WOMEN IN MINISTRY – WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

Life is full of questions, and for Pastor Ian Sweeney, President of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the UK and Ireland, those questions have mounted up since his return from San Antonio, Texas. In particular, his inbox has been flooded with comments, clarifications, and even a couple of
requests for ministerial credentials to be changed.

Why? After a full day of debate during the World Business Session of the Adventist Church (GC Session) on Wednesday, 8 July 2015, delegates voted down a proposal that would have allowed individual regions of the world, should they so choose, to facilitate the ordination of women pastor in their area. [See: Response to 'No' Vote on Women's ordination.]

Since then, news reports, social media, and a surprising proportion of the church membership have engaged in analysis and debate. To clear the air, and to share where the Church in the UK and Ireland stands, Pastor Sweeney recently took the opportunity to talk frankly and openly with church members via a video interview on Hope TV UK and also in Messenger magazine.

During the nine-minute interview, Pastor Sweeney recognised that the debate at the GC Session did not change people's opinions on the issue. He equally recognised that there is polarisation in the church regarding women's ordination – with people on both sides of the debate holding views based on their sincere understanding of Scripture. Yet within that context Pastor Sweeney believes that there is still a way forward.

"If we are looking for uniformity, then we are never going to have that... We don't have uniformity on many things", he stated. As an example he noted the variety of worship styles we share "depending on where we are on the spectrum of worship" yet notes that, "we are all worshipping God." His emphasis is that "not that everything has to be uniform to express unity."

Forty-five percent of local churches in the British Isles have at least one female elder. In some churches (5%) all elders are female while other congregations do not desire or wish to have female elders. "We have to respect the wishes of the congregation", he stated. "We shouldn't be seen to be imposing upon a congregation that which they are not willing to accept, or that which they are not prepared to accept at this time."

Pastor Sweeney believes that if God calls you to ministry you will minister. That includes both men and women. "In the British Union, across the Division and I believe across the world, we are encouraging women in this way and we want to keep doing so – when I say 'we' I mean the Church.

We want to affirm those whom God has called, and clearly God has called many men as well as many women. And let's not forget that to leave a life's career, or to change careers, or to send your life in a direction of ministry, is not something that is taken lightly. It is not done for the
money; it is not done for the prestige; and clearly, if God has placed upon somebody's heart the impression that they want to enter into full-time ministry, we encourage such persons to do that, whether they be male or female."

What advice, then, does Pastor Sweeney have for those opposed to women in ministry? His answer is one of example:

"Many years ago… I worked with an elder who was very much opposed to female elders. In fact, he left the congregation where he was as a point of principle, as a point of 'conscientious objection', you might say, to worship in the congregation of which I was the pastor because it did not have female elders. And I have to say, he was one of the best elders I have ever worked with. He respected the decision of the congregation that he left, and he didn't leave in the midst of a whole lot of warfare and contention. He just said, 'In my heart of hearts, I cannot do this.'"

Pastor Sweeney's plea is that "we need to have a greater understanding of and respect for people who we differ with." He emphasises, "We should listen to each other and treat one another with respect. And understand that we can be united, as I've said, in our diversity."

He also has a word of council for our female pastors and elders, noting the experience of church co-founder, Ellen White, who, by her own testimony, believed she had been ordained of God. (Letter 138, 1909) "What I would like to affirm to our female pastors is that what God has called you to is the real thing. What we do as a church is recognise what God has called an individual to do or to be. And I would hope that in time – and sometimes these things do take time – we may be able to do just that!"

More importantly, he adds, "I believe that our female colleagues should ever remember that their call came from God, and to whomever God calls He will give strength and equip to do the ministry. It's never going to be easy, even for our male colleagues, as we see in the lives of the prophets… but God equipped them along the road. And I think that God will today equip our ministers, our male and female pastors, who have been called to ministry."

Watch the full interview online.

[Victor Hulbert]
strong winds across 12 states and regions of Myanmar (Burma).

The flooding in Myanmar has caused much more damage and displacement of people than originally realised. Over 209,000 households, with an estimated population of 1,099,000 have been affected.

The flooding is widespread with 11 of the 14 states reporting the displacement of families. Hardest hit are the regions of Kalaymyo area in Sagaing, in North West Myanmar where there is also a significant Seventh-day Adventist population. Many villages had floodwaters rise to depths of between 5 and 9 meters. Deposits of up to 2 metres of mud and debris now cover people's fields, resulting in a tragic loss of both food in storage and this year's harvest.

Immediate needs that ADRA and other NGOs are working to provide include water purification tablets, emergency food, as well as essential non-food items such as plastic sheeting, cooking sets, blankets, jerry cans, sleeping mats, sanitary items and shelter kits. Longer term relief efforts will need to include the rehabilitation of water sources, rebuilding of homes and schools, and rapid agricultural recovery.

ADRA was the first NGO to respond in the rural villages around Kalaymyo – largely thanks to the quick work of local Adventist church members and students of Adventist schools who are volunteering their help, working with the ADRA team to save lives and relieve suffering.

Please send your donation today to help ADRA save lives in Myanmar.

[Fabrice Baker-Livingstone]

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certainly think so, sharing their joy and views on the subject over the Irish bank-holiday weekend, 30 July – 3 August 2015.

The Adventist campsite at Newmarket on Fergus once again welcomed brave campers, staunch Irish Mission Adventists and their friends who are not afraid of the unpredictable Irish summer. Over 60 people attended the West of Ireland family camp to be immersed in the fun and activity loaded weekend. That number more than doubled on the Sabbath.

The organisers of the event, Pastors Tony O'Rourke and Jeff Freeman, were an inspiration and motivation for everyone. Through their tremendous hard work, they ensured that everyone had a pleasant and enjoyable stay.

'Pleasant' might not be the word for the challenging worship time. Nevertheless guest speaker, Pastor Bryan Gallant, shared a vital and moving message as he delved into the depths of his own soul to relive and explain the raw grief he and his wife Penny felt when they lost their two children in a fatal car accident in December 1994. Bryan was able to share the experience of brokenness, pain, and despair. But with it he told of the journey of recovery, the climb up the 'grief' mountain, and the pitfalls on the way upwards. "Yes," says Bryan, "joy does return again".

Bryan has served God in the USA as well as Micronesia, Cambodia and Indonesia. His heart-touching sermon had an unusual title: 'Good grief! What amazing grace'. It intertwined tears and laughter, bringing listeners through the amazing journey of Bryan's life.

The sermon was closely linked to his recently published book, *Undeniable: An Epic Journey Through Pain*. Now married for 25 years, with four children, Bryan dedicates his life to showing how life can be enjoyed at its best, and experienced to the full, noting that "Gratitude is the attitude that sets the altitude of life."

His journey was an inspiration for every listener, especially those who recently have had to deal with loss in one form or another. It helped them to see that through the valleys in life, God allows "all things to work together for good."

Another beautiful testimony was shared on Sabbath by Bruno Basil where God miraculously answered his seven-year-long prayers and reunited him with his daughter in Ireland.

Bruno Basil reunited with his daughter
The rest of the programme was a rich mix of worship services, songs, workshops, lectures, games, sports and amazing food. The variety ensured that nobody felt bored or excluded. Every camper and visitor joined the activities that suited them the most. Lectures presented by pastors on the Sabbath afternoon 'fed' people spiritually, multiple workshops ensured that everyone had something new to learn while camp-fires warmed up tired bodies on chilly evenings. A 10km (7 mile) long hike contributed to some sore muscles and outdoor games left muddy stains and smiles on participants' faces.

The reunited brothers, Jeff and Bryan, entertained everyone sharing their stories and making sure that the atmosphere at the camp always stayed filled with fun and joy till the very last visitor left. The camp meeting was a real blessing to everyone who attended, portraying through pastor Bryan's teachings that the glory of God shines bright even in the darkest times of our lives and that He is there for us even at times when we think He's too far away.

[Anna Boisko]

NEWBOLDIANS RECONNECT AT 1990S REUNION

Almost 100 people attended a reunion for Newbold's classes of the 1990s the weekend of 7-9 August 2015. The group included former staff, students, and their families, some of whom travelled from across Europe and as far away as Australia and the United States to attend.

The event, which was held on the Newbold campus, featured a three-course banquet catered by former Newbold chef Jan Cederstrøm, a high tea in the
iconic Oak Lounge in Moor Close, a visit to the favourite Sabbath afternoon spot Virginia Water, and an evening that included alumni flashbacks from the 1990s.

Organisation of the weekend was overseen by Dr Sandra Rigby-Barrett, the College's current Study Abroad Programme Leader and Choir Director, who chaired the Reunion Planning Committee. Many alumni will remember Dr Rigby-Barrett, who has been at Newbold since the late 1980s and has directed the choir since 2000, as their piano, music theory, or music history teacher.

Rebecca Pedersen (nee Alen), a former piano student of Dr Rigby-Barrett's and a graduate of Newbold's Bachelor of Arts (Music) performed in both the worship services in the Church Centre on Sabbath, which also featured a sermon by Dr Andrea Luxton, a former Principal of the College.

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Dr Luxton, who is also a Newbold alumna, the former head of the College's English Department, and the current Provost at Andrews University, spoke on the Call of Integrity. She discussed the definition of integrity, describing it as about being who we say we are - for example, if we are Christians, we should act like it. Our values, should be coherent and consistent, Dr Luxton said. "Be worthy of your roots, worthy of the claim to be a Christian, and know what living and acting wholly means," she added.

Henrik Jørgensen (former Dean of Men and Director of Student Services) spoke during the Friday evening vespers service, while the guest speaker on Saturday evening was Harald Giesebrecht, a former postgraduate Theology student. Musical performances were given on both evenings by Marjut Hakkinen-Helminen and Gry Haugen, who are also Theology graduates.

Several former students also gave their testimonies at the vespers service on Sabbath evening, including Holly Hughson, Neil Hunger, Peter Balderstone, and Lora Woodruff. Video clips were sent in by Erica Mantovani (Italy), David and Jenny McKibben (Australia), Andrew Howe (California), and Roberto Ianno (Italy).

Peter Balderstone recalled a particular production of Shakespeare’s ‘A Midsummer Night's Dream’ in Sylvia's Garden which saw Dr Harry Leonard, a former Principal Lecturer at Newbold, act the part of a simpleton in his rendition of 'Wall'. He provided a wonderfully accurate mimicry of Dr Leonard's interpretation of this favourite scene. Dr Leonard was recently awarded the title of Principal Lecturer Emeritus and continues as
an active member of the Sylvia's Garden restoration management group.

"It was particularly moving to hear the testimonies of our former students delivered in person or via video, of the huge impact that Newbold has made on individual lives, intellectually, spiritually, and socially", said Dr Baildam, the College's current Principal. Dr Baildam has served at the College in various roles, including Director of the School of English and Deputy Principal, since the early 1980s.

Attendees were reminded, among other things, of the lingering smell of kebabs and clothes sodden with pond water by images that illustrated meetings of the weekly kebab club and the ritual of the birthday pond-dunkings. These were part of a comprehensive display of memorabilia provided by the Roy Graham Library.

Dr Baildam said that it was heart-warming to see so many former students reunited, in most cases, after very many years. "Many attendees commented on individual staff members who had influenced them. One alumna first came as a 16-year-old for our Summer School in English and left with a degree in Business. She also married another of the Business students, and they came back for the reunion, for the first time, with their three children who they are determined will attend Newbold", said Dr Baildam.

Attendees found the weekend to be enriching and an oasis in their lives. They enjoyed the opportunity to reconnect with friends, peers, and colleagues so much that several have called for another reunion for students and staff of the 1990s to take place earlier than the traditional ten years.

To keep in touch with Newbold and to find out about events such as this, make sure to update your details at www.newbold.ac.uk/alumni. Additional photographs from the weekend can be seen on the Newbold College Facebook page.

[Kirsty Watkins]
Baptisms are a sign of commitment, but for Gulshen Turktas, that commitment doubled as she is wheelchair bound. That, however, was not going to stop her making a public declaration of her new-found faith in Jesus Christ. Affectionately known as Rose, she has been visiting the church and studying her Bible for nearly three years. On Sabbath, 1 August she was lifted into the pool by deacons while seated in her portable wheelchair and baptized by Pastor Valentine Roach.

Rose was just one of seven candidates as Edmonton Central and Tottenham Seventh-day Adventist Churches came together for a joint baptismal celebration. Many of the candidates had attended the *Bible Speaks Campaign*, conducted by Evangelist Donald Yearwood, 18 July–1 August 2015 at the Edmonton Central Church.

Among those baptised were a family of three: Naiomi, Joshua and Esther Onyeanusi. They were joined by more youth: Kundai Kwenda, Romell Hunter and Jamsine Enti.

[Roger Charles]

**NEEDY NEWCASTLE PREPARED FOR HEALTH BOOST**

Believe the stereotypes and you might say that Newcastle Seventh-day Adventist Church is an obvious place to hold a month long health training course as there are so many health needs in the area. If you believe the stories, Geordies are all alcoholics, the sun never shines and the people have been described as barbarians. It's untrue. The northeast of England is a wonderful, friendly place with, as I write, glorious sunshine.
Nevertheless, there are substantial health needs, so starting on the first Sunday in August lead trainer Cynthia Bonas, with assistants Mercy Chitate and Markus Schell, joined Conference Health Director Grace Walsh to guide 22 trainees who wanted to take their interest in health to the level where they could better help friends and community to develop healthy lifestyles.

Now into the second week, students are growing familiar with subjects that they need to learn to be effective health missionaries. Each morning begins with Bible Study on key spiritual themes reminding students that our health emphasis is not 'the message' but the right arm of the message.

Technical classes have covered the causes and simple treatments for high blood pressure and diabetes as well as discussions about fats, carbohydrates and proteins.

Practical health demonstrations have included contrast hydrotherapy treatments. The contrast between feet placed in a hot bowl of water followed by an immersion in ice-cold water drew a sharp exclamations of surprise from, amongst others, Doreen Morton from Leeds.

The cooking school, held on the second Sunday, attracted a wider audience including people who had attended a recent NEWSTART style programme at the church. This included learning about vegan butter and excellent guacamole and peanut butter. A short video indicates that the vegan butter seemed to go down well!

Students have also been learning how to present health talks. Markus Schell, a recent Wildwood graduate and, in his working life, a paramedic for the German ambulance service taught this section and shared an excellent example of how to give a health talk as he taught the benefits of honey.
Some of the students have children with them. Michael Sibanda, Samppa Muchenagumbo and Alvin Tereki have become involved with health teaching as they have been completing Adventurer health honours. During their classes they have become 'Health Specialists' and 'Temperance experts'. They have interviewed former Olympic athlete Daniel Caines about exercise and then gone on to practise what they have learned by becoming experts at 'Russian Hops'. Their sketch on wise food choices was appreciated by their parents and trainees who applauded their efforts.

A subsequent report will detail the large, practical goal of the training, a well organised health expo in a local shopping centre.

Trainees have found that the well-balanced spiritual guidance and health training from the Wildwood staff and trainees has been really helpful while the warm welcome and support from Newcastle members, including chef, JR Narciso, has shown that Newcastle is definitely a place to visit.

[Peter Jeynes]

PRAYER MINISTRY CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS THE POWER OF ONE

How can we best share the gospel of Jesus Christ with the millions of people resident in the British Isles? For the 137 Prayer Ministry coordinators assembled on the picturesque grounds of Latimer Place in Buckinghamshire the solution was simple. "Pray for the Lord's guidance."

While being organised as a South England Conference event, participants came from as far afield as Manchester, travelling down as a result of reading the advertisement in the BUC news. It was also refreshing to have so many young people from the various churches participating in this Prayer Conference throughout the weekend, 7-9 August.

It is apparent that after over a century of preaching the gospel in the UK and having only 35,000 members, something radical needs to be done to
bring about change. The Prayer Ministry department invited Adriana Pasos and her assistant, Sherry Grace to share the concept of Spiritual Ambassadors, a programme that has made a significant impact on many in Orlando, Florida.

The concept of the Spiritual Ambassadors is based the words of Adventist Church co-founder, Ellen White in her book, *Ministry of Healing* p143: "Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, 'Follow Me.'" Our special guests taught us that Spiritual Ambassadors are followers of Christ who have joined together to put their faith into action. They are called and chosen by God to love and serve those around them. Together they build relationships of trust, create a sense of belonging, and provide an outlook of hope. They pray. They listen. They encourage. They care and support those who are in need.

The speakers shared various practical activities that, as Spiritual Ambassadors, they have been involved with; ranging from helping less fortunate individuals within their small groups to holding street parties in different apartment complexes where food and clothing were given out. Their ministry includes providing encouragement for mothers whose sons are in prison. This created a safe environment where members in the Prayer Conference felt safe to testify about their children who had been, or were still incarcerated. We spent quality time praying for those who were hurting.

Being blessed on Sabbath with fine weather, we had breakout sessions where we prayerfully discussed the following questions:

1. What is the one thing I will commit to do to build and restore trust within my church?
2. How and when will I begin?
3. How will I make people feel they belong when they step into my church?
4. What about my community?

The answers to these questions can be seen on the SEC Ministerial Association website.

We were encouraged to focus on just one thing that we would do personally when returning to our churches and starting to implement that thing. This might mean working in partnership with outside organisations to do ministry. Participants learnt that as we engage in helping people, the Lord Himself will add to the Church those who He would save in His kingdom.
But the prayer retreat was of immediate practical help. "I am going through a crisis right now. I came asking God for answers and God is speaking to me", stated one participant. Another stated how she could "relate to the experiences shared during this retreat. There is no faking, the testimonies and experiences are fantastic." Many stated how they found the meetings to be "very inspiring" stating that "The whole atmosphere has been a blessing." The most significant comments were the ones that stated, "I am going back to my church to implement what I have learned."

One young person said: "This is my first time coming to a Prayer Conference. I wouldn't want to miss such a retreat again."

Mother Teresa once said, "We think that poverty is only being hungry, naked and homeless. The poverty of being unwanted, unloved and uncared for is the greatest poverty." We learned this weekend that there are many poor people in the UK, and when we reach out to love and care for people, this is the best form of evangelism that we can do.

[Emmanuel Osei]
The theme of the week was 'Building for Eternity'. Specially designed T-shirts were created for the occasion by Master Guides in Training, Alyssia Rodgers and Kristopher Reid.

Activities included fire building, camp cookery, floral arrangements and enjoying a Zipwire. Morning and evening worship focused on Genesis 1 reminding us 'God is the only one to make something out of nothing'.

Pastor Valentine Roach led out in a special commitment service on Sabbath, 8 August. The creative and heart-warming week was then brought to a close with a lively social Saturday night, led by Pathfinders leaders Andrea Styles Reid and Winston and Suzette Rodgers.

[Roger Charles]

REMEMBER THE ADC

One of the most memorable sermons I have ever heard consisted of just three words 'Remember Lot's Wife'. The speaker, who was the victim of a serious programme overrun, promptly sat down - his message delivered. Indeed he said what he meant, he meant what he said, he said it and then he said no more.

The encouragement to remember is certainly not new to us as members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, especially the
On Sabbath, 26 September the ADC will celebrate 70 years of service in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland. Seven decades of making contact and sharing the good news through Bible and Health correspondence courses. You are cordially invited to join the ADC at this special thanksgiving service at the Gaumont State Theatre, 197-199 Kilburn High Road, London NW6 7HY. We will express gratitude to God for the faithfulness of our forebears whose actions are etched in our memories. It will also allow you to join with the ADC in planning and shaping future activities.

You can help to make a difference right now, right where you are. How? I am encouraged by the number of churches who hold community events where they share courses that will improve the health and spiritual wellbeing of the participants. They showcase their love for Jesus through acts of kindness that alleviate the pain and suffering of others. Remember the ADC can assist you in connecting to people.

I am also reminded of those who take the gospel to those detained at Her Majesty's pleasure sharing hope with those who seemingly have none, in prisons which do not inspire any hope. Remember the ADC can help you reach across the chasm of fear and doubt to bring hope.

Every day there are those who join the ADC in prayer. At noon every week day, right at their places of employment or in their homes, there is a growing group of people praying for the students of the ADC and for all who carry the gospel message. The ADC can provide a focus for your prayer.

I recently received a letter informing me that a faithful church member had many years ago remembered the ADC in her will. Sadly that dear soul had been called to rest, but their remembrance of the ADC continued and their legacy is that the ADC will linger a little longer in the hearts and minds of those who desire a relationship with God.

Why not join with many others as they remember to use the ADC in achieving their evangelistic aspirations. Through your service to the community and institutions, through prayer and thoughtful donations you too can provide a memorable experience for someone somewhere, the impact of which could last for eternity.

[Des Rafferty]
LATEST MESSENGER ONLINE

"Knowing God's Heart is the lead story in the 14 August Messenger, Official Journal of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the UK and Ireland. In a special interview Pastor Ian Sweeney reflects on the repercussions of the women's ordination vote at the recent GC Session, while Dr John Baildam lays out his vision for Newbold College.

Also: How many lives do you live? Highlights for Press Open Day, baptism updates, and five pages of news. Pick up a copy in your local church or read it now online.

[Julian Hibbert]

ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS

Tune into Revelation TV or visit the Hope TV website or Roku for Animal Encounters, back by popular demand. Watch Adventist programming every Thursday night at 8:30 pm or Sunday lunchtime at 1:00 pm. Coming this week:

Thursday 13 August 8:30 pm (repeated Sunday 16 August 1:00 pm). Animal Encounters. Part 7: Marine Life.

Thursday 20 August 8:30 pm (repeated Sunday 23 August 1:00 pm). Animal Encounters. Part 8: Gabi, Kezia and Cassila experience God's creation first-hand as they take a second visit to the world of big cats.

[Victor Hulbert]

ERRATUM: Last week's report on the exciting Scottish Mission Eco-Pathfinder Camporee
COMING EVENTS For a full listing of Coming Events please visit http://adventist.org.uk/events

Continuing to Sabbath 15 August:
Summer Revival Series at Camp Hill church, Birmingham. Morning, noon and night.

Thursday 13 August:
Rest, sleep and your health. A free health lecture at Newbold College with GC Health director, Dr Leslie Hardinge.

Friday 14 - Sunday 16 August:
Leytonstone Homecoming weekend. A full weekend of programmes and activities.

Sabbath 15 August:
Camp Hill 60th Anniversary Home Coming day with Pastor Greg Nelson from Huntsville, Alabama.

Bryon Taylor & Co. Support the release of their first single. A fantastic concert. Tickets must be bought in advance.

Sunday 16 August:
Gospel Roller Jam 'Summer Skate Fest' organised by New Life church.
The Rye Summer Festival in High Wycombe. Family fun for all.

Sunday 16 - Sabbath 23 August:
Health Campaign with Dr Chidi Ngwaba at Peckham Seventh-day Adventist church.

Monday 17 - Sabbath 23 August:
SEC Extreme Teen's Camp at Chapel Porth Camp Site, Cornwall.

Sabbath 22 August:
Rugby Youth day. A day of drama, music, food, games and worship. Rugby Seventh-day Adventist church, 40 Hilmorton Road, Rugby,CV22 3LB
Sacrifice, Service and Praise. An ADRA fund-raising concert at the Advent Centre, Brendon Street, London, W1H 5JE. Tickets £5.00 Early bird offers online.

Sunday 23 August:
Trinidad and Tobago: Independence day celebrations. Highland House School, Holcombe Road, Tottenham N16 9AD. £15 admission. In aid of children with scoliosis.

Wednesday 26 - Sabbath 29 August:
ASI Europe Annual Convention, Budapest.

Sabbath 29 August:
Final Call Productions fundraiser in conjunction with Kennington Fellowship.

Thursday 3 September:
Vegucated - London showing of a film that is part comedy, part educational, looking at the lives of 3 meat and cheese loving New-Yorkers who choose to go vegan.

Friday 4 September:
Children of Ishmael and Adventist Relations, Friday night seminar at Newbold College.
Additional presentations on Sabbath 4 September during worship services.

Sabbath 5 September:
Ziulin School - making the dream a reality. Fund raising concert based in Birmingham.

Sunday 6 September:
Sabbath School teaching and training certificate, pt1. Part of the Newbold Centre for Christian
Leadership training programme.
*I am getting there.* A musical comedy with a positive purpose. How would your journey to heaven be if you were on that special train? (Repeated Sunday 13 September)

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SMALL ADS

THE LONDON VEGAN EDUCATION MEETUP GROUP has been specially created to reach the unchurched with the health message (the right arm of the Gospel). The group is free to join and is also open to church members. Join this group now at [http://meetup.ps/2LMXjs](http://meetup.ps/2LMXjs). The group will have lots of events including: Vegan cooking demonstrations, film Screenings, food information seminars, vegan Parties and vegan business owners networking. For more information contact Susanne Kirlew at susannekirlew@icloud.com.

AU PAIR OPPORTUNITY. Vanessa, a 20 year old girl from Denmark, is looking for a family where she can be an au pair starting this autumn, preferably working with children aged 5+. She is also happy to help with housekeeping duties. For more information contact Vanessa.Hansen@outlook.dk.

OVER 100 AQA GCSE SCIENCE TEXTBOOKS available to purchase. Price is negotiable. If you are interested, contact Janelle on john.threesixteen1@gmail.com.

JOB VACANCIES. **Librarian needed**, Stanborough School. 1 year temporary position. Closing date, 2 September 2015. **EFL department head**, Stanborough School. Closing date for application, 25 August, 2015. **Head of Halls of Residence, Human Resources assistant required**, South England Conference office. Application deadline, 31 August 2015. For more information about these and other jobs, please visit the [Job vacancies page](#).

**How To Become A Vegan.** Vegan blogger, TV presenter (3ABN) and cook book author, Kirly-Sue, (aka Susanne Kirlew from Walthamstow church in London) is running a series of seminars that help people to make the transition from eating meat and fish to veganism, a plant based diet. You can book now by clicking [here](#). These informal interactive seminars answer questions like:
· Do you want to be a vegan but don't know how?
· Are you bored of eating the same thing over and over again?
· Would you like a list of ten things to know before becoming vegan?
· Do you need a meal planner and some tasty recipes?
· Want to know how vegans get their protein?

This seminar will give you the basics... so if you think being vegan is all about boring, bland tofu and buckwheat, Kirly-Sue has some wonderful hints and tips you will LOVE. Suitable for all ages (children aged 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult.)

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