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## **Newsletter Summer/Autumn 2008**

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### **Thank You**

Many thanks to everyone who has responded so far to the appeal letter we sent out in June. The response has been very generous and we have been greatly encouraged by the letters of support that so many of you have sent to us. We are still a long way off making up the deficit for this financial year so if you have not yet had a chance to help but would like to send us a donation we would be very grateful indeed.

We are grateful for donations at any time of the year but the summer months tend to be the most difficult time for us financially, as by then the income we receive from student fees has been used up. Anyone wishing to find out more can contact the Finance Officer for further details.

Thanks again for all your support. Contributing to the work of HTC is not just about supporting the College – it is about supporting the training and education of those called by God to preach and teach His word.

We ask that you continue to pray for and support this important work. Phil. 4:19.

### **Church Revitalisation Conference**

There is still time to book your place on the 'Embers to a Flame' Church Revitalisation Conference. This conference is aimed at ministers and elders. DMin students could count attendance towards one of their modules. The conference will be held in St Columba's Church, Kirkintilloch on 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> August.

Please phone HTC on 01349 780000 or visit the website <http://www.htc.uhi.ac.uk/events.htm> for more information and to download a Registration Form.

## Janitor

Welcome to Ben Hauxwell who joins the HTC team as our new janitor following the departure of John Walmsley. John had been the HTC janitor for 6 years and was a great asset to the College as well as being a valued colleague and friend. We all miss John from the staff team and wish him every blessing in his new work.

Like John, Ben is a multi-talented individual who can turn his hand to most jobs – essential for taking care of the College estates and buildings! He has plenty experience of estates and buildings maintenance work, having previously worked at Rydal Hall in the Lake District (an Anglican retreat centre used more widely now as an activities/holiday centre) and more recently at Urquhart Castle near Inverness. Ben has



quickly settled into work at HTC and is becoming familiar with College life. A keen cyclist and mountain walker, Ben lives in Beaulieu with his wife Maria and dog Murphy. It is good to have Ben (and Murphy who occasionally helps with the gardening!) in the team.

Are you a bit of a handy-man? Maybe you have some spare tools in your garage or shed that you no longer use? If you're having a clear-out and there's something that could be used in the HTC workshop (hand tools, electric tools, gardening implements, etc) Ben would be delighted to hear from you! Many thanks.

## Evening Classes

Back due to popular demand! Len Cazaly, HTC tutor, will be running a series of 10 evening classes from September to December in Inverness. 'Introducing the Old Testament' is aimed at anyone who wants to know more about the main themes of the Old Testament. These leisure classes will be run for interest and enjoyment, not for a qualification. No essays, no exams!

If you are interested please contact Marina at HTC so that we can gauge numbers and decide on the most suitable start date.

# Miss Marion Graham

The HTC community were deeply saddened by the death recently of a dear friend and supporter, Miss Marion Graham.

Marion spent almost all of her working life at the John Tallach Secondary School in Ingwenya, Zimbabwe, as a teacher and for many years as head teacher. Under her guidance, the school achieved a very high standard of education, equipping many able graduates to play a significant part in the development of that country. But it was not only a solid educational grounding that the children received – all was permeated with a clear and careful presentation of the Gospel message. Marion's concern for the spiritual welfare of her charges was obvious to all and her prayerful interest in her former pupils never wavered. The deep affection and esteem in which she was held continued long after she had returned to her native Scotland.

Not long after her retirement to her beloved Highlands, Marion offered to help as a volunteer at Highland Theological College where she proved to be a kind and wise friend to all. Her cheerful presence enhanced the reception area of the College where she endeared herself to staff, students and visitors alike. Her willingness to take on any task was a great boon and it wasn't long before her exceptional educational gifts were put to very good use in the support of open learning Access students in the crucial study skills module.

We feel her loss deeply but we rejoice that she is now beyond all pain and grief in the joyful presence of her Lord and Saviour whom she served so faithfully all these years. Our deepest sympathy is extended to her sister Jane and her twin brother Sinclair and the family. 'Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.' (Daniel 12:3).

## Mission Lunches

Mission Lunches will resume in Semester 1 of the 2008/09 session. All welcome, no fee. Feel free to bring your lunch along. 1pm, HTC Conference Room.

<b>7<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Nick Archer, Modern China</b>
<b>30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>David Wilson, Care for the Family</b>
<b>11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Jane King, Kingserve</b>
<b>27<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Martin Haworth, Latin Link</b>
<b>11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Paul Keeyes, Bible Explorer</b>

## Lectures

The third and final lecture of the UHI Public Lecture series on science and religion will be given by **Dr. John Lennox** at Eden Court Theatre, Inverness, on **27<sup>th</sup> October** 4.30 – 6.30 pm. Dr Lennox will give a response to the lecture given by Prof Richard Dawkins in April.

This is a *ticket-only event*. Tickets are free and are available from the Eden Court Box Office (tel 01463 234 234).

Audio files now available on the HTC website:

- Inaugural Lecture, Professor Andrew McGowan  
*'Is there a place for theology in a modern university?'*
- John Murray Lecture, Dr Gerald Bray  
*'The challenge and promise of biblical interpretation today'*

[www.htc.uhi.ac.uk/audlist.htm](http://www.htc.uhi.ac.uk/audlist.htm)

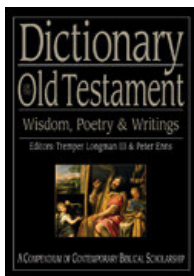
## UHI Millennium Institute

Following the article in the previous HTC Newsletter, we are pleased to confirm the Privy Council's decision that UHI Millennium Institute be granted its own taught degree awarding powers. This is a huge achievement for UHI and a pre-requisite step on the progress towards university title. These are exciting times for everybody involved with UHI, and with HTC which is a key college in the partnership. More than 6800 students are currently studying at university-level with UHI through its network of colleges, research institutions and learning centres in the Highlands and Islands.

### Key dates for UHI

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| 1992 | UHI Project established   |
| 1996 | Millennium Commission funding awarded                                       |
| 1998 | Open University confirms degree validation backing                          |
| 2001 | Higher education institution status granted                                 |
| 2002 | Research funding awarded  |
| 2005 | Application for taught degree awarding powers lodged with the Privy Council |
| 2008 | Taught degree awarding powers granted                                       |

## Jamie Grant's latest books



*The IVP Dictionary of the Old Testament: Wisdom, Poetry & Writings: A Compendium of Contemporary Biblical Scholarship*

Editors: Tremper Longman III and Peter Enns

Downer's Grove, IL: IVP, 2008

ISBN: 978-0-8308-1783-2

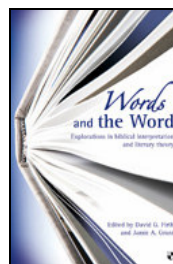
Jamie has contributed five articles to this book.

*Words and the Word: Explorations in Biblical Interpretation and Literary Theory*

Editors: David G Firth & Jamie A Grant

Nottingham: Apollos, 2008

ISBN: 978-1844742882



Jamie is our Biblical Studies tutor, teaching some OT and some NT modules as well as the biblical languages. His main research interests include the Psalms, OT Wisdom, biblical theology and hermeneutics.

## BA/Access Conference Day & Open Day

The next BA/Access Conference Day will be held on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 10.30 am – 4 pm. The College will also be open for other visitors. *You* are invited! If you'd like a look around the College or want to have a little taste of student life at HTC now's your chance!

The morning programme for Open Day visitors will be the same as for BA/Access students, starting with welcome & registration at 10.30am followed by morning worship then tea/coffee break then a lecture. After the lunch break BA/Access students (and any prospective students) will have the chance to talk with the tutors. Other visitors have the opportunity to ask any questions they may have too. There will also be tours of the College for anyone who hasn't been here before. Following afternoon tea/coffee there will be another short time of worship. The afternoon session will end at approximately 4pm.

**All welcome. No fee (and no exams, no age limit, no hard-sell!) Please support us by just coming along.**

# Student Recruitment

Prospective students hoping to commence studies in Semester 1 are encouraged to contact the Academic Office if they require any help with the application process.

Induction will take place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September and teaching begins on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>. We are looking forward to the start of the 2008/09 session and to meeting all the new students, as well as to welcoming back the returning ones. Please contact us if you need any help or advice regarding your studies, funding, finding accommodation, etc.

## Induction of Peter Mackenzie

The induction of Peter Mackenzie took place in June in Bulkington Congregational Church and was conducted by the Rev Neville Swain with the Rev Hector Morrison, HTC vice-principal, preaching at the service.

Bulkington, a village of about 9000 souls, is located in Warwickshire between Nuneaton and Coventry. The Congregational Church is affiliated to the Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches. The congregation had been without a Pastor for about three years, but the period of the vacancy was an opportunity for the people to grow in love one for the other. About 35 attend on a typical Sunday morning and 30 on Sunday evening. Recent weeks have brought encouraging signs of increased attendance and three people have sought church membership.

Peter began studying with HTC on the Access Course then progressed to the BA programme, beginning his degree studies as an open-learning student whilst still in full-time employment. He then gave up his work in the civil service and moved to Dingwall to become a full-time student for the remainder of his studies. Peter graduates from HTC in October with a BA Honours degree in Theological Studies.



We remember Peter and the congregation at Bulkington in their work for the Lord.

From left: Neville Swain, Peter Mackenzie, Hector Morrison.

# Malawi

Several of the Scottish churches have strong links with Malawi and it was great to hear news from Shirley Riddell, HTC graduate, of a recent visit she made to Ekwendeni Mission Station. Shirley said:

‘On arrival at Lilongwe we received a very warm welcome from deeply committed Christian friends. Not a sign of a polite, reserved handshake - we were part of whosever family we happened to be with at any time. During our ten days we visited every department at the hospital and probably all of the schools as well as a variety of clinics out in the bush. Daily work at the hospital commenced with prayers at 7.10am and every meeting or journey was prayed for. In fact prayer and worship is as obvious and necessary as breathing. Participation in Sunday worship with the Pastors and Elders at Ekwendeni Church was entirely joyful and a great blessing. Open air Communion on a Malawian hill with hundreds of people was wonderful!’

Links between Malawi and UHI have also been strengthening. Last year Evelyn Campbell, a lecturer in health studies at Inverness College UHI, spent eight weeks in Malawi teaching student nurses and working in the local hospital and around the community. Donations she took out with her helped to re-build a school and provide toilets in the villages. Evelyn and others from around the UHI network recently took part in a sponsored walk from UHI Executive Office to HTC to raise more funds for the project.



## Online shopping

The total raised to date via the easyfundraising website is £98.59

Anyone who does any internet shopping can help us. It's very quick and easy, costs nothing, and helps raise an extra little bit for the College. Please register – the more people registering and using the system the more we can raise. Simply log on to

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/highlandcoll>

to see how easily you can raise funds for HTC at no cost to yourself! Don't forget to use it if you're doing any Christmas shopping online!

# Dates for your Diaries

<b>27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Church Revitalisation Conference</b>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Student Induction</b>
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	<b>Start of Semester 1 (Access &amp; BA students)</b>
<b>September - December</b>	<b>Evening classes ‘Introducing the Old Testament’</b>
<b>24<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>HTC Annual Meeting and Graduation Awards Ceremony</b>
<b>27<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Lecture by Dr John Lennox</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> November 10.30 am – 4 pm</b>	<b>BA/Access Conference Day and Open Day (Open Day visitors very welcome)</b>
<b>w/c 24<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>UHI week</b>
<b>w/c 12<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Semester 1 exam week</b>

Please contact HTC on 01349 780000 for more information on any of these events or visit the website [www.htc.uhi.ac.uk](http://www.htc.uhi.ac.uk) Other dates may be added – please see the website for any updates to this list. Please also see the Mission Lunch schedule.

- If your mailing details are incorrect please let us know.
- If you have an email address and would like to receive communications that way instead of by mail it could save us a lot of money.
- If you know of anyone else who would like to be kept informed of HTC’s work please encourage them to send us their details so that we can mail or email them too.

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