



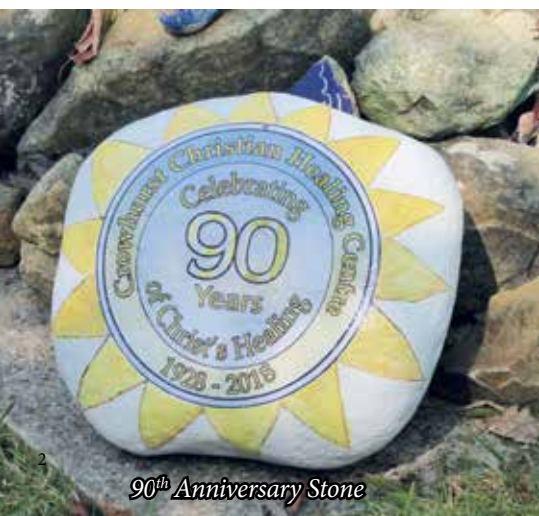
Autumn 2018



Little Chapel with new stained glass window



Ganging up on Steve at the Families Weekend



90th Anniversary Stone

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“See I am doing a new thing”

God tells the Prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 43:19). Isaiah didn't know exactly what this new thing would be but He knew it was something special and trusted God, delivering the message to the rebellious Israelites.

Revd Howard Cobb also trusted God when 90 years ago, following his miraculous healing from the fatal sleeping sickness disease, he obeyed God's calling to begin a 'new thing' at Crowhurst. Many new things have been added structurally and pastorally over the years, all of which have led to the Centre's growth physically and spiritually. Any changes and adaptations have been made sensitively and prayerfully and the Centre today looks very different to the one Howard Cobb founded in 1928! There is now the luxury of en-suite bedrooms, a well equipped and spacious art room, disabled access to the building and Chapels, a Prayer Walk, a relaxing water feature, new Prayer Rooms, a Thanksgiving Cairn and a 'Freedom Garden'.

Howard's willingness to trust and obey God with the new thing at Crowhurst has led to many folk being healed in mind, body and spirit.

New things this year have been a re-built bungalow for another Chaplain to reside in and a refurbished 'Chapel of Christ's Suffering' (Little Chapel).

Sometimes the thought of a new thing can be daunting and scary and I must confess that when I first heard about the Chapel being refurbished, I was worried about the outcome as along with many other folk, it was one of my favourite places at Crowhurst, **BUT** I also knew that God was in control and that nothing is ever done at CCHC without plenty of prayer, reflection and complete trust in the Lord's leading.

On Thanksgiving Day all was revealed — a beautiful stained glass window at the far end of the Chapel, with a Celtic Cross the central focus. The reaction from everyone was sheer amazement and all I could hear was, 'wow', 'stunning', 'beautiful' as folk gathered around to look. The sun was shining through the window, with an array of colour spread over the new carpet, and when we were told that this beautiful design was created at CCHC by our Prayer Ministers during their weekend in January, it made it all the more special (see page 21 for the full story).

The thoughts that came to my mind as I gazed at the window was '***Always be open to Change!***' The Chapel is different now but in a good way; it's still a place where you can sit quietly in God's presence and the window is already bringing so much blessing to folk as you can read in an amazing testimony on page 22.

God in His wisdom has done yet another new thing at CCHC and we know that it certainly won't be the last!

Every blessing, *Mary*

Steve and Veronica's Letter



Dear all

Spread out! Think big!

As we write this letter, there is a lot of expectant waiting around here! Wimbledon and World Cup Football for the sports enthusiasts; filling various staff vacancies for our stretched but wonderful community; building a replacement bungalow for new staff; the anticipated joy of Thanksgiving Day and not least of all it's one of Ian's delicious beef and mushroom pies tonight. Steve asked him this morning if we could fast-forward the day to supper — the meat was still defrosting, so sadly not!

All of this pales into insignificance compared with our expectation of fulfilment of the promises given us by the Lord. We believe the Lord has said this is a birthing year for CCHC. The waiting is heightened as we aren't even sure what He wants to birth. However, we are beginning to notice a few little nudges in a couple of directions and this is exciting.

As a couple we've known the experience of nine months feeling like 'forever' as we waited for our daughters to be born (especially when the temperatures hit 40 degrees celsius)! We knew with hope and

faith there would be a baby, but didn't know the gender and of course we didn't have a clue what day two or three would be like, let alone the 'terrible twos', hormonal teenage or young adult years! But thank God for God. We have two beautiful, brimming with life and confident daughters, and despite the greying hair and added wrinkles, we are more than satisfied as we look back. The wait was worth it!

With all this waiting around we have been reminded what the Lord requires of us as He speaks through the Prophet Isaiah (54:1–2 Message translation).

"Sing, barren woman, who has never had a baby. Fill the air with song, you who've never experienced childbirth! You're ending up with far more children than all those childbearing women." GOD says so! "Clear lots of ground for your tents! Make your tents large. Spread out! Think big ...!"

It would be so easy to get discouraged at lack of progress or circumstances taking a different route to that expected, but these verses are a call to let God be God and trust Him. God is faithful (read His-story), He is good (all the time) and He is all wisdom. Sounds reliable and trustworthy to us!

In this 90th year, one of the many lessons our dear Lord is teaching us is simply, *"Sing with joyful trust as you wait."* Howard and May Cobb could not have imagined what CCHC would be like 90 years after it was birthed, but they got on with it, with great trust, love and perseverance. We too, in the year 2018, can't see next year, let alone 90 years from now!

So we move on — singing with joyful expectation (and a little nervousness). In the meantime Steve waits for his pie — singing a joyful song to the Lord!

Love from us all at CCHC,

Steve and Veronica

"I found a piece of Heaven on Earth"

The heading to this article was a comment made by one of the guests on the Healing weekend held in April. Others said ...

- ❖ *"such a blessing I have received"*
- ❖ *"consolidated my journey"*
- ❖ *"inspirational"*
- ❖ *"a bumble bee meandered past me and let me follow"*
- ❖ *"pure joy, peace, renewal"*
- ❖ *"a divine weekend"*
- ❖ *"so relaxing and the sun was a bonus."*

As a Prayer Partner I always knew that the Healing weekends were really special; the Prayer Partners pray extra hard for the guests, the leaders, Prayer Ministers and staff before and during these weekends. I knew they were weekends of great blessing, but had never experienced it for myself until I felt the need to spend a few days listening to God for direction. And so in April this year, I booked myself onto a Healing Weekend.

Being a regular visitor to CCHC I usually know many of the other guests but on that Friday afternoon as we gathered, everyone else was new to me and I felt very

apprehensive and nervous, which gave me an insight into how others feel when they arrive for the first time.


However we soon got to know each other and had the most amazing weekend of worship, prayer ministry, fellowship and of course delicious meals, added to which the sun shone throughout! It was so warm that we even had night prayer outside on the terrace one evening.

And did I hear God's voice? Yes I certainly did! It was loud and very clear and I am now embarking on a new and exciting phase of ministry serving Him as I approach my 80th birthday! *"See I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up do you not perceive it?"* Isaiah 43:19

Healing is about much more than just a physical cure and I came home feeling refreshed and renewed, ready to tackle a new challenge.

If you have not experienced a Healing Weekend at CCHC why not try it, and enjoy being immersed in the love of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit in that special "thin" place which is Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre.

Sheila Powell



*The blossom was so beautiful
when I was staying in April*



Families Weekend: May 2018

Revd Sally Dryden and Becki Chafe, assisted by some of the Crowhurst team and volunteers, led another fun packed, Spirit-filled weekend, keeping all the families thoroughly busy and entertained during a weekend of beautiful weather.

Being so close to the Royal Wedding of Harry and Megan, the theme was a '**Right Royal Occasion**', considering how we are all Princes and Princesses, children of the KING. There were crowns to make, flags to wave and the families made 'junk' model thrones to sit on.

On Saturday morning there were craft activities, followed by a Royal Garden Party for lunch and a skirmish to the woods in the afternoon. The video of the weekend was Shrek, the misunderstood ogre. In the woods the families, together, built a replica of Shrek's swamp house and then looked around them at the beauty of nature and thought if God made leaves so beautiful and perfectly, then they must be beautiful too.









Later was a barbecue dinner followed by a firepit with toasted marshmallows and a talk about how we are who God says we are, and not who the world says we are, which is often not nice things that hurt us. And they sang the Hillsong Worship song "*Who you say I am?*"

On Sunday morning junk model Royal thrones were made, followed by Family

Worship with mobius strips explaining how God's love for us is never ending. After lunch there was a lot of fun with powder paint throwing, followed by a water slide, resulting in some very painty bodies and pretty clothes, as you can see from Steve's previously white T-shirt and Veronica's now multi-coloured one! (See page 8.) Showers were definitely the order of the day after this fun event!

Monday morning's closing family celebration included the families demonstrating their thrones and Becki led a Jesus 'HAKA', declaring "*I am loved, I am me, nothing can stand against me.*"

Yet another wonderful family weekend which received good feedback from the grown-ups and children ... some of their best bits were:

-  *The water slide*
-  *Junk modelling family project*
-  *Family communion and worship*
-  *Dad with paint in his hair*
-  *Decorating the crown*
-  *Getting 'painty'*
-  *The barbecue,*
-  *The movie night*

Parents and grandparents enjoyed the comfortable accommodation, the children being safe to run free, and for their families to have fun worshipping God together.

Sally



Some of the wonderfully constructed Right Royal Thrones



Thank you to Sally, Becki and the whole Crowhurst team who helped make the weekend enjoyable. Everyone has asked for them to come back and lead next year's!

More photos on page 8.

Some very fetching multi-coloured clothes after the paint throwing



A 'new look' for Steve and Veronica?



Water slide fun

Movie night in the Large Chapel



My Miracle of Healing at Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre

I met Joy for the first time in June this year and as she had been coming to CCHC over a number of years, I asked if she had a testimony to share for our 90th anniversary year. Her story is amazing though we know that with God nothing is ever impossible!

I hadn't experienced toothache since my childhood but in 2014 I developed an ache in my jaw. A visit to a dentist revealed an abscess, which was treated with painkillers and antibiotics. I expected a swift recovery but the ache continued with vengeance, causing serious pain. I was prescribed several drugs in increasing strengths, to no effect. I was in agony and remember very little of those months.

New antibiotics and analgesics were tried but nothing worked. At home I supplemented with handfuls of common analgesics and as I passed out I explained to the Lord that it was not a suicide attempt, I just couldn't bear the agony in my head! One evening, I drove to the out of hours clinic, desperate for help and high on painkillers, unable to remember how I'd even got there. I drove home praying and sobbing, seeing no end to it, despite the help and concern.

Then my doctor tried a drug for trigeminal neuralgia, and ... voilà, the pain disappeared! I knew I had not been healed and the abscess struggled to fight back, but I just took a pill! Wonderful! Thank the Lord! While I had my pills four times a day, I could lead a nearly normal life ... and so I did!

A year later, after receiving the Crowhurst magazine through the post, I felt well enough to re-visit the place of healing that I loved and a week later I embarked on the journey, taking my pill first thing that morning. The peace was almost palpable as I walked into the Centre. I savoured the friendliness and concern for my well-being, the beautiful scenery, the majestic oak, and silvery line of the distant sea.

After dinner, we had tea, chatted, and eventually went for evening prayers. Very

tired, I later unpacked, but suddenly realised that I had not taken a pill since the morning! I should have been tearing out my hair — on my knees and desperate for pain-relief. In shock, I found my pills — I was three pills late! Then I reconsidered; no pain yet, I had been distracted, but I had often been distracted in the past two years ... 'Let's see how long it will last ...'

Well, three-and-a-half years later and counting, it is still lasting. Thank the Lord!

Joy

During her more recent stay, Joy had a fleeting image of an elderly woman come into her mind, and which she felt led to sketch in the Art Room. Through this picture, the Lord spoke to her in an amazing way ...

The woman's deeply lined face was overlaid with peacefulness. There were no laughter lines and it was etched with pain, yet there was also a pervading peace in her expression. Her eyes were shut against the world, convinced that all was well. A well-known verse came to my mind — epitomised by her expression — “*Be still, and know that I am God.*”

Hours passed until I remembered it was time for Night Prayer. Already three minutes late, I scrawled the words “*Be still and know that I am God*” across the top of my artwork. I scurried to the Large Chapel and slipped into the back row. Steve stood by the altar and began with the words — “*Be still and know that I am God.*” I shivered — these were the same words that I had just written at the top of my painting!

I had arrived at Crowhurst highly stressed, having downsized my house after a year of serious illness, so the words spoke to me of my current state. When I heard them repeated in the Chapel, they were confirmation that the Lord wanted me to be still, be healed and be strengthened in my faith.

Jesus Calms the Storm Within

I got chatting to Kathryn when we were both staying at CCHC in June. This was her first visit and she was so praising of the Centre, and how wonderful it was to be there, so I asked if she would like to share some thoughts about her visit. During the course of her stay she felt led to write the following piece about the Prophet Jonah, as well as share how CCHC brought her such peace and healing.

God called Jonah to preach to the Assyrian people of Nineveh. Jonah's response was to flee as far as possible from the place where God had called him to be. Jonah did not want to preach to the warlike, heathen people of Nineveh.

My response to God's call was similar to Jonah's. *'Thank you, God, but no thank you. You want me to witness to my family but I know these people and I do not want to have anything to do with them. They are frightening and highly critical, and the very thought of their presence makes me want to run in the opposite direction.'* However, sometimes God calls us to go where we would rather not go, to speak when we wish to remain silent and to love those we fear.

As Jonah discovered, it is pointless to run away from God. His plans are not our plans, but who are we to tell the Master of the Universe that His planning is flawed? On my 'road to Tarshish' I made a beautiful discovery — I realised that God can take away my fear. I was afraid to talk to my family; in their opinion, everything I did was wrong. Their angry outbursts frightened me. No matter how hard I tried I could not satisfy their desires and it was fear that motivated my attempted escape from the task that God had assigned. I was looking at the world through

the eyes of an atheist and safety seemed far away from God's call.

Then, during a healing service while I was staying at Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre, a place I had never been before, I realised that I do not need to let my family's anger affect me. I can choose to let it wash over me and leave me unharmed. The God I love can protect me from the army of the enemy. He can send a 'great fish' to rescue me from drowning. Even the wind and waves obey Him and He can calm the storm within my soul.

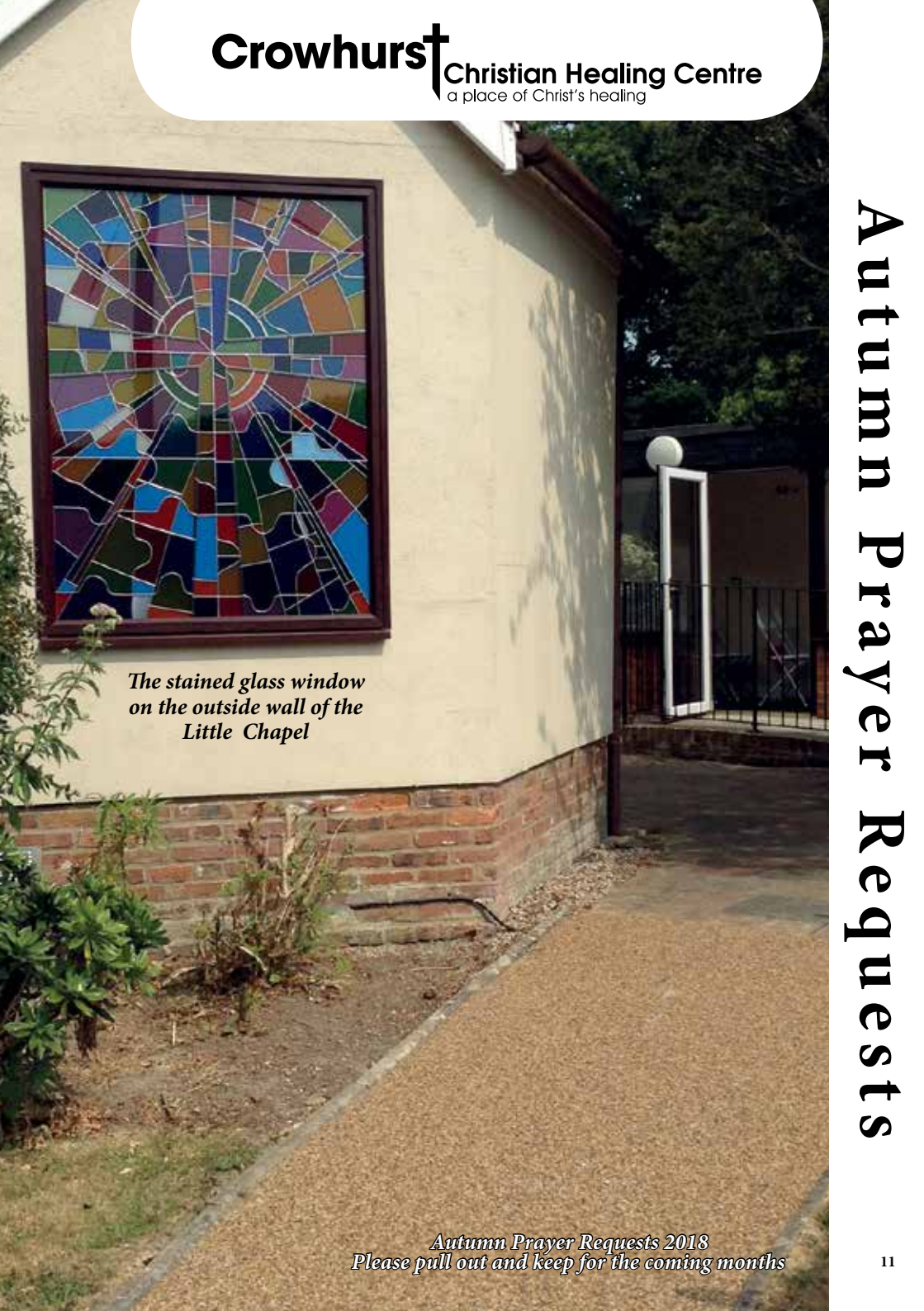
After my father's horrific death, and the resulting family discord, I needed a place to heal. Oak Hill Theological Seminary highly recommended Crowhurst as a place of recovery and refuge from the world and it was in this Christ-centred, loving environment that I found solace for my wounded soul.

In my Christian journey I have visited a large number of retreat facilities. However, I have never found a retreat centre to equal the warm, caring, hospitable environment that CCHC provides. The staff are compassionate and Christ-filled, the prayer times, healing services and worship are inspiring and transformative and the Chaplains are gifted and nurturing.

Delicious meals, attentive service, beautifully maintained rooms and grounds provided everything I needed to recover from the trauma of losing my father. I feel blessed to have visited Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre. Thank you all for your exemplary, Christ-led ministry.

Kathryn

Autumn Prayer Requests



*The stained glass window
on the outside wall of the
Little Chapel*

*Autumn Prayer Requests 2018
Please pull out and keep for the coming months*

AUTUMN PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYER FOCUS

“Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol Him, all you peoples. For great is His love towards us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.
Psalm 117:1 & 2

PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

“Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing praise to his name, for that is pleasant.
Psalm 135:3

PRAYER

- On 7 July we celebrated 90 years of Christ’s healing at CCHC. Our preacher at the Thanksgiving Communion Service was Revd John Ryeland, Chairman of Christian Healing UK. The service included the re-dedication of the Little Chapel and the re-dedication of all the staff and volunteers who work at CCHC. There were displays in various rooms and in the afternoon we laid the 90th Anniversary Stone on the Thanksgiving Cairn, along with some of our own stones. Thank you Lord for your mercy, grace and abundant blessings. May we sing praises to you all our days.
- At the present time we are in need of staff in the kitchen. Please pray that the Lord will provide the right person to fill the vacancy.
- Give thanks for the increase in the number of guests. Pray that the trains will continue to stop regularly at Crowhurst.
- For clergy, street pastors, youth pastors and NHS Healthcare professionals, there are a few free nights still available. Anyone from these groups is eligible to come for up to three nights during 2018 (except for programmed events). This is a rare, but essential, opportunity to lighten the load and receive from God.

“Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks, and honour and power and strength, be to our God for ever and ever. Amen.” Revelation 7:12

SEPTEMBER PRAYER FOCUS

“The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.” Psalm 126:3

SEPTEMBER

- 6 – 9 Free Weekend for Youth Workers (Festival Recovery)
- 15 – 16 Crowhurst Village Celebration
Two days of celebration for the villagers of Crowhurst and Father Michael Brydon (Crowhurst Parish) as we re-visit our roots and the contribution of Howard and May Cobb.
- 21 – 23 Healing Weekend
- 24 – 30 Healing Space



OCTOBER PRAYER FOCUS

“Sing to God, sing praise to His name.”
Psalm 68:4

OCTOBER

- 3 – 7 A Celebration of God’s faithfulness. Join us for 90 hours of continuous worship, dance praise and prayer.
- 12 – 14 Prayer Partners Retreat
- 20 Guided Quiet Day
 Led by Kay Smith
 Where am I?
 Steps in our faith journey
- 26 – 28 Teaching Conference
 ‘Deeper Healing Encounters’
 Led by the Crowhurst Team
 (See page 23 for more details)
- 30 Oct – Prayer through Painting
3 Nov

NOVEMBER PRAYER FOCUS

“I have set the Lord always before me.
Because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.” Psalm 16:8

NOVEMBER

- 13 – 19 Healing Space
- 23 – 25 Healing Weekend
- 30 Nov – Parousia Preparation
2 Dec Led by the Crowhurst Team
- Friday 28 – Sunday 30 December
 Old & New Treasures Revealed
 Led by the Crowhurst Team



Prayer for The Centre

PRAYER FOCUS

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed." Proverbs 16:3

TRUSTEES' PRAYER REQUESTS

Nigel Thonger (Chair), Vivien Drakes, Revd Sally Dryden, Paul Raynor and Revd Denis Smith

- It is with great sadness that we heard of the death of Revd Trevor Blackshaw on 10 July. Trevor was the Warden of CCHC from 1997–2002. We were so pleased that Trevor and Pamela were able to come to the Former Wardens and Chaplains weekend in April. Please pray for Pamela and the family during this time of bereavement.
- The demolition and rebuild of the bungalow got off to a slow start but God's timing is perfect and we trust Him. Pray as the pace is beginning to pick up and good progress is now being made. Pray also for the on-going exploring of different ways to increase car parking capacity.
- We continue to give thanks for the generosity of all who financially support the work of Christ's healing love at the Centre. The refurbished Prayer Rooms are in regular use for the 'drop in' prayer ministry on a Wednesday afternoon. 'Shalom' is used by guests as a quiet place to meet with the Lord and the library has been turned into a 'quiet lounge' for guests and visitors.
- Please continue to pray for the Lord's leading in all that we do. May we be obedient to His perfect will and timing.

"Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints." Ephesians 6:18

Prayer for Staff at The Centre

"This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people, but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God." 2 Corinthians 9:12

CHAPLAINCY AND WORSHIP

Steve Gendall, Suzanne Owen

Brenda R, Brenda T, Chris L, Colin, David, Dee, Gill, Gwen, Helen, Hildegard, Jan, Jane, Jenny, John, Judith, June, Maggie, Margaret, Maureen, Nigel, Olive, Pam, Pat, Paul, Penny, Pete, Peter, Phyllis, Pippa, Rachel, Stephen, Vanessa, Veronica, Vivien, Yvonne and Visiting Chaplains

OFFICE

Chris, Esther, Jane, Jayne, Jenny, Juliette, Maria, Pennie and Diane

HOUSE

Heidi, Abigail, Chrissy, Clare, Ian, Justine, Luke, Marion, Rosemary, Sarah, Shirley and Steve

MAINTENANCE AND GARDEN

Kim, Desmond, David

MAGAZINE EDITOR

Mary

"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." Galatians 6:10

OUR VISION STATEMENT

Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre has a vision to advance the Kingdom of God. The CCHC vision is fulfilled by: providing a non-denominational residential space where people can be loved by God; continuing the healing, preaching, teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ worldwide; using our resources to encourage and teach people to grow in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Reverend Trevor Blackshaw — A Pastor's Heart

Warden at Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre 1997 – 2002



We are sad to announce the death of Trevor Blackshaw, former Warden of Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre. It was wonderful that Trevor and Pamela were able to come to the Wardens and Chaplains weekend in April this year and were able to chat to many folk on the Saturday. They also took part in an 'interview' with Esther, which was broadcast live on Facebook. Steve shares a few words ...

Trevor and Pamela have both been a personal friend and prayer support to Veronica and me, and to CCHC. I know that after serving here as Warden, Trevor and Pamela remained faithful Prayer Partners and I used to enjoy waiting for his and Pamela's emails on the day before a Prayer Partners weekend; they would both share words and pictures from the Lord with much encouragement and blessing.

At the Wardens and Chaplains weekend earlier in the year, it was Trevor who prayed for Veronica and I on the final morning as people were being ministered to. It was a special time.

Trevor will be greatly missed.

Steve

The following is taken from the book, 'To God be the Glory' and was written by Colin and Diane Crook.

Each Warden or Director at Crowhurst has brought different skills and talents to the work. With Trevor it was pastoral and spiritual care. After Ray and Maureen retired the numbers of guests dropped significantly and so Trevor had to deal with financial issues and to find ways of encouraging new guests. He organised stands at the Christian Resources Exhibitions at Esher, and also one at Birmingham. This helped to get CCHC known to a wider audience, and proved effective at spreading the message about Crowhurst. On at least one occasion Trevor was a speaker at CRE.

He soon made his mark with providing deep ministry for guests in need. He also did much to minister to staff, many of whom had their own deep issues. Trevor and his wife, Pamela (pictured above) provided a gentle, prayerful and Spirit-filled ministry that blessed so many people.

New Health and Safety Regulations came into force in Trevor's time. It, for example, prevented full use of the Wing. Trevor worked hard and succeeded to manage the Centre under increasing requirements of legislation. The popular Prayer Walk was developed under Trevor's Wardenship.

Pamela, like Maureen before her, devoted herself to the encouraging and co-ordinating of the Home Intercessors. She was also instrumental in developing the prayer life of the Centre. Trevor completed the London Marathon to raise money jointly for Crowhurst and a charity called 'Get Kids Going'.

Trevor and Pamela led the Centre in a quiet, prayerful, Spirit-guided fashion. Trevor had been a Consultant Director for 'Wholeness Through Christ' and much of his teaching reflected a deep Bible based way of living.

In 2002 the couple decided that a well-earned retirement was in order.



Thanksgiving day was as always a great celebration, particularly so in this 90th anniversary year. Around 160 folk attended and we were blessed with glorious weather. During the morning Communion service staff and volunteers were anointed for their work at CCHC and the Little Chapel was re-dedicated after undergoing a very special transformation (see page 20).

After a time of Praise and Worship, Steve welcomed John Ryeland and his wife Gillian. John is Director of Christian Healing Mission in London and also Chair of Christian Healing UK (CHUK), and the couple have a wonderful Christian Healing Ministry around the world.

John's sermon can be heard in full on the Crowhurst website or YouTube, but here are some extracts from it.

John said it was a privilege to be at Crowhurst, an amazing place where his first steps into the healing ministry began in 1982, just after he had been ordained. Revd David Howell had invited him to CCHC and like many folk who come for the first time, it was

a transforming week as he learned about Christ's ministry of healing.

He referred to the book, 'To God be the Glory', an account of the last 90 years of CCHC — "a 'stunning' 90 years" — John said, and as he had read through it, he was reminded of the passage in Isaiah 43:19, "*For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland.*" John said, 2,500 years ago, Isaiah 'saw' something happening in the future that would change the world forever, and THAT would be the new thing.

The last 90 years of CCHC, he said, has been amazing and today (Thanksgiving Day) is a bit like a 'very beautiful pause'. He added that some of us might be back in ten years time for the 100th anniversary, and there will be people who will come to the 150th and the 200th anniversary because the new thing that Christ initiated at CCHC is still going on. And it will go on and on because there will always be new generations that need to know about Christ the Healer. There will be

individuals who come to CCHC who will need to know what God can do for them.

Our reading was from Matthew 12:9–13 (Jesus healing on the Sabbath). The Pharisees were trying to trap Jesus by challenging His healing of the man with the withered hand on the Sabbath. He in turn challenged them.
¹¹ *“If you had a sheep that fell into a well on the Sabbath, wouldn’t you work to pull it out?”*
¹² *And how much more valuable is a person than a sheep! Yes, the law permits a person to do good on the Sabbath.”*

John said that God lifts us out of pits, however we got into them because that is His glorious ministry. Over the last 90 years at CCHC, through many different, Godly folk He has been lifting people out of pits and the next 90 years He will do the the same because that is what He came to do, that is His love to us, His ministry to us.

A delicious buffet lunch prepared and served by our wonderful housekeeping team followed the service and folk shared fellowship in the grounds and house.



Thanksgiving Day cont'd ...

In the afternoon, Nigel Thonger, Chair of Trustees, spoke about God's work over the last twelve months and how with a Chaplain vacancy, the team have continued to do the Lord's work magnificently. He thanked the Trustees, Prayer Partners, the 'Ambassadors' who share the word of Crowhurst in their areas, donors who are so generous with their financial contributions and he also thanked the contractors who have been on site this year in various capacities, many of whom love the Lord. He thanked the whole team who make it a pleasure to stay at CCHC and he particularly thanked Steve, Veronica and Suzanne for all that they do in leading the team.

During his talk, Colin Crook, one of our Visiting Chaplains and co-author of the book, 'To God be the Glory', said that there should be a warning sign on the road outside CCHC which says '*Danger, God at work*' because no one can come to the Centre and not experience His work!

John later spoke about CHUK and Christian healing in this country, and said that many who have gone out to be 'blazing beacons' have been to Crowhurst and other places like it. Healing, he said, now takes places in many churches, and by many different denominations. The healing ministry belongs to all of us — WE can have a part in this ministry. There are no more 'superstars', just ordinary people who God uses to bring His healing to others. We are ALL His ministers. Where we go, we are that healing presence of Jesus to the people we meet.

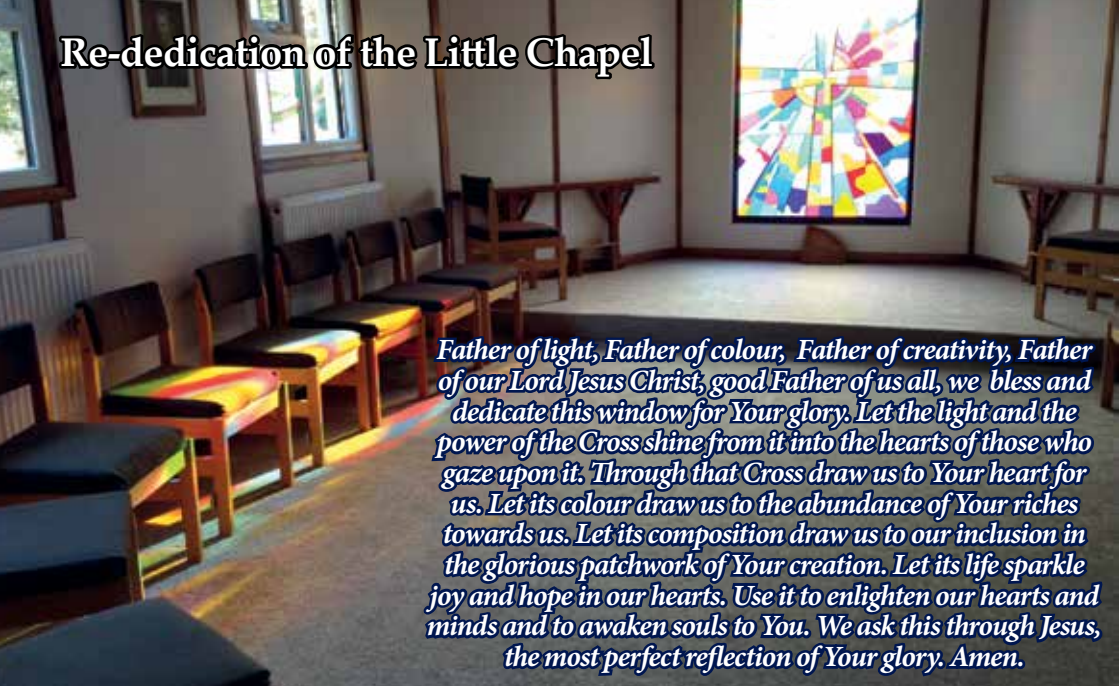
Steve thanked Nigel for his help, support and encouragement to him and said that where the Spirit is at work, there WILL be healing so let's begin each day with a fresh infilling of the Holy Spirit!

Before tea and cakes, we all gathered around the Thanksgiving Cairn, where John laid our (very heavy) 90th Anniversary Stone and his wife, Gillian, led us in prayer.





Re-dedication of the Little Chapel



Father of light, Father of colour, Father of creativity, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, good Father of us all, we bless and dedicate this window for Your glory. Let the light and the power of the Cross shine from it into the hearts of those who gaze upon it. Through that Cross draw us to Your heart for us. Let its colour draw us to the abundance of Your riches towards us. Let its composition draw us to our inclusion in the glorious patchwork of Your creation. Let its life sparkle joy and hope in our hearts. Use it to enlighten our hearts and minds and to awaken souls to You. We ask this through Jesus, the most perfect reflection of Your glory. Amen.

This beautiful stained glass window in the Chapel of Christ's Suffering was unveiled on Thanksgiving Day. During the Morning Service, John Ryeland re-dedicated the Chapel and said the above prayer of blessing for the window and a prayer for the Chapel, below.



Prayer for the Little Chapel

Father, we thank you first for the gift of Jesus. For the abundant life that He came to give. For the suffering He chose and endured to release this life to us.

Thank You for this sacred place, dedicated to His suffering. May those who come into this place have their eyes opened and lifted, that they can catch the wonder of what Christ has done for them.

May they find the power of His healing, the grace of His peace and the passion that flows from His heart. And may they take from this place a renewed sense of the love of God for them and a new vision of how we can bring Christ to others.

We ask this so that the glory of God might shine in and through us. Amen.

Guest's comments on the new window

When the window was unveiled folk gathered to look and many photos were taken. There were so many lovely pictures that it was difficult choosing which ones to use! The photo top left was taken late evening and the one bottom right was late morning. At different times of the day, the sun sends colour from the window all around the Chapel. I asked a few of the guests for their first impressions of the window:

After 'letting go' at the chimenea in the Freedom Garden I turned and was faced with a stunning depiction of freedom — the Cross of colour and community — aspects of jigsaw pieces woven into the whole, pointing to Jesus.

Inside, the 'wow' of coloured light sparkling across the Chapel reminded me how the love of Christ is transformative and makes all things new.

Judith

Wow! This was my first impression of the beautiful window in the Little Chapel. As I looked, the Cross stood out, surrounded by other supporting pieces of glass of all shapes, sizes and colours. This window wasn't complete until the last piece of glass fitted in. It reminded me of God's rich tapestry, His people, His family — we all have a part to play, whatever shape, size or colour!

Romey

My comment on the lovely new stained glass window would be — "WOW! What an expression of God's Glory and what an inspiration by Maggie to use the contributions from others, like HIS kingdom. Jesus is the Light of the World shining through that window with all its different facets and colours."

Audrey

In January this year at the annual gathering of the Ministry Team we were each given a jigsaw piece and asked to paint it. Each one of us did as instructed, having been given no indication of what the picture would be when the pieces were put together.

On Saturday evening we gathered around the Communion table in the Large Chapel to put the pieces together and a beautiful, colourful picture of a Celtic Cross with rays of light spreading from it was revealed. It was great to see the part that each played in the whole.

So forward six months and as I walked up from the railway station, on the outside wall of the Little Chapel I caught a glimpse of the picture now transformed into a coloured glass window. It was breathtaking and brought a lump to my throat.

So amazingly bright and beautiful, the jigsaw pieces together is for me a fantastic illustration of community and of togetherness, showing what our wonderful God can do when those who love and serve Him come together. I could not now show you which was my piece, but I feel privileged and blessed to be a part of the whole.

Brenda Russell (Visiting Chaplain)



God is the Restorer of our Souls

On the front of the Thanksgiving Day programme this year was the question, “What is Healing?” And the answer? “Healing is being released from all that robs of the fullness of life in Christ.” The following testimonies from two different guests demonstrate how God meets us where we are but loves us too much to leave us there. John Ryeland spoke on Thanksgiving Day about God rescuing us from pits and the following accounts are an example of how He rescues, redeems, releases and restores those who heavy laden. Thank you Lord!

I came in July to the weekend, ‘Exploring Prayer’. I was fraught, exhausted and heavily burdened.

Knowing I badly needed some time and space at Crowhurst before the weekend started, I arrived on Thursday afternoon with my emotions running high.

There was the opportunity to attend Communion on Friday morning, and I went, but I could not get through the first hymn — “*Morning has broken, like the first morning*”. There were too many resonances with past sorrows and loss so I left and sat in distress in the Little Chapel. I listened to the music of the service and gazed at the picture of Jesus in the Chapel and the glorious stained glass window depicting the radiance of the Cross — all the colours of the rainbow are there. The Cross is circled with God’s love and radial shafts of colour are streaming out from that circle.

It was a dull, overcast day and then the radial shafts of colour moved and danced. I looked, transfixed. They danced and moved again and again. I was entranced, enthralled and just in my inner being knew that this was an experience of God. Extraordinary, amazing, wonderful!

A couple of years ago I came to Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre desperately in need of prayer for a family situation. Long-buried skeletons had suddenly fallen out of the family closet — to everyone’s shock and surprise. I was particularly affected and despite now being a fairly mature Christian, I realised I couldn’t get through this alone and it wasn’t something I felt comfortable sharing with people I see on a daily basis.

I came to Crowhurst and had prayer ministry. The love, compassion and kindness I received, despite having to tell a deeply shameful story, was the beginning of my healing. As we gave my pain to Jesus and asked Him to restore our family relationship, I cried.

In the following weeks the painful memories subsided and much to my surprise there has now been such an incredible improvement in our family’s emotional well-being that we are enjoying fantastic times together and no longer ‘walk on egg-shells’ with each other.

It’s amazing how when secret pain is brought into God’s light, we acknowledge our need for forgiveness or healing. He is so very faithful to restore us and those we love. Thank you Crowhurst and thank you God.



Some baby bunnies enjoying the comforts of Crowhurst!



This Bible verse was laid in the new bungalow's cement foundations.

The grounds at CCHC give much pleasure to folk and the lovely warm evenings we've had this year have given guests the opportunity of watching the antics of many baby rabbits and squirrels scampering around. (The cute little rabbit family pictured above were photographed by our Maintenance Manager, Kim in early spring.)

The new bungalow, after some delay, will hopefully have been constructed by the end of September. During the early phase of its construction, one of our regular visitors, Pam Bygrave, felt led by the Lord to write out *Psalm 127:1*, "Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labour in vain", and she asked that it be laid in the foundations of the bungalow (see photo top right).

AUTUMN AND WINTER PROGRAMME REMINDERS

Wednesday 3 to Sunday 7 October

90 Hours for our hearts to sing

Steve's PA, Esther, would love to hear from you if you would like to participate in these few days but can't physically be at CCHC. Please email her at pa.cchc@btconnect.com with the hour slot that you will commit to worship from home (from 2pm on 3 October to 12 noon on 9 October) and she will include you in the virtual worship rota.

Friday 26 – Sunday 28 October

Teaching Conference

'Deeper Healing Encounters'

Led by the Crowhurst Team

This weekend is for those with some experience in the healing ministry. We will explore issues you may encounter in your experiences of praying with people who have physical and mental health needs and equip you to be more confident as you journey with them.

Saturday 20 October

Guided Quiet Day:

Where am I? Steps in our faith journey

Led by Kay Smith

Friday 30 November – 2 December

Parousia Preparation

(To include Guided Quiet Day on

Saturday 1 December)

Led by the Crowhurst Team

Parousia is a Greek word meaning 'coming', 'arrival' or 'being present'. At this Advent time, we will explore how to prepare for the second coming of the King of Kings!

Friday 28 – Sunday 30 December

Old and New Treasures Revealed

Led by the Crowhurst Team

Join with us as we celebrate the end of the old year and look forward to the new one.

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