

The newsletter of The Well Christian Healing Centre

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# **Looking Forward**

Imagine a fresh falling of snow – crisp, glistening, white, untouched and inviting. The year of 2017 stretches before us with its many opportunities, challenges and hopes. Like fresh snow there are no foot prints on it yet. What does the future hold – only God knows? He leaves signs but we really only find out when we step out in faith and trust, holding on to His unfailing promises.

The Well is in another waiting time. We have closed the door at the Royal Pump Rooms but we haven't arrived yet at 20 Augusta Place, our new home. St Mary's church here in Royal Leamington Spa has generously opened its doors to us. This wonderful gift will allow us to carry on offering weekly prayer ministry sessions during our 'caravan time'.

During this time of waiting, we trust God to continue to provide for all our spiritual, physical and financial needs. After all as we wait, He whispers to us, "It is I the LORD who goes before you; I will be with you. I will not fail you or abandon you. Do not fear or be dismayed." (Based on Deuteronomy 31:8)

Our hearts wait in hope, the Promised Land is in sight, and we thank God, His Holy Spirit and all of you for being by our side on this amazing but challenging journey – in response to our young guest, we sure do love Jesus at The Well! (See testimony page).

My thanks to everyone connected with The Well and its ministry for all your prayers, generosity and service. Your faithfulness in working for that day when we shall open our doors to a new future will surely enable us to offer God's love and healing to many thousands more Guests.

## **Anxiety has gone and I am free!**

I had been suffering from acute panic attacks and high levels of anxiety for a number of months. The condition was seriously debilitating and became a real hindrance to my job. As a young farmer, I work with heavy and dangerous machinery, vehicles and livestock, all of which began to pose a real safety threat due to my complete lack of confidence and inability to think straight.

My mind was a torturous and extremely frightening place to be and in all honestly, I was at my wit's end. My parents had tirelessly prayed for the condition to lift and I was also under my doctor's supervision and attending counselling — all of which had sadly made little to no difference.

My Dad confided in a good friend who worked at The Well who consequently invited us to consider

using their services. My Dad explained that The Well had integrity and always operated in love and so, whilst being naturally apprehensive, I knew it was a safe place and after all, what had I got to lose?

The best way to describe my healing experience was "intense" – but in a good way. I only needed to attend once and whilst my particular session lasted two hours, it was thorough beyond any expectation and was completely focused on Jesus – they sure love Jesus at The Well!

The next morning I was totally free and have remained so from that day to this. Only two weeks later I was able to board an airplane without using any of the sedatives that my doctor had prescribed and feel as if I have been given my life and hope back.

Thank you so much to the team and their faithfulness to God's call.

## Pain has gone!

"As a Christian in full time ministry I came to realise that I had been doing too much for too long. After finding myself in a place of exhaustion and suffering from anxiety, I visited the Well for prayer ministry. One of the side effects of anxiety was that I had been biting my teeth. My teeth and jaw were in horrendous pain. After my second visit to The Well I woke up the following morning totally pain free and in a place of peace!"

## **New identity**

My parents were unmarried when I was conceived and as far as I know only got married after they knew I was on the way - it was the 1950s and having babies out of wedlock was not the done thing in those days. As a child I'd also heard a rumour that when I was first born my Mum hadn't wanted me because I had a birth defect. Because of this I have always thought of myself as an unwanted child, a mistake, rejected, imperfect - this was always a deep part of my identity.

This issue kept bubbling up (especially during Well quiet days) and on 2 occasions when I went for prayer the prayer team suggested I go for healing prayer at the Well, and suggested the Beginnings prayer. The first time, I ignored this but when it came up again and again I knew this was God nudging me. I booked an appointment before I could change my mind. Before the prayer session I had lots of doubts about whether I was worthy of prayer time since I wasn't physically unwell and thought there would be

lots of other people more in need of healing prayer. But from the first moment of being at the Well I felt welcomed, loved and supported. The Beginnings prayer was beautiful and amazing and such a healing experience. Those feelings I had always had about being unwanted, rejected, imperfect lifted and I felt so loved and special. I realised that God has always been there with me and He didn't just turn up when I became a Christian and He will never leave me or forsake me in the future. Although my parents may not have planned or wanted me I know that I was planned, created, wanted and desired by God. Although I'd read the words in Psalm 139:13-16 before I now believe them! I now know that my identity is in Christ not in those feelings I had before.

I believe God wants to heal emotional damage as well as physical. He wants to make us whole so that we can go out and be the people we were always meant to be and serve Him. **Thanks** to the Well for your love and prayers. You are such a blessing.

## Well travelled

We regularly run Healing Training Courses so that we can pass on what we are learning. Last April we led a course hosted by the Revd. Martin King, who is vicar of Holy Trinity Church Rugwick, Horsham. Here is what he said about our course.

"The Travelling Well's healing training course was excellent. The team were knowledgeable and experienced, gently leading us deeper and deeper, encouraging everyone they could do it as they took us further out of our comfort zone. It was a very significant couple of days for our Church. I am so grateful to Anne and her team. The Lord was so clearly and powerfully at work that people wouldn't stop praying! They were praying for each other even over lunch. It has released our Prayer Ministry Team in greater confidence in praying for healing. Eight months on, people's lives have been changed by the healing they received over that weekend. I highly recommend this Healing Training course!"

This was a testimony that we received from a delegate on the course.

"I've had a chronic back condition for around 32 years. I've never fought it or felt frustrated or angry about it. I just feel grateful for all the things that I can do.

At the healing day, two ladies and a teenage boy prayed for my back to ease and heal. After a short while I was asked how it felt and I explained there was no change. They continued praying. After a few minutes I realised that I could stand up straighter and I could stand equally on both feet, something I can never do. I just felt lighter, freer and the pain had subsided."

### **NEXT HEALING COURSES**

9th March (eve) and 18th March (day) in Leamington Spa

4th May (eve) and 13th May (day), Limbrick Wood, Coventry

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!



## **Listening to God Event**

# In the Secret Place led by Ruth Fazal

Saturday 6th May St Paul's church, Leamington Spa

We are delighted to welcome Ruth back to lead another LTG for us. Ruth has an outstanding gift of leading people into the presence of God, a way of opening a door into the heavenly realms and of sharing from her own deep relationship with Father-God.

During this day Ruth will help us to experience a deeper intimacy with Father-God through worship, teaching, reflection and times of Soaking Prayer.

See www.wellhealing.org for more details.

## **New Pathway Event**

Finding a Pathway through ME,

Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and Fibromyalgia

Speaker Jacqui Marsden Saturday 4th March Leamington Spa



Jacqui is a UKCP registered counsellor and experienced trainer, regularly tutoring degree level students. Jacqui Marsden will address the misunderstandings about these major life-limiting conditions and share the latest research and thinking that has come to light, including the cause of these conditions, what goes on in the various systems of the body, how relapse can be prevented and how to pray for God's healing.







# **Surge in donations to the Building Renovation Fund**

In our last Source, we were so close to buying 20 Augusta Place, but not quite there. When the purchase was completed on 21st October, it felt like a miracle had occurred! I can't tell you how happy I was! How amazing that it's only just over a year since we issued our appeal letter - and now The Well has a home!

Our architects have created great plans for the building and we hope that we can raise enough funds to be able to get all the renovation and re-modelling work done in one go, as this will be the most time efficient and cost-effective. It would also enable us to get our ministry, events and office team all under one roof as soon as possible.

We launched an appeal to raise the money for the renovation costs on 2I October and as I write, just before Christmas, I am so excited to tell you that we have received £163,392 in donations and pledges. Incredible!

So, to all those who have raised funds, made a donation, pledged a gift or offered us an interest free loan to help us, THANK YOU! Celebrate with us and give thanks to God for His goodness!

Please pray too that the additional funding that we need comes in very soon. Our Trustees will be meeting in January to review the tenders and make decisions based on what funding we have. Wouldn't it be amazing if when we came back in the New Year, we found that God had blessed us further and our renovations target had been reached! **Can you help us?** 

We look forward in eager anticipation for this to become reality! It will be so wonderful to be able to welcome people who need God's healing touch into a space soaked with prayer and praise to Him and filled with the peace that only He can bring.

I encourage you to spread the word of what God is doing here in Royal Leamington Spa and keep trusting in God's faithfulness and His abundant riches!

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.

## **TRUSTEE NEWS**

#### **WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER**

**Kevin Broadbent** joined the Trustees in September. Since taking early retirement from his career at National Grid two years ago, he has been helping on the project to redesign the interior of his local church in Kenilworth (no more pews). That is now nearing completion and so he is bringing his programme management experience and learning from the church building project to The Well at this exciting time of having our own one!



#### THE WELL'S SPRING EVENTS IN 2017

#### **QUIET DAYS**

26 and 28 January

Experiencing God's Presence and Guidance in 2017. Reflections on Psalm 121. Leamington Spa

13 March at Hampton Manor Letting God speak to us through Gardens in the Bible

#### 25 March

Holy Spirit Encounters in the Book

#### II May

Letting God speak to you through

#### 18 May

The Lord is my Shepherd -Reflections on Psalm 23 Stratford upon Avon

#### 20 May

from the life of Joseph. (Men only day). Speaker: Maurice Markham. Stratford upon Avon

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Jesus The Bread of Life St Mary's Church, Leamington Spa

#### 17 June

"Oh God Why? Finding Treasures in

#### LISTENING TO GOD **EVENT**

Ruth Fazal the gifted violinist, Royal Leamington Spa on

6 May In the Secret Place. Venue St Paul's church, Leamington Spa

#### STREAMS IN THE **DESERT- EVENTS FOR** WOMEN

13 February Unashamed Love - Developing our love language for God and displaying our love for Jesus

Becoming Free and Living Free

#### 19 June

Wholehearted Worship Speaker: Claire Russell

#### 25 September

#### 13 November

Our God a Powerful King! Ps 68 Speaker: Anne Coles

#### **NEW COURSE**

#### 10 June

#### **Healing the Family Tree**

- A Teaching Day to discern unhelpful themes and patterns travelling down the Family line. Anne Hibbert. (Repeated on 14

#### **PATHWAY EVENT** 4 March

Finding a Pathway through ME, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome & Marsden, Leamington Spa

#### **HEALING TRAINING COURSES**

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#### **NEW COURSE - PART** TWO following on from The

Well's Initial Healing Course

I April Warwick

24 June The Well, at Top Barn, Holt, Worcs

#### **SOAKING AND** RESTING PRAYER

Wednesday afternoons: 18 January, 1 February, 1, 15, 29 March, 12, 26 April, 10, 24 May, 7, 21 June

Thursday evenings: 19 January, 16 February, 23 March, 27 April, 25 May, 22 June

From 17th January until we move to our new home our weekly prayer sessions are at St Mary's church, St Mary's Road, Leamington Spa CV31 IIW.

**Every Tuesday** 2.30 - 4.45 pm $8.00 - 9.30 \, \text{pm}$ 

10.00am - 12.15pm

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

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