

As a faith-based charity, dependent upon the Lord to supply all our needs, we approach our 2025/26 financial budget with that same faith and dependence on God.

We are seeing an increasing demand for our ministry as God's work of healing continues in this place. Our budget this year reflects the need we have to fully staff the Centre and make the facilities safe and of a high standard for guests.

Therefore, our costs have increased in two significant areas: essential maintenance of our ageing buildings, and our wage bill due to the Government increases in National Insurance and the minimum wage – we calculate the latter to be an extra £22,000 per annum.

I ask, are there ways to cut costs when there is no sign of the work reducing, but rather, increasing? It is a daunting task to consider how we fund all this both from our fees and the good will and support of our donors.

We look to raise somewhere in excess of £30,000 plus per month from donations, gifts and legacies. We are totally reliant on the goodness of God and commend this to you for your prayerful consideration and action. Your generosity has sustained this work for decades. Thank you.

As your accountant I am truly amazed at how the Lord sustains this valuable work, and your faithful dependence on Him. I believe He blesses because you are a prayerful people and because the centre provides such a valuable spiritual service to those in need.

In a challenging financial and spiritual environment at this time, I commend to you the need for prayer and action.

John Caladine

Accountant to Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre (CCHC)—February 2025

We're writing to you after a Trustee meeting at which our faith was stirred afresh by talk of new opportunities and exploring pioneering ideas; *'that we may see the Lord work again and that his glory be visible, and the beauty of the Lord our God rest on us'*. (Psalm 90. 17)

In faith we approved maintenance works and the new wage bill. This is part of our call to good stewardship and we commend the Accountant's letter to you for prayer and action. After much prayer and careful consideration we also took the tough but necessary decision to increase fees in April to help balance the budget increases.

As an incentive to you we intend to delay the price rise by one month to the first week in May (5th). Any bookings for 2025 made with a £50 deposit before 5th May will be accepted at the present rates. The new rates will apply to any bookings made after the 5th May.

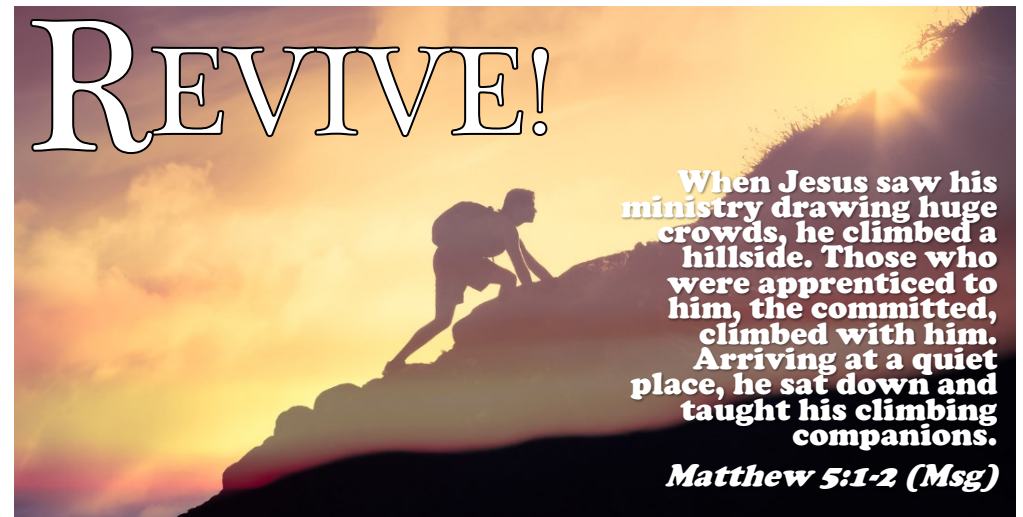
We believe the Lord has said to us, **'open wide the gates'** and we do not want our fees to be a stumbling block. We intend to make more use of our bursary scheme where it is essential and know that some of our supporters may like to contribute to it to help others come to CCHC. If that is you, please notify the office who will be delighted to help.

Thank you for your love, understanding, support and prayers,

Steve and Suzanne (Leadership)

Please pray for Spirit power and provision;

- *for the work that increases
- *for wise stewardship of all we have
- *for all the team who support CCHC
- *for protection from world, flesh & devil



The Word of God is full of Promises. Promises made by a reliable loving Father who wants us to be with him always and whose Son, Jesus promises, *'I am with you always, to the very end of the age'*.

Basically, there are two types of promises, unconditional and conditional.

God promises David, *'your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me, your throne shall be established forever'* (2 Samuel 7.16). This is unconditional. Nothing was required of David.

God tells Elijah *'Go and present yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain on the land'* (1 Kings 18.1). This is conditional. Elijah had to show himself to King Ahab and the Lord would then send rain. Elijah even told Ahab, *'there is sound of heavy rain'* (vs 41)

Have you ever noticed what Elijah did next? He climbed to the top of Mount Carmel and prayed for the rain to come! Why? If God had said it would come why did Elijah pray for the promise to be fulfilled?

FB Meyer says, *'God's promises are given, not to restrain, but to incite prayer. They show the direction in which we may ask and the extent to which we may expect an answer'*.

This thinking excites me. It's one thing being promised something by some One who will deliver, it's another then working with them to see it come to pass. The Lord encourages us to pray that His kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. He has promised that it will and it is! Do you see it?

Here is the good news. We get to work with God to see it breaking in! Not just in prayer but by living in the power of the Holy Spirit He has given us & daily walking with Jesus.




Our vision to proclaim the kingdom of God is being considered presently. We Chaplains have been praying about it and discussing it and are discovering the kingdom of God is not easily summed up in a single sentence. It is so much more.

In this REVIVE! are a few articles to open the subject for your own reflection and prayerful consideration.

Jesus proclaimed it; He explained it—you have heard it said but I say to you; He illustrated it with parables; and He demonstrated it with love, justice, healing, kindness and service.

It is our desire to see His kingdom come, more and more, in our lives and all those who visit here. The kingdom of God is near you.

With love from us all, Steve

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The Kingdom of God is near

A little unpacking

Treasure hunt—God’s kingdom

Daily bread

I was recently asked what is the difference between the kingdom of heaven and the kingdom of God?

I replied we all probably have a cooker at home; some call it a stove, some an oven but they are all basically the same thing.

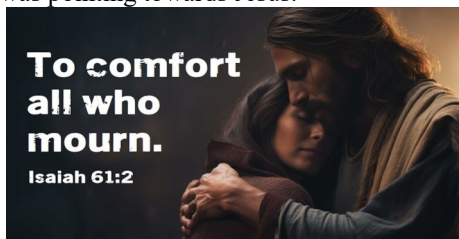
The Gospel of Matthew uses kingdom of heaven because he was writing sensitively for Jewish readers who would avoid using God’s name in speech for fear of speaking irreverently! The other Gospel writers, Mark, Luke and John use kingdom of God. They all mean the same thing.

Some Jewish scholars around the time of Jesus’s earthly ministry taught that the first reference to the kingdom of heaven in the Scriptures is by Moses after the people of Israel are liberated from Egypt. Moses and Miriam sang a song of celebration that ended with the words; **‘The Lord reigns for ever and ever’**. (Exodus 15.18) We see David use the same phrase often.

The understanding was that where the Lord reigns, so His kingdom is present.

The kingdom of God is a Reign not a realm.

The prophet Isaiah, probably more than all the other prophets of the Old Testament put together, paints an extraordinary picture of a future kingdom of God that would revolve around the saving work of the Suffering Servant (Isaiah 53). We know that Isaiah was pointing towards Jesus.



**To comfort
all who
mourn.**

Isaiah 61:2

Jesus said; *‘The time has come. The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news’*. (Mark 1.15)

Be blessed in Jesus with peace, freedom, comfort, healing, joy and His Spirit!



Three points to help:

1. **The kingdom of God was present when Jesus was physically on earth. Jesus Himself was a manifestation of the power of God. He worked miracles; controlled the weather, cast out evil spirits, forgave sins; and taught a new way of living motivated by love for all. It was unprecedented.**
2. **The kingdom of God can be expressed as the realm in which God rules and reigns. So, the kingdom is also where God’s rule and reign is outworked through His people, the believers, like you and me. Where we have submitted our lives to Him and follow Him as we’re invited too, His reign impacts the way we live life and the world around us.**
3. **There is a future aspect of the kingdom that Jesus said would be consummated when He returns. There will come a day, when the deceit, corruption and darkness of the world, flesh and the devil have no more influence over our lives. The authority Jesus has now, seated in glory at the right hand of His Father, He will return and reign with here on earth. And we will reign with Him. (Rev 22.1-5)**

So the kingdom of God is both a present reality and a promise of future fulfilment. It has been widely described as *‘The kingdom is already, but not yet’*, since about the 1950’s. (Professor George Ladd). I’m with those who see this emphasis as having a negative impression—reinforcing the view of many that the kingdom is principally a future promise. Doesn’t Jesus teaching emphasize; *‘the kingdom is already, and yet even more’*? It’s advancing and transforming today!!

When our children were young, one of our favourite games was a treasure hunt. There is something exciting about a treasure trail whatever your age.

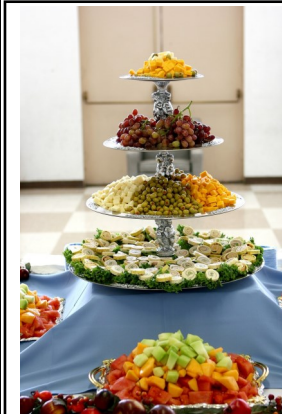
Recently, responding to the question: *“What would you do if we said to you – ‘There’s hidden treasure in the house for you to find’?”*, some folk said they’d immediately go looking. Some would ask for a clue first, and others would stay put, content with the treasure they have already.

If I heard Jesus say; *“Seek first the kingdom of God”*, perhaps I’d ask *“What is it? How do I find it?”*. Or maybe I’d assume I knew what it was, and either I had it already, or it’s all in God’s hands. But when Jesus said this, His listeners had to rely on Jesus Himself to teach them his meaning.

Following Jesus through the gospels with them, I find myself on a treasure hunt for the kingdom of God, with clues in almost everything He said and did, and ending up with a concordance of references. But **knowing about** the kingdom is not the same as **finding it**. The kingdom of God is not just a matter of knowing Jesus’ words; it is a matter of hearing and doing them. And perhaps, as with the Holy Spirit’s help I begin to apply His words in my own life, I will begin to discover what it means to find the kingdom of God within me. *Veronica*



These days we get fed quite a diet of negativity from the mass media and from our surrounding culture. This hopelessness can feed our souls and sap our spiritual life.



What are you eating?

Around 605 BC Daniel and three of his teenage friends, as well as many others, were hauled away from Jerusalem by the Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar and deposited 900 miles away in Babylon. Daniel and his friends were fed choice food from the King’s table, and taught the ways of a cruel, ungodly kingdom, groomed to become servants of this new kingdom. Despite the pressure and personal risk, they chose not to eat the **choice foods**, no doubt dedicated to other gods, but rather simple fare of vegetables and water. A symbolic and brave step, not to eat everything given to them, but to feed their souls with food that YHWH, the God of Bible, would give them...and trust Him. And they were found to be healthier and (literally) plumper than the others (Daniel 1v15)!

In God’s kingdom, Jesus is the **Bread of Life** who invites us to come to Him, be fed with food that will not leave us hungry (John 6:35). In fact, we cannot live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Do not neglect to feed off Christ whose face is visible in and whose life is available from every page of the Scriptures. Take a portion today, read with faith that God will feed you with **kingdom food**. Lord, give us today our daily bread!
Dave