

# UNITED KINGDOM AND IRELAND LOCAL PAGES

## AREA LEADERSHIP MESSAGE

### Our Eternal Destiny

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Area Seventy

We live in a modern and very eventful time that has its challenges. Many today have no sense of perspective and feel they have little opportunity or hope for the future. As members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, we are blessed to have a different view of life that comes from having a comprehensive, eternal perspective.

I would like to share some thoughts about the eternal perspective embodied in the scriptures that discuss turning “the heart of the children to their fathers” (Malachi 4:6; 3 Nephi 25:6). We need a willing spirit and an understanding heart to comprehend the great promises and blessings that are associated with the bonds created as we work on our family history and begin to build a relationship with our forebears.

The Church has many resources available to help all people on earth participate in family history work. It is important to understand how the records and technological tools available to us today are connected with the principles of the gospel.

We bear witness of our Heavenly Father (see Joseph Smith—History 1:17), who has a plan for us, His children. Part of this plan is that we can return to Him through receiving

sacred ordinances and keeping the covenants associated with them. These ordinances and covenants open up the path back to Him.

As many of our forebears have left the earth without the opportunity to receive these ordinances, Heavenly Father in His goodness has created the opportunity for us to perform them in behalf of our ancestors in holy temples. However, for us to do this we must first identify our ancestors. When we have found their names, we have the opportunity to perform these ordinances vicariously in their behalf. In this way we gain the great privilege of building a special relationship of love and service with our forebears.

Let me briefly describe the perspectives of this life and combine them with the perspectives of the life hereafter. With the knowledge of the necessity of these ordinances, many spirits are waiting on the other side for this redeeming work to be done in their behalf. We are a part of their perspective. We have a share in their eternal destiny. Do we not see here a wonderful perspective of love and justice envisaged by our Heavenly Father, in which we can be an instrument in the hands of the Lord to bless our ancestors?

Through this work we learn to look beyond the veil of death and put our time on the earth into a new perspective. Nephi revealed unto us, “For I know that ye have searched much, many of you, to know of things to



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come; wherefore I know that ye know that our flesh must waste away and die; nevertheless, in our bodies we shall see God” (2 Nephi 9:4).

We are all children of a loving Heavenly Father who sent us to earth to experience joy. The greatest joy we can experience lies in providing service and love to one another that will extend far beyond the limits of our mortal lives. We can offer people an eternal perspective, which is:

“And now, if your joy will be great with one soul that you have brought unto me into the kingdom of my Father, how great will be your joy if you should bring many souls unto me!” (D&C 18:16).

I bear testimony of the truth of these teachings and of the joy associated with family history work, which allows us to give our forebears the opportunity to experience all the blessings of the gospel in the next life that they were not able to experience here. ■

# Family Values Event at UK Parliament: Former MP Terry Rooney Honoured

By Malcolm Adcock

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The UK Houses of Parliament was the venue on the 16th May for a major event supporting family values, held on behalf of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Attended by leading public figures and past recipients of the Family Values Award, the Family Values preview luncheon at the House of Lords also honoured former Bradford North MP Terry Rooney for his personal example of family life. Terry Rooney commented: “I was thrilled and humbled to receive this recognition—it was certainly a surprise to me as I didn’t know about it until it actually happened. For me, this is also a great acknowledgement of the contribution of my dear wife, Susanne, who I’ve been married to for 43 years.”

Terry and Susanne Rooney are parents of three children and have nine grandchildren. Terry served as MP for Bradford North for 20 years until 2010 and is highly regarded by his former constituents. He and Susanne are practising members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The Family Values preview luncheon was

*From left: Elder Clifford T. Herbertson; Susanne and Terry Rooney and David Rutley at the Family Values Award presentation to former MP Terry Rooney.*

hosted by Lord Laird of Artigarvan and Elder Clifford T. Herbertson, Area Seventy representing the Church. They were joined by previous Family Values Award recipients Edmund Adamus, Director of Marriage and Family Life, Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster; Vivienne Pattison, Director, MediaWatch UK; and Caroline Julian from the think tank ResPublica, who was representing its director, Phillip Blond.

The Church presents Family Values Awards to individuals in the public eye whose work and influence have a significant impact on family life within UK society. Previous award recipients include UK cabinet ministers, people of influence in the third sector and senior faith leaders.

“The stability and future of our society depends on family values. Such values need not only to be defended, in a large degree they need to be restored!” said Elder Herbertson. “The family is at the centre of a civil and good society.”

Among the distinguished guests at the latest Family Values event were Lady Brennan of Bibury, Anglo-Spanish Society; David Rutley, MP for Macclesfield; Hamid Azad, CEO, Muslim Aid and his associate, M. Walyat Khokhar; Charles Byrne and Sue Smart from the Royal British Legion; Dr. Harriet Crabtree, Director, The Inter-Faith Network for the UK; Dr. Don Horrocks, Evangelical Alliance; and Michael Wakelin, Director, Cambridge Coexist Programme.

There are over 188,000 Mormons in the UK, with more than 330 congregations.

As well as sponsoring the Family Values Award, the Church promotes free public access to family history research at 116 family history centres and via websites. British Mormons also work extensively with NHS Blood and Transplant in providing venues for blood donation and support the Poppy Appeal, providing assistance to the serving and ex-Service community and their families. ■

# Julian Jones—36 years of Service to Institute and Seminary

By Sue Ayles

It was as a fresh-faced university student in Loughborough in 1968 that Julian Jones first met John Madsen (now an emeritus member of the Seventy). John Madsen had just introduced seminary into the British Isles, and that meeting would eventually set Brother Jones onto a career in the Church Educational System. This summer Brother Jones retires after a varied and distinguished 36 years in Seminaries and Institutes of Religion.

In 1982, after five years as a coordinator in the Midlands, he was invited to take the post of Institute director in London. After 20 years in London at the Hyde Park Chapel, he was appointed as the CES director for the United Kingdom and the Netherlands and then as the Europe West Area director covering western Europe, North Africa and the Cape Verde Islands.

After six years in those assignments Brother Jones joined the Seminaries and Institutes Training Services Division in Salt Lake, whilst retaining an office in the Hyde Park Chapel. A few years ago, and in preparation

for his retirement, he resumed his former role as the Institute director in London.

He has been teaching classes continually at the Hyde Park Chapel for 30 years, having been baptized in the building at age 13 early in 1963. Many students have passed through his classes over the years, including a number of currently serving members of the Seventy, mission presidents and numerous bishops and stake presidents. In recent years he has rejoiced in teaching the children and even grandchildren of his first students.

Julian Jones's first career was in Physical Education, for which he qualified at Loughborough University in 1971. He is an Associate of the Institute of Education, University of London, and has an advanced philosophy degree from the University of Nottingham. In 2009 he received an honorary degree in sciences from Loughborough University.

Called at age 24 as a bishop in the Nottingham stake, Brother Jones served again as a bishop in the London Wandsworth Stake, where he also served as stake president.



**Julian Jones, retiring after 36 years with Seminaries and Institutes of Religion.**

He was called and set apart in 1995 by President Gordon B. Hinckley (1910–2008) to serve as a stake president for the second time in the reorganized Maidstone stake.

On that occasion President Hinckley was assisted by Brother Jones's father, George, who served as the president of the London Temple and president of the England Bristol Mission. Brother Jones baptized his father in 1971. Sister Edna Jones, his mother, is in her 91st year and is an active

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member of the Chichester Ward, Portsmouth stake.

Brother Jones also baptized his wife-to-be, Susan Leavey, when they met at University. Susan retires from her work in special education this summer. They are the parents of six married children and have five grandchildren.

Those who know Julian Jones will understand how hard it is to get a serious comment from him for an article such as this. He can be serious, but not unless he feels he must be. He will say that he has loved everything about working with youth and young single adults and will, no doubt, continue to be a very strong advocate of the seminary and institute programmes. "These associations represent the great highlights of my life", he said recently. "I have nothing much to say; my guideline has often been Alma 37:11 and certainly Jacob 6:12." (Look them up, because he will not let anyone get away without checking for themselves.) From his office in the Hyde Park chapel he quipped, "The first time I heard about a prophet named Joseph Smith, I laughed at the ordinariness of the name. I now connect ordinary names with the most extraordinary men and women. *Tom* is a good example, isn't it?" ■

## Hazel Hammond Receives Imperial Service Medal

By Joyce Farnsworth

**H**azel Hammond, a member of the St Albans Ward in the St Albans stake, was recently awarded the Imperial Service Medal, a prestigious honour given to civil servants deemed worthy through having contributed long, zealous and meritorious service.

Sister Hammond was awarded the honour for her 32 years of service at RAF Henlow. She began her service in 1979 in the local purchase branch of the supply section of the Royal Air Force's Signals Engineering Establishment. She later joined the Joint Arms Control Implementation Group in 1996, where she provided all aspects of administrative support for training flight. During this time Sister Hammond came in contact with several people from North Atlantic Treaty Organization countries whom she assisted.

Because of her faith Hazel said she lived with the belief that she should treat each person, regardless of where he or she came from, with respect as a child of Heavenly Father. She devoted herself to helping them in any way she could.

"Throughout my working life, I feel I have been blessed with the strength to be able to work and to be able to look after myself and my children," she said.

Sister Hammond is the mother of two, the grandmother of three and the great-grandmother of two. ■



***Hazel Hammond with the Imperial Service Medal awarded to her for 32 years of service at RAF Henlow.***



# Badge of Faith

By Eileen Webb

“This is better than school!” said one excited youngster at his Beaver pack visit to the stake centre in Huddersfield. The local Golcar packs of Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers needed to learn about a religion other than their own to earn their Faith badge, so a special evening was organised for them by their leaders, parent helper Sue Everson of the Meltham Ward and Judith Tomlinson of the Huddersfield 1st Ward.

The event began with an introductory talk by Boyd McEwen, stake president,

explaining the full name of the Church and Joseph Smith’s First Vision. Then the young people rotated through four activities or discussions led by serving missionaries or members. They gained knowledge of basic Church doctrines and learned about the programmes and activities for children and young people.

As the evening ended with a film and lots of homemade treats, parents arrived to pick up their children and to share the refreshments. A spin-off from the evening was their interest in the building and in what their children had been learning. Comments such as “What a lovely building!” and “So, what have you found out?” were heard.

Around 60 youth ages 6 to 16 attended, and all were eager to ask questions, look around and discover more. It is estimated that over 100 nonmembers passed through the doors of the stake centre within an hour, including the children, their leaders and parents.

Sariah and Laura Flynn of the Meltham Ward are Scouts in the Golcar troop, and although they had already earned their Faith badge, said that they were very proud to have their fellow troop members be able to come and find out about their religion. Perhaps President McEwen said it best for everyone when he remarked, “Please let faith be a part of your life and not just a badge”. ■



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*The local Golcar Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers visit the stake centre in Huddersfield to learn more about the Church and earn their Faith badge.*

# What's in a Name?

By Jane Gough

Temple Futter was born into the Church in South Africa. In 1967 he was called to serve in the British Mission (now the London England Mission) where he met his eternal companion, Janis Hunt. After completing his two-year mission Temple was sealed to his parents and brother, who had travelled from South Africa for this event. Temple and Janis were sealed in the London Temple on 23rd August 1969.

Years later, Temple and Janis wanted to serve a senior mission together, as they had seen their daughter and two sons all serve missions. They were called as member and leader support missionaries, to serve in the country of Temple's birth, South Africa.

Elder and Sister Futter spent a week in the Preston MTC starting in July 2011, and on arrival in Johannesburg they collected their car from the Area Office and drove to Bloemfontein in the Durban Mission. Perhaps being inspired by Elder Futter's first name and his interest in family history, President Von Stetton, the mission president, assigned them to help the members search out their ancestors' names to take to the temple. For the next six months they travelled to many different areas, including the Kingdom of Lesotho, as well as Kimberley, Welkom and many other towns throughout the Free State. The work was often challenging, as few written records were kept by the indigenous population, and members could only draw on information that relatives could remember.

After six months Elder and Sister Futter were transferred to the Area Office in Johannesburg to work in the family history centre as director and assistant director. The centre is next door to the Johannesburg Temple, and they were able to

work in the temple on a weekly basis as ordinance workers.

It just so happens that Temple's cousin is the temple president and Louise, Temple's brother's wife is the admin supervisor to the temple recorder. They had many wonderful experiences and saw firsthand how the Temple Patron Assistance Fund helps members come from many African countries to attend the temple. Many members sell their treasured items in order to pay for passports and visas so they can make the once-in-a-lifetime trip to be sealed as families for eternity. Agnes was one such lady, the first to come from Rwanda to the temple. She was the last surviving member of her family, the rest having been killed in the Rwandan genocide. She was able to bring their names and details to have their temple work done for them. This gave her such comfort, and Elder and Sister Futter felt privileged to be able to help her and many others. ■

*Temple and Janis Futter served a mission to South Africa.*



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# A Missionary Experience—57 Years and Three Generations Later!

By Arch Turvey

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It was in 1956 that Elders Richard Robbins and Charles Penrose (from Utah) one day made contact with Arch and Olive Turvey and their son, Howard, aged 4, in Northampton, England. Missionary discussions followed, resulting in Elder Robbins baptising Olive Turvey and his companion, Elder Penrose, baptising Arch Turvey.

Very active Church lives developed for Brother and Sister Turvey, with Arch eventually serving as president of the London England Mission, followed in 1993 with a call

to serve as president of the London England Temple, with Olive serving as matron. Howard, their son, similarly led a full, active LDS life and presently serves in the Worcester Ward bishopric.

Now all their lives have amazingly linked up again with Elder Richard Robbins, the elder who baptized them all those years ago, and on this occasion with his wife, Fara, also. For now the Robbinses have come from the USA to serve a mission as a senior couple in the England London South Mission,

***Elder Richard and Sister Fara Robbins, (far right), who serve in the Bristol 2nd Ward, are pictured with Arch, Olive, Sophie, Debbie and Martin Turvey.***

which has brought them into closer and closer contact with the Turvey family. Elder Robbins is now able to see in depth the fruitful results of his daily full-time service all those years ago.

In 1960 another son, Martin, was born to the Turveys; he has been serving for the past eight years as president of the Bristol England Stake, where Elder and Sister Robbins have been assigned to serve.

This tremendous story is further enhanced by Sister Sophie Turvey, the daughter of President Martin Turvey and his wife, Debbie. She was recently called to serve in the Australia Perth Mission, one of the first sister missionaries to be called after the age amendment to serve at 19 recently announced by President Thomas S. Monson. When she was set apart by her father, President Martin Turvey, both her grandfather, Arch Turvey, and Elder Richard Robbins were invited to participate.

Elder and Sister Robbins are assigned as missionaries in the Bristol 2nd Ward and are working in the Bristol Centre for Single Adults, helping to reactivate and proselyte with the Bristol University students, with pleasing progress. Who knows what the next 57 years will bring? ■

## Slovak-Speaking Congregation Formed in Sheffield, UK

By Brenda Nettleship

A Slovak branch of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was organized on Sunday, 24th March 2013, in Sheffield, England. The branch, with worship services in the Slovak language, will serve as the fourth congregation in Sheffield.

The meeting was attended by the English and Slovak members of the Sheffield 1st Ward, from which the congregation of the new Sheffield 4th Branch was formed. The English-speaking members provided transport for all of the Slovak members who, before they found a closer place to meet each Sunday, were known at one point to have taken multiple trams or walked five to six miles to get to church.

The meeting, attended by well over 200 Church members from Sheffield, was said to have been a day of faith, miracles and spiritual power. Fero Dunka, from Slovakia, has been called to serve as branch president to approximately 60 regularly attending members. Three English-speaking missionary couples are among those providing liaison and assistance as the new branch gets underway.

Mission president Jerel D. Lindley spoke on the historic formation of the branch. He said, "The Lord's hand directs this work," and he commended the efforts of local Church leaders and ward mission leaders, particularly Greg Nettleship and Bishop Robert McEwen. He mentioned the faithful work of local missionaries and the generous labour of the members of the Sheffield 1st Ward.

Stake president Mark Dundon, who previously served as bishop in the Sheffield 1st Ward, also addressed the congregation. He said, "This event is a miracle in itself, and a culmination of many miracles both in individuals' lives who have served and in the lives of those who have been served."



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*Photographs from the newly formed Slovak branch, the Sheffield 4th Branch.*

The formation of this branch is an historic achievement, and is officially only the third ethnic minority Latter-day Saint congregation in the UK, the others being Spanish and Portuguese wards in London. Missionary work amongst the Slovak people in Sheffield has become a focus as the numbers of Slovak migrants have increased significantly over the past three years.

In 2010 Ludovit Kandrač, a Slovak immigrant who settled near the suburb of Darnall, Sheffield, was baptized. He shared the message of the gospel amongst friends and family in Darnall, and missionary work increased in that area. President Dundon, bishop of the Sheffield 1st Ward at the time, recounted, "Before one sacrament meeting a huge influx of Slovaks poured in, and my joy was full. They were led by a missionary who had walked with and directed them. [He] was like a little version of a modern-day Moses."

In the last year alone there have been more than 75 baptisms. On one remarkable occasion in December 2011, a Sabbath day congregation had as many as 26 people investigating the Church. President Dundon said the miracles in the Sheffield area have been a cause for much gratitude and rejoicing.

In 2011, as Slovak baptisms increased, President Lindley requested that a Slovak-speaking missionary companionship serve in Sheffield. Elders Juráň and Šindýlek, both from the Czech Republic, have served their entire missions in this area. They will be replaced by two more full-time Slovak-trained missionaries later this summer.

The branch will shortly receive the very first Slovak copies of the Book of Mormon, which President Lindley says will "greatly contribute to the strength of the branch and its people." ■

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