

in His Healing Steps

Winter 2016



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My two grandchildren, Amelia and Imogen, join me in this editorial photo, to celebrate a very happy Families Weekend in August. Amelia's artistic skills have given me a new look, but normal photo service will be resumed in the spring issue! The weekend was a great success - see pages 16 & 17 for more feedback from the families who attended.

Back in the early days, the CCHC had a more structured environment and children running about wouldn't have been a usual occurrence! It was more formal then; there was even a matron in residence! It was, however, just as special. The Lord has always been the Centre's main focus and despite the inevitable comings and goings of staff and changes in routine over the years, its vision (see page 14) will always be at the heart of its ministry.

The CCHC welcomes visitors from far and wide (see page 20), with many people now discovering us via the internet. If you have never visited before, and are fairly local, do come along to one of our twice weekly healing services (Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm and Thursday mornings at 10.15am, with Holy Communion). Even if you are further afield, you could come along to the Thursday morning healing service, book in for lunch afterwards, and spend the day relaxing in the Lord's peace.

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL OFFER

Don't miss out on our 'Christmas gift' to you of 'buy two get one free'. From Thursday 1 to Wednesday 21 December - except for programmed events - you can stay for three nights, but pay for just two.

The Christmas build up can be quite stressful so why not take advantage of spending a time of prayerful preparation with the CCHC team as they 'Put Christ into Christmas'. (See page 22 for further details.)

One of my favourite Christmas carols is 'O Holy Night'. As I searched for the lyrics on the internet, I came across some slightly different wording, but the message is still the same - Christ coming into our broken world, bringing love, hope, peace, joy and freedom from oppression. The words are the Gospel in a nutshell! If you have internet access, perhaps you might like to listen to the many 'YouTube' clips of this beautiful carol. Kari Jobe's version is particularly stirring.

*"O Holy night, the stars are brightly shining.
It is the night of our dear Saviour's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
'Til He appeared and the soul felt its worth.*

*A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
O night divine! O night when Christ was born.
O night divine! O night, O night divine.*

*Truly He taught us to love one another,
His law is love and His gospel is peace.
Chains He shall break, for the slave is our brother.
And in His name, all oppression shall cease.*

*Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we!
Let all within us praise His holy name.
Christ is the Lord! His name forever praise we!
Noel, Noel; O night, O night divine.
Noel, Noel, O night, O night divine.*

O night divine indeed, hallelujah! May you all be truly blessed during the Christmas season and throughout the coming New Year. Mary

Steve's letter



Dear Children of God,

Jesus is on the throne. Praise Him with hallelujahs! His work on the cross at Calvary to secure our forgiveness, freedom and a future has been done.

I've recently had the opportunity to think about the Archangel Michael, and the angels who serve our enthroned Lord. We find Michael in the book of Daniel described as 'he who protects the people of God' (chapter 12:1-4). He was also involved alongside other angels in battles against the enemy and they weren't a walk over. One recorded battle was the result of another angel being prevented from doing what he was sent to do for twenty one days, so at God's instruction no doubt, Michael intervened (chapter 10:13).

I remember a picture of angels a dear guest here once had. She was clearly slightly shaken by what she had seen. The Big Chapel was surrounded by angels but the unusual thing was they were battle weary, battered and bruised and their garments were torn. They had been fighting off an enemy attack that was set to disrupt the work of God here at the CCHC, which is to bring His kingdom to earth (into our lives) as it is in heaven.

We often hear guests say that prior to their visit to the CCHC, 'something happened which nearly prevented them from coming'. Their stories range from ill-health, cars breaking down and traffic jams, a fall, change of plans at work and so on. As you can see these are events that happen in most of our lives at some stage or another. Am I saying these typical everyday events can be blamed on enemy activity? NO!

What I am often reminded of is that we can at times overlook the fact that our world, as was Daniel's, is populated by more than meets the eye. Daniel is shown great events of history enacted against a background of a real spiritual world, where spiritual beings support or hinder God's people, and where conflicts occur.

As followers of Jesus, part of our calling is to be alert and recognise what may be an 'enemy attack' and then to 'resist the devil and he will flee from you.' (James 4:7)

Rev'd David Howell, former Director/Chaplain of the CCHC, once said he heard a Bishop remark, *"If there is one thing needed to convince him that the healing ministry is at the heart of the Gospel and nearest the mind of our Lord, it is to see the ferocity with which the devil attacks it."* David goes on, *"Those of us who are deeply involved in the Church's ministry of Healing are more than conscious of his insidious assaults, often in the strangest ways."*

It is equally true of the work of our Lord. I confidently and enthusiastically believe that our Lord is more at work in and around us than we dare believe. Jesus said, *"The kingdom of God is here."* I pray daily that my eyes will be open to see the kingdom of God in our midst and then to celebrate our Lord at work. I regularly see the intervening hand of God that I might otherwise give credit to coincidence.

Before long you will be hearing those well loved Christmas stories full of angel participation which inspire hope. Jesus came into the world because God loves to stoop down to lift us up to a life with Him in heaven. May the Lord bless and encourage you as you hear those stories again this year and keep your eyes open for His kingdom among you.

"Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the lamb!" Praise Him with hallelujahs!

With every blessing from us all at the CCHC.
Steve

Prayer Partners' Retreat: July 2016



Having missed last year's Prayer Partners Retreat, I decided to join my wife, Sheila, for the one in July. How good it was to meet up once again with old friends and to make new ones.

I was very relieved to know that one prayer partner had a safe journey, as she always relies on me to pray for her trips down the motorway and back home!

The theme of our weekend being "Outward Looking", we talked about the village of Crowhurst and each gave their own perspective of how they saw the village. This was rather challenging but we came up with some interesting information. We heard that in recent years the links with the village church and community have become stronger, and Sunday morning saw us all going down to St. George's Church for the I Am Eucharist as Steve G had been asked to take the service that Sunday. It was so different to see him wearing formal robes but as usual his sermon was terrific. This was a great opportunity to meet with the congregation and we received a very warm welcome.

On Saturday afternoon we divided up into groups to cover the whole village and pray a blessing as we walked. Some stayed in the house and grounds while others ventured to the outer reaches of the village, praying a blessing on all aspects of the village as they went.

Three of us set off up the road to Brakes Coppice, past the camp site, through the farm, praying as we went, as far as the cricket ground and back down the road to the Centre in time for tea and yummy cake!



Others reached the little chapel by the pub on the outskirts of the village and some visited care homes. In the evening we talked about 'Healing the Nations' and thought about how the Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre could be more outward looking in the future.

I enjoyed this very full and busy weekend of worship, singing, discussions, prayer, exploring the village and of course last, but not least, the wonderful meals - well fed in body and soul!

It was a very different Prayer Partners' Retreat but one which we all agreed had been so rewarding. *Edgar Powell*



Thanksgiving Day - July 2016

Due to lack of room in the summer issue, this is 'part two' of Thanksgiving Day.

The morning service was packed out as usual and our speaker, Angela Painter, CEO from Burrswood, (pictured below with the two Steves) gave an inspiring talk on giving thanks for all things, counting our blessings, and having an attitude of gratitude.



Steve G acknowledged the 250 Crowhurst prayer partners and the folk present and the outgoing Chairman of Trustees, Martin Granger, thanked all the volunteers and team for their services to the Centre. It was a special moment when all those who serve at the CCHC were anointed for the year ahead.

After the service, folk fellowshiped together in the lovely grounds with their picnic lunch, which was provided by the CCHC and served by the catering and house team.



In the afternoon Steve G spoke about the 'family feel' to the Centre, and how the whole team like to take time out and come together for special events. The community later treated us to a performance of the song, 'Circle of Life', from The Lion King. They had been rehearsing it for weeks and their polished performance reflected this! Juliette, from the office, has written a more in depth article on the fun and hard work behind the performance (see page 8).

During the service, some of the team shared their best memories and thanksgivings from the past year. It was wonderful to hear the different accounts of how they had been so touched by certain moments.

Standing out for our Treasurer, Chris, was the large and very timely legacy that had been bequeathed to the Centre by a lovely Christian lady. Chris recalls the moment when he told Management about the legacy. *"There were tears of joy and everyone was dancing around the room as they thanked God for His unending faithfulness for providing for us through the generosity of this lovely Christian lady."*

Volunteer Jenny, who worked in the office for many years, shared her prayers for en-suite rooms. *"When I retired nine years ago, my prayer was for the bedrooms to have en-suites and that's just what happened before I left; prayers were answered and my work was done at that time!"*

Maria from the office, spoke of how humbled she felt when a terminally ill guest who, instead of being quite understandably 'under the

circumstances', noticed a member of staff who was herself unwell and this guest was more concerned for the staff member's well being.

Jayne, also from the office, spoke of the kindness and generosity of people. She recalled two legacies that had been received this year from two ladies in their nineties. Apart from their names, there was no record of them, so it was unknown when they had visited the Centre. No one could remember them, and yet they both obviously felt that the CCHC had blessed them in some profound way. Jayne went on to thank all who leave legacies - those we can put a face to and those we cannot. She said their charity and love enables the Centre to continue and flourish.

Bookstall volunteer, Rosemary, said how changing the main book supplier had provided a better service for the Centre. She also spoke of all the encouraging comments she had received through the year, which were so much appreciated. She too mentioned the legacies as they help with the cost of ordering books.





Thanksgiving Day Community performance: 'The Circle of Life'

Our staff input for Thanksgiving Day was the very catchy title song from The Lion King - 'The Circle of Life'.

What a wonderful rendition it was too! Thanks to Abi for suggesting it - her enthusiasm and super singing was very infectious! Thanks also to Steve G for his involvement - singing (and animal noises!) and for allowing us all to have 'time out' for rehearsals.

'Sarah the Magnificent' (pictured far right in her beautiful African dress), led us; her singing was superb and her costume fantastic! We all entered into the 'spirit' of the occasion - from singing to clothes. I was proud to be part of the team and the entertainment.

Our visitors were very surprised to see such a colourful and noisy spectacle in the large Chapel, and they roared, clapped and cheered their approval afterwards.

Having thrown some ideas into the pot and encouraging everyone to learn their words - the African pronunciation needed a bit of work - some choreography was required but somehow it all came together brilliantly! Everyone was so keen and committed - a big WELL DONE! Special mention to:

Steve C (sound and light engineer)

'Ian the Voice' - wow! (one of our chefs)

Gary - drummer

Chrissy - rhythm

Justine - jewellery maker

Clare - vocals and make-up

'Dave the Rave' (other chef) - vocals

Penny - vocals.

Thank you to Jayne for her encouragement (sadly she was unable to take part on the day), and to Veronica (vocals), who as you can see from the photo below (centre) looked great in a Kaftan!



Commiserations to Kim (our super ukulele player), who was so keen to accompany us but we couldn't find the right 'key' to be in harmony! - Next time...!

Lastly a big thanks to all the staff for their support. We enjoyed ourselves very much and would like to repeat the performance sometime!

SIYO NQOBA – We're going to Conquer!!

Juliette

Grounds News

The exciting news over the summer has been the re-tarmacing of both car parks and link path, which was undertaken just after the August Bank Holiday. The Centre was closed to guests for a week to facilitate this. It looks really good now (no potholes, hurrah!) and line markings have been added to help with parking. This is still taking some getting used to but as you can see from the photos, the lines enhance the look.

While the car park was being resurfaced, we took advantage of the opportunity to make the path up to the Prayer Rooms wider and put brick edging in place of the stones. This will make access a lot easier and I think you will agree from the photo below, improves the overall look.



It's such a pleasure to be working outside still and feel the warm sun. This is my favourite time of year; the grass continues to grow as the temperature is still mild enough to keep everything looking green and lush. It has also meant that all the weeds are growing, particularly the brambles, which Desmond is tackling daily. He is also busy trying to make everywhere neat and tidy before the winter and 'putting the grounds to bed'.

As I write this, the leaves are starting to fall and the colour in the trees is beginning to change from green to brown, with so many variations in between. That can only mean one

thing - autumn is on the way. This is where our wonderful volunteer gardeners come into their own, spending several weeks raking a seemingly never ending supply of fallen leaves (and a surprising increase in the number of acorns!), which by this time next year will have turned to a lovely mulch.



Front car park



Rear car park

The well at the back of the house is still waiting for a new roof, which we would like to get done by Easter next year.

We have been checking all the grounds equipment to make sure everything is working in the event of snow or power cuts.

Blessings, *Kim*

Exploring Glory & suffering

September 23 - 25 2016

What a privilege to have been able to sit under such anointed teaching with Bishop Jackson leading us. We began with reflecting on the problem of pain and suffering, looking at Romans 8:18-30. Bishop Richard then spoke about the subject of 'antinomy' - two ideas which seem contradictory and cannot be resolved, but have to be held in tension together.

Some examples of antinomy ...

1. As Christians, we are not immune from the reality of brokenness and pain, but we can have **hope** in the midst of all our struggles. (Psalm 84:5 & 6). *"What joy for those whose strength comes from the Lord, who have set their minds on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. When they walk through the Valley of Weeping, it will become a place of refreshing springs. The autumn rains will clothe it with blessings."* (New Living Translation)
2. God is sovereign and has absolute control over all things, but **we** still have free will. Christianity is unique in that God is a loving Father who becomes one of us in the person of Jesus, and God's real self is most revealed to us in the Cross.

We considered Job and his so-called 'friends' who could bring no comfort to Job. They could only manage to sit silently with him for seven days and seven nights. Job embraces the mystery of God and does not allow the reality of all He is experiencing to be the last word, and despite losing everything, he does not curse God. Spiritual growth often comes in those places that are not 'comfy' or 'safe'. In Job 40 God appears and speaks, and in Job 42 we have Job's reply. God restores everything in Job's life-time and God's beauty and renown become His prime focus.

On Sunday, we looked at the vision given to the Apostle John in Revelation 4:2. *"At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it."* (NIV)

There is much beautiful symbolism in this passage. Jesus is on the throne - we have co-regency - we have delegated authority. We are not powerless to effect change through prayer. We have to learn to live with the mystery, trusting God for what we don't understand. Our lives are lived forwards but interpreted backwards. There is an eternal perspective; fruit will be borne that we cannot see as yet and we have God's beautiful promise in Revelation 21:4, *"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, there will be no more death or mourning, or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."* Jan Cooper

After reading Jan's article, I am sorry to have missed out on this weekend! As editor, I have the privilege of reading articles through many times before the magazine goes to print and this one has really ministered to me. Psalm 84 has particularly resonated as I look back through the highs and lows of life. All of us face valleys at some point in our lives, don't we, and the Bible has many stories of folk moving in and out of the wilderness, literally and spiritually, but God was always with them. as He is with us if we place our trust and hope in Him. Stuart Townend's song, 'There is a hope', came to my mind as I reflected on the psalm - here are the last two verses:

There is a hope that lifts my weary head. A consolation strong against despair. That when the world has plunged me in its deepest pit, I find the Saviour there!

Through present sufferings, future's fear, He whispers 'courage' in my ear. For I am safe in everlasting arms, And they will lead me home.

There is a hope that stands the test of time; that lifts my eyes beyond the beckoning grave. To see the matchless beauty of a day divine, when I behold His face!

When sufferings cease and sorrows die, and every longing satisfied. Then joy unspeakable will flood my soul. For I am truly home!

Winter Prayer Requests

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Please pull out and keep for the coming months

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PRAYER FOCUS

"Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad, let them say among the nations", "The Lord reigns." 1 Chronicles 16:31

PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

"Praise him for his acts of power, praise him for his surpassing greatness." Psalm 150:2

PRAYER

- After due process, Suzanne Owen has been appointed our Associate Chaplain. Suzanne brings with her a wealth of experience as a preacher, teacher and prayer minister - with the added gift of coming from a Free Church background. This will become a full time post. Please pray for Suzanne as she begins her new ministry at the Centre.
- Penny remains as Associate Chaplain until the end of the year to help enable a smooth transition, and to continue to bless us in the multiple ways that the Lord enables her to. Penny will remain as a Prayer Minister in the New Year - thank you Lord.
- Give thanks and praise for answered prayer for John, our projector and sound operator at the Thursday morning healing services. The treatment for a rare condition in his blood went smoothly and he is now back with us in record time! Praise the Lord.
- Give thanks for the completion of the resurfacing of the car park area, with all the parking spaces clearly marked!
- After seven and a half years, Rosemary, our beloved 'bookstall lady' is retiring at the end of the year. We give thanks for the cheerful way in which she has kept the shelves immaculate and ordered such a wide range of books for all ages to enjoy. A mammoth task indeed. Well done good and faithful servant. She is still going to help with the teas and coffees on a Thursday!

"Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord." Ephesians 5:19

December Prayer Focus

"Today in the town of David, a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11

DECEMBER

- 3 Teaching Day
'Repentance Lifestyle'
Led by Steve Clark
- 7 Guided Quiet Day
'Lights in the Darkness' -
A pre-Christmas meditation on the promises of the first and second Advent
Led by David & Dr Rachel Fawcett
- 13 - 15 Putting Christ into Christmas at
Crowhurst: A Christmas Celebration
Led by the Crowhurst Team
- 15 **Last healing service of 2016**
- 16 - 18 Putting Christ into Christmas
People of the Nativity:
A journey and reflection
Led by Colin & Diane Crook
- 22 - 28 **House closed**
- 30 Dec - New Year Celebration with
3 Jan the Crowhurst Team

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL OFFER

From Thursday 1 to Wednesday 21 December - except for programmed events - stay for three nights, but pay for just two.

January Prayer Focus

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:14

JANUARY

30 Dec - New Year Celebration with
3 Jan the Crowhurst Team

5 First healing service of 2017

6 - 8 Weekend for CCHC Ministry Team
and Visiting Chaplains: House closed

**8 & 15 House closed from Sunday 2.30pm
to Monday 2pm for 'Sabbath Rest'**

20 Healing Weekend

28 Teaching Day
'New Year, New You'
Holistic Health as God intended
Led by Andrew & Carol Dreeling

February Prayer Focus

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows." James 1:17

FEBRUARY

1 Guided Quiet Day
'God's Goldmine -
Discovering Hidden Treasure'
Led by Paul & Olive Deeming

**12 House closed from Sunday 2.30pm
to Monday 2pm for 'Sabbath Rest'**

17 - 19 Healing Weekend

20 - 24 Creative Arts Week
'Finding our identity through
God's creativity'
Led by Dee Arrand

**26 House closed from Sunday 2.30pm
to Monday 2pm for 'Sabbath Rest'**

NEW YEAR SPECIAL OFFERS

January: Stay three nights for the price of two: Dates are: 9 - 15, 16 - 19, 24 - 27

February (2 - 12) Bring for free a friend who hasn't stayed before (max three nights)



Prayer for The Centre

PRAYER FOCUS

"The 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

TRUSTEES' PRAYER REQUESTS

Nigel Thonger (Chair), Jim Beveridge, Vivien Drakes, Paul Raynor and Jane Thomas.

- Martin Granger retired from the Board of Trustees in November after serving six years in office. We give thanks for his devoted service during that time. He has a great love for the ministry of Christ's healing at the Centre and has now joined the dedicated band of Prayer Partners.
- We welcome Vivien Drakes, our new Trustee. As a member of the ministry team, Vivien is already part of the Crowhurst family and is also our talented flautist.
- Please continue to pray for Jim Beveridge and his wife, Jenny. May the Lord bless, strengthen and uphold them in this challenging time and provide for all their needs.
- Give thanks for all who so generously support the ministry of Christ's healing love at the Centre. May they be greatly blessed.

"Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Prayer for staff at The Centre

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." Colossians 3:12

CHAPLAINCY AND WORSHIP

Steve Gendall, Steve Clark, Suzanne.

Andy, Brenda, Carole, Chris L, Colin, David B, David F, Dee, Gill, Gwen, Helen, Hildegard, Jan, Jenny, John, Judith, June, Maggie, Margaret, Mike, Nigel, Olive, Pam, Pat, Paul, Penny, Pete, Peter, Phyllis, Pippa, Rachel, Roland, Stephen, Vanessa, Veronica, Vivien, Yvonne and Visiting Chaplains

OFFICE

Chris, Jayne, Diane, Esther, Hilary, Jenny, Jo, Juliette, Maria

HOUSE

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

MAINTENANCE AND GARDEN

Kim, Desmond, Cliff and David

MAGAZINE EDITOR

Mary

"Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain." 1 Corinthians 15:58

OUR VISION STATEMENT

The Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre is a non-denominational, residential place with a vision to grow the Kingdom of God by continuing the healing, preaching and teaching ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ, both at the Centre and in the wider context of the Church of Christ.

CCHC Team Building Day: French Dressing!



At the end of August, there was a staff training and team building day with a French twist! Roles were reversed - the kitchen and hospitality team were catered for and waited on by the rest of the team. Don't the ladies look smart in their red berets!

Who can identify the stand in chefs above and the two 'garçons' below? (Captions welcome!)



Families Weekend - August 2016

In a family - love is spelt... TIME

My family and I had a lovely time on the weekend. A supportive environment with lovely facilities and great food! Some time for everyone and the kids had a fantastic time. Interactive and child centred Christian activities made for a wonderful bank holiday break and I hope we are able to return next year.



The bonfire and the marshmallows.



We enjoyed the art room - we loved painting daddy's face and Becki's! We had to do purple and blue on daddy's beard.



We loved being here as a family - spending quality time with God and each other.

So many people but still so peaceful; meeting and making new friends; being with family in a God centred environment. Seeing children being a fully included and inclusive part of 'the church'. Church as a normal fun part of life. Food. Fun. Friends.



The best bit was when we watched the film at movie night.



I felt we had time and space out of our every day life to worship, pray, hear the Word, play together and 'be', and enjoy God's creation in the beautiful grounds - I feel very blessed! Thank you Sally, Becki, Steve and Veronica.



I loved dressing up!

From Our Senior Chaplain ...

Trustees and Chaplains: comings and goings

You may recall our petition earlier this year to have you pray for our Lord's SHAPE for the CCHC. During the course of the year we have been learning something of what that means.

Trustees

After due process, Vivien Drakes has been appointed to the Board of Trustees. Vivien brings a wealth of knowledge of the Centre, having been on the Ministry Team since 2010, and she is one of our gifted worship leaders.

Vivien brings a deep love for Jesus and Godly wisdom, with a practised gift of hearing from the Lord. She has Trustee body experience and a background in health care.

By the time you read this, Martin Granger will have retired as Chair of our Trustee body, a post he has held for three of the six years he has served as a Trustee. We owe Martin much applause for the faith and steadfastness he has shown through some faith testing times! I am personally very grateful to Martin for his prayerful and wise support and his sense of humour, just when I would be taking myself too seriously. I know that our staff have appreciated Martin's efforts to be part of the life of the CCHC. Martin and Anne have moved away from East Sussex but I thank the Lord that they will remain as Prayer Partners. I know you will join me in wishing them many blessings in the future.

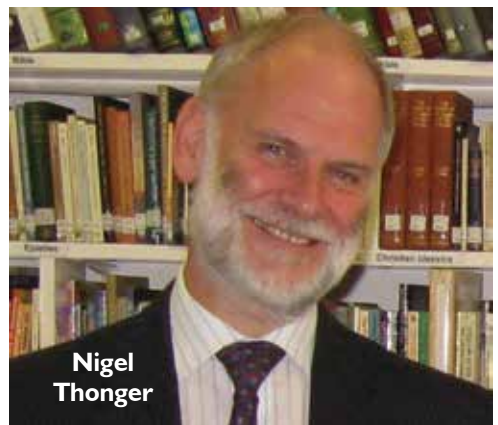
Nigel Thonger, who has been a Trustee for two years, has responded to the Lord's call to fill the vacancy left by Martin, and this was unanimously agreed. Thank you Lord for your bountiful provision for the CCHC. Nigel's wisdom, attention to detail, gentle nature and commitment to the Lord's ministry here at the Centre, will benefit us greatly as we adventure together in advancing the kingdom of God in the days ahead.



Vivien
Drakes



Martin
Granger



Nigel
Thonger

**Associate Chaplain: Penny Button
(See photos right)**

After a zealous Spirit-filled ministry at the CCHC of nearly ten years, Penny will be retiring in December from her roles as Associate Chaplain and managing the Centre's Business Affairs.

For many of you, Penny embodies all we aspire to at the CCHC - to be a place of Christ's hospitality and healing. It has been, and continues to be, Penny's desire to see all guests who come to the Centre (and beyond) to have a deep encounter with Jesus who loves them. I am delighted to say that Penny will remain as a Prayer Minister, so we will continue to see both her and her husband, Pete. Thank you Lord.

As the Lord's ministry increases here we have found the need for more help in the Chaplaincy Department, and I am delighted to say that after due process Suzanne Owen (pictured below) has been appointed as Associate Chaplain to continue the invaluable work that Penny has faithfully done.



Suzanne brings with her a wealth of experience as pastor and leader in the healing ministry, and will make a huge contribution as a preacher, teacher and prayer minister - with the added gift of coming from a Free Church background.

Please pray for all these dear folk - for the changes in theirs and their families lives, and for us here at the CCHC. Pray that we will endeavour to keep Jesus on the throne, that He will be our Head and Centre, and that we will walk humbly with Him in obedience, and with servant hearts.

Steve Gendall

Happy Anniversary to Penny & Pete!



Congratulations to Penny and Pete, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in May this year. A special service of blessing was held for them in the small Chapel.



Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre: A place to meet with God

Distance no object!

It is always so encouraging to hear how God brings people to the CCHC and it's not just folk in this country who visit. Thanks to the internet, more and more people are discovering this wonderful place of the Lord's healing love and in the spring of this year Amy from Singapore (pictured below) came for one of our Healing Weekends. She 'just happened to come across our website' and added a stay at Crowhurst onto a longer trip to the UK.



Brenda from Christchurch, New Zealand, pictured below with Steve, visited the Centre in the spring while exploring the healing ministry during a time of sabbatical.



And in September, we had some visitors from Zambia. After the Thursday morning healing service, guests and visitors at lunch time had an unexpected treat of their lovely voices as the four folk pictured below sang to a full dining room!



How did you originally discover the CCHC? Whether you are a 'seasoned visitor', or a 'newbie', we would love to hear how you found us. Please do send me your stories for inclusion in the magazines. Email marys56@hotmail.co.uk

Favourite spots at the CCHC

Do you have a favourite place in the CCHC? Esther from the office has been asking some of the staff about theirs. Our volunteer gardener, Cliff says, "the front door, because, as you enter, you know you are entering somewhere very special."



I hope in the spring to feature more of the team's favourite spots in the Centre. Perhaps some of you might like to write in with your favourite places for future magazines?

Healing Weekends

These weekends provide an opportunity to come aside for personal reflection and renewal of body, mind or spirit. They are open to those of any church denomination, or of none, seeking Christian healing and wholeness. Alongside the programme, there is time to enjoy the beautiful grounds or explore the surrounding countryside. Our fully equipped art room is available for your creativity and the lounge and library also provide comfortable places for your own relaxation. If you have never been to the Centre before, these weekends are a gentle introduction to this place of the Lord's peace, as you can see from the comments below.

"I didn't expect the whole experience to be as it was. I can't really explain why but it was far more loving and caring than I had expected! I particularly liked the freedom of choosing what I did in-between the organised times. I found the accommodation very pleasing and the food plentiful! The Chaplains were extremely caring and they helped me no end. The Prayer Ministers who ministered to me were very welcoming, caring and loving, and helped me very much with the problem I was having. It was also good to get together with other folk and although I chose to make use of the silent table for dinner on my first night, I enjoyed the rest of my meal times with the other guests. Everybody was lovely and very friendly. I didn't want to leave and definitely want to go again, which I hope to do in the spring."

Bernadette

And Sue writes:

"I just want to say a big thank you for the Healing Weekend. It's always good to come to Crowhurst - it's like coming home and meeting with our Lord! Thank you for all the staff that make it such a restful, enjoyable and blessed time. God Bless you all."

Sue

Grand-parenting, a joy or a pain? Or ... 'The Mary Berry effect!'

Wednesday 22 March 2017

The woman's a marvel! There is Mary Berry on TV, immaculately groomed, with smiling grandchildren around her, cooking a magnificent meal, then sitting with all her smiling happy family laughing and joking as they eat the feast.

For some grandparents life is not like that and they turn the TV off with an aching heart. Difficulties in family relationships between parents, their adult children and partners, and increasing break up of families through separation and divorce, are all too common. Grandparents can find themselves powerless; loving their grandchildren but without the opportunity to form a warm loving relationship with them or even in some cases, denied access to them.

During this ministry day, we will be exploring this painful issue. The aim of the day is to allow those attending to share difficulties and pain that they have experienced, in a safe non-judgmental environment; to begin or continue the process of forgiveness, healing and finding a way forward and in the process encounter afresh the Father God who loves us.

The day is open to anyone who might be interested. The cost is £12.00, which includes refreshments & lunch. Donations are also invited towards the cost of the day and use of the centre.

Judith & David Barnes



Judith and David Barnes are part of the Crowhurst ministry team.

Christmas & New Year Programme 2016/2017

Saturday 3 December

Teaching Day: Repentance Lifestyle

Led by Steve Clark

Have you ever wondered why Jesus comes 'proclaiming good news' and then says 'Repent'? Discover the depth and freedom of a 'Repentance Lifestyle', that is so much more than rubbing our noses in sin!

Putting Christ into Christmas at Crowhurst

Wednesday 7 December

Guided Quiet Day

'Lights in the Darkness' -

A pre-Christmas meditation on the promises of the first and second Advent.

Led by David and Dr Rachel Fawcett.

Tuesday 13 - Thursday 15 December

A Christmas Celebration

This celebration, which incorporates the Tuesday evening and Thursday morning Healing Services, will be led by the Chaplains and the Crowhurst team. It includes a traditional Christmas lunch and cake, carols, crackers, Christmas tree and various inspiring activities to help turn our eyes towards Jesus.

Friday 16 - Sunday 18 December

The people of the Nativity - a journey and reflection. Travel with us to Bethlehem in the Scriptures.

This event will be led by Colin and Diane Crook, and will also include traditional Christmas lunch and cake, carols, crackers, Christmas tree and those things to help you focus your attention on the Lord.

New Year Celebration

30 December - 3 January 2017

If you would like to get away from it all after the Christmas hustle and bustle, come and spend the New Year with the CCHC. There are still some places left at the time of print.

Teaching Day: 28 January 2017 New Year, New You: Holistic health as God intended

This Teaching Day will be led by two of our prayer ministers, Andrew and Carole Dreeing (pictured below) who have been with the prayer ministry team since 2005.



"In this Teaching Day we will take a brief journey looking at the following three integral processes: Body, Mind and Spirit. We will also look at key elements and responsible attitudes to health as God designed us. This will encompass overviews on healthy diet, exercise and sleep and we will look at the healthiest diet, as given by our Creator God.

We will also take a concise look at the 'Mind-Body link' in relation to the 'Fall'; God's original design and His plan through redemption to reverse this as we grow in Christ.

We will identify the key emotional needs in relation to positive mental health and look at practical, Biblical strategies to adjust/renew and enhance/improve emotional well-being and practice 'the mind of Christ', which relieves stress, promotes good health; improves concentration and creativity and eradicates common mood disorders, which so often deprive us of the peace and life that are ours through Him."

Andrew & Carole

New Year Special Offers

January 2017: Stay three nights for the price of two:

Monday 9th to Sunday 15th

Monday 16th to Thursday 19th

Tuesday 24th to Friday 27th

February 2017 (Thursday 2nd - Sunday 12th)

Bring for free a friend who hasn't stayed before (max three nights).

Spring Programme 2017

Guided Quiet Days

Wednesday 1 February 2017

'God's Goldmine: Discovering Hidden Treasure'

Led by Paul & Olive Deeming

Lent Season

1 March 2017 (Ash Wednesday)

'Sackcloth and Ashes?'

Observing Lent in the 21st Century'

Led by Revd Colin Crook

Silent Lent Retreat

'Be still and know'

Thursday 9 - Tuesday 14 March 2017

Led by Canon Clare Edwards

£430 en-suite, £380 non en-suite.

A time to be, no demands or expectations.

A time to be still, open to God's loving presence.

A time to know, and let God be God, in our hearts as well as in our minds.

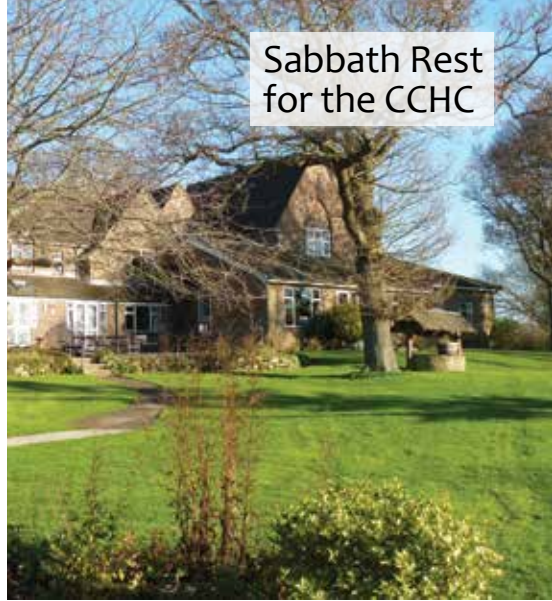
A time as the days 'lengthen' and we begin Lent, to invite God to be at work in the gardens of our lives.

If you are new to this sort of retreat, you may be asking, 'will there be no words spoken at all?'

There will be words in our worship, in our daily Eucharist, in music and singing, in the led sessions twice each day, in our shared reflections and of course in your own conversations with God. We will simply be choosing not to 'chatter'! We will be released from the need to make conversation and focus all our attention on God.

Details of all our events can be accessed via our website: www.crowhursthealing.org.uk. Please telephone the office if you would like a copy of the programme, or pick one up when you next visit the Centre.

Sabbath Rest for the CCHC



As we were preparing the programme for 2017, I had a strong feeling that we needed to consider 'Sabbath rest' for the Centre.

After prayer, thought and discussion it was agreed to have two occasions a month, from lunch after Sunday to lunch after Monday, where our house will be closed to guests (see pages 12 & 13 and our programme for dates). This gives the house time to receive and not to give - one of the principles of Sabbath. Sabbath time creates the opportunity for the Lord to do things for me (us, the house), that we cannot do for ourselves.

Please pray with us as we watch to see how the Lord will use this time.

Steve Gendall

*Be still
and know
that I am
God*
-PSALM 46:10

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*Some of the children enjoying their barbeque
at the Families Weekend in August.*