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# in His *Healing* steps

Summer 2012



How many are your  
works O LORD!  
In wisdom you made  
them all;  
the earth is full of your  
creatures.

Psalm 104:24

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a place of Christ's healing

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I begin this editorial in 'unpredictable April'. Lots of sun and lots of (much needed) showers, though hailstones the size of marbles are never needed, especially if you are outside!

This magazine is one of hello's and goodbyes! On Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will be saying our sad farewells to David and Kath Batte, as they retire from their work at the Centre. They have been a blessing to us all over the last five years and will be greatly missed.

A farewell service of thanksgiving, open to all, will take place in the large Chapel for Kath and David on 2nd June at 10.15am. All are very welcome to attend the service but lunch will only be available to guests, staff and volunteers. You are, however, very welcome to bring a picnic lunch if you would like to enjoy the beautiful grounds (weather permitting of course!).

We are delighted to welcome the Revd Stephen Gendall as our new Senior Chaplain. We wish him every blessing and extend a warm welcome. Stephen will introduce himself in the autumn magazine.



David Podevin, our bookkeeper, is retiring in May and his replacement, Chris Fincham, Financial Administrator, will be in post by the time the magazine goes to print. We wish David an enjoyable retirement and extend a warm welcome to Chris, who I hope to introduce with a photo and article about himself in the autumn issue of the magazine.

We also said goodbye to Sophia, one of our cooks, who left in April to take up a new catering post. We wish her every success in her new job.

## IN THIS ISSUE

Our 'Out-going Senior Chaplain,' Kath writes her farewell letter.

There are several testimonies of healing, two of which relate to the healing of asthma.

Paul & Olive Deeming introduce themselves, with a fascinating account of their lives and how the Lord has led them to the CCHC.

We continue with our 'Day in the Life' feature in which six questions are put to two of our staff, who share their thoughts about their working life at the Centre.

Our popular Easter Retreat took place in early April and some of the guests share their thoughts and reflections on pages 6 & 7.

For those of you with computers, our programme of events/courses etc can be viewed on our website, [www.crowhursthealing.org.uk](http://www.crowhursthealing.org.uk). The website is full of information about the CCHC, giving background history, showing photographs of the Centre, our programme and also the opportunity to download current and previous magazines.

If you would like to read our magazine via the Internet, please let the office know so that savings can be made on postage. With the recent increases in postal charges, any savings that can be made will benefit the running of the Centre. As many of you will know, there is no actual charge for our magazine, but if you are able to contribute, a donation of £10.00 per year would help cover printing and postage costs. Also, if you are in the position to Gift Aid your donation, this will add another 25p for every £1 that you give. Details of Gift Aid can be obtained from the office.

Thank you to everyone who has sent in contributions for the magazine. If you would like to send any articles and/or photos directly to me, my email address is [survivor95@hotmail.com](mailto:survivor95@hotmail.com).

I hope you all have a sunny and blessed summer!

Every blessing, Mary Slater

## IMPORTANT REMINDER!

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July is our Annual Thanksgiving Day, a day of great joy and celebration, when we all come together to give thanks to God for His goodness over the past year. John Ryeland (pictured) from the Christian Healing Mission will be preaching in the morning and afternoon. Read more on page 10.**





## Dear friends

As you read this letter, David and I will be in the process of moving back to Nottingham to start our new stage in life – retyre-ment.

No I have not spelt this incorrectly for this is what I believe God is going to do – re-tyre us! My request is that He will give me the tyres of a little Robin Reliant so that I can stay in the slow lane rather than the fast lane. It feels as though I have been moving on Ferrari tyres over the past few years!

But what great and glorious years they have been and what a tremendous privilege I have had in serving our amazing God in this place. Not only have I seen what He has done in the lives of so many people, I have been bowled over by what He has done in my own life. He has shown me what it means to be totally reliant on Him and what He can do as we 'let go and let God'.

Thinking of letting go reminds me that only six months after taking up my role as Chaplain, I was abseiling down the wall of the Congress Theatre, Eastbourne to raise money for The Stroke Association (see photo).



As I reflect on that event, I see it was a parable of what was yet to come during my ministry here! It was not easy to step from the level top of the wall onto the vertical side of that theatre and to be totally reliant on the wires that held me. It really did take a leap of faith to step over that edge. Once taken, there was no stopping – the journey had to be completed and although it was 'scary', it was also exhilarating.

There have been 'scary' moments here, when I have felt out of my depth and out of my comfort zone, but how exhilarating it has been to experience the power of God's Spirit enabling me to undertake new roles, and to grow in the different aspects of the healing ministry.

Now I have to let go again! Let go of my role as Senior Chaplain and all that has meant. How different life is going to be. There is so much I am going to miss:

- *The wonderful times of worship, seeing our healing Lord so powerfully at work, and the expectancy that He will heal.*
- *The love and support of great colleagues.*
- *The friendship and trust of so many of our guests.*
- *The fantastic scenery from the bungalow window (see photo on page 5).*
- *The birds, wildlife and the beauty of nature all around.*
- *The food! I am going to have to start shopping and preparing meals again!*
- *And more!*

Yes I will miss all these, but the experience of them will never be lost; they will provide a store-house of treasured memories for the years to come.

What does the future hold for us? God knows! And in that confidence David and I can 'let go and let God'.

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*  
*(Lamentations 3:22,23)*

So we look forward to each new day, assured of His faithfulness and love.

Every blessing

*Kath*



Many years ago a leaflet was published at the Centre, called "Fifty Years at Crowhurst – The Wardens of Crowhurst.' It covered Howard Cobb, Norman Rutter, Edwin Ginever, George Bennett, Harry Weston and Paul Peters. It gives fascinating insights into them as people and personalities.

I have it in mind to bring this publication up to date with all of the Wardens, Directors and Senior Chaplains since then. However I need your help as committee minutes reveal little about people. I would love to have your stories about the subsequent personalities – David Howell, David Payne, John Simmonds, Ray Jones, Trevor Blackshaw, Geoff Lackey, Peter McIntosh and Kath Batte.

I would particularly like information on – David Howell, David Payne and John Simmonds as I never saw them in action at the Centre. If you worked at the CCHC at any time, or have been a guest over many years, then you will have valuable information on them. What were their achievements? What were their interests? What about them touched you?

I would also like anything on the later senior people (and their wives) where God may have touched you through them. I would love to hear from you. You can write to me via the Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre or email me direct on [colincrook@aculang.com](mailto:colincrook@aculang.com).

All replies will be treated in confidence and nobody will be personally identified in the publication.

Finally, if you have a spare copy of "Fifty Years at Crowhurst – The Wardens of Crowhurst" – we only have one copy in the Archives and another would be very useful.

Colin Crook

# Easter Retreat 4-7th April



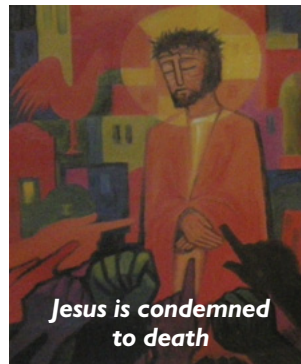
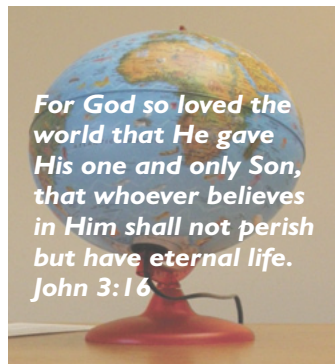
## Some comments from the many who attended the Easter Retreat in April

I have appreciated hearing the Gospel accounts in a different way and having leisurely time to meditate upon Jesus' final hours. The Prayer Stations were engaging and helpful. Thank you.

Very informative, the best led week through the crucifixion and Stations of the Cross that I have ever heard; so much pathos expressed. Apart from that, a very relaxing weekend.

The Prayer Stations were powerful and moving; the hour seemed too short and the service with Taize Music rounded off Good Friday so well and was so peaceful. God has been so gracious, tender and revealing His deep love afresh.

## Some of the Prayer Stations



I found the Easter Retreat meaningful, symbolic and thought provoking. I loved the foot washing and moving last supper re-enactment on Maundy Thursday. Also the simple touches, ie turning off the cross light at the time and day of Jesus' death, with His light temporarily going off. I would really recommend this Retreat to others.

What a privilege to spend three whole days with Jesus, following His steps and asking Him to lead us through Easter. A mixture of reflective times - Worship, Word, Walking and Wonderful food (of course!), made this Easter very special, so relaxing and a huge blessing.

Connections! The CCHC for me is all about making connections. Simply put - inward to myself, outward to fellow Christians, upward to the Lord. Easter at the Centre has been all about seeing how the Lord's washing of the disciples' feet finds further expression in His giving of Himself on the Cross, and tomorrow I am anticipating will culminate in Life with Father, The Ultimate Connection!

I enjoyed the services, talking to the guests and appreciated all the meals so lovingly prepared. I look forward to coming here again later in the year.

Just to say 'thank you' for a very special Easter. As you have ministered, may the Lord minister to you. Every blessing in your new life and the continuing life at the Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre.

A most meaningful journey following Christ to His crucifixion and then finding that He is the Risen Yeshua, leaving an empty tomb in evidence - Jesus Was Here! The programme was very thoughtfully (and prayerfully) planned. The execution was perfect, making it the most perfect last hurrah for the Senior Chaplain. God bless you Kath (and David). We will miss you. We will think of you and pray for you.



The peace and tranquility of the Centre; the worship, the praise and above all, the very real presence of the Lord made this Easter Retreat very special. A big thank you to all those who worked so hard for us. Praise the Lord!



**Our second feature on staff at the Centre. This time we introduce Heidi, our Housekeeper and Penny, our Associate Chaplain.**

1. *How long have you worked at the Centre?*
2. *What does your day include?*
3. *What gives you most job satisfaction?*
4. *What makes you smile?*
5. *What would you like other people to know about this special place?*
6. *Anything else you would like to say?*



1. I have worked at the Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre for almost six years.
2. My day includes hands on both in the house and kitchen, office work – planning schedules for staff – and training of new staff.
3. Most job satisfaction is gained when I hear guests comment on good food and clean rooms, and I enjoy arranging the flowers around the house.
4. It makes me smile when I see both guests and staff enjoying themselves during their time here.
5. I would like people to know that it's a good place to just 'be', to enjoy rest and peace, to meet God and to make new friends.
6. I am very grateful to be able to work here with such a good and reliable team of staff, knowing that what we do enables and helps God to heal and change the people who come to visit and stay.

*Heidi*



1. My name is Penny and my title is Associate Chaplain at the Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre. I have been a member of the Ministry Team for almost five years and it is such a blessing to me that God called me here for this season. I was invited to take on the Chaplaincy role some two years ago as I came up to retirement and had a little more time available. My working life before I retired was mainly in Social Housing, but I also spent some time working with people with head injuries.
2. I work two days each week, Wednesday and Thursday, as well as some weekends. In addition to my prayer ministry role, I take services on a Wednesday and facilitate and host the monthly Guided Quiet Days. I am also responsible for some administrative and pastoral duties. I liaise with members of the Ministry Team, ensuring we have cover for services, for prayer ministry appointments, for the Healing Retreat Weekends, meetings and prayer vigils etc. I support and help the Chaplains in any way I can and it has been a pleasure working alongside Kath in a small way for the last two years.

3. The greatest thing about this job is seeing God's hand at work; it is awesome! I never fail to be thrilled and excited when people meet with the Lord Jesus. I just praise Him for all He does, all He is and all I know that He is going to do.
4. To see people's lives changed is amazing. We see people who come to the Centre tired and weary, disillusioned, hurt, angry, confused and in pain and we see them leave 'a new creation', walking with the Lord, healed, refreshed, renewed, released, rejoicing. Who can fail to be thrilled at what our gracious Lord is doing? It is a huge privilege to be a very small part of God's Healing Ministry in a place of peace and beauty where God is so close.
5. I just want to say one more thing to all our readers. If you have never been to The Old Rectory, make it a priority and come, you will never regret it!
6. Just a little about me. I have been married to my husband Peter for 46 years. We have two beautiful daughters and four wonderful grandchildren. I love being a Granny; it too is a huge privilege.

We live in the village of Fairlight, about twelve miles from Crowhurst overlooking the sea and close to the Country Park. I am extremely fortunate! I attend the local church, St Andrew's where I am currently Church Warden.

# Thanksgiving Day Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July

## ***A day of Thanksgiving, Celebration, Worship and Holy Communion.***

Led by the Chaplaincy Team, with speaker John Ryeland, Director of the London Healing Mission. John is also the Healing Adviser to the Bishop of Kensington and has an MA in Theology, with particular reference to the healing ministry.



- **A day to meet and greet friends old, and new.**
- **A day to enjoy your picnic lunch in the beautiful grounds and gardens, or in the house if wet! (Drinks provided).**
- **A day to be refreshed and renewed.**
- **This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!**
- **Join with us as we rejoice and give thanks to God for all His blessings over the past year.**

*The day begins at 11am and finishes at 3.45pm with tea and delicious home made cakes. Do arrive early as seats in the Chapel fill up quickly!*

# Prayer Requests for Summer 2012

## PRAYER FOCUS

Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you saying, "This is the way, walk in it." **Isaiah 30:21**

## 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

- Sadly, on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will be saying goodbye to Kath and David, who will both be greatly missed. We give thanks for Kath's faithful and dedicated service to the ministry of Christ's healing love here at the Centre. The Lord has strengthened and sustained her through the years and in blessing her, we too have been blessed.
- We give thanks for David, whose management skills have been a great blessing. We wish them both every happiness in their retirement. May the Lord continue to watch over them and may grace, peace and love be theirs in abundance.
- We give thanks for David Podevin, our bookkeeper, who retires in May. We are most grateful for the way in which he has kept our finances in good order over the years. We give thanks too for Lorna, David's wife and a member of the ministry team, for her faithful service. May the Lord bless them in their retirement.
- We welcome Chris Fincham, our new Financial Administrator. May the Lord bless him and watch over him as he becomes part of the Management Team.
- Sophia, one of our cooks, left in April to take up a new catering position, and we wish her every happiness and success in her future career. May the Lord bless her greatly.

"In quietness and trust is your strength." **Isaiah 30:15**

## June Prayer Focus

"O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth." **Psalm 8-9**

### JUNE

- 2 Kath & David's Farewell Service: 10.15am All Welcome.
- 16 Reflective Day on Creation
- 22 - 24 Finding God in Chronic Illness
- 23 - 25 Healing Retreat
- 30 Guided Quiet Day 'God's Gift - Wisdom' Led by Kay Smith

"By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of His mouth." **Psalm 33:6**

## July Prayer Focus

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

### JULY

- 6 - 8 Healing Retreat Weekend
- 13 - 16 Wholeness through Christ
- 21 **Thanksgiving Day**
- 24 - 29 Prayer and Painting Week

"The Lord gives strength to His people; the Lord blesses His people with peace." **Psalm 29:11**

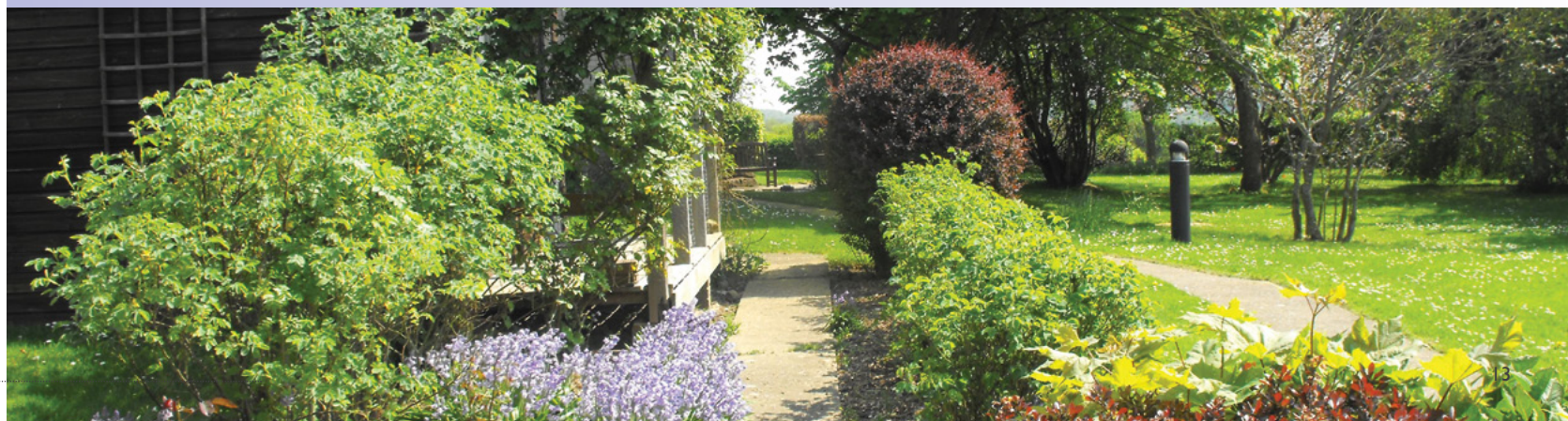
## August Prayer Focus

"I will sing to the Lord, for He has been good to me." **Psalm 29:11**

### AUGUST

- 1 Guided Quiet Day 'Water of Life' Led by Pat & Peter Lockley
- 3 - 5 Healing Retreat Weekend
- 7 - 10 Be Creative
- 22 Art, Music and Reflection
- 25 Guided Quiet Day Led by Chris Delivett

"It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O most High." **Psalm 92:1**





### PRAYER FOCUS:

*"I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go." Isaiah 48:17*

### PRAYER FOR THE TRUSTEES

Colin Crook (Chair), Jim Beveridge, Shirley Dawson, Martin Granger, Lillian Mumme, Jane Thomas and Mavis Williams.

- On April 11<sup>th</sup>, we were delighted to appoint the Revd Stephen Gendall. Thank you to all those who have been praying for us over the past months. The Lord has answered our prayers - praise His Holy name!
- The posts of Deputy Chaplain and Centre Manager have yet to be filled. Please continue to pray earnestly that the Lord will bring the people of His choice to fill these vacancies.
- We give thanks and praise for the visiting chaplains who will cover the time of interregnum. May the Lord strengthen and uphold them during their time of ministry at the Centre.
- We give thanks for the ministry team, who faithfully support the ministry of Christ's healing love at the Centre. May the Lord bless and watch over them day by day.
- Please continue to pray for a replacement for John Lyttle, who retired as a Trustee in October.
- We give thanks for the Lord's provision for all our needs, and for all those who so generously support the ministry of Christ's healing love. May they too be richly blessed.

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5 & 6*

*"You are my witnesses," declares the Lord, "and my servants whom I have chosen." Isaiah 43:10*

**SENIOR CHAPLAIN:** Stephen (From August)

**ASSOCIATE CHAPLAIN:** Penny

**MINISTRY TEAM:** Andy, Carole, Gwen, Hildegarde, June, Maggie, Margaret, Nigel, Pippa, Stephen, Vivien, Yvonne, Hazel, Lorna, Paul & Olive

**FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR:** Chris

**OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR:** Jayne

**HOUSE MANAGER:** Heidi

**MAINTENANCE MANAGER:** Geof

**OFFICE STAFF:** Esther, Gillian, Juliette

**HOUSE STAFF:** Clare, Chrissy, Justine, Katie, Steve, Sue, Zanetta,

**COOK:** Diane

**GARDENER:** Desmond

**PIANISTS:** Pippa and Stephen

**FLAUTIST:** Vivien

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*"Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." I Corinthians." 10:31*

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## Autumn Spendor Through the eyes of a leaf!

We were growing on a tree in the beautiful Old Rectory garden, amid other tall trees with deciduous leaves. We were different, much smaller in height, and our leaf colour is very unusual in the Autumn.

It was an Art Day for the humans at the Centre. We were picked with other leaves and taken to the art room.

The art teacher showed all of us to the students; they could choose which of us they would like to draw and paint. We were greatly admired for our unusual colours, rich in gold, red, green and purple, but sad to say we were not chosen. We were so proud of our colours and a little disappointed, was it that our colours were too difficult to mix?

The class came to an end and the students started to leave. SHE who had admired us at the beginning stood looking at us again. Suddenly we found ourselves in HER bag, taken home. SHE started to work with us. We were turned round, upside down, re-arranged. There was a big think, a long look, colour pencils found and SHE was working.

SHE enjoyed drawing and colouring us. We didn't look quite the same on paper (SHE is a beginner) but we were pleased with the result. SHE will get criticised - but then that's what the day is all about, to learn, be encouraged to have a go and enjoy the result. We were very happy that we had been admired, appreciated and worked with. We of course faded away.

Our picture was taken back to The Old Rectory, and to our surprise we were framed by the art teacher and had the honour with the other art pieces of being exhibited in the Chapel.

Georgie



*The following encouraging testimony was sent in by Tamara, who received her healing while attending the Thursday morning Healing Service at the Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre.*

A few months ago, during my first visit to the CCHC, I received prayer and the laying on of hands for chronic asthma. I had been told by a respiratory specialist that I would have to take steroid inhalers twice a day, every day and remain on them indefinitely, and there was little possibility of me ever coming off the inhaler I needed to use.

BUT ... Enter God, the Great Physician!

After a year of chronic coughing and shortness of breath, and using an inhaler twice a day, I can now testify that I have stopped using the inhaler completely. I believe that on that day when the ministry team prayed, God Himself breathed his Ruach Ha-Kodesh (God's Holy Spirit) into my lungs and I received healing.

I have been back to the Healing Service every week since then, just to be still and hear His voice, breathe in His presence and enter His rest, for where His presence is, there is liberty!

I do believe that I have found a little piece of 'Heaven on Earth' at the Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre, and I thank God for leading me there.

Thanks to all of you for being faithful stewards. I pray His abundant blessing on you all.

Shalom, love and thanks be to Jesus!

Tamara

# Bible Study

## The Tax Collector and the Pharisee

Luke 18:9-14

Miracles still  
happen today!

I often find religious people the hardest to like. Not lovely Christians like you, but those much more concerned with religious observance than they are with loving God and loving other people.

Our Bible reading is about such a person. He was a Pharisee - a religious man - who worked hard to lead a blameless life by obeying the Ten Commandments and the 613 petty restrictions placed upon him by religious Leaders. He would have been seen by his compatriots as a truly religious man.

The second man in this parable was a tax collector - a man whose work meant that everybody despised him. Tax collectors worked for the occupying forces. They cheated and abused their fellow Jews. They made money out of misery, and were protected by the Roman Army. This tax collector could not be further away in his lifestyle from that of the Pharisee.

As we look at this parable we must ask - Why did those two men go to the Temple? We are given the answer to this.

*"Two men went up the Temple to pray."* The Pharisee went to pray three times a day - at 9am, 12 noon and at 3pm. It is not surprising to find him in the Temple at those hours. The tax collector on the other hand would never normally be seen there. It was probably a very long time since he last crossed its threshold. Yet on this particular occasion he went up to the Temple to pray. He suddenly had an overwhelming urge to pray.

Prayer is a universal instinct built deep within our soul. There are times of great stress and difficulty when that deep instinct rises to the surface, even in the most unexpected of people.

Next we must ask - How did those men pray? Each man exhibited very different ways of praying. In short the Pharisee did not pray. All he did was to display his own supposed virtues and self-importance. Just look at how he uses the word "I".

*"God, I thank you that I am not like other men - robbers, evildoers, adulterers or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get."*

Now what the Pharisee wanted to announce aloud was just how religious he was. In Jewish law, believers were required to fast only on one day a year - on the Day of Atonement. Pharisees fasted on Mondays and Thursdays, which just happened to be market days when large crowds came into Jerusalem. Furthermore they made a great show of their piety by putting on dishevelled clothes and whitened their faces. That Pharisee suffered from the terrible sin of pride. The result was that he had the wrong view of God, of himself and of other people.

The tax collector on the other hand had no illusions about himself. He knew he was a sinner. He knew he had fallen a long way short of the glory of God. In the Temple he stood far off. He left a large gap between himself and the other pray-ers because he felt too unworthy to be in their presence. He did not even dare to lift his eyes heavenward. Keeping his distance and with downcast eyes he cried out "God have mercy on me a sinner."

What a prayer! It was honest, humble, personal and penitential, simple and sincere. It was this man's broken-ness and penitence that won him over to God. This tax collector knew his own sinfulness and threw himself on God's mercy. He did not plead his merits

like the Pharisee. Instead he acknowledged his unworthiness and cast himself upon the mercy of God.

Finally we must ask - How did they return home? Well the Pharisee went home much as he had arrived - self-righteous and self-opinionated. Going to church had done him no good at all. For the tax collector it was quite different. Jesus Himself said, *"I tell you this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God."* The tax collector was justified through the grace of God. He arrived burdened by his sins and found forgiveness and release from them. He went home a changed man - a better man.

Sadly there are people in churches today just like that Pharisee. They are concerned about the outward religious trappings and have fixed and inflexible attitudes to the minutiae of church services. They care little about the needs of others and they mutter if the slightest routine is changed. They are the religious people that I had in mind at the beginning.

When people recognise their own failings and want to bring them before Jesus, then the Almighty God begins to work in their lives. That is when Church becomes exciting, worship becomes alive and people work together. Praise be to God.

Colin Crook

I have suffered from asthma for many years, having to take quite a lot of medication to keep it under control. There have been times when I have been rushed to hospital, close to death, unable to breathe.

I was lent a book written by George Bennett about healing; it talked about how the Lord wants to heal us, so why hadn't He healed me?

I know there can be many reasons why we are not healed, so I searched myself and asked the Lord to rid me of anything that was getting in the way. Then the words of the Specialist came to me - *"You will have to take this medication for the rest of your life; as you get older your asthma will not improve, and it is possible that it will get worse."*

I knew the Lord could break those words and take any fear away. I spoke to one of the ministry team at the Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre, who prayed for healing of my asthma. I asked, *"How will I know when to stop my medication?"* They said, *"The Lord will let you know."*

That night I forgot to take my medication and I forgot again in the morning. The same thing happened the next day. This is something I would never have done as I would be struggling with breathing. I said, *"Lord, are you telling me to stop all my medication?"*

I haven't had any medication for some time now I and I am truly healed of asthma thanks be to our amazing, wonderful God!

Praise the Lord, Hallelujah! Thank you, thank you Lord.

Yvonne Taylor

# Introducing Paul and Olive Deeming



Paul was chaplain of the Christian Hospital and engaged in pastoral and outreach work. It was in Pakistan that Paul was burdened for the pastoral care of the local Christians in Baluchistan and was led to train for ordination.

There were many times when we found ourselves in isolated situations and experienced the healing ministry of the Lord in times of illness, His undertaking in times of great difficulty, and His protection in times of political unrest and spiritual attack.

After returning to England with our three children, we were guided through a particular prophecy and the leading of the Holy Spirit to parochial work where Paul was Rector for six years in Essex and then vicar for twelve years in a multi-cultural parish in Ilford, London, also helping to cover chaplaincy at the local hospital. During this joint ministry, we greatly valued the spiritual support we received during our visits and stays at The Old Rectory.

In both parishes we felt that renewal and growth was encouraged with the introduction of healing services, and we always used the CCHC for the training of our ministry teams. However, new pastures were on the horizon when Paul was invited to become Senior Chaplain of the busy Heatherwood and Wexham Park Hospital Trust in Slough, and Olive became actively engaged in the pastoral work of St Pauls, Slough, a large multi-cultural congregation.

In the hospital chaplaincy, Paul always felt that his ministry was an incarnational one, being privileged to share peoples' journeys in suffering and healing, and seeing the love of Jesus touching lives and situations. He worked closely with the Palliative Care Team, Neo-Natal Unit and Emergency

Departments, as well as training medical staff in the importance of spiritual care in a health care setting.

Being retired, (or re-tired!) we now thank God for the privilege of being invited to join the Prayer Ministry Team and Chaplaincy Team, praising God for the on-going healing love of Jesus through the work of the CCHC. He is an amazing God who uses every experience of life to prepare us for the next way in which He wants to lead and use us.

It was David Watson who said, 'We tend to think that most of our struggles with faith are because we don't love God enough. Our real difficulty is accepting how much he loves us.' We have always felt that The Centre was called into being to show the power of God's love in bringing healing and hope to those who reach out to Him. People come and people leave knowing they have met with Christ, and are deeply loved by God.

We look forward to this new horizon for us in the fellowship of all who work at the Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre, and pray for its continuing ministry.

## Paul & Olive Deeming



# A Story of Healing

Some eight years ago, a lump under my right jaw - being a maltoma (similar to a lymphoma) had to be treated by twenty two sessions of radiotherapy.

The effects were to leave me deaf on that side and with damage to my throat.

Some four or so years later, another lump appeared on the left side of my neck. Following a biopsy, it was found to be 'more of the same', and I decided to go to the Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre. As a Christian I felt the Lord could deal with it.

I went forward to receive Holy Communion and the laying on of hands by a member of the team at the Centre; I did not have anointing at this time.

The following Thursday, I went again to the Healing Service at the Centre and this time requested anointing. The next day the lump had gone!

It was wonderful to tell my consultant the story of my healing. He said, "Well something's done it!"



In the last three years I have been discharged from that consultant. The Lord does wonderful things and I am so very humbled and grateful. Praise Him and thank you all at The Old Rectory!

Janet M Reeve



### AND FROM CLIFF

Throughout spring, Cliff has been busy assisting Desmond in the grounds. He has a variety of continuing tasks to do, from weeding, digging, dead heading in summer (not his favourite job!) and generally keeping the grounds tidy for the enjoyment of guests and visitors.



Cliff writes:

Dig, weed, rake, hoe, cut. This is my part of keeping the grounds tidy here at the Centre. Plus, at the moment, hack, as ivy has currently has got a firm hold on various tree trunks. But some of this is being left along with a few nettles to encourage butterflies, this being their natural habitat, which we do not want to destroy completely.

Change! Not the change that we keep in our pockets or purses, but the changes that go on in the grounds of The Old Rectory. In January we were snow clearing and a couple of months later, in March, we were basking in a heatwave. A water shortage followed this (and now we have a hosepipe ban!).

Some of you may remember a radio programme called 'Music while you Work', which is what I am often lucky to be doing while working at the rear of the chapel during a service.

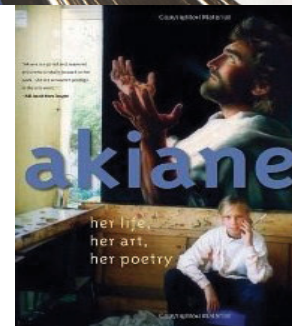
Blessings, Cliff

While compiling information for the Summer edition of 'Healing Steps' it is raining and the temperature is a cool 8c!! Let us hope that it warms up soon.

The plans for the summer months are for as much colour as possible, involving hanging baskets, mangers, pots and tubs. Hopefully the borders themselves will enhance the colour for our guests and visitors. It is also planned to have a large tub of colour placed on the metal grate beneath the cover of the well.

Along with the bedding plants, preparing seed trays or sweet peas, Marigold, Petunia, Salvia and California Poppies will be sown. Strimming and hedge cutting will be a regular part of maintaining the grounds to the standard our guests and visitors expect.

Desmond



Akiane — her life, her art, her poetry.

Thomas Nelson  
2006 ISBN 978-0-8409-0044-0  
£12.99 (on offer at the Centre for £9.99)

Akiane Kramarik

is not a name that is familiar to many. She was born on 9<sup>th</sup> July 1994 in Mount Morris, Illinois, USA to a Lithuanian mother and American father. Akiane is the Russian word for 'Ocean'.

Akiane started drawing at the age of four, painting at six and writing poetry at the age of seven. By the age of ten she started composing music. She is an entirely self-taught young lady, and her art is of an extraordinary and outstanding quality.

Akiane's parents were atheists but through their daughter's work became Christians. Akiane met the living God before the age of four and began to draw from her spiritual experiences. Some of her work is from the natural world — plants and animals. Other work has a definite 'other world' quality. For me her two 'portraits' of Jesus - one called 'Prince of Peace' and the other 'Father Forgive Them' - were crucial in my wishing to buy the book. Her paintings entitled 'Jesus the Missing Years' and 'The Creation' display a maturity far beyond her years.

Akiane's poetry is equally astounding. Some is hard to comprehend but worth working at. Yet much of it shows something of the heart of God, the human condition and the natural world. She writes poetry straight off and never corrects or amends.

If you wish to be astounded at how God can work through a young and willing soul to create something of great beauty, then this book is for you.

Colin Crook

We have a very well stocked bookstall in the lounge of the Centre, which also has a large assortment of cards and gifts.

The bookstall is managed by Rosemary, who ensures that there is always a good variety of books on sale. Titles are wide and varied and there is usually a 'bargain shelf', with books selling at reduced prices. There are also a good assortment of CD's on sale.

Rosemary (pictured below) works very hard to ensure that the shelves are well stocked. She is often at the Centre checking and updating stock and is sometimes at the Thursday morning Healing Service. She is very knowledgeable and helpful, and always willing to assist anyone who is searching for a particular book!

Do have a browse when you are next at the Centre.



## AUGUST REST AND REFRESHMENT

The summer at the Centre is a lovely place to be. The grounds are decorated with flowers and the birds are merrily singing! Come for a few days, a week or more, and soak up the late summer sunshine in the beautiful surroundings of The Old Rectory.

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August

Guided Quiet Day

'Water of Life' led by Pat & Peter Lockley

These days offer an opportunity to draw aside from the pressure and bustle of life, and to spend time enjoying the Father's presence, allowing Him to enjoy our undivided attention. (£18)

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August

Healing Retreat

These guided Healing Retreats provide quality space for people to 'Let go and let God!' They are relaxed, informal and inspiring to all who come. (£165)

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August

Be Creative

These few days will offer you different creative ways to explore your situation and relationship with God, through creative writing, art and collage, looking at nature and giving your imagination free reign. (£230)

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August

Reflective Day of Music and Art

A day in which you can draw closer to God through music, painting and other creative ways. (£24)

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August

Guided Quiet Day, led by Chris Delivett

Details as 1<sup>st</sup> August. (£18)

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August to Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

Healing Retreat

Details as 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> August.

## The Serenity prayer



Most people know the beautiful Serenity Prayer, but how many of you know the full version? I came across it recently and thought others might like to read the whole prayer.

**God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference.**

**Living one day at a time. Enjoying one moment at a time. Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace.**

**Taking as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it,**

**Trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His Will. That I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with Him forever in the next. Amen.**

**Reinhold Niebuhr in 1943**

There is also a book available, which has a collection of short and inspirational stories from people who have prayed The Serenity Prayer. It is well worth a read.

Living the Serenity Prayer: True Stories of Acceptance, Courage, and Wisdom by Jeanett Gardner Littleton and James Stuart Bell is published by Adams Media. ISBN 1598691163.

## Calendar of Events

### June

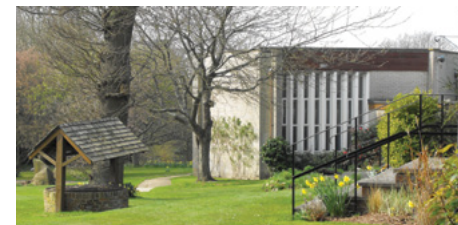
- 2 Kath and David's farewell service: 10.15am (All welcome)
- 16 Reflective Day on Creation
- 22 - 24 Finding God in Chronic Illness
- 23 - 25 Healing Retreat
- 30 Guided Quiet Day 'God's Gift - Wisdom' Led by Kay Smith

### July

- 6 - 8 Healing Retreat Weekend
- 13 - 16 Wholeness through Christ
- 21 **Thanksgiving Day**
- 24 - 29 Prayer and Painting Week

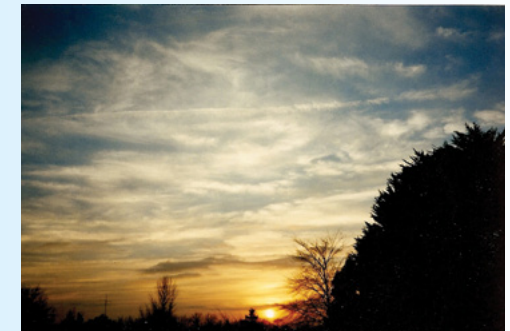
### August

- 1 Guided Quiet Day 'Water of Life' Led by Pat & Peter Lockley
- 3 - 5 Healing Retreat
- 7 - 10 Be Creative
- 22 Art, Music and Reflection
- 25 Guided Quiet Day



### Reflective Day on Creation June 16<sup>th</sup> (£24)

What can creation teach us about God? What can it teach us about ourselves? Jesus used many illustrations of nature to talk of Himself, our relationship with Him and the world around us.



### Finding God in Chronic Illness Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June (£165)

An opportunity for those going through suffering and difficult times to take some time out and review what is happening in their lives, and to find God within the suffering.





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