

## SILENT NO MORE

The Silent No More campaign, supported by SPUC, raises awareness by holding events in public places nationwide, at which women and men who regret their abortion experiences share their personal stories. Many are realising that the abortions they were involved in years ago are the source of the physical and emotional problems they have today. The campaign gives them a platform to help others by sharing the painful consequences of abortion.



Women talk about feeling guilt, anger, shame, and worthlessness. They tell how they struggled with suicidal thoughts, addiction to drugs or alcohol (taken to numb the pain), eating disorders or depression. Men tell how the abortion of their children made them feel pain, guilt, and anger. They all share their experiences of finding peace and healing.

They need to be heard so that others can learn about the help that is available. They

want people who think that abortion is a good solution to understand the real long-term consequences likely to be faced in the future and to realise that women, men and families deserve better than the death of their child as a solution to an unplanned pregnancy.

There are two further events to be held in 2008:

**18th October – Bedford**

(contact: Yvonne De Martino, 01234 314961)

**1st November – Croydon**

(contact: Antonia Tully, 02086 603651)

Events in 2009 will start with Pontypridd in March. Contact details for events in 2009 will be in the next newsletter.

If you would like to know more about the Silent No More campaign please call BVA on 0141 226 5407.

## WEBSITE

We can only put a limited amount of information into this newsletter, but you can find out much more from our web site.

This contains up-to-the-minute material and links to the rest of the SPUC web site. It is at <http://www.spuc.org.uk/about/evangelicals/>.

## AND FINALLY ....

We do appreciate your support and interest in our pro-life work. We want you to know that we are praying for God's blessing on all our supporters.

Please do read carefully through this newsletter, and pray for the Lord's guidance as to how you should respond.



*Defend the cause of the weak and the fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed.  
Rescue the weak and needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.*

August 2008

Dear Christian Friends,  
I would like to welcome you to this edition of our regular newsletter. I was very pleased to meet some of you in Cumbria recently, and I know many of you take a keen and prayerful interest in our work. We appreciate your support, and hope there will be opportunities for you to get more involved. We have known God's blessing on our activities during a very busy spring and summer and there have been new developments for SPUC Evangelicals during this time. All praise and thanks to God.

Yours in Him,  
Jan Bell, *Chairman*  
PS Please order and distribute copies of the enclosed flyer to raise public awareness to the danger of widening the abortion law in October.

## PATRONS

We are delighted to tell you that some evangelical leaders have joined us in the pro-life battle. We thank God for their courage and obedience to Christ. A list of current patrons is on page 3. Our first patron is Dr Steve Brady, Principal of Moorlands Bible College in Bournemouth. Steve is also a trustee of the Keswick Convention, and a regular speaker there. He is chairman of the Association of Bible College Principals, and has also written two excellent study guides on Colossians and Galatians. Steve grew up in Liverpool, (and supports both football teams there – Everton and

Everton Reserves!). He was converted in his teens at a church campaign, and went on to study at what is now LST. He held three pastorates before joining Moorlands. Steve is more than acquainted with the plight of vulnerable people, as his wife Brenda has been an MS sufferer for over thirty years. They have two children, Paul and Ruth, the latter married to Max, and three grandchildren, Daniel, Annabelle and Joshua.

## KESWICK REPORT

This July we went to Keswick with a street stand. We distributed 1,500 pieces of literature, and were generally well received, having several good conversations with people attending the convention. We'd appreciate any offers of help for Keswick next year.



*Peter Smith (Secretary of SPUC Evangelicals) gives out a pro-life leaflet at Keswick.*

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## NATIONAL CONFERENCE

There's still time to book a place at the SPUC National Conference. Attending the conference is one of the best ways to become really well informed about pro-life issues as well as to meet other people who share a concern for the sanctity of human life.

Last year's conference was reckoned to be one of the best ever, and included a key address by Dr James Sherley, warning of the misleading claims being made for embryonic stem cell research and the dangers of creating human-animal hybrid embryos. These are still urgent issues, with present government legislation (see next page). Dr Sherley, an evangelical Christian, is a leading scientist in this area, and he will be speaking again at this year's conference, along with a line-up of other eminent speakers.

The conference is at The Hayes, Swanwick, Derbyshire, from 5th to 7th September.

To book your place at this year's conference please ring Katherine Hampton on 01892 542 616. If you do come, please make yourself known to members of the SPUC Evangelicals committee: we'd love to meet you!



Dr James Sherley

## NEWS FROM PETER SMTH

### Travel diary

#### Sep. 5-7

SPUC National Conference – do UN fringe meeting with Pat Buckley and also with SPUC Evangelicals. Assist with prayer meeting.

#### Sep. 14-27

Sri Lanka – training a pro-life group.

#### Oct. 5

Preach in Leeds.

#### Oct. 7

SPUC Evangelicals committee meeting in London.

#### Oct. 8

Preach in Leeds.

#### Oct. 12-25

At the UN in New York, 3rd committee resolutions.

#### Nov. 7-22

At the UN in New York, 3rd committee resolutions.

### Special request

For the last 14 years I have been working for SPUC, representing them at the United Nations and trying to get preaching engagements in British evangelical churches to preach on the sanctity of human life from a biblical perspective.

It is near to impossible for me to get preaching engagements by myself. I need a local evangelical contact to introduce me to local church leaders. If I can get to meet these leaders then quite a few will agree to have me come to preach in their church.

Please prayerfully consider if you could introduce me to the church leaders where you live. This entails sending out a letter, which I can provide, and then a phone call to follow up each letter.

If you would be willing to help us with this request please contact me at: [petersmith@spuc.org.uk](mailto:petersmith@spuc.org.uk) (01292 671240).

## GOVERNMENT'S EMBRYO BILL – URGENT ACTION NEEDED

The Government has postponed the Report Stage of its 'flagship' Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill until autumn. There has been much speculation about the reasons for this, but we believe that it provides a God-given opportunity to bring more pro-life pressure to bear on MPs by writing ourselves and by promoting SPUC's new leaflet enclosed.

As expected, pro-abortion MPs have now tabled a raft of amendments to the bill, aimed at widening the Abortion Act. Among other things, these would allow abortions to be done in less well-equipped premises, by less qualified people, with less medical oversight, on poorly informed women. There are also amendments that weaken the conscience clause and lay pro-life counsellors open to criminal prosecution under certain circumstances. SPUC has produced a guide to these amendments which you can find at <http://www.spuc.org.uk/lobbying/hfe/hfebamendments.pdf> (or contact the SPUC office for a copy).

We are particularly concerned about an amendment that would **impose the Abortion Act on Northern Ireland**. The people of Northern Ireland have always been united in their opposition to such a development, and all four main political parties there are against such a move. The amendment is therefore profoundly undemocratic; it has been tabled by MPs representing constituencies in England and Scotland.

We believe that it would be a tragedy if the evils of legalized abortion, with its killing of unborn children and damage to

vulnerable women and their families, were to be visited on Northern Ireland.

Most people there, Protestant Christians and Roman Catholics, recognize that unborn children are made in God's image and so want to keep them legally protected. They should be allowed to do so through their own democratic processes in the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Please will you write and ask your MP to oppose any pro-abortion amendment that is debated when the HFE Bill returns for its Report Stage. In particular, please ask your MP to oppose any extension of the Abortion Act to Northern Ireland. It would be helpful if you could copy any reply to SPUC's political secretary, Anthony Ozimic ([political@spuc.org.uk](mailto:political@spuc.org.uk)).

Most importantly of all, let's pray fervently that God may be merciful to us, and that this bill, with all its evil proposals for the abuse of human life, may yet fail.

### CURRENT PATRONS

Currently our patrons are:

Dr Steve Brady,  
Mr David Murray,  
Mr Tim Montgomery,  
Mr David Andrew,  
Mr Wilfred Wong, and  
Mr Peter Maiden.

We hope to update this list and include a little more information about some of our patrons in future newsletters.