

in His healing **STEPS**



'May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in His works.' (Psalm 104:31)

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Editorial



As I write this in mid-April, the spring blossom is still struggling to appear on some trees. At the Centre in early April, the trees that were in full bloom this time last year were still in tight bud! But the time

will come when the flowers will once again bloom, and we will be basking in the sun. There is a time for everything! We just need to trust and be patient!

In this Issue

As many of you will know by now, Kath has taken on the role of Senior Chaplain. She was commissioned on Maundy Thursday, as Margaret Gubbins shares with us on page 3. Kath shares her own thoughts in her letter on page 4.

The Easter Retreat was held from 1st to 4th April and I was very privileged to be a part of it. The house was full and many of those who attended, have written in with their thoughts and reflections.





Staffing

We welcome Esther, who joined the office staff at the end of February, replacing Wendy who left the Centre in January. We thank Wendy for her work at the Centre and wish her God's blessing for the future.



When not working, Esther enjoys running and recently took part for the first time in the Hastings Half Marathon, which she successfully completed. Well done Esther!

She has two children, Barry aged 5, and Amelie aged 2 and a half. She worships at Battle Baptist Church.

We extend warm congratulations to Juliette, who is on the office staff; she won a cup for singing at the Hastings Musical Festival in March. We had hoped to have a photo of Juliette with her cup, but she was stranded in France due to the volcanic ash chaos in April, when the magazine was going to print.

Thanksgiving Day – 17th July 2010

We look forward to this annual event, when we thank God for all He has done and at which we welcome friends old and new!

I wish you all a very enjoyable summer.

With every blessing,
Mary Slater



Kath's Commissioning as Senior Chaplain

On Maundy Thursday at the Healing Service, Kath Batte was commissioned as Senior Chaplain of the Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre.

Many staff members had come in especially to witness Reverend Colin Crook, Chairman of the Trustees, anoint and bless Kath in her new role.

There was great delight and joy among the whole congregation and it was a privilege to be present.

The staff presented Kath with a journal entitled 'Serenity,' and this is our prayer for her, that she will know the Lord's peace and enabling each day as she seeks His wisdom and guidance.

The word of encouragement for Kath is from Joshua 1 vs 9, ***'Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified, do not be discouraged, for the Lord our God will be with you wherever you go.'***

Margaret Gubbins



Our Senior Chaplain Writes...



Dear Friends,

For the last few editions of the magazine I have been writing to you as the Acting Senior Chaplain but this time I am writing in a different capacity.

I am pleased to announce that my acting days are over and that I am now Senior Chaplain; not a position I sought – it sought me!

As you will see from Margaret's article on page 3, I was commissioned and anointed during the Healing Service at the beginning of April. When I was anointed into the role of Acting Senior Chaplain, I was empowered for the task and I know that once again our gracious God has poured out his Spirit on me, equipping me for what He has called me to do. Take heart from this for yourselves; what the Lord calls you to do, He equips you to do. He is a faithful and loving God.

A slip of paper announcing the appointment was placed in the last magazine and I would like to thank those of you who have written or spoken to me since then affirming this appointment; it has been very encouraging. Thank you also for the assurance of your prayers. I feel so privileged to have been entrusted with this position and believe that it is God's will and purpose for me, and also for my husband, David. He works here as Centre Manager and supports me in my role in many ways – a pretty full time occupation!

I believe one of my tasks as Senior Chaplain is to build up a chaplaincy team that will be able to offer the ministry that is called for in this place - and beyond. Jesus sent his disciples out to preach the gospel and to heal the sick, and His call to us is the same today. He needs ambassadors for the

Healing Ministry. On a number of occasions God has said that He is going to do a new thing, and we trust in Him to provide the people with the gifts for this new thing to happen. It is an exciting time and a time for complete trust in Him to provide the people we need, especially as Margaret moves on in June. All of us here at the Centre would value your prayers for the right people to be prompted to join the chaplaincy team. It is essential that they are our Lord's people, for:

"Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labour in vain."

We need much wisdom and discernment.

Margaret will be greatly missed by many people who have benefited so much through her ministry and friendship. There will be an opportunity to say thank you and farewell to Margaret and her husband, Kenneth, who also ministers here, on Thanksgiving Day - Saturday 17th July.

I hope a good number of you will be able to come to this day of celebration as we have so much to celebrate and to give thanks for – God's love for us as a starter! It pleases our Lord when we take time to say 'Thank-you' to Him. Remember the ten lepers? All of them were cured of leprosy but only one returned to Jesus to thank Him and in offering that thanksgiving he was further blessed by our Lord.

Come and be blessed by Him. We hope the weather will be kind so that you can enjoy a picnic in the beautiful grounds, but whatever the weather we will celebrate and give thanks. I look forward to seeing you on this day of celebration.

God's blessing be upon you

Kath

Thanksgiving Day Programme

Coffee on arrival until 10.50am

11.00 am:

Service of Thanksgiving, with Communion

12.30 pm - 2.00 pm:

Picnic lunch

(Invited guests will have lunch in the house.)

2.00 pm:

A Litany of Thanksgiving

3.00 pm:

Praise and thanksgiving through word, pictures and music

3.45 pm:

Tea and departures.



Guided quiet days

June 5th

Living Life within your Season

Led by Helen Warwick

June 30th

I Want to be alone

Led by Mike Playdon

July 28th

Waterpots and Rainbows

Led by Bridget Jenkinson

August 25th

God is Love

Led by Mike Robson



Easter Retreat



What a wonderful Easter Retreat we all had!

It was led by Kath Batte and Margaret Gubbins, along with Stephen, Pippa and Maggie.

I found the feet washing in the dining room on Maundy Thursday really moving; going from the large chapel to the small one, then finishing in the large chapel for vigil and worship was also



very poignant. Brian and I left after a while, but I went down again later and found sitting in the chapel with only the cross light very special.



Good Friday was so beautifully led, with a full description of the crucifixion. Kath told us to hold our palms down and feel indentations on the back of our wrists. This is where the nails went in and just doing this felt unbearable.



On Holy Saturday, we had lovely worship again and later a reflective walk. Brian brought back some greenery to decorate the chapel later as requested by Kath.



I went around the grounds and found laying at my feet some twigs in the shape of a cross. This really meant a lot to me and I went to the art room to put them on a piece



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of paper, on which I wrote a few words. At the evening service, Maggie asked people to speak about their drawings etc; there were lovely words from Jenny and the others.

On Easter Sunday we got up at 6 am! But it was oh so worth it for the garden dawn service! It was so very moving and we were given hot cross buns after.

We shared Holy Communion later in the morning service and Kath broke bread for us all, giving it to everyone by their name, which was very special again for us all.

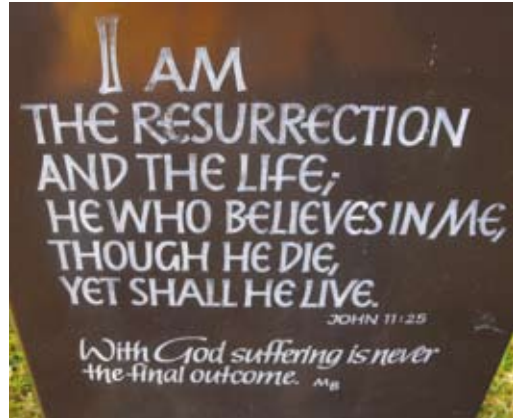
There was some banner dancing during and at the end of the service, which showed us such a beautiful way to worship.

Thank you to all the staff for taking such care in all your ministry to others; it was mine and another guest's birthday while we were there, which was nice to share with her and her husband.

We will never ever forget this Easter or the people and what it meant to us and everyone. Crowhurst is so special and the people we met as well.

God bless you all

Brian & Pat Wells



And from Yvonne

What an awesome journey! The way it was portrayed was so special and real. We were taken on the journey with Our Lord; it was as if we were there.

You felt His pain and agony; He did this for me, for you. I am so thankful that I was able to partake in this amazing experience and on the Sunday in the early morning, watching the sun rise, and worshipping our beloved Lord. What a joy and celebration. He is risen! Hallelujah, praise the Lord!

Yvonne



Easter Sunday morning service; a joyful celebration of the Lord's resurrection.



Easter Sunday, early morning service.



Reflections on an Easter Journey

On Maundy Thursday I joined a group of pilgrims at the Crowhurst Christian Healing centre. We had all brought baggage of some sort or other but our loads were more spiritual than physical.

On that Maundy Thursday evening, we accompanied a group of followers for a meal in an upper room where, afterwards our feet were washed as a symbol of servitude. The atmosphere of the Garden of Gethsemane was created, where the preacher had found Himself very troubled; we were encouraged to watch and pray. Initially we found it quite difficult to keep awake as we'd had busy days ourselves.

Later, after the betrayal by Judas, Peter's denial and Jesus' subsequent arrest, we found ourselves in the court room. The disciples had run away in fear, and we found ourselves wondering if we too would have either run away or shouted crucify him. A period of prayer followed.

On Good Friday, we joined Jesus on his long walk carrying the cross, and imagined the mocking and torture that was inflicted. We became very aware of the possible feelings of Mary, His mother. The words from the cross culminated in "It is finished," and we entered a period of silence. Strangely enough we had a period of very heavy rain and dark clouds between noon and 3 o'clock.

We learned of Joseph of Arimathea and his arrangement whereby the damaged body was taken down from the cross and placed in his own tomb. A very heavy stone was placed across the mouth of the cave for security purposes.

That evening we had a wonderful period of Taize music together with some readings ably led by Maggie, Stephen and Pippa.

It was suggested that Holy Saturday be a reflective day, entitled 'Be creative.' We were encouraged to be still, to walk in the grounds, to find a quiet space, to breathe in the whole scene, to listen to sounds, to feel, to smell, to look and take in. It was a glorious day; some found flowers, others stones etc to make decorations for the chapel. Peace reigned and the art room became very productive!

Evening worship on Holy Saturday was entitled 'From Darkness to Light.' Stephen showed some of his wonderful nature slides and Pippa played suitable music to accompany this. Our contribution took the shape of poems, prose and paintings. I particularly remember 'The healing sound of silence,' a description of a woodland walk. It was a memorable evening.

Easter Sunday began with a dawn service when it was discovered that the tomb was empty. Who was responsible? The frightened disciples? The Roman soldiers? Joseph? How had they moved the very heavy stone?

A cry was heard and we found He had been seen, not just by Mary, His mother, but by others. The Lord had risen!

After an early breakfast, a joyful Easter Communion was celebrated when we sang with gusto Christ the Lord is Risen today!

What a challenging three days! I felt that I had been there.

As I travelled home in the warm sunshine, I reflected on a different Easter- one of love, laughter, challenge, worship, silence and also one of the realisation once again that Jesus Christ had risen today. Alleluia!

Audrey



And a few more reflections from the other guests...

Wow, what an amazing experience! Thank you for the sparkle of creativity that emerged throughout. So great to have everyone's talents up front. The Taize worship was 'to be repeated!' Easter celebrations in an ordinary church cannot compete with this. Easter weekend, particularly, Easter Saturday will never be the same again! Thank you for all the planning, thinking and energy that went into it all. Great to see and get to know the Chaplain's husband too – he does a great walk and what a nice fella!

This was a joyous homecoming, after thirty years. I was deeply touched by the warmth, welcome and care of this loving community. To share the joy of the resurrection with the families of Christ was a special privilege and joy. It was so wonderful to have time to meditate and take in all the events of Passiontide and Easter. A very moving and healing time with lovely people; such beautiful surroundings and a sense of peace too.

For a renewed understanding of Jesus' trial, crucifixion and resurrection. For the faithful

ministry of all who serve here, bringing renewal to mind, body and spirit. For peace of this house, we give thanks to God.

The decorating of the chapel, the Easter garden, the banners and the dancing on Easter Sunday – Fantastic!

Wonderful to come apart and spend Easter together, celebrating its true meaning. This is my third Easter retreat and God always speaks to me in different ways. Thank you Lord.

Billy - age 4

A time never to be forgotten. A privilege and joy to be with those of like mind and spirit.

Thank you for all the preparation made that made this retreat a time to hear from the Lord, stay in His presence and in a small way travel the road with Him. Thank you Jesus.

It was a privilege to be a pilgrim on an amazing, thoughtful Easter journey with loving companions and led by inspired leaders.

A four year old boy lived next

I've said it before but I'll say it again – if Jesus isn't in this place, He isn't anywhere!

Upon seeing the man cry, the

If you want to
learn to love
better, you should
start with a friend
who you hate.

Nikka - age 6

Love is



Reflective walk led by David Batte



The Easter Garden

A Season for Everything (Ecclesiastes 3 vs 1-8)

While on the Easter Retreat, and during our 'Be Creative' session on Holy Saturday, I felt inspired to write a poem. I am not a particularly creative person but the lovely walk with David and the others through Brakes Coppice Wood gave me much to reflect upon. I thought it would be easy to put my thoughts into words but as I sat in my room in the beautiful sunshine, my mind was blank! I prayed for the Lord to give me the ability to write down what I was feeling, but He stayed silent, so I decided not to stress about it, and to relax in my chair. After all, it wasn't supposed to be an arduous task and I was here to 'rest awhile!' Then, as I relaxed and listened to the birds singing, I started to focus about the new life all around. I rejoiced at the very long winter now behind us and the passage from Ecclesiastes 3 vs 1-8, 'A Time for Everything', came into my head.

Later during our evening service, in which we were encouraged to share our creativity, I felt led to voice my thoughts and read from Ecclesiastes. I was very nervous as I don't like standing up and speaking in front of other people, and my head was saying 'No, you can't do it,' but the Lord had other ideas, so up I got! I wasn't half as nervous as I had expected to be and was glad I had obeyed the voice within. I put my trust in the Lord to give me the courage, and He didn't desert me! Here is what I said:

"Spring heralds new life and it is all around us now; warmer and longer days, joyful bird song, beautiful blossom on the trees and emerging wildlife. We have come full circle since last Easter, and here we are once more in spring. We have had very long, dark, cold and dreary winter days but spring has brought beauty, harmony and joy to our tired eyes.



Holy Saturday is an in-between sort of day; the sadness and heaviness of Good Friday is still in our minds, but also behind us. Today the Lord lays in the tomb, but death could not hold Him and we wait in joyful anticipation of His glorious resurrection. Yes, there IS a time for everything, and a season for every activity under Heaven. *"And we know that in all things, God works for the good of those who love Him, and who have been called according to his purpose."* (Romans 8:28)

THERE IS:

A time to be born and a time to die
A time to plant and a time to uproot
A time to kill and a time to heal
A time to tear down and a time to build
A time to weep and a time to laugh
A time to mourn and a time to dance
A time to scatter stones and a time to gather them
A time to embrace and a time to refrain
A time to search and a time to give up
A time to tear and a time to mend
A time to be silent and a time to speak
A time to love and a time to hate
A time for war and a time for peace.

Ecclesiastes 3 vs 1-8



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a place of Christ's healing

Prayer Requests for Summer 2010

Please pull out and keep for the coming months

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Prayer Focus

*"Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
His greatness no one can fathom."* **Psalm 145:3**

Prayer and Thanksgiving

*"You are my God and I will give thanks; you are
my God and I will exalt you."* **Psalm 118:28**

Prayer

■ Give thanks and praise for the appointment of Kath Batte as Senior Chaplain from March 1st – an answer to prayer. She was commissioned and anointed at the Healing Service on April 1st.

■ Give thanks and praise for the ministry of Margaret Gubbins, part of the chaplaincy team, and her husband Kenneth, who served on the ministry team. They will be leaving us in June. Pray for them as they settle into their new home. May the Lord bless them and continue to use their special gifts.

■ Continue to pray earnestly for an increase in the numbers of the Chaplaincy team, which is now seriously depleted. Pray too that the Lord will bring men of His choosing to this vital ministry to address the gender balance.

■ Give thanks for the appointment of Esther, who has joined the office staff to replace Wendy, who left us in January.

■ Continue to pray for more visiting chaplains to cover staff holidays.

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing."

Isaiah 43:18 & 19

June Prayer Focus

*"Blessed are those who fear the Lord, who
walk in His ways."* **Psalm 128:1**

June

- 5 Guided Quiet Day
- 11 - 13 Exploring Childlessness
- 15 - 20 Prayer & Painting week
- 19 Open Day – 2.00 - 4.30 pm
- 23 - 26 Ordinands' Retreat
- 30 Guided Quiet Day

*"The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God
is full of compassion."* **Psalm 116:5**



July Prayer Focus

"Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them."

Psalm 111:2

July

2 - 4	Healing Retreat
9 - 11	God's Heart of Healing
12	Trustees' AGM
17	Thanksgiving Day
23 - 25	Prayer & Painting Week
28	Guided Quiet Day
30 - 1 August	Healing Retreat

"Not unto us O Lord, not unto us, but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness." **Psalm 115:1**

August Prayer Focus

"Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and He saved them from their distress. He sent forth His word and healed them."

Psalm 107:19 & 20

August

7	Training Day
13 - 15	Healing & Forgiveness
17 - 22	Prayer & Painting week
25	Guided Quiet Day

"Praise the Lord ... who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases." **Psalm 103: 2 & 3**



Prayer for The Old Rectory

Prayer Focus:

"For this God is our God forever and ever; He will be our guide, even to the end." Psalm 48:14

Prayer for the Trustees

Colin Crook (Chair), Jim Beveridge, Shirley Dawson, Ted Landon, John Lyttle, Jane Thomas and Mavis Williams.

- Shirley Dawson will be retiring from the Board of Trustees in July. Pray for the Lord's provision of the right person to take her place.
- Pray for the new venture on Friday mornings, when we invite people to come and buy Christian books and cards, gifts and CD's from our well-stocked shelves, enjoying a cup of coffee while they browse.
- Pray for the Open Day on Saturday 19th June from 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm, when we are inviting people to come and have look around to hear about who we are and what we do.
- Pray for the Lord's provision for all our needs as we continue to walk in obedience to His will. Give thanks for the generosity of all who support the ministry of Christ's healing love here at the Centre.
- Continue to pray for Charles Hooper and his wife Prim. May the Lord bless them, strengthen and surround them with His love day by day.

"Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart." Psalm 37:4

Prayer Focus for staff at The Old Rectory

"How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity." Psalm 133:1

Senior Chaplain: Kath

Chaplaincy Team: Colin, Margaret (until June only.)

Visiting Chaplain: Marion

Ministry Team: Andy, Carole, Dawn, Gwen, Hazel, Hildegard, June, Lorna, Maggie, Margaret, Nigel, Penny, Pippa, Stephen, Kenneth (until June only.)

Centre Manager: David Batte

Book Keeper: David Podevin

Office Administrator: Jayne

House Manager: Heidi

Maintenance Manager: Geof

Office Staff: Gillian, Juliette, Esther

House Staff: Clare, Chrissy, Justine, Steve, Sue and Zanetta

Cooks: Diane and Sophia

Gardener: Desmond

Pianists: Pippa and Stephen

Volunteers: Christine, Evelyn, Jenny, Rosemary, Shirley and Yvonne

"Praise the name of the Lord; Praise Him you servants of the Lord; you who minister in the house of the Lord." Psalm 135:1

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Banner workshop and workshop day

20 March 2010

I attended the Banner Workshop and Worship day on 20th March this year. It was wonderful using banners and ribbons in worship and joining with others in circle dancing as we praised the Lord together. I felt joy as I worshipped, not just in song or with my hands, but offering my whole self to Him. It was good to enter more fully into the freedom we have in Christ and experience a new dimension in praise. *Margaret Barham.*

Margaret's letter is especially encouraging as she has had surgery to her back; she tells her inspiring story below:

Sometime during the late 1970's I was at a meeting, when two women danced during a worship song. Then they invited anyone who wanted to, to join them in worshipping God through dancing, and I did. It was an uplifting experience.

On a few occasions after that, I again praised the Lord in dance and enjoyed giving my worship to Him in this way.

As the year passed, I developed a back problem which caused pain in my right hip and leg. I could only walk short distances before I needed to sit to ease the pain.

In September 2005, I had a spinal decompression operation. After the operation, I was helped to get out of bed to stand and start walking. The pain had gone from my hip and leg and I silently thanked the Lord. I gradually increased the amount I walked and the day came when I could dance again in praise to the Lord.



The Revd. Mark Pearson visits Crowhurst



During the middle of April, the Revd Mark Pearson was our visiting speaker at the Tuesday evening and Thursday morning open healing services. Mark is the President of the Institute for Christian Renewal in America and has been active in the healing ministry for many years. He regularly leads healing services and speaks at conferences worldwide; we were privileged to have him stay at the CCHC for a few days.

Twenty years ago he came to England to visit and to learn about healing centres, including Crowhurst. He felt the Lord was leading him to set up a centre back home. Five years later a large place was opened, north of Boston, with general practice, counselling and massage being offered. The purpose of Mark's recent visit was to return to the healing centres in England, to learn, share and teach. We were blessed by his teaching, which is summarised briefly as follows.

Mark said that Jesus' appearances during the forty day period between the Resurrection and the Ascension were needed to prove He was alive, as well as the empty tomb. Jesus had more healing work to do before returning to the Father, like forgiving and reinstating Peter (see John 21), which was the subject of Mark's first talk. Jesus chose to do this near a charcoal fire because Peter had denied Him near such a fire, and no doubt the sight, sound and smell of it would have triggered memories of which he was ashamed. Jesus knew Peter was in need of emotional healing and asked him three times whether he loved Him; He then said 'Feed My lambs,' thus re-instating him for his life's work.

Three denials became three acceptances and in future, the charcoal fire would remind him of this time with Jesus. Is there a place where we have let the Lord down? What are we doing about it?

In Memory of Kevin Tailby

Healing centres are here to bring Jesus' forgiveness, love and healing.

Secondly, from the Emmaus Road story in Luke 24 vs 13–35, Mark pointed out that Jesus revealed himself to the two disciples in three ways, i.e. through the revelation of the Holy Spirit, through Scripture and through the Breaking of Bread. He asked that in our churches, instead of our sad divisions, we learn from each other. We all need to be filled with the Holy Spirit, to be Scripture-based and to receive the Sacrament regularly - this is not just symbolic or a re-enactment of the Last Supper, but mystery - a bestowing of grace and healing and Himself.

Thanks be to God that denominations are learning from each other. Instead of Charismatic churches majoring on the Holy Spirit, Evangelicals on the Word and Catholics on the Sacramental, we need all three to make the whole, in fact to make us whole! As we learn from these things, God will bless us so we can bless others and go into the world to do His will.

Mavis Williams



Many of you will remember Kevin and Cynthia Tailby, who were valued visiting chaplains at the Centre from the 1980 until 2006. Sadly Kevin died at Eastertide. Our loving prayers and sympathy are with Cynthia and her family at this time of loss and grief.

Kevin and Cynthia's lives were radically changed by what they experienced of Christ's healing ministry at The Old Rectory. They attended training courses, which led them to train healing ministry teams in the churches where they served. Right up until the end, Kevin continued this work even within the church they attended in their 'retirement.'

We thank and praise God for Kevin, an inspired faithful servant of the Lord who gave so generously of his time and compassionate love to support the work here at the Centre. To God be the glory.

Margaret Gubbins



Prayer & Painting Weeks



The Prayer and Painting week in March was a time of fun and fellowship, as well as a journey of discovery for each person. Our theme was "The Light of the world." The love of Jesus was very real, as we talked to Him in the Art Room, and worshipped Him in the chapel.

We were greatly blessed to have Rev. Glanville Martin as our visiting Chaplain for the week. Glanville is an artist himself, and amazed us with his wonderful demonstrations of light and shade, and his pastel drawings.

Our theme in April was the "Song of Songs," particularly the following verse:-

*"The winter is past, the rains are over and gone.
Flowers appear on the earth; the season
of singing has come;
the cooing of the turtle-dove is heard in our land."*

We explored the picture language in the "Song of Songs" and with the Lord's help, many wonderful paintings were produced. We always stopped for prayer when we



March week: guests with their paintings.

needed guidance about anything. The art courses at the Centre are about prayer as much as about painting, and during the April week we were drawn into a deeper closeness with God.

The Prayer and painting courses for the rest of this year are in June, July, August and October. Please contact the office for details.

Maggie Freeman.



April's guests deep in thought and creativity

Forthcoming Retreats

God meets us where we are and each one of us has a unique relationship with Him. He speaks to us through His word, through music, through our worship of Him, creativity and fellowship with one another. We have a variety of retreats throughout the year. Here are just a few of them, which we anticipate will get booked up very quickly, so ring the office and book your place if you feel they would minister to you.

God's Heart of Healing

9th - 11th July 2010
Led by Helen Warwick



This is a themed retreat and is for those who would like to explore their relationship with God. The weekend will look at our image of God, focus on how to hear that inner voice within us and to connect to God through creative prayer. You may feel that God is far away, that you never hear Him speak to you or you may be confused at whether God is there at all. This will be a good weekend to challenge and explore this in a creative way and to find the path that will bring you closer to the heart of God, where we find healing. There will be daily worship that includes Holy Communion and reflective prayer.

Helen Warwick led ME/CFS retreats at the Centre last year. She is a former Occupational Therapist, with training in Person-Centred Art Therapy, Counselling and Spiritual Direction. Helen writes: "I am a Christian whom God has led on a healing journey through a chronic illness - ME/CFS. I am now completely better

and my passion is to help others with their journey through life using a creative approach."

Music - Closer to the Father's heart

8th - 12th November 2010
Led by Marilyn Baker
& Tracy Williamson



This will be a gentle, yet powerful, week of music and teaching, led by Marilyn Baker and Tracy Williamson.

Marilyn Baker is a blind singer-songwriter and Tracy Williamson is her ministry partner. They share a home in Kent and travel together over Britain and abroad, giving concerts and leading conferences. They have worked together for 24 years and have led a number of events at The Old Rectory.

Creative Writing Day

27th November 2010
Led by Tracy Williamson



Apologies for the wrong date given in the last magazine and for spelling Tracy's name incorrectly!

This will be an exciting and creative day, learning to express in your own unique way the things that inspire you and make you laugh or cry.

Don't be concerned about spelling or grammar; no one will be looking! Just come along, have fun and be inspired!



Book Review

‘The Grace Outpouring’

by Roy Godwin and Dave Roberts:

Published by David C Cook 2008, ISBN 978 1 84291 5

To quote from the first line of the Foreword, this is ‘a tale of a quite unexpected spiritual unfolding on a Welsh hillside...’ and so outstanding is the resulting book that The Grace Outpouring is already the fastest selling Christian book this year (as your bookseller will tell you.)

This amazing story is told by the Revd Roy Godwin, and is ‘crafted’ by the Revd Dave Roberts (former editor of Renewal and Christianity magazines.)

Roy describes his ‘vision to see houses of prayer established throughout Britain and Europe to grow out of the reality of what has happened at Ffald-y-Brenin.’ This Welsh name means Sheepfold of the King. It was Roy and Daphne Godwin’s plan to run the Retreat Centre, with the emphasis of introducing non-believers to God. Time and again unexpected visitors driving past were ‘compelled to come up the drive’ to find out ‘what was going on here’. They had only to be shown round the site and to receive the customary blessing in the Chapel, for them to become total believers. One man fell on the floor in tears, crying out “Oh, God I’m sorry – I didn’t know you were real.”

There are many accounts of people arriving with questions on their hearts, and leaving

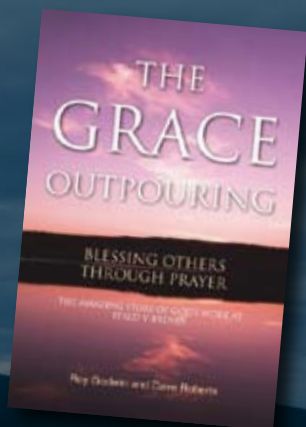
with tears in their eyes. The Godwins soon introduced the pattern of showing enquirers around, giving them a blessing, and then leaving them quietly in God’s presence. Many times visitors have said “God has come and done something in my life.”

It is clear that The Sheepfold of the King is truly (to use a phrase coined by Jennifer Rees-Larcombe) ‘a thin place’ where heaven comes close to the earth, and God can be felt close up and really experienced.

One chapter tells very clearly how God guided Roy in changing his life to become the director of the retreat. At an early age he had found that ‘God listened to and responded to our prayers,’ and now God had led him to this very special place. In addition to giving everyone a blessing soon after arrival, he made it essentially a house of prayer and instituted a ‘rhythm of prayer’ throughout each day.

Anyone intrigued to hear of modern-day miracles, or conversely anyone who doesn’t believe in miracles, should be given this book. Several accounts of hill walkers “feeling something” on climbing over the stile, accounts of the inspiration, the building, and the effects of the high cross on the promontory, are all evidences of God’s presence and physical influence on

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everyone at Ffald-y-Brenin. Separating couples were reunited for another chance, and many physical disabilities were healed.

There is much more in this book than there is room for here, such as Roy's study of Celtic Monasticism, and his desire to clear the beautiful land of Wales from the seamier side of life today. These are built into his ethos for the aim of The Sheepfold of the King, which is to welcome all who come, give them a blessing, and then to leave them in touch with God to answer their needs Himself.

The book ends with an 'Afterword'. Having observed all the healing and conversions and reconciliations that have taken place already in these few years at Ffald-y-Brenin, Roy sets out a plan, with a set of prayers, that anyone can follow to find once and for all the love and peace of Christ, and create around them a house of prayer.

Ian McLeish, Prayer Partner

Bookstall Reminder

The bookstall is now open to the public on a Friday morning. 10:30am till Noon.

Come and browse over a cup of coffee and see the many books, cards, CD's and gifts that we have on sale.



Garden news



I caught up with Desmond while he was clearing out the circular raised beds outside the large chapel. He has been busy burning garden refuse, including many brambles cleared away by our new volunteer, Cliff, who introduces himself below.



Having been a regular Tuesday evening (formerly Monday) worshipper, and seeing the hard work that the Ministry Team and the 'behind the scenes staff' do, I decided to volunteer my services in a manual capacity as a 'thank you' for what the

Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre has given me - contentment.

I am a retired postal worker and we had a saying in the office, 'You can't do too much for a good guv'nor. After speaking with Desmond about the overgrown brambles near the railway line, I set to work to cut them down. The extra energy that Crowhurst has given me not only helps me to do my work in the grounds but



also helps me with my work for 'Our Lord, the Guv'nor.' Blessings, Cliff

Desmond and Geof created the 'Prayer Pod' (pictured above) between them. It has been created with pieces of willow which had grown too tall and were close to overhead cables; these pieces were cut down and planted in the ground in the hope that they would grow.

When I took this photo in April, green shoots were growing nicely, so by the summer this will be a pretty and peaceful place to sit and enjoy the views of the surrounding Sussex countryside.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June

5	Guided Quiet Day
11 - 13	Exploring Childlessness
15 - 20	Prayer & Painting Week
19	Open Day - 2.00 to 4.30 pm
23 - 26	Ordinands' Retreat
30	Guided Quiet Day

July

2 - 4	Healing Retreat
9 - 11	God's Heart of Healing
12	Trustees' AGM
17	Thanksgiving Day
23 - 25	Prayer & Painting Week
28	Guided Quiet Day
30 - 1 Aug	Healing Retreat

August

7	Training Day
13 - 15	Healing & Forgiveness
17 - 22	Prayer & Painting Week
25	Guided Quiet Day

Weekly healing services are held on Tuesdays at 7.30pm and Thursdays at 10.15am (with Holy Communion.)



Noticeboard

OUR MAGAZINE

We see our magazine as an important means of communication to our supporters. In turn we get many favourable comments about the design and content. The number of copies we send out increases with each issue as new people come to the Centre, and feel blessed by it.

Unfortunately as the number of readers increase so the number of voluntary donations to cover the costs appears to be decreasing. The magazine is posted out to over 1,400 people. We have received donations from just over 300 people some of whom have given far more than the suggested £10.

This leaves an £8,000 deficit. The appeal for donations in the last issue brought in very little extra. Like all organisations we work on a very tight budget and need to be good stewards of our resources.

We leave the thought prayerfully with you, and at the same time give heartfelt thanks to every single one you who support us in so many ways.

Colin Crook
Chairman of
Trustees





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