

Special Feature

Sister Joyce Marshall, who was born in 1916, and Sister Margaret Makinson, born in 1921, are in our Radcliffe Home. They have both served Jehovah for many years in the special pioneer ministry.

Joyce first heard of the Truth in 1946. Sadly her mother contracted TB and Joyce nursed her until she died. Later, Joyce was able to start pioneering in Ashby-de-la-Zouche. From there she went to Enniskillen in Northern Ireland and then in 1953 she was invited to the 21st class of Gilead. Her assignment was Cyprus along with Dennis and Mavis Matthews.



Lanark
1969



South Shields
1959 - 1964

Unfortunately, she contracted TB before she could take up her assignment and had to spend 14 months in a sanatorium. After recovering, she went to live for a time in Ashby-de-la-Zouche and then in the late 1950's she moved to Bilborough where she was appointed to serve as a special pioneer along with Margaret as her partner.

Before coming into the Truth, Margaret had been a skilled horsewoman with a brilliant career ahead of her. She smoked heavily. On hearing that the Witnesses were coming to see her she remarked that she would soon get rid of them. When they came, she listened, came into the Truth, was baptised in 1953 and started pioneering. From the Marlow congregation she went to Bilborough to serve as a special pioneer with Joyce.

Together they spent 6 years in South Shields, and then between 1964 and 1970 they worked from an isolated group in Lanark. It was here that they were instrumental in acquiring a Kingdom Hall that is still being used. In Lanark they lived in a caravan and had to go to a sister's house for a bath.

From 1970 to 1974 they had an assignment in Wales and then they moved to Sutton-in-Ashfield where they lived in an attic for a while. They served there until moving into our Radcliffe Home in April 2006.



Over the years between them they have directly helped 79 people come to baptism. And of course there have been many others who have come into the Truth after first having been contacted by Joyce and Margaret.

Further Developments

Merthyr Tydfil Home

The builders are hard at work on the site at Merthyr Tydfil, to convert the hotel into a care home for our brothers and sisters.

They are currently converting the inside of the hotel, and foundations are being laid for an extra wing which is to be built shortly. Their work is currently on time.

May we please ask brothers and sisters not to visit the site at the moment for Health and Safety reasons as it is a building site.

At the moment we have 33 brothers and sisters on the waiting list for the residency, with a further 10 'tentative' applications.

We would like to thank the local brothers and sisters in the South Wales area for their continued support.

Joyce, who is now 90 years of age, continues loyally serving Jehovah to the best of her abilities. Sadly Margaret, who was 85 years of age passed away a few days ago.

Closure Announcement

Regrettably our home in Radcliffe will close very shortly. All have been informed and the closure will take place sympathetically with all the folks being offered and moved, if they so wish, to other Jah-Jireh facilities.

Please note that this newsletter must not be placed on congregation notice boards.



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