

Fundraising visit by Shania's pal Kelita

POP superstar Shania Twain's friend and colleague Kelita is winging her way to Leighton Buzzard to raise money for the humanitarian aid organisation World Vision.

The internationally renowned Canadian gospel singer will be appearing at a meeting of the Leighton Christian Fellowship on Sunday in Vandyke School at 6pm.

Kelita's singing career started when she was a four-year-old girl desperate to emulate her heroine Shirley Temple.

She learned to play the piano at the age of nine and wrote her first song when she was 11 following the death of her father.

After the death of her mother just a few years later she found solace in her music

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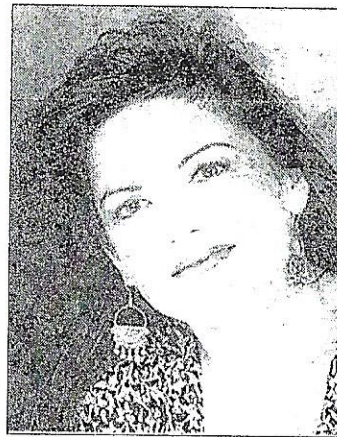
and began performing at her local church five nights a week.

However she began to lead a double life and experimented with drink, drugs and an unhealthy lifestyle before turning to the Christian faith following the break-up of her marriage.

Meanwhile her music continued to attract new listeners and she notched up three top 10 singles and won the Canadian Country Music Association Vista Rising Star Award.

She later toured the world performing for the Canadian Armed Forces and United Nations in Israel, Egypt and Cyprus.

Her song Neighbours Of The World was chosen as the official anthem for Canada's



GOSPEL SINGER Kelita: World Vision fundraiser.

Winter Olympics in 1998.

The Leighton Christian Fellowship regularly meets on Sunday evenings in Vandyke School.

For more information visit the group's website at www.lcf.uk.net

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