold church who attended the live broadcast from the church on Saturday evening. "They've not only touched the people that they came into direct contact with, but also us who have had the opportunity to witness their deeds."

Newbold played host to the stories coming from West Africa and the Middle East as part of the church community's commitment to GYD. "GYD is Christianity translated in every language and culture of the world. It is strategically placed at the intersection of media, compassion and service", said Pastor Vili Costescu, media expert and associate pastor at Newbold church. "We are blessed in Britain to have human and technical resources to be an active part of this global movement."

Read more exciting stories about GYD activities in the UK & Ireland by visiting these news pages:
- Chalk art, temples and colour runs: GYD in Derry/Londonderry.
- Youth presence 'greatly appreciated': GYD in Cambridge.
- Youth join the mission to 'be the sermon': GYD in Plymouth (joined by friends from other churches).

[Judith Makaniankhondo / BUC News]
For the first time in its history the North England Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church has broken the ten thousand membership barrier. Reporting at the 19 March British Union Conference Executive Committee, Pastor Paul Lockham, BUC Executive Secretary, shared that as of 31 December 2014, membership stood at 10,033.

In total, membership across the UK and Ireland now stands at 35,330. While this is only 0.05% of the total population, it is still good news, as each of the 274 baptisms over the 4th quarter not only means a decision for Christ, but also another disciple who can share their faith with the community around them.

Church growth during the year can also be measured by financial faithfulness. BUC Treasurer, Mr Victor Pilmoor, reported that despite a more challenging economic climate over the past several years, tithe growth has continued to be ahead of inflation. At 5.3% for 2014, this will help the Church to aim bigger with evangelism projects, particularly initiatives such as Mission to the Cities, primarily focused this year on Manchester and Bristol, but with a continuing programme in Dublin and other cities.

MTTC Manchester has built up contacts and friendship with 600 people through Health Fairs and a variety of programmes across the city, Pastor Mike Simpson reported. He said, "Already new people are showing up in Manchester churches", and that is before the main thrust of evangelism to come in the summer and autumn. Bristol churches are also working together for coordinated outreach across the city, while in Dublin, Health Ministries sponsor, Edith Samambwa, has taken a sabbatical from her regular employment to ensure that the newly refurbished Ranalegh church can be open seven days a week as a positive centre of influence.

Mrs Lorraine Dixon sounded like an evangelist as she presented an update on Stanborough School. As head teacher she was especially delighted to report that during the recent Week of Spiritual Emphasis, fifty students indicated that they wanted to know more about God through Bible studies. She also noted how students are active in community projects – donating 105 gift boxes to ADRA, and helping with service days in the local area.

The school is not without challenges. While the financial situation has greatly improved on previous years, and while academic standards continue to be good, there is space for growth in
student numbers. Mrs Dixon's offer was enthusiastic, "We are a hidden gem. Come and see us."

There is a refreshing openness during BUC Executive Committee meetings. While, by the very nature of the committee, not every item can be reported publically, it was interesting to note that during a discussion on ministerial evaluation that all the Presidents, from Union, Conference and Mission, recognised the need for them to be positively helped and evaluated on an ongoing basis – not just at election time.

Elections came to the fore with TED President, Pastor Raafat Kamal, noting that the General Conference Session this July "should be a celebration of God's goodness over the past 5 years." While very positive about empowering women within the mission of the Church, Pastor Kamal expressed that there is too much politics around the topic of the ordination of women. He said, "We have set up a whole day for discussion of this topic. I would love to see a whole day on mission!" That maybe fitted in with the theme of BUC President Pastor Ian Sweeney's morning devotional, 'Talk less, pray more'.

Other items during the day included a proposal to update the Keeping the Church Family Safe policy, for Pastor Llew Edwards to be the Adventist representative on the Churches' Ministerial Counselling Service, and to review the best venue and time options for running an effective BUC Session in 2016. The general consensus was for the Session to run Thursday afternoon and Friday followed by a Day of Fellowship on the Sabbath. Venues will now be shortlisted with a proposal to be brought to the June committee.

[Victor Hulbert]

SONGS FOR HOPE IN GALWAY CATHEDRAL

Seventh-day Adventist choirs from Galway and Cork raised in excess of €1,000 on Saturday evening, 21 March when they staged a benefit concert in Galway Cathedral to support the work of COPE, a local charity that seeks to address homelessness in the city.

The magnificent cathedral on the banks of the River
Corrib, generously provided by the Catholic Church, was a perfect venue for this event. The programme featured a variety of traditional and contemporary Christian songs. Anna Boishko, a talented musician based in Galway, conducted the choirs. She also featured in several beautiful solo performances. Anna said, "It was a great privilege to perform in one of the best concert venues in the country." Amerson Silfor, a guitarist and vocal artist from Brazil who writes and performs many of his own songs also featured in the musical line-up.

The concert was promoted under the title *Song for Hope*. "It was an apt title", reflects Tony O'Rourke, the pastor of the Galway Adventist church. "In 2014, over 700 households in Galway City were affected by homelessness. This included both single people and families. As a congregation we were concerned by the plight of those affected. We began working with the helping agency, COPE which provides emergency shelter and food around the city."

"This concert is the latest of our support efforts. Last Christmas church members organised a large food collection but felt they should do more to alleviate the suffering of those who have no home. It resulted in this very successful concert."

Pastor Stephen Wilson from Dublin states that, "Coming up to the date of the concert no venue had been found that would be free, and large enough to accommodate the audience that we hoped to attract. This did not stop the choirs and soloists from practising and in the very last moment, just in time to print the posters and invitations, the Cathedral became available."

A video was made to promote the concert. Tickets were sold at €5.00 each and over €1,000 was raised with all monies going directly to COPE. Technical assistance was provided by Ivars Zubovs from the Newmarket Adventist church.

"This is only the beginning of several upcoming efforts", says Pastor Tony. "We are busy planning a concert for Cork in the near future, and also for Dublin." Anna is also energised by the event. "It took almost a year to get everything in place, and there were times that we thought it was too big a task. But we stuck with it and trusted God. We now know that we can do big and exciting things for God."

If this weekend's performance is anything to go by, future concerts will also be a great success. One lady who lives close to the Cathedral expressed her gratitude and said she would go on the Galway Radio Station to tell others about the vision and kindness of the Seventh-day Adventist Church members.

A selection of photos from the event can be found on [the Adventist Church's picture gallery](#). Alternatively, [view photos on Facebook](#).

[Elizabeth O'Rourke. Photos: Ivars Zubovs]
STANBOROUGH STUDENTS' WORLD BOOK DAY QUIZ

World Book Day is a celebration! It's a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) it's a celebration of reading. This is the third year that Stanborough Secondary School, Watford, has held a World Book Day quiz, and on Thursday, 5 March all teachers and students came together to celebrate the written word, as well as participating in a perplexing and exhilarating quiz that tested everyone's knowledge.

The build-up to the quiz included a non-school uniform day the day before. Students and staff were asked to bring in £1.50 as a fundraiser to buy new books for the library. Everyone joined in on the fun and altogether raised over £190.

Many students had likely studied that evening, preparing for the difficult questions to come. There was a mix of laughter and chatter as students entered the hall, divided up into their House groups (Blue, Red and Green), wished one another good luck, and admired the way the hall had been transformed.

Hilda from Year 9 commented, "Wow, this is amazing, the place looks terrific, it has set the scene for World Book Day, I especially loved the 'I LOVE BOOKS' sign!"

Muskah from Year 7 added, "The decoration, layout and numerous shades of colours made the event dazzling. The flowers made from book pages were my favourite!"

The facial expressions of many of the boys showed how impressed they were, even if they didn't want to admit it. As the questions began, the groups became all the more determined to earn points. The team effort was stunning and everyone contributed in
answering the questions.

As each category finished, both students and teachers were asked to present a story. Students elected a person from their group who had to persuade the audience to read a particular book, chosen at random.

Year 9 student Molaysi was impressed: "Naysa in Year 11 persuaded me because she used great words of persuasion that gripped you into wanting to read the book!" Although others said that Christopher from Year 11 did really well in persuading them into wanting to read.

In the end Green House was the overall winner – though closely followed by Blue House and then Red House. After all the cheers and laughter the event came to an end – but the reading will continue. Before heading to lunch everyone generously received a book voucher for a free book.

The day was a success. Michael in Year 9 "loved the fact that we got to socialise with team members and work together." Luana, an international student, exclaimed, "The quiz was the best, there was a variety of different questions in a range of categories that were very enjoyable, I made good memories!"

When asked, "Why do you read?" Sinead replied, "Reading is something I can do when I'm bored and it takes me out of the situation I'm in, and into the book where I feel I am with the characters and adapting to the setting as I read each page."

I could not agree with her more. Reading transports you and teaches you many new things from the storylines and passages. I now really look forward to World Book Day 2016, which will be even better! What an event to remember!

[Tabasom Mahjub, Year 9 student]

'GIVE GOD THE CREDIT' STATES DR OROKO AS HE JOINES RCS

Dr Parmenas Kibagendi Oroko, a long-standing member of the Irvine Company in Scotland was awarded the Fellowship ad eundem of the Royal College of Surgeons of England on Tuesday, 10
March 2015 after admission to its Court of Examiners. He gives all the credit to God as he shares in this remarkable story.

His journey of becoming an orthopaedic surgeon started back in 1983 when he graduated with a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery from University of Nairobi, Kenya. When asked what or who inspired him to become an orthopaedic surgeon, he says that it was not the original idea of what he wanted to be. It is because of God's miraculous intervention, his saying "Yes" to the opportunities and doing his absolute best at every opportunity. Since graduating in 1983 he has continued to progress and develop in this professional field both locally and internationally. In 1998, he was awarded the Fellowship Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh in the Specialty of Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgery and went on to work as a Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon at Hairmyres Hospital, East Kilbride, Scotland. He is currently working at the Aga Khan University Hospital in Nairobi, Kenya as an Assistant Professor, Head of Orthopaedics and Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon and teaches post-graduate surgeons.

"It hasn't always been easy", he says as he recalls the moment he found out that one of his final exams would be on a Sabbath. The Head of the Examinations said that there was no way they could move the exam to Sunday and his professor urged him to go to his priest to seek special dispensation. Dr Oroko then explained that this was not possible as it was a matter between God and himself. On the morning of the exam, he went to church and can to this day clearly recall the sermon which was based on Isaiah 41:10. "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

After the service was over, he made his way to the college and got there at 2:00 pm. He was quarantined at the college until sundown at 4:38 pm. He started his written paper at 4:40 pm and was even given the choice of venue for the paper – president's office or the board room. President's office it was! While he was writing the exam, the invigilator read parts of Mark Finley's book, The Almost Forgotten Day that Dr Oroko had brought with him and given her as a gift.

One of Dr Oroko's favourite Bible passages is Psalms 103:1-5. He says that in all his training and work he has asked no human being to 'pull the strings' for him. It has always been the Lord that has made everything possible and he praises God for it.

What advice would he give to young people who are in the beginning of their careers and still looking for their way in life? Dr Oroko states that the best advice he could give to anyone is to accept the Lord as your personal Saviour. He says, "It is the most important decision you can make in your life." You should then look for opportunities and always do the best you can as it
says in Colossians 3:23, "Whatever your task, work heartily, as serving the Lord and not men." His challenge to youth is to encourage them to aim for a higher standard, the Lord's standard, than what man would be satisfied with. To know that what you would do tomorrow depends on what you are doing today, and therefore, to purpose to do today's task well.

"We are very proud of how this humble and faithful servant has achieved such high recognition for his medical skills", states Pastor Bernie Holford, Scottish Mission President. "Together with his wife Jeniffer (who serves as the Children's Ministries sponsor for the Scottish Mission) this loving couple has been a tremendous blessing to our church here", he added. "We hope and pray he continues to be blessed in the wonderful work he does for the benefit of others."

[Hellevi Walker / Bernie Holford]

NEWBOLD TEAM COMPLETES HALF MARATHON & RAISES OVER £600

A team of runners from Newbold College of Higher Education completed the Vitality Reading Half Marathon on Sunday, 22 March, raising a total of £643.25 for charity. The team's fundraising will go towards supporting the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), the Micro and Anophthalmic Children's Society (MACS), and the Sue Ryder charity.

For Newbold alumnus, Pastor Julian Thompson and his sister, Helena Thompson, who also completed the half marathon, their choice of charity was personal. "The Sue Ryder charity gave excellent palliative care to my grandfather, Arthur Malcolm, a longstanding member of Reading Central Adventist church who passed away in November 2014", said Pastor Thompson. "Our friends Enoch Adu and Vivienne Wokoma showed their support by running with us."

The half marathon route took participants past the Reading Central Adventist church. They manned a stall in memory of Pastor Thompson's grandfather. Church members distributed bottled water and pieces of fruit to the event's 15,357 runners, and reached out to...
encourage them through song as they passed.

Community outreach was also one of the motivations behind the Newbold team's decision to enter the half marathon. "The College makes a concentrated effort to make a difference both locally and in the wider community", said Antonia Harre, a School of English student and Newbold team member. "There are a lot of opportunities for outreach planned during the year, but through the daily activities organised by the College's Campus Ministries team, there are also many opportunities to reach fellow staff and students. Prayer Run, the ministry through which our participation in the half marathon was born, is just one of these opportunities", Antonia explained. "As members of the College, of Newbold church, and of the wider Adventist community, we have a weekly opportunity to worship, pray, and improve our fitness together."

Another Newbold team member, Theology student Kristine Hanssen, said that she was glad she had participated in the half marathon and that she could see herself doing it again one day. "The last part was a struggle, but it was a great experience and with something like the half marathon as a goal I will be really driven to exercise every day", she said.

Sunday's half marathon followed closely on the heels of Global Youth Day (GYD), an international initiative of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists that encourages youth to become actively involved in spreading God's love through acts of service. The 2015 GYD theme, 'Be the Sermon', was applicable to both events for Pastor Alastair Agbaje, Newbold Chaplain and Dean of Men. Pastor Agbaje was instrumental in organising the College's GYD activities and then also went on to run in the half marathon the next day. "On GYD we focused on how we can be the sermon by doing acts for others, through which they can experience the love of Jesus", said Pastor Agbaje. "I think the money the Newbold team raised through participation in the half marathon will go a long way towards someone experiencing Jesus' love."

The Newbold team are still accepting donations for this event. To give, visit the giving pages of one of the following team members: Alastair Agbaje (ADRA), Tremon Jackson (MACS), Julian Thompson (Sue Ryder charity).

[Judith Makaniankhondo]
no further!

Pastor Andrew Rashford-Hewitt is not just an ordinary pastor. Whilst he pastors the Kettering Corby and Wellingborough churches he is also a keen cyclist and his two young sons Eashay and Akeal are quickly following in their father's path.

Having picked up the cycling bug from his own father who used to balance a young Andrew on his red bicycle as he rode around in the back garden, Andrew received his first bike when he was 6 years old and hasn't looked back since. Over the years Andrew has completed two triathlons – and his sons have also completed two children's triathlons! He also took part in a London to Paris bike ride in 2011. Now he is keen to get back on his bike in aid of ADRA-UK – but he doesn't want to ride alone!

No stranger to fundraising Andrew set a goal of £1,000 on his last event but surpassed this and managed to raise £2,500 for ADRA-UK! This year, for the first time Andrew has planned a coast-to-coast bike ride for any budding cyclists and enthusiasts from Southport to Skegness. These two locations are selected as historically they have been synonymous with the NEC Camp Meeting. When asked why he wanted to organise this event, Andrew simply replied, "I want to make a difference in people's lives, the best way that I know how, and I see this bike ride as a local activity with a global impact!"

The Southport to Skegness bike ride runs 24-27 May with cyclists riding 60 miles a day with an overnight stay and breakfast provided each day. Whilst the idea of a coast-to-coast bike ride may be off-putting to some, Andrew is keen to encourage cyclists both young and old to take part in either the whole event or an individual stage, in Southport, Manchester or Sheffield adding, "Don't let the name of the event scare you, if you can cycle for 30 miles a day, you will definitely be able to manage the journey." The coast-to-coast ride will also include a children's 5-mile bike ride with Andrew's sons participating at the start of each stage of the bike ride, and then assisting the adults in the remainder of the ride in their roles as water engineer and snack administrator!

So, if you're interested in 'getting on ya bike' for ADRA-UK over the course of the ride contact Andrew at a.r-h@hotmail.co.uk or communications@adra.org.uk. For more information on the ride visit http://riseupandride.com.

[Fabrice Baker-Livingstone]
27 MARCH MESSENGER ONLINE

Check the numbers in the 27 March edition of *Messenger*, official journal of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the UK and Ireland. The lead article, by Bert Smit, CEO of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA-UK), gives an astonishing set of numbers for people whose lives have been helped by the charity over the past year. At the start of the Annual Appeal, they are clearly numbers that motivate. Positive help is also provided by Karin Edwards as she talks about 'Overcoming fear' through prayer. She writes from the heart having looked terminal cancer in the eye.

Perspective looks at the issue of voting in the upcoming election, while the news pages highlight the regional GAiN Media Conference and encourages readers to take in some of the presentations now available online. Finally – are you one of the 'one in seven'? That, according to Barna Group research, is the ratio of Christians seen as 'Christ-like' compared with those perceived as Pharisaical. Read more online or pick up a copy from your local church.

[Julian Hibbert]

FAITHTALKS LOOKS AT FAITH & GRIEF

Have you shared Adventist programming with your friends? Twice weekly, viewing audiences across the UK and Ireland get the opportunity to learn something about Adventists and their beliefs when they tune into Revelation TV: Thursdays 8:30 pm repeated Sunday at 1:00 pm:

Thursday 26 March (repeated Sunday 29 March): In a moving programme, Kirsten Øster-Lundqvist and guests ask, 'How do you deal with faith in the face of grief?'
Thursday 2 April (repeated Sunday 5 April): Perfect Christians. Does such a thing exist?
Thursday 9 April (repeated Sunday 12 April): Global Responsibility.
Thursday 16 April (repeated Sunday 19 April):
Domestic Violence.

To find out how to watch Revelation TV, click here. The new series will also shortly be released on the www.hopetv.org.uk website and on ROKU, the best IPTV platform for watching Hope Channel and other Adventist programmes.

[Kirsten Øster-Lundqvist]

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

Continuing to Sabbath 28 March:
Youth Week of Prayer 2015. Check link to download both the Junior and Senior youth readings.

Friday 27 - Sunday 29 March:
Scottish Mission Youth Training Weekend. This year's Scottish Mission Training Weekend will focus on Youth Leadership & Addictions. Venue: Crieff Seventh-day Adventist Church, Gwydyr Road, Crieff PH7 4BS.
The Revelation of Jesus Christ with Ranko Stefanovic. Ranko Stefanovic is Professor of New Testament at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University. 7 - 9 pm on 27; all day Sabbath and Sunday. Contact number: 07828 740 975 / 01162 758 556. Venue: Leicester Central Adventist Church, Corner of London/University Road, Leicester LE2 1EF.

Friday 27 March:
Café 7. Come and enjoy an evening of worship, socialising, and light bites. This Café style youth event is open to all who would like to come along and enjoy this fun filled alternative evening with their friends. We'll be having a guest speaker on the day including live music and other performances. Time: 19:00 - 21:00. Venue: 121 St Peters Street, St Albans, Herts AL1 3EL.

Sabbath 28 March:
Camp Hill Youth Day. Theme: God wants you back! Time: 9:15 - 18:15. Venue: Camp Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church, Sparkbrook, Birmingham B12 0JP.
Scottish Mission Youth Day of Fellowship. Time: 10:00 - 17:00. Please email audreymutongi@yahoo.co.uk for more info. Venue: 6 Forest Crescent, Fowlis Wester, Crieff PH7 3NR.
'Before I Do' Singles Fellowship. Aim: To empower and stir Christian singles towards having a Godly courtship, equipping and preparing them for a happy marriage. Time: 16:30 - 19:00. Venue: Blessed Hope SDA Church, Priory Hill, Dartford DA1 2ES.
Watford Town Youth Concert. We are hosting a Youth Concert as part of our Youth Day programme. This will be an event that youth from other churches as well as Watford Town will
come and perform their various talents. Time: 17:00 - 19:00. Come along and support our youth. **Croydon Gospel Choir: An Evening of Music.** The concert will begin promptly at 17:30, so please invite your family and friends to enjoy gospel music at its best. Venue: 149-159 Ivydale Road, Peckham, London SE15 3DX.

**Saturday 28 March:**

**Edmonton Teens Karaoke & Games Nite.** This is for anyone who wants to enjoy an evening of praise, fun and entertainment. All are welcome! Time: 6:30pm after AY. Check link for full details. Venue: 8 Houndsfield Road, Edmonton N9 7RA.

**Restoration 2 With Thanks Gospel Concert.** Join us for another evening of live Gospel music in aid of St Paul's Restoration Project. Go to our website to purchase your tickets. Time: 18:30 - 20:30. Venue: Clapton Community Seventh-day Adventist Church [St Paul's Church], Chelmer Road, London E9 6AY.

**Thursday 2 - Monday 6 April:**

**Reborn – BUC Congress for Senior Youth.** DEADLINE EXTENDED TO SATURDAY NIGHT 28 March. Check the [BUC Youth website](http://www.bucyouth.org) regularly for more information and ticket releases! Cost: £90 per person. Closing date for bookings: 22 March. Keep in touch via [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com) for the very latest news. **Buy your tickets here!** Venue: Newland Park, Gorelands Lane, Chalfont St Giles, Bucks HP8 4AD.

**Prayer & Faith Conference REUNION.** All teenage Pathfinders welcome to the first ever Reunion! This is the event not to miss! Tell your parents, tell your friends! Places are very, very limited, once filled there will not be room for anymore! So don't delay – book today! Venue: Newland Park, Gorelands Lane, Chalfont St Giles, Bucks HP8 4AD.

**Friday 3 April:**

**Reflections from the Cross.** An evening of songs and reflections on the cross. A memorable opportunity to share the story with your friends and neighbours. Time: 19:30 - 21:00. Venue: Watford Town Seventh-day Adventist Church, BROADSWORD HOUSE, 1-5 BRIXTON ROAD, Watford WD24 4AB.

**Sabbath 4 April:**


**Sunday 6 April:**

**Gospel Roller Jam presents the Easter Skate special.** Roller skating event in aid of the New Life urban youth project. Time: 17:00 - 22:00. Venue: York Hall, 5 Old Ford Road, Bethnal Green, London E2 9PJ.

**Wednesday 8 - Sunday 12 April:**

**NEC Youth Alive Training Conference.** Check link for full details including costs. Venue: Whitemoor Lakes, Barley Green Lane, Lichfield, Staffs WS13 8QT.

**Friday 10 - Sabbath 11 April:**

**Centennial Commemoration of Ellen White's Life and Ministry.** Check link for further details. Venue: Newbold Seventh-day Adventist Church, St Marks Road, Binfield RG42 4AN.
Friday 10 - Sunday 12 April:
**ASNA Family Respite & Training Weekend.** Check link for full details including costs. Venue: Sunningdale Park Hotel, Larch Avenue, West Berkshire SL5 0QE.

**Sabbath 11 April:**
**National Asian Day of Fellowship.** Check link for full details. Time: 10:00 - 17:00. Venue: 2 Handsworth New Road, Birmingham B18 4PG.

Sunday 12 April:
**ADRA Fun Run – Manchester.** [Download your sponsor form here](#). Time: 10:30 - 14:30. Venue: Alexandra Park, 180 Russell Street, Moss Side, Manchester M16 7JL.

**The London Adventist Chorale: Fundraising Concert in York City.** Check link for full details including costs. Time: 14:00 - 16:00. Venue: Joseph Rowntree Theatre, Haxby Road, York YO31 8TA.

Future events that you need to book for now:

- 7-10 May. The [TED Master Guide Camp](#) in Slovenia.
- 24-27 May. Book now to join a [coast to coast cycle ride](#) raising funds for ADRA.

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