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The newsletter of
The Well Christian
Healing Centre

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The Rev. Anne Hibbert

Unless the Lord builds...

Yes it's true, unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labour in vain. (Psalm 127:1b) Certainly, that has been our experience at The Well as we've waited on God to move forward our plans for our new home at 20 Augusta Place. Our prayers for more financial gifts have been answered and with some interest free loans we have been able to commission all the renovation and remodelling work. Oh what joy this is!

In December 2015 we started this particular journey towards owning our own home when we shared that we had an exclusive opportunity to buy this town centre building. We had no idea how many twists and turns, opportunities and challenges we would experience (and still are). However every step of the way on this uncharted journey we have experienced Father-God's hand upon us. As we wait for our new home to be renovated and remodelled we are grateful for St Mary's Church continued hospitality, as we pray regularly for our Guests.

Many of our Guests are journeying through tough, unfamiliar territory. No two stories are the same: John may be coming to terms with a cancer diagnosis; Hetty's pregnancy is going far from smoothly; Ned might be weighed down by a depressive illness.

And, despite the loving support of family and friends, many are burdened with a feeling of isolation and loneliness as they struggle to find a pathway through pain and ill-health.

We believe that God is 'near to the brokenhearted and those crushed in spirit' (Psalm 34:18) The Well makes no spectacular claims of instant healing. Instead we offer to come alongside people at their point of need and, through conversation and prayer, to invite God to bring His healing, love and power in to their situation.

We are privileged to be on this journey as we see time and time again: those occasions when, gradually or quite suddenly, a Guest realises: 'I don't have to feel isolated. God is nearby. I can go on.' This is what The Well is all about. And next spring we will move into our new home. We will be able to be open for more sessions and pray for more Guests to encounter God and His healing power. Once again thank you for partnering with us and making our journey into the future possible. Give thanks and rejoice with us as the Lord builds our new home in Royal Leamington Spa!

Our dream... all Three Phases!



Praise God – the finished Christian Healing Centre will be opening next Spring!

Remember that vision of the new Christian Healing Centre that we shared with you last year? Thanks to Father God, it's about to become a reality. Through his great goodness, we almost have enough funds to complete all of the renovations and rebuilding work!

In the last issue of The Source, we reported that we had £196,000 in donations towards the renovations of 20 Augusta Place - enough to make the building watertight and weatherproof. But to make it sufficiently functional for our staff and ministry team to move in, we needed a further £160,000. This would enable us to update the heating and electrics, upgrade the toilets and kitchen and build new prayer rooms. But it would be nowhere near what was needed to remodel the frontage and foyer. We thought we'd have to do that work at a later date, because the sums involved just felt so enormous and The Well's supporters had been so generous already...

We asked you to pray with us. And God opened the floodgates in blessing...

Since March, through the generosity of The Well's

supporters, Father God has released £238,000 in donations and pledges. That's just £84,000 short of what we need to complete the entire renovation of 20 Augusta Place in one go, INCLUDING the new foyer and frontage!

So, when the Trustees of The Well met on 17th July, they took the decision to push forward in faith and authorise all of the renovations and remodelling to go ahead. They have been offered interest free loans to cover this gap but obviously they would rather raise the money instead of taking up the loans.

And please join with us to pray for Father God to release the final £84,000 needed. He has blessed this project in so many wonderful ways already that we have every confidence He will provide the remaining funds!

If you feel that God is calling you to make a gift to help complete the new Christian Healing Centre, you can do so by using the gift form enclosed or donating online at:
www.wellhealing.org/online-donation

Or, if you'd like to give in another way, call the office on 01926 888003 or email: office@wellhealing.org

If you know other people that might be interested in donating, please ask them to contact us so we can provide them with up to date information.

And we'll regularly be updating the progress of the Building Fund online at www.wellhealing.org

Healing Testimonies from Our Guests

My prolapsed disc is healed!



I had somehow damaged my neck and top of my back area. My pain and discomfort gradually got worse. I visited my GP who over the course of a month increased my medication to a stronger pain relief called tramadol.

I was in constant pain and I was on heavy sleepers due to the tossing and turning from the pain. My mind was all over the place, I felt as if I was in a cloud. I was struggling through my work.

I had an MRI scan which showed a prolapsed disc number 6. I had at this stage no feeling in my left little finger and I was experiencing pins and needles in my left hand. I had to use my right hand to lift my left arm above my head.

I had been to The Well before for Soaking Prayer; however I had and have not since experienced anything like the power of God's healing, as I did on this occasion. I was anointed with oil and had filled in a confidential prayer request form explaining why I was present. I settled down to appreciate the peace. A little while later I had a very warm sensation on the exact point of my pain, the 6th vertebrae. This feeling of heat was concentrated on this area. To my amazement the pain vanished during the soaking prayer time, the healing was complete, praise the Lord! What an extraordinary experience, truly sent from heaven.

I became drug free and the clouds dispersed in my mind. Jesus' healing power released me from my pain. And oh yes I can freely lift both arms above my head!

New Freedom

I came to the Well for prayer mainly because of a conversation with my sister who reminded me that I use to bang my head as a child and she wondered whether it was due to the fact that I was in hospital when I was only 4 years old. All I remember about being in hospital was that it was dark and I was alone, as in those days, parents couldn't stay with their children so only came at visiting times. I had had an operation on my eyes so they were covered by bandages. I always remember, as a child, feeling left out (my sister was noisier than I was and therefore grabbed the attention)

The two ladies who prayed for me prayed against the fear of abandonment and Jesus set me free. Also I was set free from the negative remarks made about me to my mother when I was a baby and also from the 'Why' questions. "Why did these people only see the defects in my eyes?" "Why was I abandoned and left all by myself in hospital?"

The Team shared that I had been in a parched land, but not anymore. This is true, it is incredible what God has done, it seems my attitude has completely changed towards my family and I no longer feel abandoned or left out – Jesus has definitely set me free and His love for me is more real. All glory to our wonderful God.

Often we meet Guests who have just been diagnosed with cancer who are in a very shocked, scared and despairing place. The Well offers them and other Guests a place where they can come and share honestly their hopes and fears for the future. We count it as a huge privilege to journey with Guests who are undergoing serious medical treatment. We cannot promise God's healing but we will always pray in faith. We totally believe that God still heals today. However, we constantly live with the tension of this question "Why does God heal some and not others?" but we carry on trusting God and believing that He can do the impossible. We rejoice with this Guest...

In August 2016 I was diagnosed with inoperable brain cancer. The tumour was too large and went back too far to provide an area of clearance all around it.

I underwent 3 sets of 96 to 120 hour continuous chemotherapy in a cancer ward, followed by 30 sets of radiotherapy to my brain, face and neck over 6 weeks.

As I am claustrophobic having my head held down by a

mask throughout the treatment was really unpleasant.

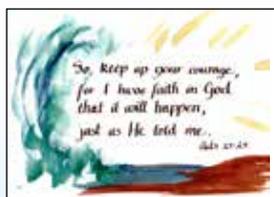
But, I was supported in prayer throughout the 8 month process by the Well Christian Healing Centre, as well as my church and Christian friends, and Almighty God supported me throughout.

I believed that Father God promised me that I would be healed. The Well Prayer Teams constantly prayed and often gave me words, pictures and messages from God which were of huge encouragement to me!

On the 5th April 2017 the Consultant told me that my last MRI had showed no cancer at all!

I have been transformed from times of despair to glorious new life!

Praise God for His healing and my enormous thanks for the many powerful prayers raised up for me.



TONY O'BRIEN OUR NEW CHAIRMAN OF TRUSTEES WRITES...

Yolanda and I came to settle in Warwick in August 2015 and were immediately drawn to The Well by what we heard of God's healing power being made manifest. We loved that so many volunteers are involved from such a wide range of backgrounds. We soon experienced for ourselves the joy and peace of Quiet Days. And of how we could learn more about God through other training events. We were struck by how churches in the area seem to 'outsource' their training of members for prayer ministry.



So when I was approached to be a Trustee - and heard more about the inspiring 10 year vision for The Well, including the purchase and equipping of a new building - I felt God nudging me to accept. Now that I am chair of Trustees I am even more conscious of the challenges ahead. In particular how we ensure a sustainable future for The Well - not only in terms of a viable building with ministry and training six or seven days a week, but also with much larger teams of volunteers and staff, and budgets to match.

This could all amount to a frightening prospect for a Trustee / Director - if not for the fact that we know that "I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength." (Phil 4:13) and that, as Jesus said to Paul: "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." (2 Cor 12:9)

Thank you for your prayers, encouragement and support - I shall need all of those! And I am also very much aware of how I need to draw on the encouragement, support and strength of our Lord Jesus!

So we pray with confidence that the name of Jesus will be glorified through The Well, and His good news shared with increasing numbers of hurting people from any faith or none.



Meet Jim Kendall, the new Office Administrator

"Graduating from Aberystwyth with a degree in English Literature and Creative Writing, I worked for three years teaching English in two schools in south Italy, and that is where I fell in love with Italian as a language (and a cuisine). Returning to Coventry, a friend told me that she had seen an advert for a job I'd like with the Well Christian Healing Centre in Leamington Spa. The job had everything; an office, friendly people, lots to do, and above all Jesus, for whom I love to work."

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

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

QUIET DAYS

23 September

Refreshment and Refilling!

St Michael's and All Angels, Claverdon, near Warwick

9 October

The Book of Ruth – A Love Story!

Hampton Manor, near Solihull

11 November

Angels Christchurch, Leamington Spa

4 December

Jesus the Way Guest Speaker: The Bishop of Warwick, St Mark's Church, Leamington Spa

NEW COURSE - PART TWO

following on from The Well's Initial Healing Course

4 November Limbrick Wood Baptist Church, Coventry

Feed-back from the 1st April when we taught this course for the first time

"This is a great day of learning and blessing. Anne and Maurice are inspired communicators who make the teaching clear and encouraging. The activation exercises are excellent for engaging and stretching us. And the prayers for each other were just wonderful illustrations of the love of Christ."

STREAMS IN THE DESERT- EVENTS FOR WOMEN AT ST PAUL'S CHURCH, LEAMINGTON SPA

25 September

Looking in the Mirror
Speaker: Anne Hibbert

13 November

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

NEW COURSE

14th October

Healing the Family Tree

St Nicholas Church Radford Semele, just outside Leamington Spa

A Teaching Day to discern unhelpful themes and patterns travelling down the Family line. Speakers: Maurice Markham and Anne Hibbert.

Feedback from 10th June when we taught the course for the first time

"I liked all the explanations about Generational sins and how the prayer ministry takes place."

NEW HEALING PRAYER SERIES

The Healing and Releasing Power of the Psalms

28 September

Psalm 145 – God's Open Hand

Speakers: Anne Hibbert and Sue Wright. Leamington Spa

This day is the first of a number of teaching days where a Psalm will be used to introduce creative ways of praying for healing for ourselves and others.

RESTING AND SOAKING PRAYER

Times to relax in the presence of God

The Dormer Centre, Leamington Spa (Soaking and Resting Prayer takes a break in August and recommences in September.)

Wednesday afternoons: 6, 20 Sept, 4, 18 Oct, 1, 15, 29 Nov, 13 Dec

Thursday evenings: 21 Sept, 19 Oct, 16 Nov, 14 Dec

LISTENING TO GOD EVENT

25 November

Joshua – How to Enter into Our Inheritance

Speaker: Maurice Markham.
St Paul's Church Leamington Spa

Come and join us as Maurice teaches on the Book of Joshua. During the day we will consider a number of important truths including:

- The many promises of God
- The vital place of obedience
- How to fight spiritual battles
- The importance of discerning how the enemy is at work
- The need to persevere

Many of the things which we learn will be of great help to those who are members of a Prayer Healing Team, and will enable them to pray more effectively.



Until we move to our new home our weekly prayer sessions are at St Mary's church, St Mary's Road, Leamington Spa CV31 1JW.

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.

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