



PASTORAL NEWSLETTER

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE SOUTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

DR. EMMANUEL OSEI

Dear Friends,

I bring you greetings from the South England Conference.

We met as Pastors and were inspired by the many activities taking place around the Conference under our theme, **Making Disciples and Building Communities**. It was particularly encouraging to hear how church members have embraced the concept and are engaging in *Discovery Bible Reading* with work colleagues, friends, and family members. This inclusive and non-intimidating Bible study method is proving very effective and achieving great results.

In some areas pastors have discovered that evangelistic campaigns are not yielding the results that we used to see in the past. Increasingly, we seem to be preaching to ourselves. However, when members meet in small groups and embark on the discipleship track, greater results are achieved. The Holy Spirit is not only working on the hearts of those we are discipling, but He is also transforming our hearts.

Our church communities continue to perform acts of kindness, and this is impacting local residents. New relationships are being formed, creating opportunities to share the gospel of Jesus Christ.

One way our churches can share Jesus is by taking advantage of this special offer from the Stanborough Press: for a cost of £64.50, you will receive 30 copies of *Steps to Christ*, 12 copies of *Desire of Ages* and 28

copies of *The Great Controversy*. When these resources are shared in our communities who knows how the Holy Spirit will use our efforts to impact the recipients? I encourage you to secure this wonderful offer so that your church members can bless and build your community.

One of our pastors shared the moving story of a young man of 27 years old, who was so depressed with his life that he decided to commit suicide. He got into his car and was driving recklessly, with the radio tuned to a station playing secular music so that his mind would not be distracted from his suicidal thoughts. The car struck a kerb and his hand accidentally hit the controls of the radio, tuning it to Adventist Radio London. There he listened to a presentation on the love of Jesus and His sacrifice on the cross. The Holy Spirit touched his heart and the young man asked himself, "who is He that is talking to me?"

At the end of the presentation, he called Pastor Mike Hamilton who was the host presenter. Pastor Hamilton referred him to a local minister, Pastor John Melki, who studied with him and rejoiced when the young man decided to give his life to Christ. He is planning to be baptised next month and is already engaged in sharing his testimony and helping through acts of kindness to build his community.

Friends, the Holy Spirit is actively working with us as we **Make Disciples and Build Communities!**

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Church Growth & Advent Mission

SEC Spiritual Gifts Survey Tool

Pastor Wayne Erasmus has just released a new discovery tool designed to help your members identify their top three spiritual gifts. Please share this great resource and promo with your church members and others who may benefit:

Promo: youtu.be/ONYTZ9kRxcU

Spiritual Gifts Survey: spiritual-gift.org

Communication & Media

President's Update: 29 September

Please share this video update or schedule the clip in your online service:
youtu.be/ebK3seMxb8w

Monday Morning Manna: 27 September

Please be encouraged by these short devotional messages and feel free to share:
<https://youtu.be/urNJA84axcw>

60 SEC News

Watch this week's episode here:
youtu.be/rqTjellKCRs

SEC COMMUNICATOR Magazine

This quarter, we discuss Gender Inequality; as well as the usual departmental updates and church news: seccommunicator.com

Brighton/Hove & Worthing Daniel Series

Friday 1 October (7.30pm)

You are invited to join this in-depth study into the book of Daniel, presented by Pastor Michael Walker, every Friday evening:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81207395570>
Zoom Meeting ID: 812 0739 5570

Peterborough Church Revelation Series

Friday 1 October (7pm-8pm)

Speaker and author, Joanne Cameron, continues her chapter-by-chapter breakdown of the book of Revelation. Watch on the [Peterborough Central Adventist Church UK YouTube channel](#) or via Zoom:
Zoom Meeting ID: 988 3044 7132
Passcode: 806371

Singles Ministry

S.N.A.G.D. Click & Connect Weekly Zoom Friday 1 October (7pm)

A weekly blend of worship, wisdom, and worldwide fellowship for single unmarried Adventists.

us02web.zoom.us/j/8337107765?pwd=TTMyN0N3cWhqelRCNzNQelhrUGtVZz09
Zoom Meeting ID: 833 710 7765
Passcode: BLESSED

S.A.S.S. How I Met My Spouse

Saturday 2 October (9pm)

Former singles ministry participants and newlyweds, Robert and Elizabeth Latham, return to tell their incredible love story:
us02web.zoom.us/j/5455184477?pwd=VmJMNmUrc0V2RzJnUnpCQWdxQUhmZz09

Zoom Meeting ID: 5455 1844 77

Passcode: Genesis218

S.A.S.S. Weekly Zoom Schedule:

- **Prayer Meeting:** Thursdays (8pm)
- **Sabbath School Study:** Fridays (9:30pm)
- **Social/Quiz Night:** Saturdays (9pm)
- **Singles Zoom Walk:** Sundays (12 noon)

Croydon Church

BBC Radio 4 Sunday Service

Sunday 3 October (8.10am-8.48am)

This Sunday, Croydon Adventist church host the weekly BBC Radio 4 morning worship programme. Pastor Royston Smith and the congregation explore themes of renewed and eternal hope amidst the uncertainties of life. Listen live on Radio 4, or on demand via BBC Sounds: www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m00107bj

Make Your Own Natural Products

Starts Thursday 7 October

Learn how to make natural skin and hair care products, household cleaners, and natural remedies from scratch that are kind to you and the earth! No experience needed – just gather some simple ingredients and follow along. Visit our website to register now for free: www.croydonadventist.org/event/natural-products-workshop

Walking & Cycling Club

Next Session: Sunday 24 October

Want to be more active and get outdoors more often? Croydon Church want to encourage families, church, and community members to join us in enjoying local countryside walks throughout the Southeast. Visit our website and register now to join our autumn outings. Everyone is welcome: www.croydonadventist.org/wp2/event/walking-cycling-club

Prayer Ministries Retreat

SEC Day of Prayer & Fasting for our Pastors and Leaders

Monday 4 October (6am, 12noon & 6pm)

Please join us for a special day of prayer specifically for our Pastors and Church Leaders. Join us on the prayer line at 6am by calling 0330 088 1937 (access code: 619764#), then again on Zoom at midday and 6pm:

Zoom Meeting ID: 919 4553 8924

Passcode: 670468

Transforming Your Life Through Prayer

Friday 22 October - Sunday 24 October

Join keynote speaker, Dr Donnett Blake, at Hay's Wood Retreat. Please see the letter of invitation and application form attached for details or contact Ligia on 01923 232728 or lbuzac@secadventist.org.uk.

Men's Ministry

Real Men Real Talk

Monday 4 October (7.30pm-9.30pm)

Men of all ages from across the SEC and beyond are invited to join this week's **Open Forum** via Zoom Conferencing:
Zoom Meeting ID: 821 8445 4300
Passcode: MEN262021

For more details contact Devon Boyd on 07956 383222 or dboyd@secadventist.org.uk

Public Affairs and Religious Liberty

The Temper of the Times: Your Conviction or Your Job?

Sunday 10 October (4pm-6pm)

Watch the latest update in the *Liberty of Conscience and the Law* series on the [Brighton Kavaloh YouTube channel](#) or join via Zoom:

Zoom Meeting ID: 617 786 3422

Passcode: jJg7JG

Newbold College Autumn Diversity

Lectures: Urban Religious Diversity

2021 Beach Lecture in Bridgebuilding: Exploring faith and community through Christian-Muslim dialogue Tuesday 12 October (7.30pm)

As another wave of migrants and refugees flows out of Afghanistan, the subject of this year's Beach Lecture is highly topical. Register to join in with the interactive Q&A following the lecture:
zoom.us/webinar/register/5116299142199/WN_-dEMd8wiReKA6hKBjm-NGA

BUC Power Up 2021

Continues until Saturday 30 October

Free resources available for every member of every church within the SEC! Free books have been shipped to Bristol Central church for collection by Pastors in SEC Areas 1 and 2. Please contact Pastor Namushi Namuchana on 07718 331 932 or Elder Gardiner on 07837 874 936 for details. All other SEC Pastors are invited to collect free books for their members to distribute directly from the BUC office. Please contact the Evangelism Department secretary, Anastasia Ross, for further information on 01923 67 22 51 or aross@adventist.uk.

Youth Retreat

Friday 12 November - Sunday 14 November

After a torrid season of lockdown, restrictions, and separation from friends and loved ones we have designed this weekend, at Hay's Wood Retreat, to be a grand reunion! Book your place at: youthretreat.eventbrite.co.uk
 For more information contact youthministries@secadventist.org.uk.

The MESSENGER

Read: Issue #9, 2021

Adventist households wishing to receive a free printed copy of the Messenger mailed monthly should notify their church clerk and ask to be added to the circulation list. Alternatively, please subscribe by emailing: msubs@stanboroughpress.org.uk.

Cornerstone Counselling Service (CCS)

Please ensure your members are aware of the support available through Cornerstone:

- Call the dedicated listening line from 8am to midnight, seven days a week on 0330 133 2495;
- For counselling appointments, call the office on 0207 723 8050, from 9.30am to 5.30pm, Monday to Thursday, and 9am to 12 noon on Fridays;
- Email connect@ccscounselling.org.uk;
- Visit our website to chat online and for emotional support resources: ccscounselling.org.uk

Suicide Support for Young People

Please help to support our children and

young people who are struggling with suicidal thoughts by sharing the attached poster and adopting the WAIT support principles.

ADRA-UK Update

ADRA-UK's mission is to work with those most in need – whether they are suffering through poverty or have been affected by a disaster. ADRA is solely dependent on public donations and income earned on projects.

There are a number of ways that you and your members can support ADRA's work so that they can reach out right away and make a positive change helping the people that need it most. To learn more visit:

adra.org.uk/donate

SEC Prayer Line

Join us for a Spirit-filled hour of prayer every morning from 6am.

Dial in (UK): 0330 088 1937

Telephone access code: 619764#

Link: join.freeconferencecall.com/churchh

Online meeting ID: churchh

International dial-in numbers:

fccdl.in/i/churchh

Warmest regards,



Dr Emmanuel Osei

President

South England Conference