

REVIVE!

A hand holding a vintage-style compass, with the needle pointing towards the top of the frame. The background is a vast, scenic mountain landscape with rolling hills, green valleys, and patches of snow under a cloudy sky.

**The LORD will guide you always
Isaiah 58:11**

Would you like the Lord to be clearer on the direction you seek? Sometimes His guidance is so clear that it is astounding!

Like the occasion Veronica and I felt we heard the Lord say, *“Leave Zimbabwe and go to England, and I will bless you.”* This happened early one morning when we were praying in different rooms and both felt prompted to prostrate ourselves on the floor and then we both believe we heard Him speak. Later, at breakfast, I said to Veronica, *“I had an unusual experience this morning during prayers,”* and Veronica said, *“Oh, so did I.”* And the rest is history!

Sometimes His direction is very clear, other times not. Sometimes it's instant, and others it comes over a period of time, even over years, but I do believe that God does guide us!

I find the record of a hot debate at The Council in Jerusalem, and its solution intriguing. The explanatory letter included these words: *‘It seems good to the Holy Spirit and to us ... (Acts 15.28).* They recognised the guiding influence of the dear Holy Spirit,

even though He is not mentioned at all in the preceding verses. God's gift to us is the Holy Spirit and one of His many roles is to guide us into truth. He also guides us daily in following Jesus, and seeking God's Kingdom.

Are you alert to the Holy Spirit's guiding prompts? What do they look, sound and feel like for you?

CCHC have many partners in our pursuit of being in the Lord's will. Our own staff, the Trustees, Prayer Partners and Ministers, our dear guests and once a year at the annual Christian Healing UK (CHUK) conference, prophetic words are shared. Our desire is to walk in step with the Spirit of God and to know the mind of Christ as we follow Jesus.

In this REVIVE! Newsletter we are thinking about God's guidance. There's an article from Suzanne, two descriptions of seeking the Lord's guidance, plus other news from CCHC. I hope these will be informative and encouraging to you. Thank you for your partnership in prayer!

With love and prayers, Steve



I wonder if, like me, you long for God to be more specific in all the decisions of life. We may look for *'writing on the wall'*, a voice from heaven, or a scripture that says precisely what we need – and yet, we hear nothing – or like the picture above, we get a sense of a sign post although it still isn't absolutely clear!

So, does God guide? Yes, but sometimes it is a collection of nuances and nudges that we have to discern.

Proverbs 3:5-6 says *'Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.'*

Does this mean we make our plans and decisions and ask God's blessing and everything will be fine? No, it means do not rely solely on your own judgement, but neither are we to abdicate all responsibility to God. He desires that we spend time growing in intimacy with Him, which will help us to better understand the desires of His heart for our lives. Then, we can learn to make decisions by discerning our way with Him, becoming more sensitive to the nuances of His leading.

Ultimately, 'let peace be your umpire!' Having made the decision or plan, first pause, and before taking any action check to see if there is peace in your heart. If not, perhaps that is an indication to look at the decision again!

Suzanne Owen

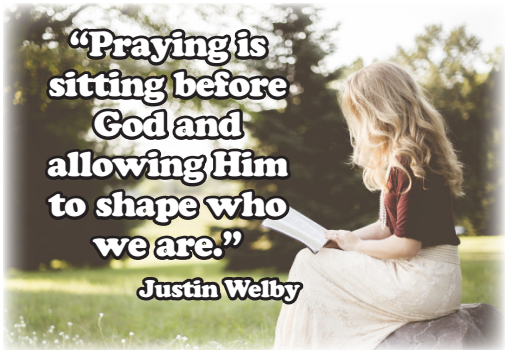
Twice a year the CCHC Leadership and Trustees have a day of prayer together. We share Holy Communion, look at Scripture, wait on the Lord, and feed back what we've received, as well as enjoying each other's company over delicious CCHC food!

How does the Lord guide us as we wait on Him? Through Scripture, nature, what we see and hear around us, pictures, memories of past experiences, songs, a gentle whisper, a feeling, or sometimes a 'gut feeling'.

On the day and those following, we reflect on all we have received, noting any common threads and then we discuss these at the next Trustees' meeting, taking any action as required, so to be in His will.

Have we been guided during these experiences? Yes! Sometimes more obviously than others. There is also the real sense of accountability before the Lord and each other. Mostly, there is God's peace and this leads us to believe that the Lord is in agreement with our efforts to lift Jesus high and serve Him here. When our hearts are in the right place with Him, and our desire is to humbly seek first His kingdom, He is delighted.

During our latest prayer day, we considered, among other things, CCHC's rhythm of prayer and the residential guest experience in relation to Howard's Well guests. Please pray into these subjects for us, thank you.



**"Praying is
sitting before
God and
allowing Him
to shape who
we are."**

Justin Welby

Prayer Partners Weekend: 8-10 October



We thank God for our faithful Prayer Partners! **EVERY DAY** of the year they pray for **EVERY AREA** of CCHC, e.g., the septic tank, technology, all the rooms, and even the vegetable store! Once a year some of us will gather together at the Centre and more recently, with others joining us on line via the wonderful Zoom technology!

As well as benefiting from CCHC hospitality, corporate worship, sharing and companionship, it is very much a working weekend – discerning the Lord's guidance for CCHC. Our most recent weekend focused on the following two questions. I have included some of the feedback to the questions.

❖ **What do we see as we look at the world around us through the Lord's eyes?**

Not surprisingly, feedback included, much darkness e.g., chaos, fear, despair, isolation, dread and violence. But light was seen too, plus hope, compassion, partnership, history, smiles, God on the throne and the Lord's return.

❖ **What do we hear from the Lord for CCHC in response to what He has shown us?**

This is some of the feedback we received and I wonder if some of it is relevant to your own situation? Do not fear

change. I am your security. The Wind blows where it wills. You are oaks of righteousness. Our God is relational, transformational and generous, being worked out through us. Pray daily and He'll guide and equip from day to day. Lift Jesus high. Freedom! See the folk who come through your gates as stepping into the Lord's freedom. The Lord is preparing people for God encounters!

If you would like to become a Prayer Partner, please write in to CCHC and ask for an application form. Brenda Russell, who has recently been appointed the new Prayer Partner Co-ordinator, will contact you, as may Sheila Powell who oversees the email contacts.

CCHC Prayer Requests

Please pray:

- ▶ that we continue to make Jesus known;
- ▶ that we continue to seek first God's kingdom in everything;
- ▶ that the peace, presence and power of God be known here.

Thanksgiving Day: 8 October

Faith and Finance

Once a year, we like to stop and look back, and give thanks to God for His faithful love, generous support and life-changing touch. This year the Thanksgiving Service was live streamed, and you can watch the recording at <https://www.youtube.com/c/CrowhurstChristianHealingCentre>

We had a brilliant day; the weather was near perfect, and the food, CCHC's usual excellence! (I'm ashamed to say, I had six sausage rolls during the day!)

The Thanksgiving service was a Spirit-filled time of worship and thanks to God — uplifting and heart-warming. We shared the extraordinary testimony of CCHC's journey through last year, which we called; **'The Miracle continues through the pandemic'**. We also reflected on Psalm 126: Joy, Laughter and Dreams:

- ◆ *Joy ... as a result of all Jesus has done.*
- ◆ *Laughter ... because God is Sovereign and He has the final say in our lives, the circumstances that confront us do not.*
- ◆ *Dreams ... the Lord delights when our dreams for good overflow to acts of love and reveal His kingdom.*

As a follower of Jesus, what are the dreams of your heart, for your home and family, your neighbourhood and this country? Dare you step out in faith, filled with the Holy Spirit, and work towards fulfilling your dream?

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For the past 93 years the work and ministry of CCHC has been entirely dependent upon God's provision, and that includes the generous support we receive from our supporters, thank you. Even when there seems no way forward, God finds it. Like through this pandemic; a massive contribution from Government grants and the furlough scheme enabled us to continue; and the Lord birthed Howard's Well, enabling more people than ever to encounter God here.

As we enter our 94th year, we are at another very critical time. The furlough scheme has ended; the pandemic still affects our work, and winter is closing in. Please pray for our financial position and continue your generous support. It is essential now, and in the months ahead, so that we can continue to provide a safe place for God's healing, pay salaries, utilities, and do necessary maintenance. Thank you. *Steve*

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We give thanks to all of you who donated to our Tent of Meeting. This has now been constructed and prayers of dedication were said during the Prayer Partners weekend.

