Light FM profile
If you’ve attended the SEC camp meeting in recent years, you’ll be familiar with the inspirational music and informative content of Light FM, the radio ministry of the SEC. Each year, Light FM broadcasts to the local community around the SEC camp meeting, as well as keeping the campers informed about events on-site and further afield. Those who cannot attend camp meeting can also get a flavour of each day through their special highlights packages, available on the internet. But the story does not end there. During the rest of the year you can access Light FM 24/7 via their online stream from www.lightfm.net, and every Friday night between 8 and 10pm you can engage with the live show, MySong, in which presenter Mike Johnson plays a selection of the best in Gospel from across the decades.

MySong
According to Mike, ‘The show is called MySong because it’s for the listeners to request songs they love, and also to encourage others through dedications. Listeners can connect with the show via emails to radio@lightfm.net or by texting LIGHT plus their message to 81025 (standard network text charge applies).’

In addition to the live show on Fridays, visitors to the Light FM website can access a number of specialist streams according to their musical tastes. Channels include Southern Gospel, Fresh Mix (more contemporary releases), Retro (from back in the days of vinyl), Worship, World, Vocal and On-demand, and there’s also a Learning channel that will feature sermons and Bible studies.

Public face
Whenever the Conference meets in public, Light FM will be there, representing its work and purpose to the local population. It will also be the means of connecting the wider Church with news as soon as it happens.

Opportunities
Light FM is an ideal platform for those who are studying media to develop their skills in radio production and presentation, social media marketing, web development and much more. Mike Johnson, the SEC Radio sponsor, says, ‘We want to develop a broad spectrum of programmes, and we want to hear from those who would like to produce programmes that can impact listeners of all backgrounds.’

Local outreach
Light FM is also available to provide training and production skills so that local churches can develop their own radio outlets by producing programmes that are relevant to their immediate community. The use of ‘on-demand’ listening is an important tool in reaching the mobile generation, and radio should be seen as one component of the overall outreach strategy.

Background
Light FM has morphed out of ARMK (Adventist Radio Milton Keynes) which was formed by Pastor Mike Hamilton and Mike Johnson back in the ‘80s. It was the Church’s main outreach tool, broadcasting on FM between Christmas and New Year when it was ‘The voice of hope for the local community’ – and it was well received.

Mike Johnson, who is both station director and presenter, said: ‘Our name is an expression of our purpose. We recognise that there are people in our towns and cities who are going through dark days. We want to bring some light into their lives – to show them an alternative and better way. Jesus said He’s ‘the Light of the world’, and that’s the Light we will be presenting.’

These are some of the recent responses from Light FM listeners . . .

‘I’m enjoying the message and songs on Light FM. Can you direct me to more information on Seventh-Day Adventists? I would like to visit one of your churches – please let me know if there is one in my area.’

– Annette

‘Thanks Mike, I am up and running now, and enjoying your show so much. I tell everyone who is into Gospel music about it! Once again, thanks for the blessings your show is providing.’

– Leonie
Enhancing Health

by Sharon Piatt-McDonald, BSc, RM, RN, NSc
Health Ministerio Nicaragua, BIV

Golden eight — part 9
Maintaining health during illness — a personal perspective

‘Pure air, sunlight, abstinence, rest, exercise, proper diet, the use of water, trust in divine power — these are the true remedies.’ — Ellen G. White, Ministry of Healing, page 127.

This final instalment of the Golden Eight series examines the importance of pursuing a healthy lifestyle during recovery from illness.

My story:

Following a head injury in October 2011 I was diagnosed with post-concussion syndrome. Medical guidance prescribed that I was to rest and spend no more than 10 minutes at a time at the computer, watching TV, or reading — avoiding small print. (It was during these 10-minute allocations that I compiled my Missions articles in an attempt at keeping my brain active.)

However, when my concussion symptoms persisted, I decided to review the ‘Golden Eight’ presented in my current Enhancing Health articles as the ‘natural remedies’ referred to in The Ministry of Healing. Due to the extent of my injury, several areas of my health had been compromised. I was not getting the exercise I used to; had less exposure to sunlight and fresh air; and was experiencing alterations in sleep, diet and mood patterns.

The real impact of my enforced sedentary lifestyle became evident when I ventured out with a family member one Sunday for a short trip to one of the local shops. As my consultant neurologist had recently advised me to commence some outdoor exercise, I tried on an item of clothing which I thought would be suitable for this purpose. When, to my surprise, I couldn’t fit into the garment I checked the size on the label and concluded that the manufacturer had made a mistake. I then tried on another identical garment, and when that didn’t fit either I tried to convince myself this time that the designer had got the size wrong!

Returning home I logged on to the Blue Zone Vitality Coach programme (which mirrors the Golden Eight principles) designed to get individuals fitting within six weeks (www.bluezones.com). It assesses current health status and subsequent projected longevity; provides a corrective programme; and calibrates daily progress. Having diligently adhered to the programme and implemented the ‘Golden Eight’, I was regaining lost ground. The sunshine and fresh air have boosted my mood and sleep, and the exercise is enhancing my levels of alertness, reducing the drowsy episodes and that extra fat! Thank God for nature’s best!

Keep the faith!

editorial

A passion for space travel

death: “He could not be found, because God had taken him away.” For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God.” Hebrews 11:5, NIV.

God had taken Enoch into space, to a ‘world beyond our own’.

A major difference

Along with Armstrong, I suppose we could call Enoch an ‘astronaut’ too. There’s one major difference though. Like all other astronauts, Armstrong went in search of the unknown, the unexpected. He went out to discover whether there was life in outer space, and what that life was like.

By contrast, Enoch knew there was life beyond the pull of gravity. He had already made friends with the Source of that life. For years they had been developing a close friendship.

When Enoch left this earth it was not for ‘exploration’, but by invitation. He went to be the guest of God!

A major similarity

The Australian of 28 August published this on the passing of Armstrong:

“The sad passing of Neil Armstrong has brought into sharp relief the passion for space travel that existed in the days of the Apollo programmes.

Besides their superlative skills and intense training, it seems that the Apollo astronauts were also imbued with the ‘passion for space travel’. They were not just curious or casually interested in space travel; they had an intense passion for it!

And this is where the similarity lies: as with the astronauts, believers like Enoch, Moses and Elijah all got very close to God. They were men with a passion to be near Him. They had a reason and a passion for biblical ‘space travel’!

Do we?

A universal law of gravity

Since my first shaky infant steps I have been experimenting with the universal law of gravity. It has a tendency to get one down!

For the typical astronaut gravity is overcome by sheer, brute kinetic energy. Safely encased in his space suit and capsule, he is forcefully ejected from Earth’s grasp.

For us, Christians who have been invited to travel to God’s Kingdom, the process is radically different. Remember that young man who asked Jesus for the recipe for eternal life? Jesus first referred him to the test of the Ten Commandments, which he had apparently kept since boyhood.

Then Jesus dealt his complacency a body blow: ‘Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”’

‘At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.’ Mark 10:21, 22, NIV.

It was not his wealth that was the problem. It was the ‘hold’ that it had on him. He was in the grip of anxiety — the ‘gravity’ of wealth held him down. ‘He could not be found, because God had taken him away.’

Where did Enoch go from there? Enoch walked faithfully with God, then he was no more, because ‘God took him away.’ Genesis 5:24, NIV.

The author of Hebrews takes up the story, confirming the extraordinary circumstances of his disappearance: ‘By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience
A young man’s testimony about the power of prayer and friendship.

University the minds of the young people are open, receptive, ready and willing to try new things and listen to new ideas. It may therefore seem that the potential to witness is immense. Perhaps it is, but that does not necessarily make things any easier, and, as God would have it, He did not see fit for me to become close friends with anyone on the verge of conversion. Rather, from my two closest friends, Jack is a staunch atheist and Joe, in his own words, an agnostic at best.

It is Joe, the ‘agnostic at best’, that I am going to give a short testimony on. He was by far my best friend at uni. When things got deep, dark and depressing, as they often would, I could count on him, without fail. Now, he and I would talk for hours, and invariably our conversation would stray onto my faith and how I might find peace. Joe could not and still cannot bring himself to believe that there is a God. He understands a lot of the arguments made to defend Creation and the Bible, but for a reason that God is yet to overcome, he just does not believe.

Joe despises any self-pity, but compared to most people he has had things pretty rough. In his teens he was diagnosed with an illness that, among many other things, can be extremely painful and give rise to heavy depression; something that hasn’t made his university life the experience that most people have. His parents went through a very difficult divorce a few years back, which led to his mum being institutionalised with depression. Joe isn’t the kind of guy who can dust things off to one side either; he takes them to heart – whatever affects his mum, or his brother, affects his personal state of mind.

So, while going through a low point with his illness last winter, with the pressure of exams building, to hear from his mum that she was being moved redundant put Joe in a bad place. More than anything he was concerned for his mum and how it would affect her. Joe apprehensively said something that has stuck in my head:

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O nce every five years the Trans-European Division (TED) convenes a special leadership summit for its pastors, the European Pastors’ Conference. The one for this quinquennium was held in Rogaska Slatina, Slovenia, between 21 and 26 August, with around 725 pastors, Bible workers and other types of missionaries in attendance. The total attendance at the EPC went up to around 1,200 once the pastors’ spouses, support staff and daily visitors were counted in.

This was a major international conference by any standards – involving participants and presenters from twenty-two European countries and the USA. The practical organisation, programming and presentation of the event was a slick operation from start to finish, which was quite remarkable considering this was all achieved more than 800 miles from the TED’s St Albans head office.

The theme

The theme of the event was ‘Making God known in Europe’ and Bertil Winkler, TED president, put it across like this:

“We offer this conference to you, the leaders in the Church, with the intention of inspiring and equipping you to lead your church in making God known, understanding that this is our calling as Adventists, and seeing that a relationship with God is the deepest need of people in Europe.

Careful planning had obviously gone into the selection of subject matter for the event, and as the conference unfolded the presentations, both the plenary sessions and the workshops, faithfully unpacked different aspects of how to make God known in postmodern Europe.

The Lord’s Supper

Pastors are usually involved in the organisation and serving of the Lord’s Supper – they are seldom on the quiet, reflective, receiving end of things! Their administrator colleagues – presidents and departmental directors – are often away from their churches when Communion is celebrated! Both groups tend to miss out on the deep blessing of just being humble participants at the Lord’s Supper. So, on the Friday evening, the tables were turned on the pastors, and they enjoyed a really joyful and moving Communion Service served to them by others.

An ‘unusual’ delegate

Soon after the beginning of the conference a young man took the seat next to me, and it wasn’t too long before we started chatting.

“Where are you pastoring?” That was my opener – I expected him to be a young ministerial intern. He wasn’t. He is a 21-year-old ‘preacher’s kid’, Michał Rakowski, who saw the programme and asked his father to sponsor his attendance at the conference.

Wow! And how are you enjoying the EPC, Michał?” Without a moment’s hesitation this sociology student from Krakow, Poland, said: “I knew that it was going to be great – a blessed time. And I wasn’t wrong. The programme is full of great lecturers, preachers, testimonies and music. God is blessing me so much that every workshop I choose is magnificent!”

Well, if this ‘unusual visitor’s’ comments tell us nothing else – they certainly suggest that the EPC programme was highly stimulating and relevant! Bravo TED!

Behind the scenes at the EPC

An interview with Miroslav Pujic, TED Communication and Media director, conducted on 23 August in Slovenia, takes readers behind the scenes at the EPC.

Question: Miroslav, why does the TED hold these conferences?

Answer: Every five years this division brings its pastors, and as many of their spouses as possible, together for spiritual growth, nurture and professional sharing – but above all, to deepen their knowledge of the changes taking place in European society. In the last thirty years there have been huge paradigm shifts on the continent and they are hard to keep pace with. It is important that we share and discuss models of outreach that are working – and find new ones to meet the needs of people in our own mission field.

Question: Why did you choose this theme for the conference: ‘Making God known’?

Answer: Europe is a Christian continent and today it is popular, even trendy, to say: ‘I believe in God and spirituality is important to me.’ However, this doesn’t mean that such people have a true knowledge of God or – most important of all – a relationship with Him. Sadly, in most cases there is no relationship. But this can apply equally to Adventists – are we really any different to them if we have the knowledge but no relationship?

Question: How many people are at this conference?

Answer: We have accommodated 1,100 registered guests, of which 725 are pastors and the balance comprises mostly spouses. Oh, there are also quite a few daily guests.

Question: How big is your support team for the event?

Answer: We have over 200 people in that team, ranging through the technical support, ushers, ‘huggers’, ‘smilers’, musicians, and so on. Some are also working at the exhibition booths. Most of my technical team are not full-time video or audio specialists – they are pastors who are multi-skilled – which is an enormous cost-saver.

Question: Please share some interesting EPC facts and figures with our readers.

Answer: Julian, I am sure that this will surprise you. For this event we booked 700 rooms at ten local hotels. Those hotels will serve our delegates close on 20,000 full buffet meals! By the way, the head chef at the main hotel tells me that our Adventist groups eat less than most of their other patrons. According to him, some of the groups that he caters for ‘eat up to five times what we do! He has also noticed that ‘Adventists don’t waste food the way many others do!’

Question: There is one last question that many members may want to ask us: why are we here in Rogaska Slatina, Slovenia, and not somewhere else?

Answer: Well, Julian, not only is this a beautiful country, but it is also very central for our division as far as travel is concerned. In addition to this, because of the good relationship we have built up with the local hotel management since our first visit in 1997, their prices are very reasonable.
The Trans-European Division is a division of the General Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists. This was the case in some unions more than in others, possibly depending on the cultural context in which we live and work.

In response to this development, the TED has for several years organised regular councils for female pastoral workers. We have seriously looked at recommendations from this group. They were concerned about the employment conditions, titles, and job descriptions for male and female pastoral workers. These reports have been made more and more equal in many unions. On 18 November, 2009, the TED executive committee voted unanimously to provide the matter of 'Ordination for Commissioning' where it did all that was possible to do within policies and equality between the genders in pastoral ministry.

In January-March, 2010, the General Conference president, Jan Paulsen, initiated a survey among the thirteen world divisions regarding their position on women’s ordination. The TED invited all its unions to take part. The outcome was that some of the unions unanimously accepted that there are no biblical reasons for denying women ordination, while other unions did not agree.

In November 2010, the TED executive committee did not share our view and the GC leadership therefore decided not to discuss the matter at the GC session a few years later.

The issue was, however, raised on the floor at the general session of the TED in Atlanta in June/July, 2010, in connection with the discussion and acceptance of the ordination of deaconesses. It was voted that the Church should study the theology of ordination and seek a better biblical understanding of what ordination really means: If the Church can ordain women as church elders and deaconesses, then why not as pastors? We now have a mandated timetable for this study, and it is clear that it is going to be a very comprehensive work that includes women’s ordination and all aspects of ordination in the Church. Each division has been asked to provide a report through their biblical research committee, getting input from their unions, voting it in their executive committee, and sending it to the GC Biblical Research Institute. That decisive work is ongoing.

3. To request the General Conference to grant a variance to the model constitutions and by-laws to accommodate the unique needs of the Trans-European Division, by allowing an insertion of “conference and union presidents should be ordained bishops or church ministers” in its policy language.

We feel this is a matter of some urgency and respectfully request that this be dealt with as soon as possible but no later than General Conference Annual Council 2011. This was brought to the floor in October 2011, but it was not voted on formally, since a similar variance only relating to conference ordination was requested by the NAD. Their request was voted down, and by common consent the TED conference therefore also failed.

4. To request the General Conference to ordain to women to the Gospel ministry within the Trans-European Division, by creating parity between female and male pastors and leaders.

This proposal received the following support from church leaders and ministerial leaders: a position of strong need for creating parity between the Extraordinary Division challenges facing the Church within its territories and the need to mobilise all our members, male and female, on the one hand, and church policy on the ordination of women, on the other. Four requests were made to the General Conference.

The responses were as follows:

1. To request that the study of the theology of ordination, as voted at the General Conference session in Atlanta, is prioritised. The General Conference has granted this.

2. To request the General Conference to review and amend General Conference policies, so that the wording is gender-neutral and that all leadership pathways are open to male and female. No formal response has been received, and we will continue to work with the GC leadership on this issue.

The big question is of course what the Bible says about women’s ordination. This will provide an answer from our perspective in November 2013, based on our extensive research. In the meantime, would you all pray for this study to be successful.

Before the meeting closed Pastor Audrey Anderson, TED executive president, shared some words of encouragement and shared some words of encouragement and support for the women clergy scattered throughout the division.

Women pastors meet, share and pray at the EPC

A t the TED European Pastors’ Conference our women clergy traditionally take time off to meet and greet each other. This year there was no different. On Friday 24 August, fifty of the sixty women pastors and leaders from across the division met to share and pray.

Some of these women are in leadership, but most are congregational pastors. Some were young and others were grandmothers. Some had worked for twenty years while others were just starting. Some came from all over the division except Poland, which is a Roman Catholic country. Women from Norway, Sweden, Iceland, Denmark, the UK, the Netherlands, Hungary, Serbia, Hungary and Albania were all represented. One thing that all these women shared was that they were clear that God had called them to minister and that they were following His leading in ministry, whatever the situation and challenges they encountered in doing so.

Pastor Chris Uberg, senior pastor at La Sierra University, USA and one of the EPC speakers, made this observation: Among the highlights of being with pastors in the TED was an hour of hearing the voices of women clergy scattered throughout the division.

Pastor Karin Wiercok made the purpose of this meeting quite clear: We are here to support and give each other strength.

Before the meeting closed Pastor Audrey Anderson, TED executive president, shared some words of encouragement and shared some words of encouragement and support for the women clergy scattered throughout the division. The TED currently employs 601 pastors and, according to Dr Daniel Duda (TED Ministerial and Education director), there are currently sixty women in pastoral work in the division – 10% of its pastors.
Hello Special Stars!

You feel good when you are not the last to be picked to join a team game. Imagine how great it feels when you are chosen to represent your country in the Olympics. How much more wonderful it would be if God chose you, not just once but a couple of times, to represent Him. This is what happened to this man. See if you can find out who he is!

Start at the arrow and cross out every Q. Then fill in the blanks with the letters you did not cross out.

Look up Exodus 19:1, 2. How many months did it take to get to the mountains of Sinai?

It was here that God called Moses to climb the mountain and be given the Ten Commandments. Aaron was left to look after the people. Aaron had felt brave when with Moses. Now he was by himself, Aaron forgot to ask God to help him. Some bullies wanted to worship the Egyptian gods. They surrounded Aaron in such a threatening way he was too scared to say no. What should Aaron have done in this situation?

The story of the escape from Egypt by the Jewish slaves was masterminded by God, but He wanted Moses and Aaron’s help. They made a good team: Moses the leader and Aaron the spokesperson.

Crack the code to see the message Aaron was to say to Pharaoh.

Finally, Pharaoh let God’s people go – but, like most bullies, he decided to have one last go at hurting others. Fill in the crossword and find out what happened. Read Exodus 14:5-31, 15:1-21.

To read what special job Moses’ older brother was called by God to do, rewrite the next sentence backwards, starting with the last word:

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Find the words hidden in the grid of letters.

• The words are hidden vertically, horizontally, up and down.
• The words can be found reading both forwards and backwards.
• Some letters will be used more than once.
• Lightly cross each word out, one letter at a time, so that you are still able to read the other words that could be using the same letter.
• When you have found all of the words and crossed them out, write down the leftover letters in order, from left to right and moving downwards one row at a time.
• These letters, in order, form the answer.

We have found two words to help you get started:

To read from children who visit Christian Stars Children’s pages – or from their parents – is welcome. The address is children@adventist.org.uk. Heather Haworth, Children’s Ministries director, BUCC

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If you are bullied, remember to pray for God to help you find someone to help you. Ask your school teacher, or phone Childline 0800 11 11 or Kidscape 0845 205 204, or look up www.kidscape.org.uk for more information on how to stop bullying.
The greatest Olympian

On Sabbath 14 July 2012, Edmonton Central Church celebrated the baptism of 9-year-old Lucy Simpson, Bright Vita, Jason Watts and Derrick Grant, following a week-long evangelistic campaign themed on the Olympics. The evangelist was Pastor Valentine Roach, resident pastor of Edmonton Central, and a nightly Bible quiz and health spot were regular features of the campaign. Lucy was inspired by the message entitled, ‘The Battle of the Olympians’, and believes Jesus will help her overcome any ‘hurdles’ in her life. Bright, a young man, shared, “As long as I have Jesus in my life I can win the race of life.’ Jason, another young man, was searching for the true Sabbath day and sent an email on this question to Pastor Victor Hubert, who responded. Jason subsequently visited Tottenham Church and began receiving Bible studies. Derrick, a frequent visitor at Tottenham Church, decided to get baptised after a series of Bible studies.

Community health expo

On 24 June 2012, Edmonton Central hosted a well-attended community health expo at St James’ Open Space, Edmonton, partly funded by a grant from Enfield Council to purchase medical equipment. This expo, specially designed to focus on children’s health, started with a march led by the Pathfinder drum corps of Holloway Church, Pathfinders from Tottenham Church and members of Edmonton Central. Members of the community came outside to observe, while others watched from their windows.

The Mayor of Enfield, Councillor Kate Anolue, officially opened the event, welcomed by Pastor Roach. Liz Farrell, the event organiser, presented the mayor with a gift of The Ministry of Healing. The mayor was shown around each station and was very impressed by the available health information, particularly in the children’s section, and enjoyed the drumming and the natural fruit juices, as did adults and children from the community.

Carole Horne co-ordinated the children’s health section, and the mayor was inspired by the sports opportunities and by more than fifty Great Hope books handed out, and many ADC books handed out, and many ADC

Celebrating Sabbath with the Muslim community

It’s not every day that you get the chance to share the Sabbath day with a couple of Muslim believers, let alone thousands of them – but on 13 July Middlesbrough Church members became the first Christian group to hold a stall at the Middlesbrough Mela, an Asian festival visited by 30,000-40,000 people over a two-day period.

What an amazing opportunity to mix with the local Asian community and talk about Christ!

Marion and John Pace had a stall with free literature and CDs, along with a box for prayer requests. Thirty-two prayer requests were taken from the Asian community, along with a request for a Bible, and email addresses were left by people who want to know more about Jesus – these are being followed up.

The following Sabbath two visitors turned up at church after visiting the stall at the Mela, and stayed for the Bible study as well as the health expo.

One young man, after sharing his story, gave me his mobile phone number to continue giving him support. One young man from Iran talked about how he’d seen Jesus in a dream as a child, but as a Muslim was not allowed to talk about it in his home country. Now in England he is reading the Bible, but needs someone to explain it to him – this will be followed up by our pastor, Colin Woodford.

We were also approached by one of the radio stations to talk about who we are, why we were there, and what effect we were having. It was an amazing experience, and we will be taking part in next year’s Mela; it far exceeded our expectations and we give thanks and praise to God.

LIZ FARRELL
Erdington's Family Ministries department, under Joyce Holder and Jean Hamilton, invited Erdington members and families to a picnic at Cannon Hill Park in Birmingham on 29 July 2012.

The young people, particularly, were so excited to enjoy the train ride, boating, tennis, badminton, squash, football, walking, rounders and just sitting down! The young enjoyed rounders because of its intense competitive- ness, with Olympic fever gripping the country, they were keen to compete with honour and to win.

The fitness regime was incorporated in the day’s activities after everybody had enjoyed the picnic, inculcating a sense of healthy living. People thought that exercise for the mind and the body, not only for their own preservation but for glorifying God in worship.

The young enjoyed the picnic, inculcating a sense of healthy living, everybody had enjoyed the picnic, inculcating a sense of healthy living.

Satire X

Medical missionaries and supporters needed

Pathway Health and Wellness is looking for medical missionaries interested in being part of a new Wellness Centre project: Adventists, doctors, nurses, pastors, cooks, maintenance personnel, drivers, seminar instructors, assistants, and anyone who can give legal advice. If you have a heart for medical missionary work or wish to support this work financially, please contact Richard on 07953 864 371 or visit our website: pathwayhealth.org

Hymn singing festival

Halifax Church invites you to its hymn singing festival on Saturday 21st October at 7pm and 8pm.

Guest speaker: Dr David Marshall

St Hilda’s Church, Gibraltar Road, Halifax, West Yorkshire, HX1 4HE

Obituary

Patricia Margaret Bone, née Watts (1938-2012) DLJ June. Pat was born in Rosca, Monmouthshire, on 15 October 1938 to Tudor and Violet Watts, members of the Cardiff church. A year before she was to sit the 11-plus she developed rheumatic fever, but despite this setback she passed the examination and went on to Lady Margaret’s High School for Girls in Cardiff.

She had always wanted to become a nurse and marry a doctor, but her doctors insisted she’d never be strong enough for nursing. However, to Pat’s great delight when she was 17, the cardiologist said she was fit enough to become a nurse. Pat would later describe this as a miracle. Being too young to start training, she did a one-year pre-nursing course at a unit specialising in treating children with rheumatic fever.

Pat was due to start training at Guy’s Hospital, but was persuaded by her parents to train at Watford Peace Memorial Hospital instead. She started her training in 1957, was baptised by Victor Hall at Stanborough Park Church in 1959 and qualified as an SRN on 27 July 1960. In November 1961 she qualified as an SCM, and worked as a community midwife for nine months, using a bicycle for transport. By this time Pat had met Peter, a member of Stanborough Park Church, where they were married on 27 July 1962, the officiating ministers being Matthew Murdoch and John Woodfield.

In September they moved to Newbold College, where Peter trained as a minister, and while Pat attended daily to a health visitor training course in Oxford, qualifying in 1963. She then worked as a health visitor in Wokingham for two years, now feeling she had found her true vocation.

Peter graduated in 1965. However, in 1964, with Pat’s encouragement, he had been accepted to study medicine as a mature student. Pat had already been the only salary earner for three years and was now happy to carry on for a further six. So they moved to Northwood where Peter continued to train as a minister, working as a health visitor for a further thirty-three years, Andrew, their son, was born in 1968. Peter qualified in 1971, and, when he entered general practice in Stanborough Park Church, where they were married on 27 July 1962, the officiating ministers being Matthew Murdoch and John Woodfield.

The m emorial service at Stanborough Park C hurch and the c ommittal at North Watford Cemetery were conducted by Pastors Roy Burgess and Paul Clee.

Peter’s death has left a huge void in the lives of her husband Peter, her son Andrew, his wife Audrey and their children Sophia and Annabel; Marilyn, her younger sister; and all the family. Yet they rejoice in the sure knowledge of the imminent return of Jesus, who has conquered death and promised His faithful followers resurrection to eternal life.

Newbold alumni reunite

The Newbold College Alumni (1970-85) reunion weekend got off to a flying start with Vespers in Moor Close Lounge on Friday 17 August, as Newbold College alumni and staff who hadn’t seen each other for more than thirty years struggled to recognise faces. Vespers speakers, Drs Harry Leonard and Mike Paulsen, focused on the importance of asking good questions.

Honoured guests were Karl and Jan Paulsen, whose time at Newbold, when Dr Paulsen was a lecturer in Theology and later principal, coincided with the student years of many alumni present. You don’t have to park your intelligence outside before you enter the church,” he said on Sabbath. Hear the full sermon online at: http://vimeo.com/47873525.

On Sabbath afternoon, alumni gathered for a cream tea in Moor Close Gardens before the banquet in Salisbury Hall. The live-streamed programme, conducted by Victor Hubert, included testimonials, messages and reminiscences – as well as allegations about various student pranks.

This reunion was organised by the director of Student Life, Pastor Henrik Jorgensen, a 1982 graduate. Taste more of the flavour of Newbold and the weekend at: https://www.facebook.com/groups/ 1952357527242347/.

Anyone who wants to be involved in organising an alumni weekend should get in touch with almonds@newbold.ac.uk.

Happy birthday, Francis!

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Erdington picnic

Erdington’s Family Ministries department, under Joyce Holder and Jean Hamilton, invited Erdington members and families to a picnic at Cannon Hill Park in Birmingham on 29 July 2012.

The young people, particularly, were so excited to enjoy the train ride, boating, tennis, badminton, squash, football, walking, rounders and just sitting down! The young enjoyed rounders because of its intense competitive- ness, with Olympic fever gripping the country, they were keen to compete with honour and to win.

The fitness regime was incorporated in the day’s activities after everybody had enjoyed the picnic, inculcating a sense of healthy living. 'Mum sansa in coopare sano', as the Roman poet Juvenal wrote in Satire X – A sound mind in a sound body.

This idea must start with our young people. We must encourage them to exercise the mind and the body, not only for their own preservation but for glorifying God in worship.

Joyce Holder likes to thank the Pathfinders/Adventurers’ leaders and counsellors who organised the picnic and field events for our youth.

John Leslie Reynolds

Patricia Margaret Bone, née Watts (1938-2012) DLJ June. Pat was born in Rosca, Monmouthshire, on 15 October 1938 to Tudor and Violet Watts, members of the Cardiff church. A year before she was to sit the 11-plus she developed rheumatic fever, but despite this setback she passed the examination and went on to Lady Margaret’s High School for Girls in Cardiff.

She had always wanted to become a nurse and marry a doctor, but her doctors insisted she’d never be strong enough for nursing. However, to Pat’s great delight when she was 17, the cardiologist said she was fit enough to become a nurse. Pat would later describe this as a miracle. Being too young to start training, she did a one-year pre-nursing course at a unit specialising in treating children with rheumatic fever.

Pat was due to start training at Guy’s Hospital, but was persuaded by her parents to train at Watford Peace Memorial Hospital instead. She started her training in 1957, was baptised by Victor Hall at Stanborough Park Church in 1959 and qualified as an SRN on 27 July 1960. In November 1961 she qualified as an SCM, and worked as a community midwife for nine months, using a bicycle for transport. By this time Pat had met Peter, a member of Stanborough Park Church, where they were married on 27 July 1962, the officiating ministers being Matthew Murdoch and John Woodfield.

In September they moved to Newbold College, where Peter trained as a minister, and while Pat attended daily to a health visitor training course in Oxford, qualifying in 1963. She then worked as a health visitor in Wokingham for two years, now feeling she had found her true vocation.

Peter graduated in 1965. However, in 1964, with Pat’s encouragement, he had been accepted to study medicine as a mature student. Pat had already been the only salary earner for three years and was now happy to carry on for a further six. So they moved to Northwood where Peter continued to train as a minister, working as a health visitor for a further thirty-three years, Andrew, their son, was born in 1968. Peter qualified in 1971, and, when he entered general practice in Stanborough Park Church, where they were married on 27 July 1962, the officiating ministers being Matthew Murdoch and John Woodfield.

The m emorial service at Stanborough Park C hurch and the c ommittal at North Watford Cemetery were conducted by Pastors Roy Burgess and Paul Clee.

Peter’s death has left a huge void in the lives of her husband Peter, her son Andrew, his wife Audrey and their children Sophia and Annabel; Marilyn, her younger sister; and all the family. Yet they rejoice in the sure knowledge of the imminent return of Jesus, who has conquered death and promised His faithful followers resurrection to eternal life.

Newbold alumni reunite

The Newbold College Alumni (1970-85) reunion weekend got off to a flying start with Vespers in Moor Close Lounge on Friday 17 August, as Newbold College alumni and staff who hadn’t seen each other for more than thirty years struggled to recognise faces. Vespers speakers, Drs Harry Leonard and Mike Paulsen, focused on the importance of asking good questions.

Honoured guests were Karl and Jan Paulsen, whose time at Newbold, when Dr Paulsen was a lecturer in Theology and later principal, coincided with the student years of many alumni present. You don’t have to park your intelligence outside before you enter the church,” he said on Sabbath. Hear the full sermon online at: http://vimeo.com/47873525.

On Sabbath afternoon, alumni gathered for a cream tea in Moor Close Gardens before the banquet in Salisbury Hall. The live-streamed programme, conducted by Victor Hubert, included testimonials, messages and reminiscences – as well as allegations about various student pranks.

This reunion was organised by the director of Student Life, Pastor Henrik Jorgensen, a 1982 graduate. Taste more of the flavour of Newbold and the weekend at: https://www.facebook.com/groups/ 1952357527242347/.

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Kilkenny’s first Vacation Bible School

Kilkenny’s first Vacation Bible School was held during 23-28 July, using the Friends Forever series. At the start there were twenty students, of whom only ten were from Seventh-day Adventist families. Four more children joined in during the week. We were pleased to see our young people using their talents for God, and the children really enjoyed themselves. Some even asked, ‘Can we have this for two weeks?’ and we have been assessing the week to see if it’s possible. It is a good way to make friends and reach out. God blessed us with good weather, a good atmosphere and satisfied children. We’re looking forward to our next Vacation Bible School with God’s help and guidance.

EVELYN WILSON

Kimberly brings her mother to church

Young Kimberly is 7 years old, and has been coming to Holmewood Church without her parents. She has been challenging her mother, who attends a Sunday church, to come and join her in Holmewood. Her mother, on the other hand, has been trying to make her come to her church. The other day I met her in Morrisons shopping with her mum, whom I had never met. As we were introduced, I learnt how young Kimberly teaches her mum everything she learns from church.

The other Sabbath they had booked tickets to go to the seaside, but Kimberly refused as she could go to church on Sabbath. We had a children’s day on 4 August; young Kimberly was presenting Sabbath School, having worked hard the whole week for this event, and by God’s grace the mother made it to church to see her child participate.

Now she has promised to come to church every Sabbath with her daughter.

ISAAC TAFATATHA