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Stanborough School continues to demonstrate significant progress on its
journey to delivering educational excellence for its students. This year's GCSE results show that it is a key choice for parents seeking to maximise the potential of their children. In the last academic year, 94% of Stanborough students taking GCSE exams achieved 5 A* - C, with a return of 88% including Maths and English.

This compares favourably with the much vaunted selective schools in the local Watford area matching and surpassing their results. Equally, Stanborough's results are significantly better than the national average of 69%.

"We are immensely proud of all our students, and commend them for their effort and dedication during their time at the school" states Headteacher, Lorraine Dixon. She then highlighted two students who returned phenomenal results. Congratulations to Eva Papaioannou who achieved 11 A*s and 1 A, and Paul Cooper who was awarded 5 A*s and 6 As.

Stanborough staff are delighted at the results, especially as 100% of their students achieved A*- C in Biology, French and History. Students also achieved a 100% pass rate in Greek, Portuguese, and Latin, which are extra-curricular subjects undertaken by students. 92% achieved A* - C in Business & Communication Systems and 90% achieved A* - C in Geography.

For a small, non-selective school but with a strong Christian ethos, this is a phenomenal result and is a recognition of the hard work and support provided by staff, the Board of Governors, parents and the Adventist Church in supporting the school.

However, it is not just the academic results that cheer the heart of the staff. On Friday, 18 September they witnessed an even more impressive achievement. Drau, one of the boarding students, decided to share her decision for Christ with her fellow classmates as testament to the way the school has helped her in her spiritual growth. She insisted that her baptism must be in the school hall – rather than in a church setting. Not only did her baptism bring joy, but equally led to another ten students making similar decisions to follow Jesus.

For more about the school, or to make enquiries about your son or daughter attending, visit their website or phone 01923 673
ADRA NEPAL VOLUNTEERS HIT THE MOUNTAIN TOP

Last week saw the culmination of ADRA-UK’s first Connections trip, in which 20 volunteers flew to Nepal to refurbish a library in a local school. All the volunteers raised funds to contribute to the project, which benefitted over 200 children at the Shree Bal Kumari Higher School in Kathmandu, the country’s capital.

On the Sabbath of the trip, the volunteers had the opportunity to trek in some of the mountains of Nepal, specifically from Dhulikhel to Nagarkot. Described as a 'Baby trek, taking only four hours to complete', the reality was that it took them a tough eight hours to complete the course. The volunteers climbed over 100 flights of stairs uphill, through jungles, rice fields and local communities in order to complete this walk.

This walk was a powerful testimony and indeed apt metaphor for the trip itself. For many of the attendees, raising the funds had not been an easy process. It too proved an uphill battle, with only a handful of months to collect over £1,000. Volunteers took part in sponsored walks, concerts, auctioned drawings, gardening and even climbed mountains in order to contribute to the lives of Nepalese children hundreds of thousands of miles away. Just like the trek in the mountains on that Sabbath morning in Nepal, sometimes the journey seemed insurmountable and never ending. In truth,
a feat of sheer determination and perseverance to reach the final goal!

However, the key moment of the trek occurred midway through the climb. After climbing stairs for over an hour, they reached the top of an impressive and awe-inspiring peak, 2,000 feet above ground level. From here the group were able to see the snow-capped peaks of the Himalayas. The hours of walking provided a moment of sheer joy and excitement, as the 20 ADRA Connections team members saw one of the natural wonders of the world on God's blessed Sabbath day. What a fitting end this was to the months of hard work they had put in to be a part of this volunteering opportunity. Amid the mountains of Asia, how far removed were the cares and toils of the UK and how much closer seemed the presence of God in the untouched hills right before them. It was here they were able to have a Sabbath experience like none other!

The 10 days in Nepal was a life-changing experience. Whilst they saw obvious poverty, often in plain sight, it was the company of Adventist westerners who learnt the most from their time in the developing world.

The hospitality, kindness and sense of community displayed by the people of Nepal was deeply, profoundly, and incredibly tangible and had an infectious effect on the volunteers. During the daily debriefs, it became apparent that while the refurbishment of the library had taken their time, effort and physical exertion, it was actually the hearts and minds of the ADRA-UK team that had been ultimately changed and made anew on this special trip.

Two more ADRA Connections trips are planned for 2016 in Jamaica and Peru. For more details visit the [ADRA-UK website](https://www.adra.org/).
"Seventy per cent of our youth who leave home and go to university end up leaving the Church", Elder Johnny Wong told over 300 students who had descended on Leicester Central Adventist church. While these statistics are from our cousins in Australia the reality here in the UK is probably not much different. Maybe this is why Adventist Church co-founder, Ellen White wrote over 100 years ago, "It would be perfectly safe for our youth to enter the colleges of our land if they were converted every day." [3 SM p.231] Unfortunately too many youth disconnect from church and God when they head to university, thus making ministry in our Church to students very important, yet one often neglected by the Church at large.

Students from all over the UK came for the second BUC Student Day/Weekend, 12-13 September, representing over fifty universities across the breadth of the country. It was a power-packed, inspirational and practical weekend, particularly with the benefit of Johnny Wong as guest speaker.

Johnny, from Hong Kong, has a background in business and he worked as a senior executive in Oracle Corporation for many years. He retired at the age of 40 so that he could focus and spend his time on Student Ministries. He is a founder member of the Gateway Adventist Centre in Melbourne, Australia, a student based church founded on the campus of the University of Melbourne ten years ago by a small group of fifteen students and four adults. Since then it has grown to three churches with 260 baptisms in ten years. The really exciting part is that they have had a 90% retention rate with one of the key reasons being that over 80% of their members are involved actively in evangelistic small groups. They are also the highest tithe returning church in the Conference – despite student finance challenges! Gateway is now planning on planting their fourth and fifth churches and is a thriving healthy model of effective Campus Ministries.

Speaking on Nehemiah 1 Johnny Wong challenged students to break the status quo with 'Business Unusual', to seek excellence in all that they do and to remember the three 'P's' in doing this: to have a People group that is your burden to reach out to, to Pray, and to have Personal evangelistic involvement.
Sabbath School time focused on student life and how to maintain one's Christian walk amidst the pressures of university. A panel shared their personal experiences, both positive and negative, and how God had pulled them through. The afternoon programme was then based on how to start and run an effective campus ministry with Johnny Wong leading out with a very practical presentation.

The programme continued on the Sunday, running right through until 4:00 pm with practical workshops and further details on how to start and run a campus ministry. In breakout sessions various societies or group of students from a particular city or area analysed the effectiveness of their ministry and witness and looked at ways that they could improve. One of the ideas shared was the importance of running all activities along a cycle of evangelism that is built into the academic calendar with sowing events that lead into reaping events but also stressing the importance of weekly small groups and social activities throughout the year. In addition, Anthony Banton from Wolverhampton Central church presented on evolution and Creation providing the students with an intellectual reason behind their faith in the biblical account of Creation.

The UK is a centre of education for the world with over 150 universities, 2.3 million students with over 500,000 of them coming from overseas. Many of the future leaders of the world come to be educated in this country and thus Campus Ministries represents an excellent way to both strengthen the spiritual lives of our own students and to reach an important demographic during a transitional point in their lives.

For more information about Campus Ministries in the UK and Ireland, including contact details at a growing number of universities, visit [www.adventistyouth.org.uk](http://www.adventistyouth.org.uk).

[Adam Ramdin]
WIMBLEDON TAKES 'THE ROCK' TO LATVIA

The idea was borne more than a year ago by Wimbledon church elder, Dzintars Geide, to take the best of what Wimbledon church has to offer and bring it to Latvia as missionary work to the cities. It became reality, 16-24 August. At the core of this mission was The Rock Project, a visual art project created by Laurent Grisel with the help of others.

The purpose was to show the importance of God's prophecies in the book of Daniel. The strong and talented team of 16 also added prison visits, music and Health Ministries to the itinerary.

Event-packed days started with an early morning swim in a lake. Following breakfast and worship, team members divided the various missionary work between them. Some led by Pastor Alan and Dr Adam, went to the high security prison to visit the hardened criminals. They talked with them in a simple but inspiring way about the love of Jesus and well as discussing with them the practical and effective ways of dealing with personal issues.

Others made preparations for The Rock Project Exhibition and greeted visitors. Mid-afternoons were reserved for Health Ministries and lifestyle lectures. The evenings were for The Rock Project Café with dynamic action and music activities. Last but not least were team members who organised and did the cooking, making tea, cakes and food for the visitors.

God enormously blessed us as a team. More than 1,000 visitors got a glimpse of the most spectacular prophecy in the Bible and were able to contemplate their own future in the light of Christ's Second Coming.

[Dzintars Geide]
SKILLS FOR DIVERSITY IN EUROPE

The audience at the first Diversity Lecture of Newbold's new academic year were challenged to think about the spiritual and professional skills they might need in the diverse church of the 21st century on Tuesday, 22 September. The speaker was Pastor Raafat Kamal, President of the Trans-European Division (TED), whose lecture focused on the need for spiritual strength, honest dialogue and the challenging of unchallengeable assumptions.

The unspoken question among the audience was probably something like this:

"We all belong now to a church where we find different nationalities, different cultures, different worship practices, different witnessing styles, different Sabbath-keeping practices etc. etc. Recently, we have witnessed or heard about the Church's decisions in San Antonio not to allow individual Divisions to ordain women should they see fit. We have witnessed or participated in discussions about the interpretation of scripture at all levels in the Church. We have heard this week that the Norwegian and Danish Unions have decided they will now have only two categories of ministers – interns or pastors. How can we find a way forward in this strange territory?"

Our guide through this unfamiliar territory is now 14 months into his leadership of the Church in 'Trans-Europe' clearly did not come to provide easy answers. Instead, he came with some biblical and social research, and a list of challenging questions. "Diversity", he said, "is not just for leaders to deal with, it is for everyone to deal with."

Pastor Kamal began by reminding his audience that the American Adventist Church has a higher diversity index (9.9) than the population of the US itself – the overall US rate is just 6.6. Likewise in the TED where, "more than 50% of our membership and attendees on a Sabbath morning… are from minority population groups."

Clearly, if the Adventist Church in Europe is to prosper, it needs to develop some skills and tools for handling diversity within its pews. Adventists must learn to 'walk the talk' or, as Pastor Kamal put it: "If our God is not big enough to provide spiritual strength to overcome diversity barriers in our world and local communities, then how can we ask a hurting world to trust such a feeble deity with a message of God's love to all people – a message that embraces men and women from every nation, tribe,
Thus Pastor Kamal's first emphasis was on developing spiritual strength – the sort of spiritual strength exhibited by the Early Church in Antioch where, he said, the first Christian multi-ethnic community learned to live what he called "beyond themselves for the glory of God." Living beyond ourselves requires that, as a Church, we "provide opportunities for open dialogue and commend those who have the courage to discuss controversial matters, as well as having the determination to deal with them." Throughout the lecture, he emphasised the importance of dialogue as a learning and unlearning process – where we move from "destructiveness to blindness to awareness to sensitivity to competence at the global and local levels."

Pastor Kamal reminded his audience that there has been a demographic shift in the Church where the majority of the global Church now inhabits not the global north as it did in the early 20th century but the global south. However, he said, "people do not live globally, they live locally." "Jesus", he said, "thought globally in terms of saving the world but He certainly acted locally." He suggested that Adventists need to be 'glocal'. They need to develop a "bi-focal way of seeing the world: unlearning, learning and acting to foster a growing interaction between the global and the local."

Among the ten questions he then posed, he challenged the audience to ask whether we need to think not harder but smarter about new models for mission. These can enable us influence a 'glocal' diverse community of believers and yet at the same time preserve the identity, needs and mission of the local community? He challenged us to think more seriously about the relationship between global theology and practice, and not to postpone solutions to the dilemmas we face and equally not to "impose a single point of view at the expense of all others." He charged us to ask 'what are the negotiables and non-negotiables that need to be based on and judged by the Bible itself?' and to question whether there is "a spirit of 'us and them' that we need to challenge, overcome and address?"

The lecture concluded with an appeal for a "dialogical way of living, witnessing and interacting as a glocal Church." In this context, 'glocal' dialogue means "interacting about our deepest conviction, while listening to our fellow brothers and sisters who might differ with us."

During the following Q&A session, the sixty people in Newbold's Salisbury Hall practised dialogue. For 75 minutes the questions and discussion flowed about how to put into practice the principles just outlined.

[Helen Pearson]
With BUC President, Pastor Ian Sweeney, making almost daily exhortations to his public to 'go out and get some exercise', KT Abbequaye, a trustee of the British Union Conference suggested standing throughout the full day of the BUC Executive Committee on Thursday, 17 September. Enjoying the humour, Pastor Sweeney wondered if it would help business to be conducted with greater speed and alacrity.

However, it may not have been so much speed as volume that the President was concerned with. In his devotional he referred to an overzealous tambourine player who had been tasered and pepper-sprayed in church, comparing those actions with the words in Jeremiah 31:3-4 (GNT), "People of Israel, I have always loved you, so I continue to show you my constant love. Once again I will rebuild you. Once again you will take up your tambourines and dance joyfully."

He wryly noted that some church members, and even BUC trustees, might support the idea of tasering if tambourine playing and dancing spontaneously burst forth in church, then rhetorically asked how we would deal with such a situation. "The everlasting love is far more important than the tambourine issues", he stated. "We are not loved because of merit in us but because of who God is!"

Linking the devastation that Israel and Judah has gone through to the current refugee crisis, Pastor Sweeney noted that if you have moved from devastation to being rebuilt, then the tambourine is a natural response. "I need to be grateful… and need to learn to be grateful even in tough times."

There are arguments that sharing Christ is tough in the current secularised environment, but newly elected South England Conference President, Dr Richard de Lisser, laid out ambitious target of 5,000 baptisms over four years. He aims that church doors be open daily and that reclamation should be a key priority. His slogan, 'Evangelism – everyone – everywhere'. 
Pastor David Neal, Irish Mission President, shared how this is happening in Dublin, which, he says, "was a worshipping church but is now a 'worshipping and serving church'." The members are now "worshipping to serve" and have recognised that "evangelism is not an event but a process."

Evangelism even came into the Treasury report as BUC Treasurer, Victor Pilmoor, noted how the Church's lawyers and accountants "have responded very positively to the annual report." Even a legal document can have an evangelistic focus.

The second quarter membership statistics noted an additional 160 baptisms raising membership to 35,727. However, there was concern expressed that reporting is less than accurate as some church baptismal reports do not seem to make their way to the Conference office. The suspicion is that membership is higher and attendance even higher than that. It was noted that encouraging accurate reporting both of membership and attendance would actually be of greatest advantage to the local church and its mission.

If anyone was banging out a single message on the tambourine then that message was 'cooperation'. Pastor Raafat Kamal, President of the Trans-European Division explained how the TED is trying to work on a "cooperative model, seeing constructively how departments work together." Pastor Lorance Johnson, North England Conference President endorsed the model stating that "We need to work in synergy! We need to work together. We do not need a competitive spirit and if trust is broken down then we need to build it up."

More discussion is already planned in this regard across a number of areas including the optimum way to grow and support Conferences, and leadership development and accountability. However, as KT Abbequaye rose to his feet again at the end of the long day it was clear the committee was united in a desire to work together across all areas of the BUC to focus on the real goal of extensively sharing our Adventist message and our love for a soon coming Saviour.

[Victor Hulbert]
The Plumstead Pathfinders held an Investiture on Sabbath 19 September 2015. SEC Pathfinder director, Pastor Kevin Johns was the speaker for the day. He spoke to the youth and adults about the way in which Pathfinders can enrich our spiritual walk with Jesus by encouraging us to read the Bible more frequently and broaden our understanding of the Word. Pastor Johns reminded the church that Pathfinders is open to all: non-Adventists who have joined their local clubs have been rewarded with a rich, fruitful relationship with Jesus.

Pastor Johns reminded us that Pathfinders know their Bible well and are witnesses to those around them, but the work they do also gives them confidence to speak up about their faith and the club, and teaches leadership skills. Pastor Johns played a short video in which young people who had taken part in the 'Teen Leadership Training' (TLT) spoke about the ways in which their participation had encouraged their spiritual walk with the Lord, promoted self-confidence to speak in public and to face new challenges head-on. One of the teenagers said that she was not born into an Adventist home, but had been encouraged to join by her friend and by so doing, had started to read the Bible, and actually began to understand what Jesus was saying to her!

Pastor Johns commended the leaders and counsellors, who have taken their time and worked diligently to develop attributes of the Pathfinders. He also shared a very interesting fact with the church: those who leave the Church, leave, are more likely to return have never been Pathfinders.

During the award ceremony, newly invested Pathfinders were given an opportunity to speak about the range of honours that they earned which included gardening, laundry and even chocolate, following a visit to the Bournville factory! We have no doubt, as to which was their favourite honour...

Plumstead Pathfinder leader, Valda Taylor had arranged a march into Woolwich town centre immediately after Divine Service. It was a warm, sunny Sabbath afternoon and it was...
the day of the local carnival, so many more people were out than usual (God always plans ahead of us!). The Drum Corps from Plumstead was supported by those from Greenwich, Brixton, Lewisham and Tottenham, and together they marched to the centre of Woolwich accompanied by the local constabulary.

Pathfinders, Master Guides and members handed out tracts to the community, inviting people to find out more about the Pathfinder club. Pastor Johns was amongst the numbers – he said that most people stopped, many stopped and took photographs of the marchers and drummers and onlookers applauded as the procession passed by. People in their cars even slowed down and hooted their horns in support of the marchers! The uniforms and drummers certainly caught the attention of the local community, and so did the banners that were waved high. Pastor Johns observed that one banner in particular drew the attention of onlookers – it read, 'Put Your Weapons Away! Weapons Kill, Jesus Saves!' This message, he said, is particularly poignant in this community in which Drummer Lee Rigby lost his life.

We thank God for the leaders and supporters of the Pathfinder club both in Plumstead and around the world, for their continued support in nurturing the spiritual growth and personal development of young people. They are the leaders of tomorrow and will continue to witness in their schools, colleges and the wider community. Plumstead Pathfinder club would also like to thank Pastor Johns for his unwavering enthusiasm and encouragement to its leaders and members.

[Angela Lewis]

SCOTTISH MISSION SESSION 2015

Every three years, the Scottish Mission has a Triennial Business Session where local church delegates are able to review what has happened in Scotland and help make plans for the future. The delegates also choose the Sponsors and the Executive Committee for the Scottish Mission for
the next three years. Usually this Session would be held in June, but because of the General Conference Session in July, it was postponed until October.

The Triennial Session of the Scottish Mission (SM) will take place on Saturday evening 3 and Sunday 4 October 2015 at the Crieff Seventh-day Adventist church. While of particular interest to Church members in Scotland, friends and expats worldwide also take an interest in the work of the Adventist Church in Scotland and so the report of the past three years' activities is now available online. Download the report here or visit http://adventist.scot/resources and click the link.

Those living in Scotland who are not delegates may wish to raise any questions they may have about the report, or the plans for the future, via their local pastor or a delegate from their church. If appropriate, they can then raise the issue at the Session meetings. Highlights and news from the Session will be reported live on the BUC and Scottish Mission Facebook pages and the BUC twitter feed.

Scottish Mission President, Pastor Bernie Holford encourages, "Please join us in prayer for the proceedings of the Session that the delegates will all be filled with a unity of purpose to work together to proclaim the wonderful message of Christ's soon coming to the world."

Over the last few years, the Scottish Mission has held a Camp Meeting weekend in the autumn. For this year only, it was felt that these two events should be merged. Our guest speaker for the weekend is Pastor David Neal, the President of the Irish Mission where they have conducted a Mission to the Cities evangelism programme for the past two years with Pastor Mark Finley. All members are invited to the Friday night and Sabbath mini Camp Meeting programme that will run prior to the Session that begins on the Saturday evening.

[Jimmy Botha]

STUDENTS WELCOME AT WELWYN
At the **Welwyn Garden City Adventist Community Church** we are used to seeing new faces every autumn. We start getting excited at the start of September and prepare a warm welcome for all the university students we hope will come through our doors. This year is no different except we want to be more proactive in seeking the Adventist students. We appreciate that it is not easy for students away from home, making new friends and learning how to do Christianity on their own while studying and learning to live independently. Well, we want them to know that they do not have to do it on their own. We want to be with them in this new phase of their lives.

If you are starting at Hertfordshire University this September or know of someone who is going then please contact the local Youth leader, Jose Bennell, at jose.bennell@btinternet.com or 0794 929 1345. Alternatively come to church at Applecroft School and introduce yourself. We look forward to meeting you.

[Jose Bennell]

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**25 SEPTEMBER MESSENGER NOW ONLINE**

'ADRA and the refugee crisis facing Europe', full coverage of the South England Conference Session, and a new vision from the new President, Dr Richard de Lisser – all in the latest edition of *Messenger*, the official journal of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the UK and Ireland. Julian Hibbert reveals a story of answered prayer on Press Open Day while NEC Prayer Ministries team leader, Carol Douglas challenges us to 'Prepare the way of the Lord!'.
 ALSO IN THE NEWS

Volkswagen took a dive in its reputation this week, leaving questions on ethics and conscience. Read Victor Pilmoor’s thought piece, ‘Vorsprung Durch Technik?’

We all like a celebration – and we have two for you. Cyril and Monica Vesey, members of the Isle of Wight congregation celebrate their diamond wedding, while a Plumstead baptism sees two young people making decisions for Christ.

Pastor David Burnett, his wife, Angela, and Geoff Clarke are also celebrating – in their case the completion of a 300-mile bike ride across three countries to raise funds for their church building projects. Read their fascinating account and watch a short video clip.

Parents in the Wolverhampton area engaged in a different sort of journey in a programme called, 'Train up a child'. Pastor Patricia Douglas led a team of trainers who shared active, practical guidance and ideas on child rearing in a 21st century Christian environment. Read the full report here.

[Victor Hulbert]

WWI REVISITED ON REVELATION TV THIS WEEK
Next week sees the start of a brand new series on Revelation TV. Arnion will take a broad look at the Book of Revelation in a modern mixture of drama and interactive hosting. This is one to share with your friends. Point them towards Revelation TV as well as the on-demand galleries of Hope Channel via www.hopetv.org.uk, on Roku, on Samsung Smart TVs, and on the smartphone app.

**Thursday 24 September 8:30 pm (repeated Sunday 27 September 1:00 pm).** Reminding Adventists of their 'heroes' in World War I, the men who refused to fight, standing by the principles of the Ten Commandments. Our acclaimed documentary, *A Matter of Conscience*.

**Thursday 1 October 8:30 pm (repeated Sunday 4 October 1:00 pm).** The start of our brand new autumn series, *Arnion*, explaining the grand themes of the Book of Revelation. The aim of Arnion is to personally inspire you to discover anew the Book of Revelation. It will share the Christian hope to be found in Jesus Christ and the positive future He promises. Revelation TV: Sky 581. Freesat 692, Roku and Kindle Fire. Find out more at www.arnion.uk.

[Victor Hulbert]

**NO BUC NEWS FOR TWO WEEKS**

Due to annual leave this will be the last *BUC News* until Friday, 16 October. Please continue to submit your articles either via your Conference/Mission Communication department or direct to *BUC News*. Some articles will be posted on the website including reports from the Scottish Mission Session, 3-4 October.

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

**Continuing to Sabbath 26 September:**
*The Price is Christ*, with Pastor Steve Riley and singing evangelist Anthony Wigham. Venue: Brixton SDA Church, Santley Street, Brixton, London, SW4 7QG.
Continuing to Sabbath 3 October: 'Does God Care?' Ilford Central SDA church warmly invite you to a special 2-week campaign series. Featuring dynamic messages from Ray Patrick and Pastor Ian Sweeney. Venue: 14-16 Coventry Road, Ilford, IG1 4QR.

Sabbath 26 September:

**Adventist Discovery Centre (VOP) 70th Anniversary (1945-2015).** A special service of thanksgiving and celebration. Entrance by ticket available from the ADC website [www.discoveronline.org.uk](http://www.discoveronline.org.uk). Time: 10:00 - 18:00. Venue: The Gaumont State Theatre, 197-199 Kilburn High Road, London, NW6 7HY.

**Welsh Mission Day of Fellowship 2015.** Speaker: Dr Daniel Duda, Education director, Trans-European Division. Time: 10:00 - 16:00. Venue: The Albert Hall, Llandrindod Wells, Powys, LD1 6AA.

**Prophecy Seminar at the Wood Green Church.** Time: 11:15 - 12:45. Address: Northcott Avenue, Wood Green, London, N22 7DB.

**Classical Concert – Hutton.** Join with the Hampstead Adventist Choral Society and Millennium Orchestra and Brass Ensemble for a powerful, moving and free concert. Time: 11:50 - 13:20. Venue: Shenfield Parish Hall, 60 Hutton Road, Shenfield, Essex, CM15 8LB.

**Sunday 27 September:**

**Sabbath School Teaching and Training Certificate (Part Two).** To register, or to find out more, visit [www.newbold.ac.uk/centre-christian-leadership](http://www.newbold.ac.uk/centre-christian-leadership). Time: 09:30 - 15:30. Venue: Newbold College of Higher Education, St Marks Road, Binfield, Bracknell, RG42 4AN.

**BUC Women of Virtue Business, Ministry & Personal Development Conference.** Time: 10:00 - 17:00. Download application form / e-version at: [www.adventist.org.uk/departments/women-ministries](http://www.adventist.org.uk/departments/women-ministries) and email to: dtompkins@adventist.org.uk, or contact Dawn Tompkins at the BUC, Tel: 01923 672251. Venue: The Paragon Hotel, 145 Alcester Street, Birmingham, B12 0PJ.

**Friday 2 - Sabbath 3 October:**

**SM Camp Meeting & Day of Fellowship.** Our guest speaker for this year will be Pastor David Neal from the Irish Mission. Check link for full details. Venue: Crieff Seventh-day Adventist Church, Gwydyr Road, Crieff, PH7 4BS.

**Friday 2 - Sunday 4 October:**

**Planting Seeds for the future.** For more details regarding this important programme contact the BUC Evangelism department. Tel: 01923 672251. Email: KerrineGuthrie@adventist.org.uk. Venue: De Vere Venue, Sunningdale Park, Ascot, SL5 0QE.

**Sabbath 3 - Sunday 4 October:**

**Scottish Mission 9th Triennial Session.** Full report book (pdf) available by clicking here. Check link for full details. Venue: Crieff Seventh-day Adventist Church, Gwydyr Road, Crieff, PH7 4BS.

**JAM 7 year anniversary.** Established by a group of friends during the summer of 2008, JAM is a Bible study/fellowship ministry with an average weekly attendance of thirty-five members. Check link for full details. Venue: South East SDA Church, Heron Road, London, SE24 0HZ.

**Tuesday 6 October:**

**British Sign Language level one.** Ever wondered how to communicate or tried to share the Word of God with a deaf person? Why not find out by joining this rewarding one year course (to 19 July 2016) in British Sign Language (BSL) level one, at Peckham Seventh-day church. Time: 19:00 - 21:00.

**Friday 9 - Sunday 11 October:**
Welsh Mission Women's Ministries Retreat October 2015. The focus for the weekend will be: "...but the greatest of these ...". Download the Application Form now. Check link for full details. Venue: Hedley Lodge, Belmont Abbey, Hereford, HR2 9RZ.

Sabbath 10 October:

Autumn Concert in Hull – fundraising for our new church building, with Leed's saxophonist Mark Bunney. Free entry. Donations welcome. Check link for full details. Time: 17:00 - 20:00. Venue: Hull Seventh-day Adventist Church, 23-25 Worship Street, Hull, HU2 8JB.

Reserve your place now for this important event:

Friday 20 - Sunday 22 November:
National Lay Bible Workers' Convention, Northants. 'Empowered by His Word'. Book early for maximum discounted rate.

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SMALL ADS

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