DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Schedule of Services

This Sabbath Chatham

MAIN SPEAKER
PASTOR A MARENIUC

(Zoom)
Sabbath School 9:45am
Divine Service 11:30am

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This Sabbath Riverway

MAIN SPEAKER
ELDER D PASCALL

(Zoom)
Sabbath School 10:00am
Divine Service 11:30am

ID: 838 2581 0430 PASSWORD: 617455

This Sabbath Maidstone

JOINT SERVICE WITH ST THOMAS
ELDERS ASSOCIATION (JAMAICA)
ELDER O HARRIS

(Zoom)

Sabbath School 9:45am

Divine Service 11:30am

ID: 869 6658 8490

PASSWORD: prayer

PRAYER MEETINGS - 12 May

RIVERWAY (7PM) Zoom ID: 838 2581 0430 Password: 617455

CHATHAM (7PM) Zoom ID: 873 5294 1641 Password: prayer

MAIDSTONE (7:30PM) Zoom ID: 848 2121 6785 Password: prayer

Chatham weekly Bible study - Friday (7PM) and Sabbath (3PM)
Zoom ID: 873 5294 1641 Password: prayer



UK Covid-19 vaccine and your employment rights at work.



Dr. Brighton Kavaloh Adventrlp.com



Ayomi Soremekun HR Consultant

Date: Sunday 23rd May 2021 4PM - 6PM GMT



ID: 617 786 3422 Passcode: jjg7JG



Brighton Kavaloh



Monday 31 May - Saturday 5 June

6am - 7am: Morning Manna

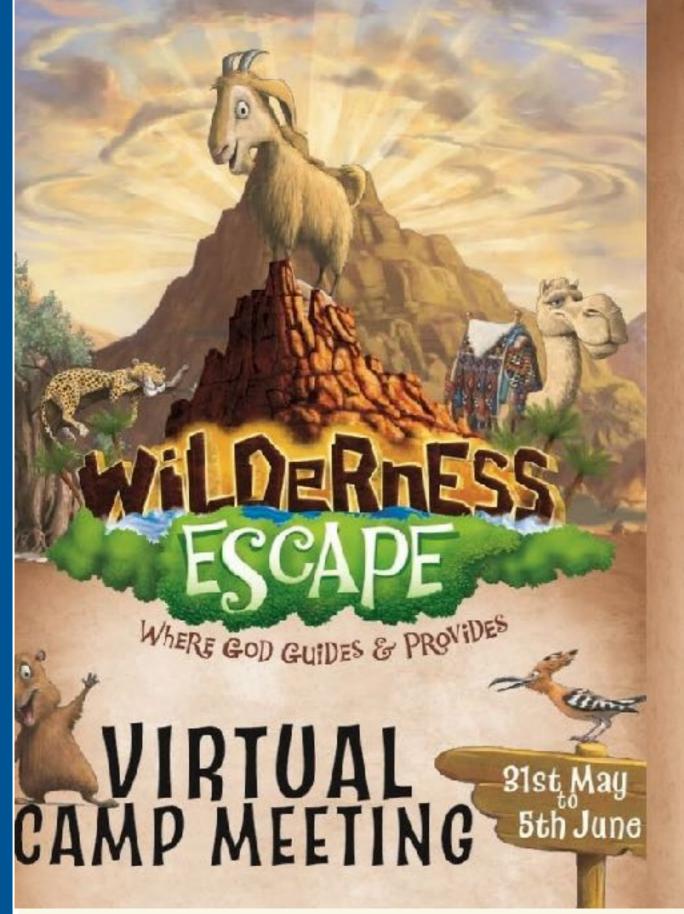
9am - 10am: Morning Devotion;

10am - 12 noon: Selection of Live Workshops & Presentations

12 noon - 1pm: Bible Study Hour

2pm - 5pm: Selection of Live Workshops & Presentations

7.30pm - 9pm: Commitment Service



The Children's Ministries Department (CMD) will be hosting a week-long virtual program themed 'Wilderness Escape', during Virtual Camp Meeting (VCM) 31st May - 5th June 2021

Children will be exploring the exciting journey taken by the Israelites as they escaped from Egypt as told in the book of Exodus.

Register your child/ren at https://bit.ly/3sqqkyx

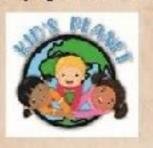
For more information contact: Email: cmd@secadventist.org.uk

Tel: 0786 6437 262

Instagram: SECCHILDRENSMINISTRIES
Facebook: SEC Children's Ministries

This will be aired each day at 11:30hrs on: the SEC Children's Ministries YouTube Channel -Kids Planet https://bit.ly/396zqqa and Facebook page https://bit.ly/3twxfay

Resources for children and families to participate in activities during the week need to be ordered via your church children's ministries department. The new deadline for submitting orders with full payment to the SEC is 4PM, 30TH April 2021

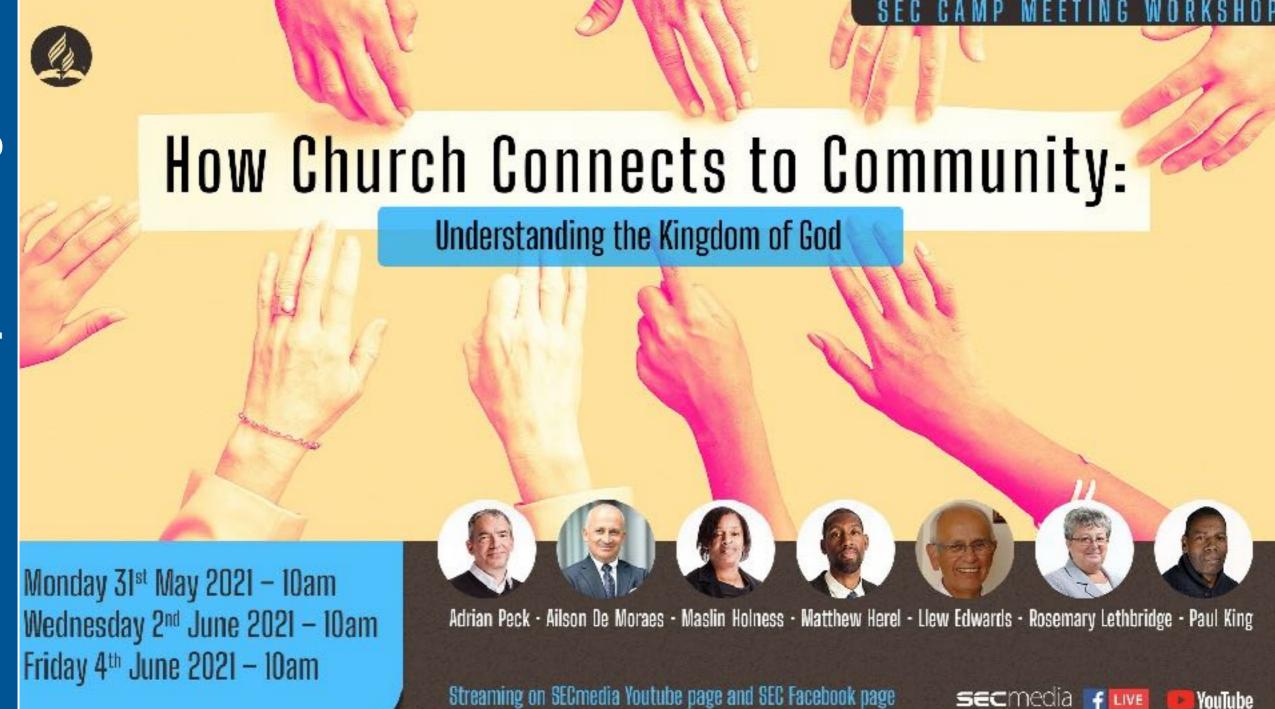






Register at https://vbspro.events/p/events/brixkidz-secvcm

Children ministries leaders in each church should have received more info from the South England Conference Children Ministries Department



Understanding the Kingdom of God Monday 31 May, Wednesday 2 June & Friday 4 June (10am)

SEC Church Growth and Community Services, together with Adrian Peck, Ailson De Moraes, Maslin Holness, Mathhew Herel, Llew Edwards, Rosemary Lethbridge & Paul King, share their perspectives on How Church Connects to Community.

Monday 31 May - Friday 4 June 5pm

Please invite the young people in your congregation to watch and interact on the SEC Teens

Facebook page

Ministries (click link)

or

YouTube channel.



Monday 31 May - Friday 4 June 10am-11am

Daily Presentations & Discussions
Live on Zoom:

Monday 31 May: Grief, Loss & Bereavement - Christer Muloba

Tuesday 1 June: A Fresh
Perspective on Conflict - Karen
Holford

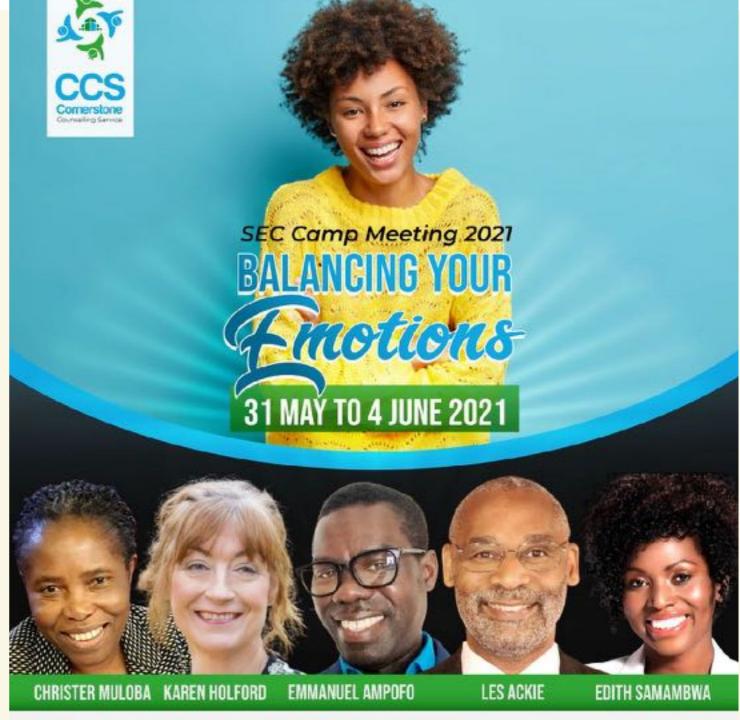
Wednesday 2 June: Mental Health & Ethnic Minorities - Emmanuel Ampofo

Thursday 3 June: Intergenerational
Trauma - Les Ackie

Friday 4 June: *Through it All -* Resilience - Edith Samambwa

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Password: 689246



DATE	TIME	SPEAKER	TOPIC
Mon 31/05/21	10-11 am	Christer	Grief, Loss, And Bereavement
Tue 01/06/21	10-11 am	Karen	A Fresh Perspective On Conflict
Wed 02/06/21	10-11 am	Emmanuel	Mental Health & Ethnic Minorities
Thu 03/06/21	10-11 am	Les	Intergenerational Trauma
Fri 04/06/21	10-11 am	Edith	Through It All - Resilience

SEC WOMEN MINISTRIES

The Storm is Still Raging What Next?

Monday 31 May & Thursday 3 June (3pm)

Zoom details

Meeting ID: 81079883016

Passcode: 622163



SESSIONS DESIGNED TO BE INTERACTIVE. HIGHLIGHTING ASPECTS OF EMOTIONAL AND CULTURAL INTELLIGENCE, THAT SPEAKS TO ONE'S FAITH-BASED JOURNEY, INTRODUCING THE CONCEPT AND PRINCIPLES OF EMOTIONAL & CULTURAL INTELLIGENCE AS WOMEN OF FAITH, FROM A SPIRITUALLY INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE PLATFORM.



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SEC POSSIBILITIES MINISTRY

Coping With Challenges That
Can Affect Wellbeing

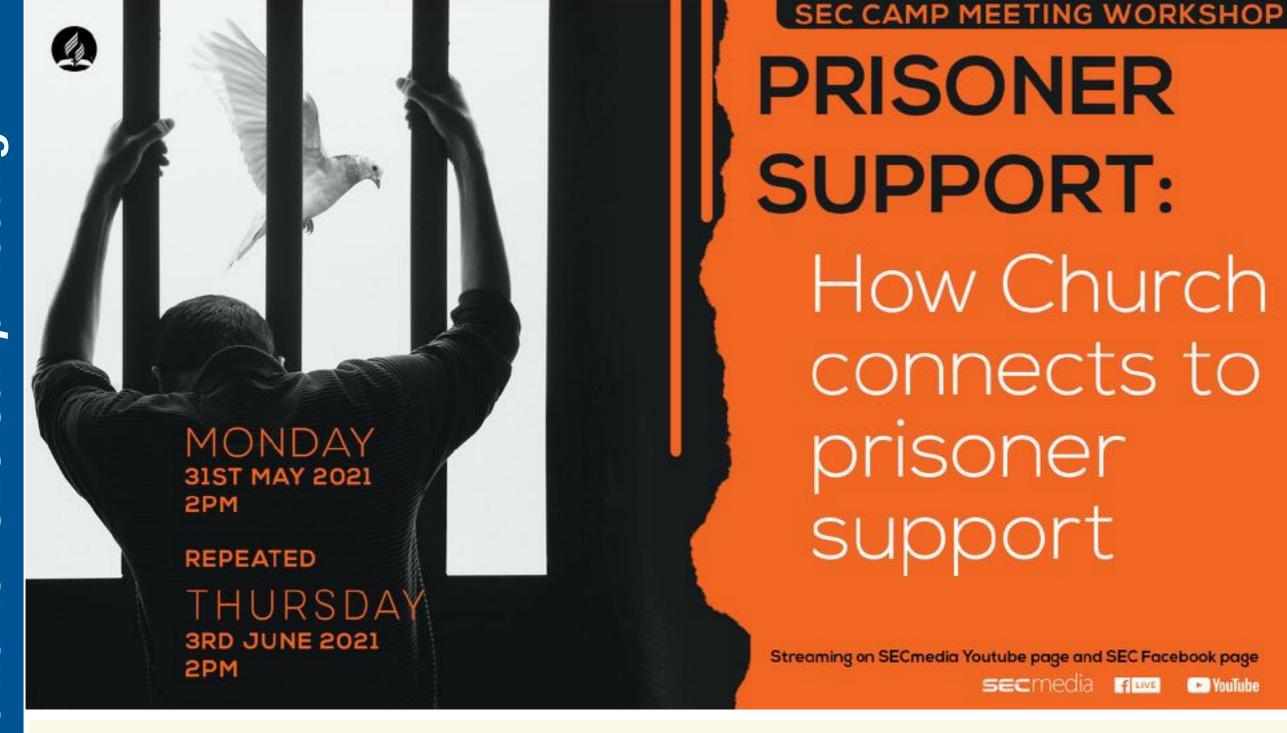
Monday 31 May & Thursday 3 June (2pm)

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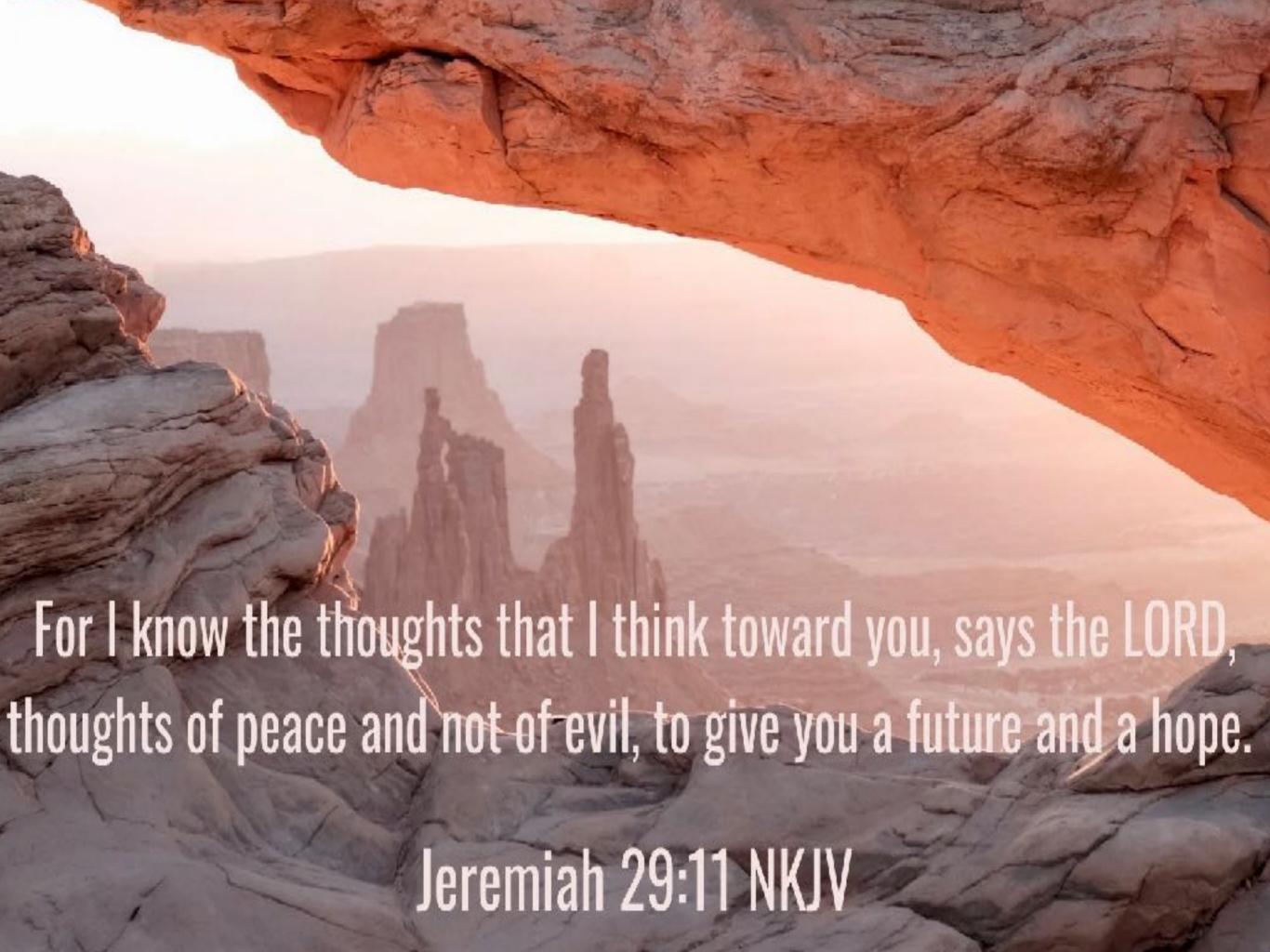
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How Church Connects to Prisoner Support Monday 31 May & Friday 4 June (2pm)



Editor's Choice - Receiving Hate, Giving Love

Many years ago, during Communism in Romania, my wife, Daniela, and I wanted to start a small clothing factory. The single person who could approve it was the president over all businesses in that county. We scheduled an appointment with him and presented our desire. Although we had all of the proper documents and passed all of the needed inspections, he refused to approve us. When I inquired why, he answered, "I hate you Christians. I cannot agree with you. You all should be destroyed."

For months, whatever we did was not sufficient, but eventually we were approved and started our business. When the revolution was over, there was no longer a Communist party. The man lost his position and went in desperate search of work. Most people hated the former Communist leaders, so few would open their doors, let alone hire him. One day, he came to our house. As I opened the door, the man recognised me. He started to plead for a job, with no hope that he would get hired. The hurt and his hate were still fresh in our minds. Daniela and I looked at each other, then offered him a job on the spot. Our former antagonist was amazed. "Why would you help me when I hated you?" he asked incredulously. "I cannot agree with your views," I answered. "But I do not hate you. In fact, I care for you."

In Matthew 18, Peter tries to impress Jesus. "Should I forgive people seven times?" Jesus responds, "'Seventy times seven'" (v. 22). That seems a little eccentric. Then Jesus tells of a servant who owed the king ten thousand talents. "Forgive me," he says; "I'll pay it back." Right there, he missed it—the depth of his sin and the breadth of God's grace. One talent was about 67 pounds of gold, about 16 years of wages. One would need to live about two thousand lives to pay that amount of debt. On the other hand, the servant is consumed with anger and unable to forgive someone who owed him a hundred denarii—just three months' salary. The bad news is you can never pay your debt. The good news is you don't have to. Jesus paid it all.

Editor's Choice - Receiving Hate, Giving Love

Those who value Jesus' blood have no problem forgiving, loving, and showing grace. Turning one's back on this love and grace results in self-inflicted consequences. The third angel's message states, "'And they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name'" (Rev. 14:11, NKJV). How should we react when we encounter persons who think or act differently from us? Mark Finley states, "If your understanding of the mark of the beast makes you angry. . . . [If it makes you] angry at the people who don't preach it like you think they ought to, then you need to reexamine your heart. Your understanding of the mark of the beast should give you a passion for reaching lost people with the gospel of Christ. . . . If my understanding of prophecy doesn't make me a more loving, kind, compassionate Christian—then I should reevaluate my understanding."

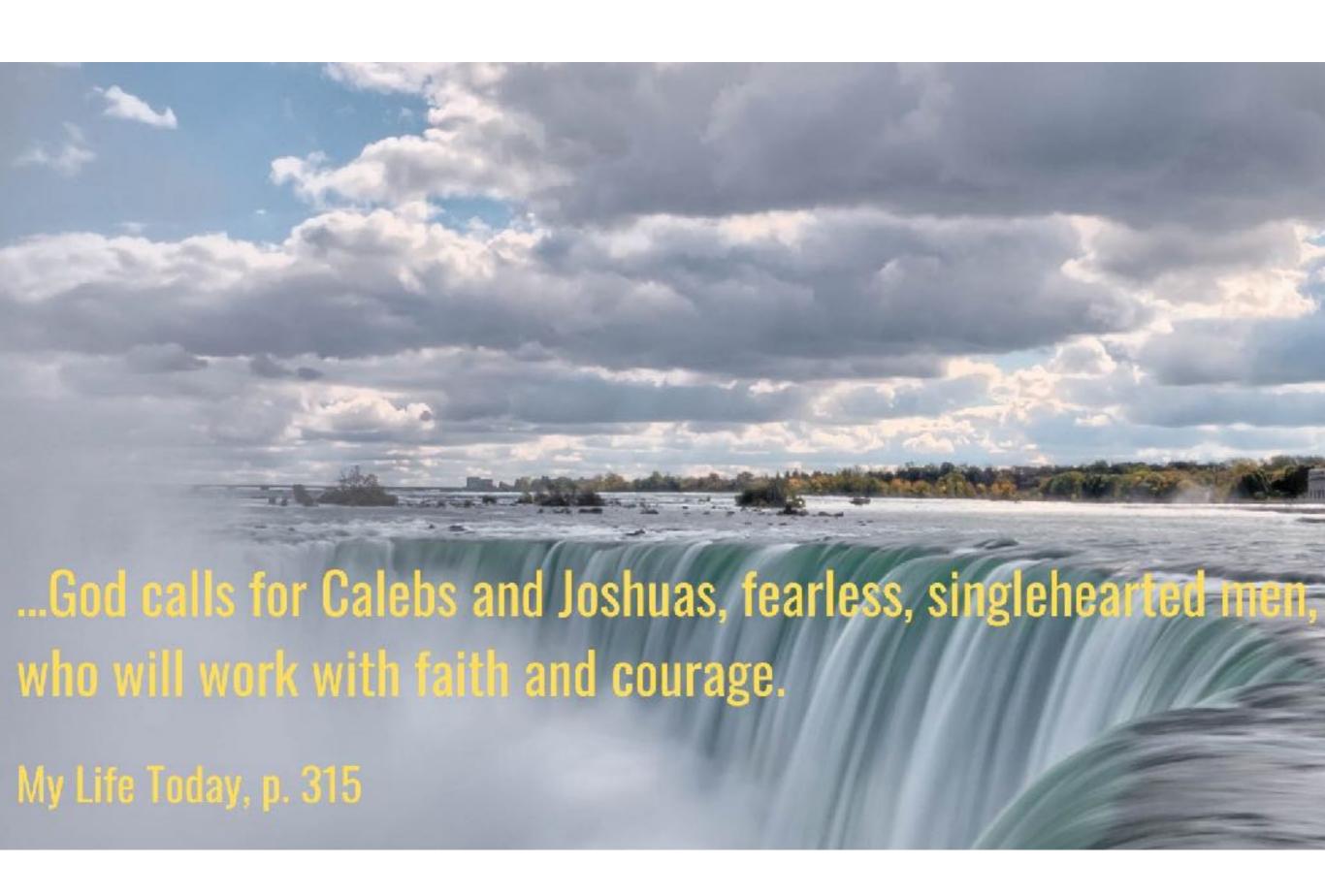
In a society where division and even hate have become more and more the norm, the third angel's message is ultimately a message of love. Even children may be taught that the proof of God's presence in one's life is the love of God manifested toward those who don't deserve it. Shama Stock states, "God's message of warning is a loud message of love. He wants to come into your heart and change you into his image." Jesus commands us to love one another to the same degree that He loves us (John 13:34). God is calling us to experience His love and reflect it to those around us—to the same degree that He has loved us. You cannot give what you don't have.

Written by Pavel Goia, editor of Ministry Magazine, in Ministry Magazine, May 2021 edition https://bit.ly/3ojYyJM

LET'S TALK!

I would love to get to know you. If you want to be prayed for, if you need to talk to someone, if you need any support or to simply have a chat please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Pastor Alex Mareniuc ● 07857 140 654 ● amareniuc@secadventist.org.uk



INSPIRED THOUGHTS

Ellen White - Christian Experience and Teachings of EGW, 73-74

There were some who professed great humility, and advocated creeping on the floor like children, as an evidence of their humility. They claimed that the words of Christ in Matthew 18:1-6 must have a literal fulfillment at this period, when they were looking for their Saviour to return. They would creep around their houses, on the street, over bridges, and in the church itself. I told them plainly that this was not required; that the humility which God looked for in His people was to be shown by a Christlike life, not by creeping on the floor. All spiritual things are to be treated with sacred dignity. Humility and meekness are in accordance with the life of Christ, but they are to be shown in a dignified way. A Christian reveals true humility by showing the gentleness of Christ, by being always ready to help others, by speaking kind words and performing unselfish acts, which elevate and ennoble the most sacred message that has come to our world.

URGENT ADRA APPEAL - COVID Emergency India

Two people every minute. That is how many precious lives are being lost in India right now due to COVID-19. With each passing day, these numbers are skyrocketing. The news and social media are filled with terrible reminders that the tragedy of this pandemic is far from over. India needs you. Please, will you help protect vulnerable families around the world from the impact of COVID-19? Your gift can save lives. Right now, hospitals and health centres across India are collapsing under the sheer number of new cases. The most critical need is oxygen. For patients sick with COVID-19, the extreme shortage of oxygen is devastating, often fatal. Many are being turned away to die at home and in the streets. It's hard to imagine, but COVID-19 has put the most fundamental needs of life under strain--if it's not oxygen, it's food and water, with a growing global hunger crisis also being reported in many countries. Sadly, this worldwide pandemic is far from over--but you can help save lives by acting now. Your gift of any amount will be multiplied by 3. Why not donate £25, £50 or £100 when you give today? You can help:

- Keep frontline health workers safe by providing vital personal protective equipment.
- Save the lives of COVID-19 victims by helping provide oxygen-generating equipment to under-resourced hospitals.
- Deliver lifesaving food to families forced to go hungry by the pandemic.

More than ever, vulnerable families around the world need your support and time is running out. Please make a donation now and please keep praying for those impacted.

www.adra.org.uk OR

https://app.donorfy.com/donate/C4311R6V76/IndiaCOVIDresponse

Do you know a woman experiencing a bit of hardship as a result of this pandemic? SEC Women's Ministries may be able to help!

Please let everyone know that support is available. They are welcome to apply or support the fund by emailing womens@secadventist.

org.uk.



DUE TO COVID-19, WE HAVE SWITCHED TO ONLINE COUNSELLING.

Our counsellors and trained listeners are available from 8am to 12 midnight.

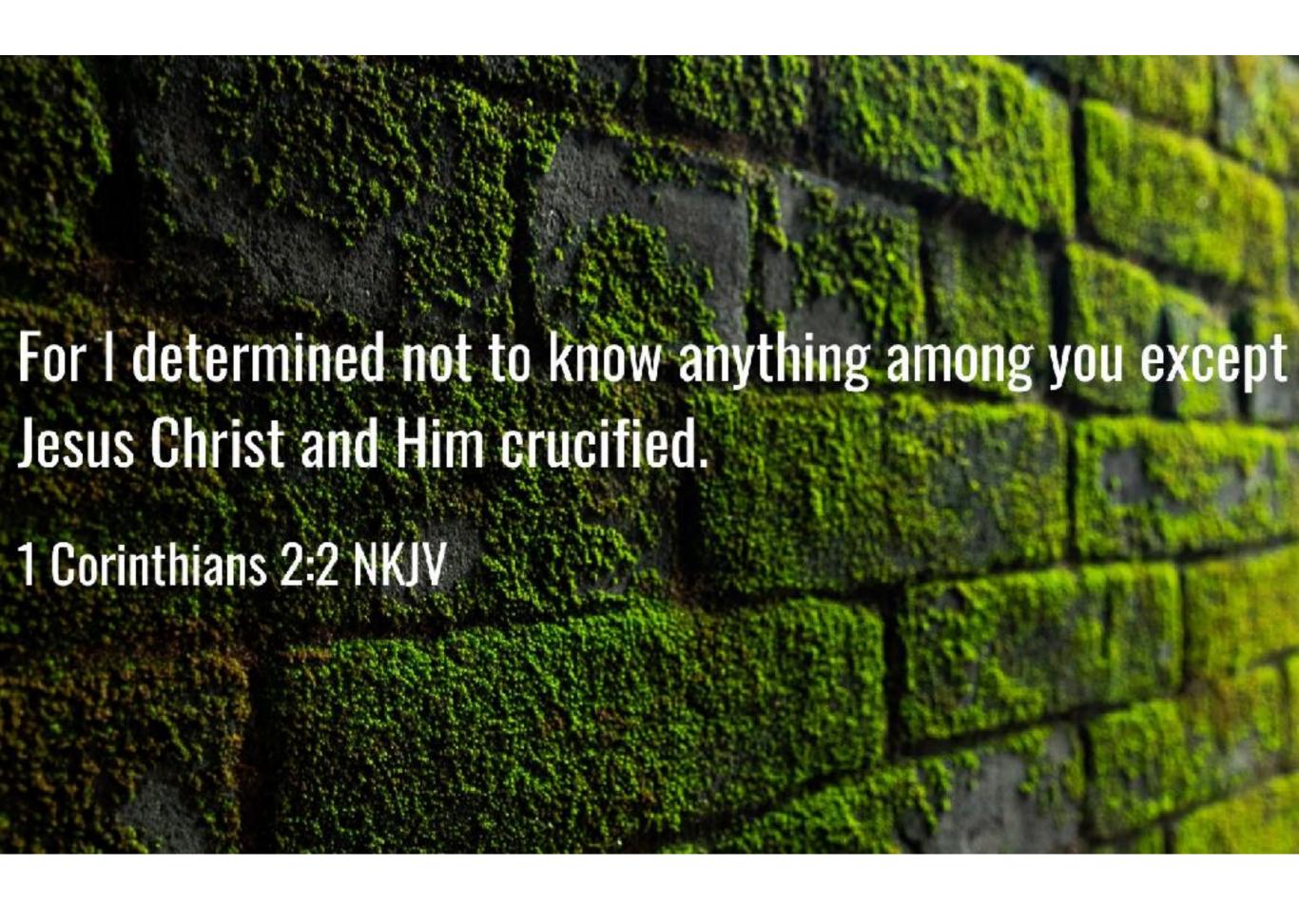
Call us on 0330 133 2495 to talk to someone or visit our website to chat with us online.

For appointments call our office on 0207 723 8050.



DAILY SEC PRAYER LINE







The Seventh-day Adventist Virtual Global Campmeeting will bring together Adventists from around the world to learn, be inspired, and worship together. This virtual campmeeting will showcase the incredible breadth and depth of Adventist ministries around the world.

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campmeeting.com

MONDAY 24 MAY

(7.30PM-9.30PM)

MEN OF ALL AGES FROM ACROSS THE SEC AND BEYOND ARE INVITED TO JOIN THIS ONLINE MEETING VIA ZOOM CONFERENCING.

DOCTOR IRWIN
SOMASUNDRAM WILL BE OUR
MAIN SPEAKER.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU:

ZOOM MEETING ID: 933 5383 5207

PASSCODE: MEN132022

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MEN'S MINISTRIES DIRECTOR, DEVON BOYD, ON 07956 383222 OR

DBOYD@SECADVENTIST.ORG.U K SEC Men Ministry presents

REALMEN REALTALK

...is a forum where Men can talk about how they really feel about issues that matters to them.



Speaker:

DR IRWIN
SOMASUNDRAM

COVID-19: MY STORY...

TIME: 7:30PM - 9:30PM - GMT MONDAY 24 MAY 2021

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

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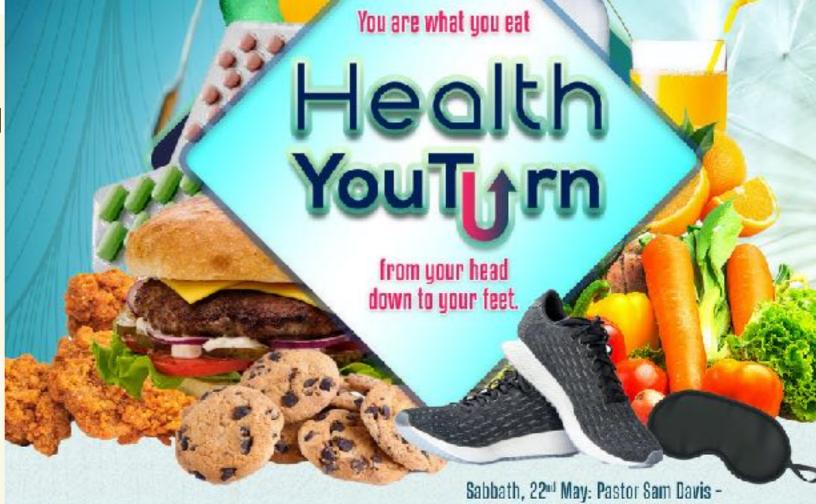
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LEWISHAM SDA CHURCH
HEALTH YOUTURN
SATURDAY 22 MAY SATURDAY 29 MAY

PASTOR SAM DAVIS
JOINS LEWISHAM FOR
THE LAUNCH OF THEIR
HEALTH EMPHASIS
WEEK. GUEST SPEAKERS
WILL PRESENT A
VARIETY OF TOPICS
THROUGHOUT THE
WEEK.

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SABBATH 22ND MAY -

SABBATH 29TH MAY

Sabbath Service: Between 11:30 - 13:00

Sabbath School: Between 10:00 - 11:30

Sabbath Evening: 17:30 - 19:00

23rd May - 28th May: Evening program 19:30 - 21:00

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MEETING ID: 970 461 9480 PASSWORD: PRAY 1844! Sabbath, 22nd May: Pastor Sam Davis -(Divine Service & AYS Programme)

Sunday, 23rd May: Brother Richard Harrison (Evening Programme - 19:30 - 21:00)

Monday, 24th May: Brother James Luke (Evening Programme - 19:30 - 21:00)

Tuesday, 25th May: Sister Nicola Grant (Evening Programme - 19:30 - 21:00)

Wednesday, 26th May: Elder Paul Graves (Evening Programme - 19:30 - 21:00)

Thursday, 27th May: Brother Joudal Charles-Hawkins (Evening Programme - 19:30 - 21:00)

Friday, 28th May: Marc Naiken (Evening Programme - 19:30 - 21:00)

Sabbath, 29th May: Sister Michelle Hall (Divine Service & AYS Programme) SUNDAY 23 MAY (5PM-7PM)

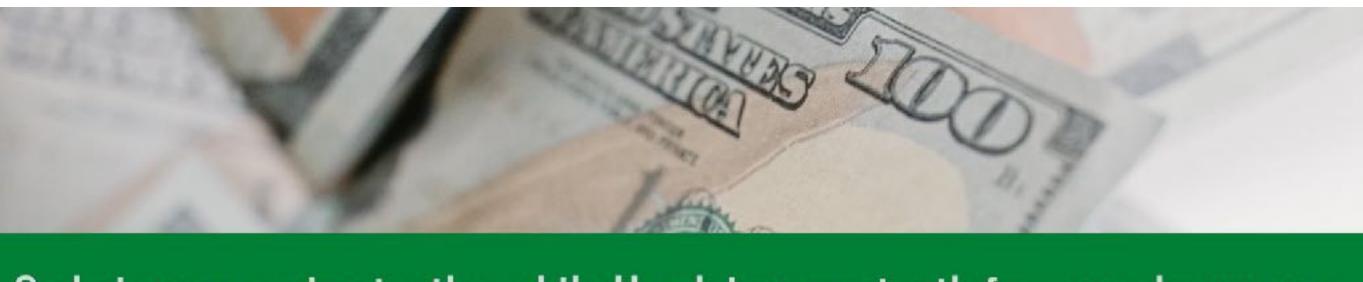
AREA 6C ARE
SUPPORTING THOSE
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AUGUSTUS LAWRENCE,
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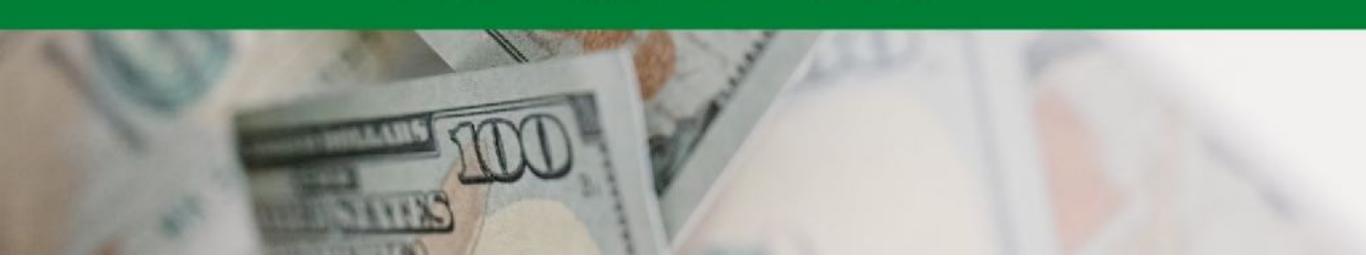
A Time to Reflect London Area 6C Sunday 23 May 2021 5pm to 7pm





God gives man nine tenths, while He claims one tenth for sacred purposes, as He has given man six days for his own work and has reserved and set apart the seventh day to Himself.

3 Testimonies for the Church 395.2



SCRIPTURE FOCUS - SERMON ON THE MOUNT This week: Matthew 7:13-23

"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'