Sierra Leone will be the destination for this year’s Children’s Shoebox Appeal. ADRA-UK trustees have voted to send 6,600 children’s gift boxes to this West African country this autumn. For 2013 we are encouraging schools and churches to involve children in packing the gift boxes – children helping children.

Previously ADRA-UK collected shoeboxes filled with gifts for impoverished children and orphans, but this year it will supply a standardised gift box printed with the logo and information, ready to be packed. This will help make efficient use of the container and ensure that all the children get boxes of the same size. Gift boxes will be sold for £2 to help with shipping costs.

Bert Smit, CEO for ADRA-UK, states, ‘We feel that it is important to educate our children about the difficulties children like them face overseas. That’s why we are encouraging churches and families to use this project to involve children. ADRA-UK will provide appropriate educational materials for the children to understand what the challenges are for children living in that country.’

The information will help UK children and their parents decide what to buy for a child in Sierra Leone. Letting the children choose the gifts is a fun and educational part of getting involved.

This project aims to bring a sparkle of joy to children living in poverty, whether an orphan or a child from an impoverished family.

For children there is something rewarding about giving to another child they will probably never meet in this world – especially when they know that their simple act of kindness will be felt and appreciated in more ways than they can imagine.

Promotional materials will be distributed in August and the new gift boxes will be shipped in early September. When you start collecting items please note that there is a new strict no-food, no-liquid and no-batteries policy.

More information including a video is available on the ADRA website: www.adra.org.uk.

Time to pack boxes again . . .

by Bert Smit, CEO ADRA-UK
Cancer: the facts – part 3

Examining causation and risk factors

Viruses and cancer

This issue on viruses concludes the segment on causes and risk factors for cancer.

Current evidence and work on virus-associated human cancer has its origin in work done on animals. This is where the first link between viruses and cancer was made. Subsequently, oncoviruses are viruses that can cause cancer. These viruses cause persistent infections that are generally following a multi-step process; a series of genetic accidents must accumulate in a cell before that cell becomes malignant and multiplies to form a tumour. In the case of virus-associated tumours, one of these “genetic accidents” is viral infection.

A study published in the British Journal of Cancer in December 2011 estimated that around 3% of cancer cases in the UK are linked to infections. These are some of the common viruses linked with the development of cancer in humans and which are generally seen in long-term infections, with diseases such as the following: human papilloma virus (HPV), which causes cervical cancer; hepatitis B and C viruses, linked to liver cancer; human T cell lymphotropic virus, which is a retrovirus similar to HIV; and the Epstein-Barr virus (EBV), which can cause nasopharyngeal cancer (back of the nose), Burkitt lymphoma, Hodgkin lymphoma and some cases of stomach cancers. For those interested in the estimated number of cancers worldwide linked to these infectious agents, consult the Cancer Research UK website.

So, according to the same source: “Almost all forms of cancer arise through a multi-step process; a series of genetic accidents must accumulate in a cell before that cell becomes malignant and multiplies to form a tumour. In the case of virus-associated tumours, one of these “genetic accidents” is viral infection.”

Before concluding this series on cancer, we have four more segments to explore. These will address signs and symptoms; incidence and survival rates; treatments and supported cures; and prevention and lifestyle factors.

Good health


John Loughborough to close

Following an announcement by the Schools Adjudicator on Thursday, 11 July 2013, the John Loughborough School in North London will close as of 31 August 2013. David Lennard Jones was requested by the South England Conference to review the decision of the local authority and met with parents, governors and Church leaders. After careful consideration of all factors he upheld the decision of the local authority to close the school.

“It is a sad day and a great disappointment for both the staff and the South England Conference,” stated Pastor Sam Davis, SEC president. Along with the school governors, the staff and the SEC administration, he has fought long and hard to improve academic standards at the school.

Following a decision by the South England Conference executive committee not to pursue a judicial review, the school leadership is now working with the local authority to manage the transition to closure.

Haringley are looking at staff redundancies and redeployment within the borough and also the facilitation of pupil transfer to other schools. Berton Samuel, Chair of Governors for John Loughborough School, states that “the school will co-operate with this process while recognising that this sudden closing is not in the best interests of all our pupils, especially Year 10s.” He adds, “we have done our best for these students and, despite grave reservations, pray that the provision offered by Haringley will give the students what they need.

The site continues to be the property of the South England Conference. The leadership of the Conference will now take time to decide how the site can best be used in the future.

According to Pastor Davis, At a constituency meeting in April many suggestions were put forward by members in London. We will explore these ideas to ensure that the vision of the site being used for education is continued.

Sincere thanks go to all the staff, parents, governors, church members and pupils who have supported the school during the local period. Many former students look back to their time at school as one that launched their lives and careers. They are grateful for what the school and the Church have done. While the school may close, the legacy of its graduates will live on.

The best tribute we can pay to Daniel is to give our children the love and care he missed.

We can never fully comprehend. Their emotional pain is excruciating. They face an emptiness that doesn’t want to be filled.

Although I have not lost a child personally, I have stood by in support of a number of couples that have. These moments have been the most harrowing of my ministry. From them I have learnt that a quiet presence often does more good than a flood of fine words.

How did they feel?

How did these parents feel when they watched the media coverage about little Daniel? Things would have been so different if he had been their little boy. They would have loved and nourished him – tenderly cared for his every need.

And isn’t that exactly what Jesus gave us children for: to practise our love and kindness on them. To Him children are of prime importance, which became evident when the disciples applied the ‘be seen but not heard’ principle to them during His earthly ministry. He was quick to set their thinking straight:

“Then little children were brought to him, so that he could put his hands on them and pray for them. The disciples looked on and the parents’ action but Jesus said, “You must let little children come to me, and you must never stop them. The kingdom of Heaven belongs to little children like these!” Then he laid his hands on them and went on his way.” Matthew 19:13-15, J. B. Phillips New Testament

In fact, Christ reserved the harshest rebuke of His ministry for anyone who does anything to bring hardship or suffering into the life of a child.

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Devotional: The feel-good factor

by Alan Redfern, regional manager of the General Conference Auditing Service

What makes people feel good? The answer to that question is obviously a long one, far beyond the limits of this brief devotion. But one thing we hear a lot about these days is that I can comment on, the so-called ‘feel-good’ factor.

We have recently seen a few examples of the feel-good factor at work. Many of us identified so closely with Andy Murray’s success that the ecstatic cry of ‘We won Wimbledon’ could be heard all over the UK! His victory was ours and it felt good.

Since then we have vicariously enjoyed the Tour de France success of Chris Froome and the positive performances of our cricketers against the Australians. Last year, it was the effect of the Olympic Games that boosted the nation’s feel-good factor, and we heard it echoed all over: ‘we’ won lots of medals, ‘we’ put on a good show!

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by Heather Haworth

Heather Haworth, BUC Women’s Ministry director and Prayer sponsor, frankly shares the ups and downs of her street witnessing project.

It has been difficult to build a ‘friendship’ relationship with any neighbours. It is not easy being the newcomer in a street where some have lived since the houses were built. Our first Christmas we gave the seasonal edition of the Focus magazine, instead of a card. The following year we gifted our neighbours with the LIFE info magazine.

After doing so for a couple of years we were happy to find out that one of our next-door Hindu Indian neighbours had subscribed to it and had also ordered it as a present for a friend. We also tried to connect to our neighbours by holding a summer fete in our garden, but only seven attended. I then tried another approach. I would take the flowers that members kindly gave me to all my various speaking engagements and give them to my neighbours. These always sparked a doorstep conversation and friendly waves when we saw one another on our daily activities, but my husband and I still felt we were hitting our heads against a ‘brick wall’ – a very hard and resistant one.

At the start of the year I read Derek Morris’s Radical Prayer and Mark Finley’s Review Us Again books and was inspired to try more intentional in my friendship evangelism. Yes, praying intentionally about building life-transforming relationships does work. Since I started to pray with my end of the street and purposely went out of my way to be a more helpful neighbour; God opened up the way.

Although I grieved over my sister-in-law’s untimely death through cancer, it helped build up a friendship with Maria, one of my neighbours, whose husband had also recently died from cancer. This resulted in us putting on a street party in aid of the Marie Curie cancer association, which raised £454. More than forty people attended. What surprised me was how folk who live twenty doors down the road did not know one another. People lingered at the end of the afternoon, saying they hoped we could put on other similar events as it was good to get together for a reason.

We are about to do our second Marie Curie fund-raising afternoon as this seems to be the best way of connecting with those in our community. I now get a cheery ‘How are you?’ when I meet the neighbours who attended the last one. And Maria is no longer just a neighbour; she has become a friend.

Like many of our towns, Basildon is quite a multicultural environment. Our local ward councillor, Daniel Munyambu, was there to lend his support to the event. Those who took part in the march recognised that such events can be an effective way for breaking down barriers and preparing the way for various evangelism projects.

In February 2013 the SEC Mission to the Cities prayer teams received the prayer bookmarks, Prayer as Ministry. Over the next six months the bookmarks, My Prayer Ministry, which are guiding them in prayer for folk to accept Jesus through the Mission to the City outreach. The Prayer as Ministry BUC prayer manual is also being distributed. It gives practical outlines on how to have a vibrant prayer ministry in the local church. One thing Paul, my husband, and I have come to recognise is that people are not really interested in hearing about which is the right day of worship, but they need to know the basic Gospel – that Jesus is a loving and caring friend and Saviour. The only way they will hear this is by us sharing our stories of how God helps us through the challenges we experience. Jesus taught materially through stories, so using our personal Jesus-story is the best avenue for opening up our neighbours’ hearts to the Gospel.

After praying about what should be the next step in sharing stories about my friend Jesus with those living on my street, I was impressed that ‘prayer’ was the answer. With my artistic secretary, Dawn Tompkins, and friend, Pastor Mary Barry, we put together a prayer request invitation. Mary and her church prayer team picked the card on the street of their church. Happily they found that folk positively responded to this ministry.

I recognise that such an upright Christian approach must be guided by prayer. There needs to be a Mission Prayer Pathway. Now that we have been using, for a year, the Neighbourhood Prayer Watch three steps of prayer; care and share, the time has come to use this card on our street too.

Jesus always keeps His promise. He said we are to pray to the Lord of the harvest, so I cannot wait to see how God will continue to work in my neighbourhood.

If you too are asking the Lord to guide you in finding ways to minister to your neighbours, or set up a more vibrant prayer ministry in your church, and would like to use the materials mentioned in this article, then go to the British Union Conference’s new website, www.adventist.org.uk. Look under ‘Who We Are’, ‘Departments’ and click on ‘Prayer’, where you will find them free to download. (The Mission to the Cities Conference and Mission co-ordinators also have materials.) Please note such resources will only be effective when much prayer precedes their use in your prayer ministry pathway.

The Adventists were there

On 13 July the Lewisham Adventists made sure they were represented at the Lewisham People’s Day event in Mountsfield Park. This annual community event is held in summer and features live music, entertainment and stalls from various community groups and organisations. Our members ran a health stall that day, offering free health checks, advice by doctors, a drink of water – which was well received because of the heat – a slice of watermelon, and even a place to rest on several easy chairs.

Hundreds of people passed through the stall and close on 250 health checks were processed, with attendees taking advantage of free advice on health and nutrition as well as free books and other available reading material.

According to Sonia Swaby, Lewisham Church’s Health leader, the health stall was very well received by those who attended and she has plans for follow-up programmes at the church for the many who are interested to improve their health.
re: touchscreen, we thought you might find the following article interesting. Tony has tried a number of different Bibles on his Blackberry PlayBook and says YouVersion is by far the

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Victor Hulbert

Dear Mr Bell,

Ray Morris

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http://3abn.org

Another app of interest is the MESSENGER, Pastor Jeff Couzins, for his ‘smartphone’ (5 July).

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church planting

A journey in church planting

Mission Possible 3 saw enthusiastic church planters, from around the South England Conference (SEC), complete a journey across Greece that led them in the footsteps of the apostle Paul, from 12 to 19 May.

The planters’ journey commenced in Thessaloniki and progressed through Kavalla, Philippi, Amphipolis, Bera, Vergina, Meteora (Kalabaka) and Athens, finally ending in Corinth. At each location, the main speaker for the week, church planter Pastor Peter Roennfeldt, spoke on Paul’s example of church planting. “We have thoroughly enjoyed the whole trip, in particular the lectures given by Peter,” said church planter and pastor, Rafael Luz. “They were especially biblical, practical and of great value. The guides at the archaeological sites were right to the point and really helpful in understanding Greek history.”

“I’ve appreciated the opportunity to follow in the footsteps of Paul,” enthused Jennifer Williams, leader of the Grace-Linc church plant, in Slough. “Corinth, for example, is millennia old, yet saw challenges to spirituality, such as materialism and wealth, that are echoed in our twenty-first-century world. I’ve learnt that we serve a wonderfully creative God who will empower us to reach the ‘unreachable’ if we let Him.”

Throughout the trip, organised by the SEC Church Growth department, there were opportunities for sightseeing. Those that attended described the places visited as ‘extraordinary’, ‘spectacular’, ‘humbling’ and ‘thought-provoking’. The hours spent travelling from one place to another by coach allowed time for the church planters to share ideas, learn from each other and develop lasting friendships.

“Take the courage and faithfulness of Paul,” said Pastor Roennfeldt as his final words of encouragement and advice to the church planters who attended Mission Possible 3. “Constantly and proactively look for ways to share the story of Jesus and keep before you the vision of multiplication of church plants. Every church plant is to multiply.”

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The Stanborough Press gives a very warm welcome to the Vauxhall Male Voice Choir, who will be providing Open Day with their unique collection of choral music. Formed during the difficult wartime days of 1943, the choir has gained quite a reputation for its excellent music, especially in the Luton area. The VMVC has also performed several concerts in aid of Her Majesty’s Armed Forces, particularly the Help for Heroes charity.

We are privileged to have this fine group of artists share part of their 70th Anniversary celebrations with us here in Grantham on Open Day!

GUEST SPEAKER:
Dwain N. Esmond
Vice President for Editorial Services, Review and Herald Publishing Association

Dwain Esmond is both an author and a popular youth speaker. He is particularly well-known for his youth devotionals as well as his wise spiritual leadership of the Insight Magazine.

As I Follow Christ – Some of the most notable leaders in the Seventh-day Adventist Church share what they have learned about effective leadership. Edited by Dwain N. Esmond.

SPECIAL MUSIC:
Mark Bunney

We welcome Mark back to Open Day to bless us with his very own special brand of Gospel music. A talented saxophonist and flautist, Mark will bring that sense of God’s presence to our special day!

CHEF
Michael Graham

Michael Graham is a well-known chef in the North England Conference and has catered for many weddings, banquets, baby blessings and countless NEC events, including Camp Meeting 2013, ARME Bible Camp, Pathfinder Camporees and Aberdaron Earliteen Camp.

A great day out for all the family!

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The new church plant in Drumcondra, Central Dublin, kicked off to a great start on 20 July with forty-five people present, representing fourteen nationalities. One of its goals is to build friendships with other people. This is important because most of the attendees are students. It is important for them to have a safe place to come to when they are far from home. The second important reason for building friendships is so that the Gospel message can reach people from outside our own cultures. A 30-minute refreshment break between the two morning services is one important way that this is happening.

“We are blessed with some really good musicians and we had amazing worship,” Pastor Stephen Wilson reported, adding that it was hard to tell who were visitors and who were members as so many people were involved.”

Sabbath worship and the development of small groups is the plan for the next few months. As talents and abilities gel together, the plant then plans to develop ministries that match those gifts that God has given.

A selection of photos, taken at the Maldron Hotel, Parnell Square, Dublin, are available on the Drumcondra Facebook page at: https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.146851128853034.1073741827.145907015614112&type=1.
summer baptisms

Two baptised at Telford Ghana

On Sabbath 20 July 2013 two young men were baptised at the newly formed Telford Ghanaian fellowship. The baptisms of Dennis Sarpong and Daniel Asiamah, who both work in Telford, followed an intensive evangelistic campaign run by Pastor George Asiamah, who travelled 120 miles each weekend from his home in Cardiff to lead the meetings and support the new group.

The baptism itself was something of a challenge as the church where the fellowship meets – the Donnington Methodist church – does not have its own baptistry. Fortunately the Cardiff North church owns a portable one and this was transported to Telford especially for the event.

During the baptismal service Pastor Asiamah explained the importance of living lives that will stand up to the scrutiny of the communities in which we live. Speaking after the event, he said, ‘How we live and how we behave is a very important factor in the witness that we are going to have here. This is true for Adventists everywhere but we are a very visible presence in the Telford area; people know who we are, so we need to be very careful that we represent both God and our church properly.’

The Telford Ghana fellowship was established with the aim of reaching the Ghanaian community in the Telford area, but Pastor Asiamah’s vision is much broader than this. ‘Yes, initially we want to reach the Ghanaians, he said, ‘but in the long term we want this group to become a company, and then a church, which can attract all members of the community. Already we are seeing evidence of this as the members make friends and build relationships with their neighbours and with their work colleagues.’

Average weekly attendance at Telford Ghana is currently about fifty, with some twenty of these being children.

June baptism at Stanborough Park

Misha Jordan (19), daughter of Billie and Michael Dragojevic, had two ambitions: to become a barrister, and to be baptised! The second goal was fulfilled in a service planned by Billie at Stanborough Park Church on 8 June.

Misha chose our church because, she said, ‘The Stanborough Park community has welcomed my family so warmly.’

Joy and excitement at Hounslow

On Sabbath, 6 July 2013, the Hounslow Cornerstone church thrilled with excitement as Pastor Maureen Rock baptised two adults and dedicated a baby boy.

The church was packed to overflowing with members and visitors eager to see God at work in the lives of friends and family. First, Ronnie and Leonie proudly brought their 1-year-old Rhamel for dedication; then, later that morning, Leanne joined Dallas Tunda in a touching baptismal service, at the close of which two more people stepped forward for future baptism.

June 2013

‘4G’ Adventist baptised

Giles Barham, a fourth-generation Adventist, was baptised at the Stanborough Park church on 22 June by Pastor Japhet De Oliveira. Giles, son of Graham and Inez Barham, is the grandson of ... Barham, who in 1928, at the age of 19, was the first person to be baptised in the newly built Stanborough Park church.

The day ended with another special celebration – a fellowship meal. Further details from Eileen Baildam:

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Giles has followed his father into the treasury departments of the

First baptism in new church

Reading West Church and Life Development Centre held the first baptism in their new church on Sabbath, 22 June 2013. Church members, along with visiting families and friends, were present to support the seven precious candidates on this glorious day.

Pastor Clive De Silva preached the sermon, during which he skilfully personalised the event for each candidate. The late Pastor Ackah, Josephine’s father, had planned to baptise his daughter but this was not to be. Pastor Clive touchingly acknowledged this as he baptised her in the place of her father.

Hannah, one of the other young women baptised, managed to invite more than ten of her classmates to attend the service and they were called forward as witnesses when she was baptised.

The baptismal service was combined with a special dedication service, in which the Boakye family saw their son, Rakhim, dedicated to God.

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Further details from Eileen Baildam: email: BaildamEileen@gmail.com.
**Family Cricket Day**

Ambitious plans for developing church buildings call for innovative fund-raising ideas, such as the Stanborough Park ‘Family Cricket Day’ on 7 July, which included stalls, cream teas, a bouncy castle, a petting zoo, the ‘Blitz返 in Tennis’ and, of course, two cricket teams: the Pastor’s Team captained by Pastor Jacques Verter, which included several of the church elders; and the Members’ Team captained by Alain St Germaine, which included several of his relatives.

Some of the players had never played cricket before and had clearly been given an arm-twist to join in the fun. Joshua McCrow was the youngest player and not only scored a creditable 18 runs but also bowled out a church elder. The Pastor’s Team finished with a score of 134 runs, and the Members’ Team ended up just two runs short of that total.

The international and friendly atmosphere of the match was summed up by participant David Burgess: ‘A South African captain succeeding in a close match against England, ably supported by Indian and West Indies players on both teams.’

**Newbold pupils hit SATS for six ... again!**

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**A cure for itchy fingers**

The saying goes ‘many hands make light work’. That has certainly been so over the past eleven weeks when Grantham Church members, their families and neighbours have been busily knitting and crocheting. What was the purpose of all this activity? Well, some of the ladies of the church were putting itchy fingers and Ann Eaton, Community Services leader, began searching the internet for a cure for such a serious ailment. Her eyes were drawn to the In-the-Towne website, a charity whose volunteers knit baby items. The 150 items that have been knitted and crocheted will be received by the Rahima Moosa Mother and Child Hospital in Johannesburg, South Africa, where nearly 2,000 babies are born prematurely each year and are at risk of pneumonia. The knitting group hope to be able to send an additional consignment later in the year to give warmth and a chance of life to these little ones.

**Pastor Heisell OBE**

Patrick Heisell OBE of Stratford Church, son of Elsa Conreaux of Greenwich Church, spent many years working for the Metropolitan Police as a Special Constable: a job he took great pride in doing. While doing so, he also worked for... (continued)

**Eurwen is baptised into the Adventist Church**

In 1938 she met and married... (continued)

**Adventist receives BEM**

Batham Community Services leader, Sylvia Bernard, received a British Empire Medal (BEM) for ‘work in the Wandsworth Community’ at the Tower of London along with twenty-two other recipients recently, for her work in the community and in other countries. Sylvia attended the Garden Party at Buckingham Palace, met the Queen, and mingled with her peers.

In 1971, Sylvia had been a member of a Pentecostal church studying with an Adventist Literature Evangelist, who invited her to the church in Battersea. While walking to the church she heard a distinct voice, which said, ‘Let friends and kindred go’. She knew God was leading her somewhere, and finally was baptised into the Adventist Church. Sylvia believes that the award was just another way that God has accepted the BEM with joy and humility. She wants to encourage people with their testimony that God can use willing vessels to help others.

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Pathfinders 'go birding'

One Sabbath afternoon after lunch, Hemel Hempstead Pathfinders and their parents went to Tring Reservoir and spotted a few birds, including a greyling goose, which had lost a foot, and a red kite! Later the adults also spotted some Pathfinders splashing around in the water in their wellington boots! Hopefully a Bird Watching honour will be achieved by the Pathfinders.

One good turn

Three years ago, Ken Cornes spotted a lady struggling with her shopping bags in the supermarket car park. He went to her aid. So began a friendship which introduced Ken to the Seventh-day Adventist Church, of which he is now a member, but also to his future wife. The Grantham church were overjoyed to witness the marriage of Cornes to his ‘damsel in distress’, Joyce Xipu, on 26 May, when they were married by Pastor Vernon Nambo, assisted by Pastor Sam Gardner.

Harper Bell Seventh-day Adventist School

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Teacher of Year 6 required (as soon as possible, latest January 2014)
Salary: MPS will apply (depending on experience)
Harper Bell Seventh-day Adventist School is a small, one-form-entry faith school providing quality education for children aged 3–11 years. Formally an independent school, it has recently moved into the voluntary aided sector.

The Governing Body of Harper Bell Seventh-day Adventist School seeks to appoint an outstanding, and inspirational classroom practitioner who will support teaching and learning, and be accountable for pupils’ standards within a year group.

Applicants must have consistently ‘good’ or ‘outstanding’ teaching assessments; a proven track record of raising attainment; the skills to use data effectively; a commitment to school improvement through collaboration within the whole school community; a creative approach to the curriculum and the ability to deliver learning in an exciting way, and excellent interpersonal skills, with the ability to inspire, motivate and support pupils. Experience within Upper Key Stage 2 is essential, as are Key Stage 1 IAPS experience and expertise. The potential candidate will be a committed Seventh-day Adventist with the ability to integrate faith into the curriculum; who believes in the potential of all children to succeed and achieve; and who can work with individuals and collaboratively within a team to implement policies, practices and procedures consistently.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All appointments are subject to satisfactory references and an enhanced DBS (formerly CRB) check.

Closing date for applications: Monday 5 September 2013, 4.00pm.

Clerical Assistant required (for September 2013)
Salary: Grade 2 (pro rata)
Fixed-term contract until 31 March 2014; four days per week (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday during term time only).

The school seeks to appoint a highly motivated, effective and efficient Clerical Assistant who is experienced at working in a school environment. The school is a happy, vibrant environment with a supportive church community, active and dedicated governors and a friendly and committed team of staff. Our pupils are well-behaved, enthusiastic and eager to learn, and are well supported by their parents.

The potential candidate will be a committed Seventh-day Adventist who is able to apply the fundamentals of our faith in the workplace.

Closing date for applications: Thursday 22 August 2013, 12.00pm.

Interviews to be held: Wednesday 28 August 2013.