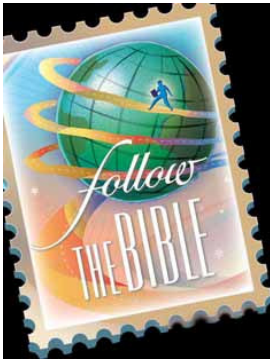


FOLLOW THE BIBLE SABBATH: 12 SEPTEMBER



As 'People of the Book' Adventists across the UK and Ireland will be demonstrating their faith on Sabbath, 12 September. From small churches in remote areas to major events in larger conurbations Pastors and members are planning to highlight how central the Bible is to Adventist faith. While Adventist worship is always Bible focused, on this particular Sabbath churches are being encouraged to take an even stronger emphasis on the Bible both inside and outside the walls of the church. The day coincides with the specially commissioned General Conference Bible visiting the British Isles. With each of the sixty-six books in a different language, this large "Adventist Family Bible" is travelling the world until the GC Session in Atlanta, USA in July 2010.

On Sabbath, 12 September the Bible will be on display in special worship services at Newbold, and four churches in London. The following day Dublin will be the venue for a special high-speed presentation of 20 speakers in three hours who will share their joy in the Bible. Archaeologists, theologians, historians and clergy from several churches will join with church members and invited guests from the community to rejoice in the difference that the Bible still makes in lives in the twenty-first century. A 350 seater auditorium has been rented in a prestigious hotel to accommodate the expected guests.

Newbold College and church are working together to provide a weekend of programmes including Friday night vespers and Sabbath services. The Bible Society will be involved both at Newbold and in four London churches. The College Library will be displaying its historic collection of Bible with guided tours not only explaining the heritage but demonstrating how accessible the Bible and Bible study tools are in the electronic age. The "Newbold Family Bible" will also be in on display with annotations from church members and drawings from the children.



Pastor Clive de Silva will be using his motorcycle skills to deliver the GC Bible to the Central London, Brixton, Holloway and Clapton churches during the afternoon. Special programmes in these churches will build on the local emphasis in the morning.

The North England Conference are taking a different approach. Here the focus is on Bible knowledge. A specially designed interactive 60 minute quiz "How Well Have You Followed Your Bible?" will be used. This PowerPoint Bible quiz will challenge and enlighten our members & community and promote greater reading of the scriptures by all ages. Other churches are taking Bibles to the street to 'meet people where they are'.

The essence of follow the Bible is not on the event itself but in the culmination of many events, many churches and 30,000 church members across the UK and Ireland praying and sharing how the Bible is making a difference in their lives.

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