

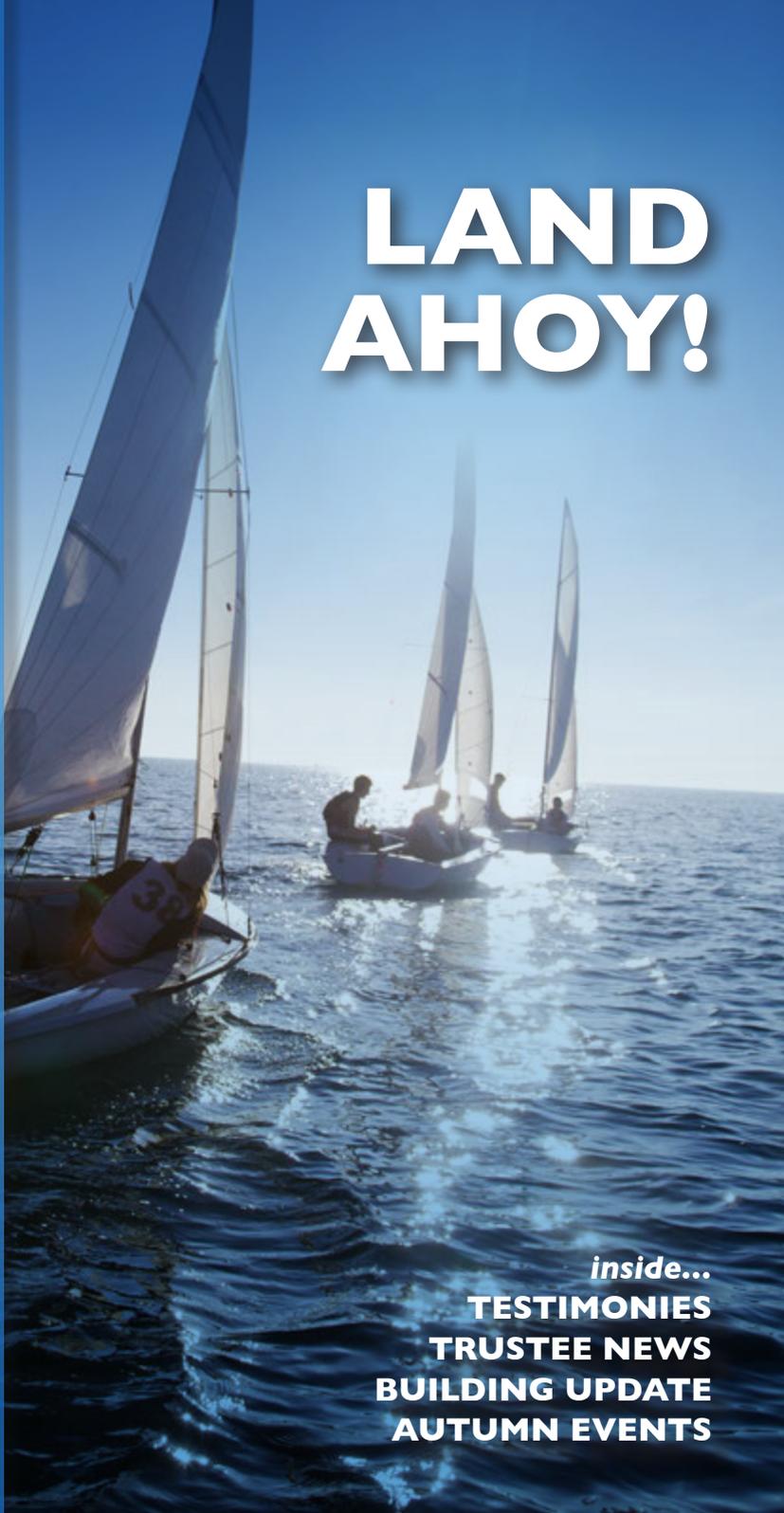
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The newsletter of
The Well Christian
Healing Centre

AUTUMN 2016

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The Rev. Anne Hibbert

Land Ahoy!

Recently I was watching some dinghies whizzing back and forth over Draycote Water. It was exhilarating to see the wind filling their sails.

I reflected on how sailors need to surrender to the wind to be able to do anything at all. As Ps 127 says: “Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour is in vain.” And I thought about how they needed to entrust all their confidence and skills to the wind to make the best of their experience.

That got me thinking about climbing mountains. We sometimes find that the summit we are aiming for suddenly feels a lot further away once we crest a rise, seeing a plain and more hills stretching before us. At this point we need to persevere and continue pushing ourselves towards our goals.

For us at The Well life is much like this. We love to feel the wind of the Spirit and to entrust ourselves to Him to see God’s work of healing being achieved. And at times we feel that our goals are stretching away beyond us. It’s somewhat like this as we press on towards our goal of settling in to a new home for The Well. It’s wonderful to see how generously our many supporters are giving their time, ideas, resources and prayers. And then we see how much more there is to do. At this point we are truly grateful that so many of you are upholding us in prayer.

We will soon be sending you an update on our progress towards the purchase and refurbishment of 20 Augusta Place. And if you want to know more, then have a look on our website at the video tour of the building.



A MALE GUEST WRITES...

I am not a mistake!

For many years I held a belief that I was an unplanned child, that I'd come along too soon after my parents were married (9 months afterwards to be precise). As a result, deep down, I have held this feeling of rejection that has allowed me to be insecure, unconfident and filled with low self-esteem.

I spent from age 8 to 18 in the private school system. This helped reinforce my feelings of not being wanted because I was living more at school than home, and I distinctly felt lost and terribly alone every time I was dropped off at the start of term, a deep feeling of anguish leaped in my heart as I said goodbye.

These feelings persisted beyond the time I was eventually saved in 1998, and it was only recently that I was lead, undoubtedly by the Holy Spirit, to The Well. Under expert guidance and prayer I was able to identify that it was during the first few months of my Mum's pregnancy that the moment of rejection started.

The Well offered me a special appointment called the Beginnings Prayer. As a result I was able to realise that I wasn't a mistake after all and neither was I too early; in fact, I was perfectly on time as planned by God!

I can now say with confidence that God creates each of us according to His will, purpose and timing. I have shrugged off the lies I believed that I'm a "nothing" and am regaining my inner confidence as I realise there IS someone who dearly wanted ME. God not only wanted me then, He still wants me now and will continue to want me as I seek, find and follow His divine purpose for my life. I now know deep in my spirit that I am not a mistake!

After their visits to The Well for healing prayer our Guests share their stories...

My ankle is back to normal

A few years ago I badly sprained my ankle. It took 6 months to heal properly and has never been the same. Whilst doing the garden this summer, I went over on my ankle again and ended up in hospital. Just as before, I had a grade 3 sprain. The Doctor said that all being good, raising my leg, rest and ice, that I would be driving in 5 weeks and



fully healed in 6 months. I've never been good at sitting still to recuperate, and couldn't wait that long, even if I did. I had an imminent active holiday and started a new job in a month's time!

I was prayed for by The Well team two weeks into my injury, the swelling went down by week 3, and I managed well on holiday with all we had planned to do. Then amazingly I was able to drive to work with very little pain on my first day! That was 2 months ago, and my ankle is back to normal, just as it was before the first sprain!

A RECENT SOAKING PRAYER GUEST WRITES

"God's peace engulfed me. It was awesome! I don't generally rest well but I lay down quietly and the gentle music had a wonderful cleansing effect on me. The whole session was fabulous!"

After their visit to The Well for healing another Guest shares their story...

“The Well a source of life and refreshment”

I was encouraged by friends to visit The Well in July 2014 for healing prayer. I had left hospital at the end of May after 4 months of aggressive chemo to save my life. I had 6 weeks left to live when I was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukaemia. I ended up in intensive care.

When I came to The Well 6 weeks later I was facing the huge decision of whether to have a bone marrow transplant or not.

I did not go for prayer specifically about the transplant but to my amazement God made it absolutely clear that I didn't need the transplant He was going to take care of me. A huge weight of fear rolled off my shoulders. He was asking me to step out in faith like Gideon and go forwards one step at a time. My physical health returned quickly and I looked healthier than I had done for a number of years. Emotionally and spiritually I wandered in a wilderness for many months coming to terms with what had happened. But in it all God was changing me and recalibrating me teaching me the disciplines of stillness and silence and my life

was becoming a prayer, a listening to God.

Since then I often come to the Well. Early in my convalescence the Quiet days and conferences were a source of life and refreshment. Before each blood test to monitor my condition I come to The Well. Whilst I am in the prayer booth I feel a deep assurance of God being with me and that all is well. Each time my spirit is ministered to on a deep level and the presence of God is almost tangible.

It is hard to imagine how much harder the journey would have been without support and faith of The Well. God gave them to me as a gift at a time of deep need both physically and emotionally.

Thank you Jesus for raising up this ministry to bring comfort to those who walk in darkness to hold up the light of truth and hope, to shine in the hearts of many who walk through the valley of the shadow of death. To proclaim and demonstrate that God heals today!

Pathway through Depression

Sat 24 Sept 10am - 4pm

We welcome back Pauline Andrew to lead our next Pathway day on finding a way through Depression. So many in the UK experience anxiety and degrees of depression. Sometimes in Christian circles there is a stigma attached to admitting being in this position, as surely we should be immune from experiencing anxiety as we trust God.

Pauline will explore the symptoms and possible causes of depression, bringing understanding and encouragement for those who care for people who are depressed, and for those who personally live with the condition. Don't miss our Early Bird price! For more details visit www.wellhealing.org



Pauline Andrew

TRUSTEE NEWS

NEW KIDS ON OUR BLOCK

In July we were delighted to welcome two new Trustees to our Team:



Jonathan Tidd works as a management consultant at a specialist operations consultancy based in Oxford. He is married with two teenage children and has been an active member of a church in Leamington. He is looking forward to supporting the Well in its exciting next phase of development.



Tony O'Brien has recently retired to Warwick after a career spent mainly overseas - he's lived in 13 countries - involved in educational and cultural relations. He has run large teaching centres, been a trainer, facilitator and mentor. He has been a board member of various educational, spiritual and development organisations. He's looking to help us in our strategic development, advocacy and communications among others.



The Well moves a step closer to having a permanent home!

In this newsletter some Guests have shared how Father God healed them through our prayer ministry. Many others have similar stories to tell.

We long to offer healing prayer to hundreds of more Guests and to be open 6 days a week. But we are currently limited on developing our ministry due to our nomadic life and expense of renting different premises.

For many years we have been on the lookout for our own premises. And last December, I wrote to tell you we believe we've found the perfect permanent home for The Well; the Christian Science Church in Augusta Place. It is right in the middle of town, easy to reach, and has versatile space inside. The current owners generously gave us an exclusive opportunity to make an offer by 8th January. We wanted to raise at least £207,000 to provide a 30% deposit which in turn would help us to acquire a mortgage for the remaining purchase price.

Praise God! Many of you know that it is thanks to the incredible generosity of our Supporters, we have enough for a mortgage deposit! We are therefore in the final stage of negotiations and pray that the building will be ours by the middle of September. But the challenge continues as the building needs substantial renovation works. Please pray for Father God's continued provision and protection as we continue on this very exciting Kingdom journey! Would you like to help sponsor the refurbishment? If so, we would love to hear from you. Please call us on **01926 888003** or email us at office@wellhealing.org

We have produced a short video of our new home for you to enjoy! Visit www.wellhealing.org to view it.

THE WELL'S AUTUMN EVENTS IN 2016

These events can be booked online at www.wellhealing.org

QUIET DAYS

17 September:

Soaring on Eagle Wings, at Stratford Baptist Church, Warks

17 October:

God and Mountains, at Hampton Manor, near Solihull, Warks

12 November:

Jesus the Bread of Life, Christchurch, Leamington Spa

17 November:

Beside Still Waters, St Mary's Church, Cholsey, Oxfordshire

1 December:

Angels, St Mary's Church, Leamington Spa

PATHWAY DAY

24 September:

Pathway through Depression. Speaker: Pauline Andrew

26 November:

Pathway through Broken Relationships.

Speakers: Liz and Philip Haines

STREAMS IN THE DESERT - events for women

26 September:

The Promise of Blessing. Speaker: Kate Patterson

14 November:

Listening to God. Speaker: Hills Grew

WELL HEALING TRAINING COURSE

29 September, Eve, 8 October, Daytime

This latest Well Healing Training Course will be hosted by Holy Trinity Stroud, Gloucester.

Over the years we have opened up our Initial Training Course to allow both individuals and Church Groups to gain from our experience. So if you have a heart to see God's healing power at work in people's lives this is the Healing Course for you!

SOAKING PRAYER

Wednesday afternoons 7, 21 Sept, 5, 19 Oct, 2, 23 Nov, 7 Dec

Thursday evenings 29 Sep, 20 Oct, 24 Nov, 15 Dec

At the Pump Rooms,
Leamington Spa

Every Tuesday

2.30 – 4.45pm

8.00 – 9.30pm

Every Wednesday

10.00am – 12.15pm

Appointments not needed. Please just come. Last session starts 45 minutes before finish.

Soaking Prayer sessions throughout the year. Please check the website for information.

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