

# Messenger

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## Ingathering for ALL Inreach to Outreach

by Joan Saddler\*

Have you ever wondered what the word *Ingathering* means? Or why we call our annual collection of money to assist others *Ingathering*? To some youth in the church it can mean one or more of the following:

- A way to help others;
- Developing creative strategies to avoid having anything to do with door-knocking and the possible embarrassment of being seen by friends;
- Doing the right thing;
- It's not for me;
- Might have fun by doing the sponsored walk with friends;
- It's long! (meaning it takes more than 30 seconds);
- Allowing parents (or the adults at church) to squeeze just enough co-operation out of you so that you can be said to have done *something*;
- Er . . . what exactly *is* Ingathering . . . ?

Ingathering for some means making sure you put some change in your own tin (to make it rattle) and then proceeding to amaze your Ingathering agent with the generous two twenty-pound notes that 'someone' put in your tin. Come to think of it, why shouldn't we just give some money of our own?

The Israelites celebrated the Feast of Tabernacles, or Ingathering. It represented a time of praise and thanksgiving for God's miracle of ensuring that they had water wherever they camped during their forty-year desert wanderings. After settling in Canaan (the land that God had promised to the Israelites) the people got together annually from all corners of the land to celebrate for seven days. People brought tributes to God, acknowledging his blessings of food and also his spiritual blessings in their lives. As Ellen White puts it in *Patriarchs and Prophets*:

'The Saviour made use of this symbolic service to direct the minds of the people to the blessings

that He had come to bring them. . . . The refreshing water, welling up in a parched and barren land, causing the desert place to blossom, and flowing out to give life to the perishing, is an emblem [symbolic] of the divine grace which Christ alone can bestow.' Page 41.

So biblical Ingathering essentially celebrated two things:

Outreach – representing the blessing of God's people that they were able to pass on to others in the same literal and practical way that God has always blessed his people.

Inreach – celebrating the spiritual blessing that we have in Christ, the Living Water.

Ingathering isn't just about the necessity of helping other people. It is essentially about confirming our faith, and remembering how God has led us. It's about showing others that we love God and our fellow man.

Ingathering does not *have* to be just about door-knocking. There are lots of different ways to get involved:

The ADRA sponsored run/walk is a lot of fun, involves young, old, singles, families, Adventists and non-Adventists. It's a great event and you can turn up to volunteer as a steward or just to

support those walking.

For those with little time, you can block out one hour a week and go to a busy shopping area and tell people about the many

projects that we are helping, both in the UK (Adventist Special Needs Association training weekend for carers and supporters) and other worldwide projects like Empowering Women in New Sudan, which ensures young girls receive an education.

The Health Ministries leader at Holloway church tells me that she has challenged the whole church to lose 7 pounds in weight by March and also to get sponsorships for Ingathering!

Finally, Ingathering is:

Fun, worthwhile, a spiritual and physical blessing – as long or as short as you want it to be – involving the whole Church and a demonstration of our love for other people and our love for God.

Happy Ingathering!

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**INGATHERING DATES:** 25 March-9 April. London Greater Metropolitan Area, 25 March-16 April

# Wolverhampton church finds new home in former pub

by John Surridge, Communication director, BUC

Just before Christmas the Wolverhampton Pendeford church finally completed the purchase of a new building. This new building is a former pub, just over the road from the place where the church currently meets, at the Dovecotes Community Hall, Ryefield Road. News of the purchase made the front page of *The Wolverhampton Express and Star* with the headline: 'Wolverhampton Pub to be Transformed into Church'.

District minister Pastor Richard Jackson points out that there is something of a history of Adventist churches taking over pubs in the Wolverhampton area. 'I knew that the Wolverhampton Great Brickkiln Street church building was a former pub, but, when we were negotiating the purchase of this building I learned that the Wolverhampton Wednesfield church had a similar history. Apparently their building was formerly a social club!'

The Pendeford church has been meeting in a rented Community Centre for the last twenty-one years but recent growth has forced the members

to look seriously at buying a building. 'We first started thinking about the building over the road a couple of years ago but we had only 40 members at the time. Now our membership has grown to over 60, with most of the new members being under 25. As well as the new members, we have lots of children, those belonging to our own members but also an increasing number from the local community. Our attendance is now over 70 every week and our current building just isn't big enough.'

When asked about the reason for the recent growth in attendance, and particularly the appeal that the church seems to have for young people, Pastor Jackson said, 'There's really nothing we have done to encourage this. It has just happened as young people have come along with their parents and then become involved in the programme of the church. Our service style is a mixture of contemporary and traditional. Often we will have lively music with guitars, keyboards and drums, but usually this is to accompany the traditional hymns from the *Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal*.'



As well as the overcrowding on a Sabbath morning there are further limitations with the current building. 'At the moment we can't do any of the outreach programmes that we would like to do,' says Pastor Jackson. 'For

example, we are planning to run health programmes and youth clubs and the like, and we just can't do that in our present situation.'

The former pub cost around £290,000 and will need a lot of work to turn it into the kind of building the members want. However, they have been able to draw on a number of different sources for the extra funds needed. These include local members, other churches in the North England Conference, the higher institutions of the Church, a substantial loan, and assistance from the local Council.

'The new building will seat over 200,' says Pastor Jackson. 'We have had detailed architect's plans drawn up and have obtained planning permission for the conversion, though we are still waiting for the building regulations approval. If all goes to plan we will have a main sanctuary seating 200, modern kitchen and toilet facilities, and a big section that will be turned into a learning centre in collaboration with the Wolverhampton City Council. In the learning centre the council will run child care and parenting skills lessons, but it will also be used by the church for youth activities. There will also be an upstairs section which will be used as office space for a voluntary sector group, a church management office, and possibly a small recording studio.'

From a previous career Pastor Jackson has considerable experience of working with local government and he believes strongly in the need for co-operation between local churches and their communities. 'We have secured money from the council for this project,' he says, 'they will do the building and they will run the community programmes, but there will be no strings attached. Our obligation is simply to allow them to be rent-paying tenants with access during the week. They will close at 12 noon on Fridays and won't do anything against the principles of the Adventist church. It's an ideal arrangement where the church and the council work together to benefit the local community.'



# Not a tame lion

David Marshall

What a pity C. S. Lewis is not alive today. He would see off Richard Dawkins, n-o-o-o problem!

That was my first thought after reading the bitter, myopic, anti-God piece by Dawkins (aka 'Darwin's Rotweiler') across the centre spread of *The Independent* on Friday 6 January. God was said to be 'man's most destructive invention'.

Lewis was the great champion of Christianity, especially in the 1940s and 1950s. In those decades it was he who gave the Christian trumpet a certain sound. When Lewis died in 1963, as a young Christian defending the faith, I had a sense of being exposed. From the dark days of the blitz his firm, reasoned arguments on BBC Radio provided a sense of hope and assurance. When, in peacetime, men like Bertrand Russell put the case against God and the Christian faith, C. S. Lewis was there to take them on. And, when the exchange was over, it was evident that the case put by Lewis was more convincing.

In the year before Lewis's death, BBC Radio chose to dismantle its finest invention: *Children's Hour*. For as long as I could remember, between five and six o'clock, *Children's Hour* had been providing a balanced diet of programmes to engage and stimulate young minds. C. S. Lewis had had a role there, too. He had produced a series of seven story books aimed at children, collectively called *The Chronicles of Narnia*. The BBC had had the good sense to dramatise these on *Children's Hour*. Thanks to Disney, these stories are, once again, being pushed to the top of the attention agenda of young and old. The first story, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, was released as a film in December.

Defending the faith and sowing the seeds of Christianity in young minds was never C. S. Lewis's 'day job'. He was a Fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford, and Professor of Renaissance Literature at Cambridge. Interestingly, little is still in print of his work of literary criticism. All that survives is what Lewis did for God. I rejoice that a renaissance is under way of the work Lewis did which explained the work of God to children.

Belfast-born C. S. (Jack) Lewis was a fervent atheist when he graduated. The death of his mother, the distance of his father, a bleak, classical, private education in England and the experience of the trenches in World War One had seen to that.

As a university Fellow, Lewis found himself

pursued by the Hound of Heaven through his reading and through discussion with other dons. In his spiritual autobiography *Surprised by Joy* he wrote, 'A young man who wishes to remain a sound atheist cannot be too careful of his reading. . . .'

In senior common rooms and in his social circle Lewis found atheism increasingly tough to defend. In correspondence with his friend Arthur Greeves he revealed 'tremendous vacillations in his faith' during the 20s. He tried prayer, but could not escape the feeling that he was 'posting letters to a non-existent address'.

Jack's brother Warnie conceded, 'There was no sudden plunge into a new life but rather a slow, steady convalescence from a deep-seated spiritual illness.' The Trinity Term of 1929 was crucial in Lewis's conversion. It was then that he became convinced of the existence of God. His biographers George Sayer and William Griffin believe that fellow don J. R. R. Tolkien played a vital role in Lewis's conversion to Christianity that occurred by 1931. Their earnest discussions often lasted all night. 'The irrational dead weight' of his 'old sceptical habits and the spirit of the age' gave way. He was astonished when 'the hardest boiled of all the atheists I knew' conceded that 'the evidence for the historicity [authenticity] of the Gospels was surprisingly good'.

At first Lewis was, by his own admission, a reluctant convert. Later he wrote, 'The Prodigal Son at least walked home on his own feet. But who can duly adore that Love which will open the high gates to a prodigal who is brought in kicking, struggling, resentful and darting his eyes in every direction for a chance to escape?'

It would have rendered Lewis speechless had anyone told him that his *Chronicles of Narnia* would sell a hundred million copies. They were stories which had begun to develop in his imagination during his childhood. The discipline of writing them down is likely to have come after Jack and Warnie's period as surrogate parents to a large 'family' of children evacuated from London during World War Two.

By the time C. S. Lewis married Joy Gresham and became stepfather to her two sons, the seven 'chronicles' were already out there. Wisely, I believe, the makers of *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* have employed Douglas Gresham as on-set adviser.

Lewis once wrote this about his seven children's books: 'Some people think that I began by asking myself how I could say

something about Christianity to children, then fixed on the fairy tale as an instrument; then collected information about child psychology and decided what age group to write for; then drew up a list of basic Christian truths and hammered out "allegories" to embody them. This is all pure moonshine. I couldn't write in that way at all . . . . At first there wasn't even anything Christian about them; that element pushed itself in of its own accord. It was part of the bubbling.'

So how did the seven *Chronicles* become Christian parables? On the tenth anniversary of the publication of TLTTW Lewis wrote this in the *Radio Times*: 'At first I had little idea how the story would go. But then suddenly Aslan came bounding into it. . . . I don't know where the Lion came from or why he came. But once he was there he pulled the whole story together. And soon he pulled the six other Narnian stories in after him.'

One phrase that stuck in my mind from the reading of Narnia books as a boy was, *Aslan is not a tame lion*. That is because God is not 'tame', either. He does not work by any of the rules or systems we invent for him. No 'box' can contain him. Admiring C. S. Lewis as a writer/scholar, atheist historian A. N. Wilson nevertheless wrote a good Lewis biography. Wilson acknowledged that Lewis's 'full conversion to Christianity released in him a literary flow which only ceased with death' (page 133). Permit me to conclude with another of Wilson's insights: 'Mere force of argument is never enough to convert another human being to Christianity, any more than mere acceptance of creeds, as an intellectual proposition, is identical with faith. The whole person, the whole imagination, must be consecrated' (page 218).

Not a bad insight for an atheist. Not bad at all. And Adventists neglect it at their peril.

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## Healthwise

with Richard J. B. Willis, BUC Health Ministries director

### Junk Science – Deliberate Fraud?

Korea's Woo Suk Hwang has put the scientific world into a state of chaos. His research towards 'therapeutic cloning' has been proven to be fabricated material. Stem-cell research was thought to be making great strides with the many papers that he had published. Now he is the subject of police investigation and blaming everyone but himself, in spite of his approaches to others of his team to falsify items of their research.

Criminal charges are being brought because of the vast sums of money involved through research grants and commercial enterprise involving various aspects of stem-cell research. Hwang's behaviour has cast doubt over the scientific validity of

research projects in general and has provided fuel for anti-research activists.

Cheating in science is not new. Other projects have been blighted by falsification of data and the swapping of research animals to put results in a different, more positive, light. Sometimes the science is not even necessary, whether good or bad. It seems that people are prepared and, in many instances, want to believe a lie!

Professors Leonard Finegold (Drexel University, Philadelphia) and Bruce Flamm (Kaiser Permanente Medical Centre, California) have just published a review of scientific papers, concluding that there is no benefit from magnet therapies. Magnet sales top \$1 billion worldwide so the news that they have

no therapeutic efficacy is a blow to users and sellers of magnets. While many people subjectively consider there is a personal benefit and perhaps gain from the placebo effect, others will be wasting valuable time in seeking aid for serious conditions that might be life threatening.

Then there are those unscrupulous persons who do not care about the scientific findings. Francesco Casillo, head of Europe's biggest pasta mill, was arrested recently for deliberately adulterating flour with other flour known to have been contaminated with a cancer-producing toxin – 58,000 tonnes of it in fact! Tests had shown that the toxicity was three times higher than EU permitted levels.

National pride, commercial considerations and sheer greed have been at

the root of the lying and cheating highlighted in these stories circulated by the media.

There are, however, costs involving people beyond those immediately affected: what of the dashed hopes of those who might have benefited physically from advances in stem-cell research? Those who delayed treatment by relying on magnets? And the thousands – along with their families – who might have developed cancer or been affected by it?

There is no length to which cheaters will not go, and no end to the misery involved when junk science is used to bolster the claims of what is deliberate fraud.



## Leicester: Investiture

Leicester Central Adventist church has held its second Pathfinder and Adventurer Investiture in a year.

Pastor Trevor Thomas, NEC Pathfinder director (back row sixth from right) praised the children and their counsellors for working so hard as they received another batch of certificates and badges for completed honours done since the last ceremony.

December 2005 saw the retirement of the then director, Brian Simon, (second standing row far left) who virtually revived the club during his term. The position has now been placed in the capable hands of Redemption Tabournal (back row far right).



Photo: W.G. Dacres

## Investment

Two women have surprised a congregation by raising over £500 using their talent and crafts from an initial outlay of just five pounds.

Melvina Allen, a Montserratian who fled her volcano-ravaged homeland, and local member Trinidadian Dawn Jordan of Leicester Central church were given £5 each to invest over a year. The enterprising Christians rose to their Sabbath School challenge to invest their talents, starting with the initial five pounds.

First-timer Melvina raised £220 by baking and selling coconut tarts.

'I thought what can you do with five pounds? What can I do? Then a thought occurred to me – maybe it was God talking to me – I can make coconut tarts and introduce them to

friends and members in the church,' says Melvina. The former caterer baked samples and allowed her friends to trial them and once they got hooked she found herself baking dozens.

The retiree would devote just Friday

mornings to the year-long project, and would go to a local shop selling exotic fruit to get a bag of cut-price coconuts.

Senior staff nurse Dawn Jordan, who takes up the challenge to invest £5 annually, decided to work overtime and raised £300.

'It's not the most I've done. Sometimes I sell products to friends, but I thought this would be the quickest way to raise some money,' says the mother of two who has made £400 in the past. The money raised is given to charities.

W. G. DACRES



Melvina Allen with her coconut tarts

## Youth take ALPHA initiative

You could tell it was that time of year, the summer holidays were over, autumn was on its way. Adverts were to be seen on the backs of buses, in cinemas, outside churches. Yes, ALPHA time had arrived.

Leamington Spa Mission is now running its third ALPHA course and what is so exciting is that it is the young people in the church who have taken the initiative. Right from course one ALPHA has been led by young people but now, more than ever, they are involved as discussion leaders, presenters, cooks, and waiters.

We launched the current course in our worship service by hearing from two young people who had been through ALPHA. Both had come from a secular background and both had found faith as a result of their course. Emma, who came to our first course will present two talks at this ALPHA and Neil, who came last year, is active in youth leadership and has recently asked to be baptised.

ROBERT PEARCE



Back row, Left to Right: Emma Bright, Dan Pearce, Kristina Pearce. Front row: Pastor Rudika Puskas, Brenda-Louise Pretorius, Dan Vine, Rob Pearce

## High Wycombe (Sands) baptisms

The 'Hope For Today' evangelistic seminar resulted in three young people being baptised at High Wycombe (Sands) church.

Nicole Baptiste, 18, Shakira Baksh, 15, and Ivan Ngidi, 15, had been participating in the small groups Bible studies for many months. After Pastor Thomas Gill's evangelistic seminar, and with the encouragement of Pastor Michael Anim, the three young people were baptised on Sabbath 5 November.

Nicole's 83-year-old grandad Vertyl Bacchus had travelled all the way from Florida to share the occasion.

Pastor Anim gave the message and immersed each candidate.

PATSY THOMAS



## Smethwick Youth Day

We thank God for making 10 December a truly Spirit-filled Youth Day at Smethwick church. The theme was 'Keeping your connection with God' and the stirring address was given by our elder J. Mathieu. Our youth continue to shine for God in the community.

P. SWABY

## Christmas outreach in York

Several of the York church members,

together with the Rogers family from Lincoln, braved the cold on 17 December to bring the real meaning of Christmas to the people of York city centre.

The group sang carols accompa-

nied by trumpet, keyboard and violins, and distributed literature among the many people visiting the popular Farmers' Market.

Over 200 FOCUS and LIFE.info magazines were given away, and one young man requested Bible studies.

LYNETTE ALLCOCK

## IOW Christmas outreach

On Sabbath afternoon 10 December, Andrew and Michelle Hemming and Michael Lannas, with his guitar, went to Ryde and sang Christmas carols outside Somerfield supermarket. When people expressed their enjoyment of the music, the Adventists took the opportunity to speak of the joy of the Christmas message. They also distributed leaflets about the Adventist church and its mission.

The following Sabbath afternoon they returned to the same place. With them were Angela and John Anderson. The afternoon was very cold but they all sang heartily. One of the regular buskers agreed to play his harmonica by way of accompaniment. Michael Lannas's fingers were so cold that he could no longer play the guitar. Many questions were asked and answered.

JOHN HEMMING

## New Year Mission Statement

Approaching New Year, individuals make resolutions. Churches sometimes express their commitment in

the form of a mission statement.

Glasgow church has experienced an almost fourfold increase in church attendance over the past three years, mainly from Afro-Caribbean student immigrant members. To harness and focus this potentially powerful increase in God's armament, the church has adopted a new mission statement,

now boldly proclaimed in an entrance foyer sign. Incorporating the WHAT, WHY WHEN and HOW of Mission, it reads:

**WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH**  
'We are Christians with a mission to share our faith by constantly seeking to serve the needs of our community.'

JOHN WILBY

## Indra's baptism

It was a jubilant day at Worcester church on 22 October, when we were blessed by the baptism of Indra Walsh. She is a student nurse at Worcester University, has attended Bible studies in her off-duty time, and is ready to follow Jesus.

JUDY WADE



## Leicester West

Ann McLeod and Cameron, who were baptised into Leicester West church on 17 September. Pastor B. Robinson did the honours at Robert Hall Baptist Church.

JOHN HUBBARD



## WELLINGBOROUGH

Services have been discontinued in the Friends' Meeting House, Wellingborough.

## THE TAUNTON CHURCH

is anxious to trace the whereabouts of Mr Brian Hyde who is believed to be in the London area. Please communicate any information to Pastor W. Southcott, Seventh-day Adventist Church, 20 Mary Street, Taunton, TA1 3PE.

## Baptisms at Central London church

The Christmas celebrations came early for the members and attendees of Central London church when six people were baptised on 10 December. The church's pastor, David Riley, noted, 'It is amazing the profound impact that baptism has on individuals as well as the local church. We have had over twenty baptisms during 2005 and we are excited that God is working so powerfully in our city.'

In keeping with the cosmopolitan flavour of London the candidates' countries of origin included Zimbabwe, Britain, Romania, French Martinique, and Latvia. The candidates, who have all been regular participants in various Bible study classes, each gave personal testimonies of what had prompted them

to declare their love for the Lord through baptism.

During these testimonies Celine and Dana shared that having met at church they are now best friends. Both spoke of their excitement at discovering and accepting what salvation means, the importance of the Sabbath, and how they wanted to walk with Jesus leading the way. Izabela, our youngest candidate, spoke of how growing up in the church meant that she wanted an early opportunity to show her love for God by committing her life to him in her early teens. Kevin explained that through Bible studies he has realised that the problems of the world cannot be solved by human hands alone and so decided to trust God's way. Krivis and Sanda are now

married and wanted to be baptised together. Krivis, whose mother is a member of Central London, explained that he and Sanda wanted to have a special relationship with God as a basis for their future life together. Sanda went on to say that she had been introduced to the Lord

by Krivis and his family, and they had taught her how to pray and trust God, and that her baptism was the happiest day of her life. We also heard from David, who explained that, growing up as an Anglican, he had drifted from God but discovered through his Adventist fiancée that faith can be exciting. David will be baptised in Brazil next month.

JUDITH LESAR



Left to Right: Kevin Roach, Izabela Pereira, Celine Catlin, Dana Buculeu, Krivis Kraulins, Sanda Redliha, David Chamberlain

## The Rodneys celebrate Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary

Martin Luther and Iona Hyacinth Rodney from the Chingford church in London recently celebrated fifty years of marriage. The celebration of this event was secretly planned by their seven children. It started with a limousine taking the happy couple to a thanksgiving ceremony at the Wood Green church where they renewed their vows, written by their daughters Christine and Pauline. This lavish affair was enjoyed by more than 400 people both at the church and the reception.

Brother Rodney is well known in the Adventist community, being a prominent lay leader tireless in his enthusiasm for evangelism. He has held many positions in the church and was formerly Chair of the London Area Advisory Council, and was the first grounds manager of The John Loughborough School.

SUSANNE KIRLEW





# The super-duper, one-month only, quick-fix, diet plan

Japhet De Oliveira, SEC Youth director

I spend an enormous amount of my spare time researching diet plans on the Internet. There are lots of different kinds: low-fat, low-carb, soup only, fruit only, liquid only. There's the lose-weight-while-you-sleep theory, or the eating-like-the-French plan.

One thing all diets have in common: dieters want to be able to ingest an unlimited amount of something – whether it be cheese or chicken or tomatoes or juice or even coffee. No one wants to face the fact that in order to be thin, you have to give things up. You have to change your habits. If you want to be thin, you can't eat anything and everything whenever you feel like it. If you want to eat without restriction, most probably you can't be thin. You can't have it all and have it all right now.

Evangelism is a bit like dieting – for a whole lot of reasons. Generally speaking, we want a magic pill – something that will miraculously cause our church to grow. We want this to happen painlessly. We don't want to give anything up. We don't want to change. Evangelism can happen, but it mustn't take up any of our precious time or dent our lives in any way.

Recently, on a trip to the USA, I went to a specialist upscale yuppie supermarket. The entire middle section was filled with vitamins, supplements, beauty and exercise aids. They

were all extremely expensive – it isn't uncommon for people to spend more than a thousand pounds on supplements designed to keep them fit, healthy, thin and beautiful. It occurred to me then how much easier it is to throw money at a goal, rather than to invest time and effort into developing good practices and habits. If you want to be thin and good-looking, you can (for free) drink lots of water, exercise every day, get plenty of sleep, eat a balanced diet and work fewer hours. But that's too much like hard work. No matter what it costs in pounds and pence it's always easier to spend money than to change your habits.

With evangelism, it's the same. It's always easier to spend money on a big programme that we hope will be 'the big thing' that brings unchurched people to our doors in droves. When these initiatives fail, we are quick to blame the speaker for not being 'relevant' enough, or the stage design or musicians for failing to be 'professional' enough. We are disappointed when our collective efforts are not realised in the way we'd hoped, but what were we really expecting? The people we're hoping to reach are complex individuals just like ourselves. There's no simple or easy 'catch' that is going to snag them. It's probably going to be a lot more complicated than that.

Dieters who go on fad diets usually lose weight. They also almost always get it back again.

Why? Because once the magic pill is gone, all that's left is *you*. If you haven't changed – if you haven't become like a thin person – then you're pretty much destined to carry on being a fat one.

This year, 2006, is the Year of Youth Evangelism. I hope that what we in the South England Conference will focus on particularly is encouraging young people to work on their own devotional lives and to become spiritually beautiful from the inside out. This involves being honest about your own walk with God and trying to gain a greater closeness with Christ. It means becoming an authentic person who lives what he believes and who is able to talk comfortably with other people about life and faith.

To that end we are in the middle of developing a personal study guide based on the book *Steps to Christ* and are seeking sponsors to ensure that every young person receives a copy. We will be starting the Youth & the Word series – four Sundays over 2006 where young people will be taught some of our core theological foundations. Pastor Gifford Rhamie will launch the series on 12 March with 'Which Version is It?' This will be followed in April by Dr Gunnar Pedersen addressing 'Sanctuary & Salvation', and in June with 'E. G. White: Is She Still Relevant?' We will close the series in October with Dr Lawrence Turner, 'Interpreting Scripture'. If you want more information, subscribe to the SEC Youth Ministries journal, HUB, or read it each month online at [www.secadventist.org/hub/php](http://www.secadventist.org/hub/php). Have a good one.

## YEAR OF YOUTH EVANGELISM 2006

**ENDLESS LOVE . . . returns to the NEC**  
The Marriage Enrichment Weekend not to be missed!  
**28-30 April**  
Wyboston Lakes Conference Centre, Bedfordshire  
Contact Pastor Cyril Sweeney for further details: 0115 9606312  
(Apply early to avoid disappointment)

**HEADTEACHER  
GRIANACH HOUSE SCHOOL**  
Required for September 2006  
Grianach House School is an independent Christian school owned by the Emerald Foundation (USA) and administered by the Irish Mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Located in the increasingly prosperous city of Galway, Ireland, the school currently has an enrolment of 31 pupils aged between 4-12.  
Applicants should have at least five years teaching experience. The ability to teach the Irish language would be an advantage but not essential. An understanding of, and commitment to the Adventist philosophy of education essential. Salary package available on application.  
A letter of application together with a current CV and the addresses of two referees should be sent to: Pastor David Neal, President, Irish Mission, 9 Newry Road, Banbridge, Co. Down, BT32 3HF.  
Tel/Fax: 028406-26361. Email: [david@adventist.ie](mailto:david@adventist.ie)  
The deadline for receipt of applications is February 28th 2006.

**SCOTTISH MISSION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
TRIENNIAL SESSION**  
Notice is hereby given that the Triennial Session of the Scottish Mission of Seventh-day Adventists will be held on Sunday 4 June 2006 in the Crieff Seventh-day Adventist church.  
Delegates should note that registration will take place in the church from 8.30 to 9.30am. Delegates are required to have registered prior to the commencement in order to participate in choosing members of the Recommendations Committee.  
L. R. Edwards, president. V. Pilmoor, secretary

**Register of Social Scientists**  
The Behavioural Sciences department at Newbold College continues to update its register of Social Scientists who are interested in guest lecturing. If you would like to be placed on this register, email [vbernard@newbold.ac.uk](mailto:vbernard@newbold.ac.uk), or call 01344 407 468. Val Bernard, Head of Behavioural Sciences.

**CHURCH RETIREMENT FLATS**  
(Available to church members over 55 years of age, and sold on a life tenancy.)  
**Sheepcot Villas, Garston, Watford:** Two-bedroomed first-floor flat in an excellent location near to Stanborough Park, with reception hall, lounge/dining room, kitchen and bathroom. Good car parking. **Price: £118,000.**  
**Garden Flat, Coniston House, Devon:** Two-bedroomed, ground floor flat, five minutes' walk from seafront and town centre at Paignton, Devon, with lounge/dining room, kitchen and bathroom. Own garden area. **Price: £85,000.**  
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