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The Well Christian
Healing Centre

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Isaiah 43

- ¹ But now, this is what the Lord says—
He who created you, Jacob,
He who formed you, Israel:
“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have summoned you by name; you are mine.
- ² When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you;
and when you pass through the rivers,
they will not sweep over you.
When you walk through the fire,
you will not be burned;
the flames will not set you ablaze.
- ³ For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour;
- ¹⁶ This is what the Lord says—
He who made a way through the sea,
a path through the mighty waters,
¹⁷ who drew out the chariots and horses,
the army and reinforcements together,
and they lay there, never to rise again,
extinguished, snuffed out like a wick:
- ¹⁸ “Forget the former things;
do not dwell on the past.
- ¹⁹ See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland.
- ²⁰ The wild animals honour me,
the jackals and the owls,
because I provide water in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland,
to give drink to my people, my chosen,
- ²¹ the people I formed for myself
that they may proclaim my praise.



“It’s life, Jim, but not as we know it!”



Dear Friends,

Some of you may be surprised to see me quoting this line from a 1987 novelty pop song! But it makes me smile, because it so accurately sums up my experience in The Well over the past few months. While some of our staff are on furlough, Jim and I, along with members of our Prayer Team, have indeed been experiencing life at The Well, but not as we know it!

It has been both challenging and exciting to endeavour to fulfil The Well’s Vision (printed in full on the back cover) online rather than at 20 Augusta Place. Since early May, we have been pioneering [Christian healing prayer ministry](#) and ‘Rest and Receive’ on Zoom, creatively using the technology to ensure that what we offer our Guests online, as at 20 Augusta Place, is [a safe environment](#) in which to encounter [the healing, transformative love and power of God](#). And in June, we held our first online Quiet Mornings.

To all of these ministries, we have been delighted to welcome [people from far and wide](#) as well as near. Guests have “Zoomed in” locally but also from Bath, Brighton, Buckingham, Chester, Gatwick, Leicester, Lincoln, London, Norfolk, Scotland, Yorkshire ... as well as from Germany, Guyana, Nigeria and the USA!

We have been amazed at how well these online ministries are working, now that we’re used to the technology. I’m so very grateful to Jim for all his hard work, and to our wonderful volunteer Team for making all of this possible. I am convinced that The Well’s new online ministry is here to stay, although of course we all look forward to the day when it can run alongside our ministry at 20 Augusta Place. You can find future Quiet Morning/afternoon dates on our Diary page.

We’re not quite sure how or when this will be possible, but in the meantime we are following Jesus’ advice: “Refuse to worry about tomorrow, but deal with each challenge that comes your way, one day at a time.” (Matthew 6:34, TPT) Accordingly, in this Source we reflect on today’s “new normal” and celebrate some of the ways in which we’ve seen God’s healing power at work in 2020.

Life today may be “not as we know it.” But whatever else might change around us, we can stand firm in the knowledge that “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.” (Hebrews 13:8)

The Reverend Anne Hibbert



NEW Online Quiet Mornings

When Anne decided to offer Guests an online Quiet Morning, she and Jim agreed that they'd need at least 8 Guests to make this viable. In the end, so many people signed up that she repeated it the following week!

You can find future Quiet Morning dates on our Diary page or website, and can book online at www.wellhealing.org or by calling Jim in The Well Office on 01926 888003. In the meantime, here's an insight into what it's like to attend one of these events, in our Guests' own words.

Manageable technology

"I was quite anxious joining as I thought I was going to have to press buttons and all sorts and had no idea how I was going to do this, so I was actually tempted not to join this morning. But I didn't have to do a thing! Just sit back, relax and have a beautiful experience. I had a lovely prayer time and cannot thank you enough." GR

A Quiet Morning in your own home!

"Isn't it great that the technology enabled you to be there for us safely, during our times of need." A

"Such a blessing for people who are shielding." JC

"I also found it so encouraging that 2 of my friends (one on the south coast and one in the north west) were able to take part, which they wouldn't have done in a 'normal world'." AD

Inspiring and varied content

"I love the way the prayer rooms were done. The times of reflection were brilliant. It's great that there were the various 'tools' to help us - the relaxing pictures, music, the handouts with guided exercises, and the prayer teams - all of which were a great blessing. I really love the handouts. It's great that there are a variety of exercises on there, so I'm sure there would be something to suit everyone."

AB

Refreshing, peaceful and encouraging

"A real time of refreshing in the presence of the Lord." JP

"How peaceful. A re-set button!" AC

"It's been so encouraging and my prayer time was so helpful." PP

"A blessed pit stop!" B

Weekly online ‘333’ Prayer Ministry

“Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things.”

Jeremiah 33:3

We have all been so delighted to discover how Father-God can work even on Zoom! When we first offered these online prayer appointments, we particularly had in mind people who had been affected by COVID-19, whether through illness or bereavement, lack of work or income, or as Key Workers.



Anyone facing such issues is of course still very welcome to book a ‘333’ appointment. The Well’s ‘333’ Prayer Teams are also here to offer support, based on our long experience in prayer ministry, to Guests who are:

- needing physical healing;
- anxious and fearful;
- feeling weary or exhausted;
- waiting for or undergoing medical treatment;
- having difficulties conceiving.

‘333’ prayer sessions take place via Zoom on Tuesday afternoons from 2 p.m., Tuesday evenings from 7.30 p.m. and Wednesday mornings from 10 a.m.

To book a 333 Prayer Ministry, you can email ministry@wellhealing.org or call Jim at the office, 01926 888003

And don’t forget our weekly online ‘Rest and Receive’ Prayer - a refreshing hour with God

The Well’s Online Rest and Receive Prayer takes place every week, either at 2 p.m. on a Wednesday afternoon or at 7.15 p.m. on a Monday or Thursday evening.

You can find dates and book online at www.wellhealing.org or by calling Jim in The Well Office on 01926 888003.

Healing Testimonies

“An amazing sense of God’s presence” through Online Rest and Receive



I was initially quite concerned about how Online Rest and Receive would be, as I previously had had such a positive experience of Rest and Receive at The Well and didn't want to be disappointed. I was also concerned about using Zoom, as I wasn't familiar with this.

From the first online session I felt an amazing sense of what I can only describe as deep peace, relaxation and a physical feeling of warmth. I have continued to have an amazing sense of God's presence, not just in the Rest and Receive sessions, but at other times in the week. I have slept much better over the past weeks and it is not unusual for me to wake up with worship

songs in my head in the morning, some of which I have heard at Rest and Receive.

It has been good to hear short passages of the Bible brought to life and very relevant to life right now. It has been really so encouraging for people to stand with me in prayer in challenging situations in my life. I have had a sense that everything is going to be ok. For example, I was struggling to wear personal protective equipment with a visor at work and feeling claustrophobic and starting to panic. I asked specifically for prayer for this and now feel so much calmer when wearing PPE.

Nina

Healing and release through Online 333 Prayer Ministry

I was not feeling well and I made contact with the Well Healing Centre. I must thank the prayer partners who prayed for my complete healing. I am feeling much better. Also Reverend Anne asked if she could prepare a renunciation prayer for me because since I became a believer in Christ some years ago, no one had ever asked me to renounce my past religion to get rid of its baggage. Since renouncing I am feeling better and getting close to Lord Jesus. I must say the brothers and sisters at the Well Healing Centre are doing a tremendous work for God. I know that God will continue to bless them. Once again thank you all.

Richard, South America



“I feel free to be who God has made me to be.”

At a very significant moment in my life and ministry I realised that a pattern had formed over time. Whenever I formally stepped into a new, bigger and more challenging leadership roles, someone in the ‘system’ would use their power and influence to obstruct and minimise this new role and responsibility. Confusion and disarray crept in around my talents and my calling. Each time I stepped up and out, it was like someone stepped on top of me, seeking to crush me and the work of the Holy Spirit.

After realising that this powerful and dangerous pattern had gone for so long unnoticed, I knew I needed to seek help and break this pattern over my life and ministry. If my ministry was to truly flourish as God wanted it to, then this pattern of stepping up and then being pushed down had to be broken.

Over three sessions, two amazing members of The Well team prayed with me. During one of the sessions, Anne said to me, she was getting a picture of a puppet, with strings attached that were being pulled to control me. Anne asked me if I was familiar with this type of puppet. I said I was very familiar with this type of puppet, as I had exactly what she described in a box under my bed! It is almost the only thing under my bed. I was given it as a child, and for most of my life it had lived in my bedroom. We quickly agreed that this puppet was a prophetic picture of what my ministry had become. I was not free to act and serve how God had called me, but rather I was being bound by those in authority over me, seeking to pull the strings and make me act how they intended. The outcome was I could not be who God made me, or serve how God was calling me.

After an incredible prayer ministry session with the team, the strings were cut to signify the strings that sought to control my ministry. The puppet was free, and in that action, in that moment, I too was free from the systems that try and control

who God is calling me to be. At the moment of cutting the last string, God said to me loud and clear, that I am HIS plan A, and I am to act in His Confidence, His Clarity and His Calling from now.

I feel free to be who God has made me to be. No more apologising about who I am, and no more believing the voice of control and doubt around me. I'm excited for what He calls me to do next!

Louise



Healing Testimonies

Joe and Claire’s story: “We came to The Well for prayer, and God blessed us with our second child.”



In the summer of 2016 we started trying to have a second child. Our son was approaching his second birthday and we both felt it was a good time to start making an addition to our family!

Claire had become pregnant with our first child relatively quickly and easily and we assumed that this would be the case once again. After more than a year of trying unsuccessfully, we were concerned and saddened and started planning what we could do to try and help us to conceive.

We prayed about the issue frequently, both individually and together. Some close friends and family members were praying for us too.

In 2018, having been referred to the specialist unit at University College Hospital in Coventry, we were both tested and examined for various things: both of us were given a ‘clean bill of health’ which was both reassuring and frustrating!

Joe had some CBT counselling and by the Autumn Claire resigned from her job, which had become increasingly stressful. We both tried to follow a healthy diet and ensure that the general ‘busyness’ of life wasn’t getting in the way.

In spite of all this, nothing happened. Each month followed an increasingly draining cycle of optimism, disappointment and acceptance. Life continued as normal and there were still many joys and blessings, but the absence of a second pregnancy was a sadness we felt often.

By 2019 we began trying to accept that we may not have another child but we continued to look after our general health and well-being and Claire had some acupuncture.

We attended a prayer appointment together at The Well in November. Individually, we had both been to The Well before and felt it would be good to go together this time. A man and lady prayed for us both and were incredibly understanding, perceptive and sensitive, as well as giving both of us godly words of wisdom and encouragement. They prayed God's blessing on us individually, as a couple and as a family. Nothing dramatic happened but we both came away feeling greatly encouraged and with a sense of God's peace.

On December 27th Claire took a pregnancy test. Having had so many disappointments over three and a half years we weren't hopeful, but when the result appeared we were a little confused and felt the need to take two more. The results of all three were the same: positive!

When we went for our first scan on Valentine's Day, the sonographer dated our pregnancy at 12 weeks and 4 days and we quickly realised that this was the exact date that we went to The Well!

God is good and wants to bless His people. And He undoubtedly uses The Well to do so. We thank God for this incredible resource here on our doorstep in Leamington Spa.



“See, I am doing a new thing!” (Isaiah 43:19)

Jim, our Operations Co-ordinator, has been working hard alongside Anne to facilitate all of our new online ministries. We asked what “life, but not as we know it” has been like for him.

“It has been very exciting to see 333 Prayer Ministry unfold, and I really mean ‘unfold’. We experimented, unpacked what it is that we need, and – pop – there it was in our hands. Zoom was a blessing, then breakout rooms were too. Guests, team and staff alike have been amazed to make this connection of prayer together in a medium that was literally not our first choice.

God is there in each meeting. And, joyfully, since the technology demands it, I am able to play my part in the ministry where His Healing happens, and where connections with our Loving Father are being re-formed.

God says, “See, I am doing a new thing!” Well, I have seen it for myself, in both 333 Prayer and Rest and Receive! Try it, and you too will see our God at work.”



“Do not fear ... I will be with you.” (Isaiah 43:1-2)

Patrick, one of our Guests, has a unique insight into emerging from lockdown. He spent the first seventeen years of his life in an institution, only allowed out to go to school. We asked what he'd want to say to others at this time.

“You may have been feeling very safe in your own home during lockdown, and be very fearful about change. But do you want fear to rule you? Or do you want to be yourself and be free? I know that these aren't easy choices, especially if you've been shielding. I remember how scared I was. I had no family or other support, was institutionalised and totally unprepared for the wider world. Many people today have become 'institutionalised' in their own homes, their mental health may have suffered during lockdown, and they too are feeling unprepared for a very changed world. But there are things that can help.

You may feel secure in your lockdown routine, but try to find a new routine. You can gradually increase time outside your home and contact with other people. Do this at your own pace.

Don't feel ashamed if you feel you need to back away at times and then build up again. Ask your support networks to check in on you - and be honest with them! You'll need more support some days than others. You can ask God for help too. My faith in God got me through when I had nothing and nobody else in the world. He is still there for me today, especially through my church and The Well. Ultimately we all have to make a choice. Will we choose to live again?”



Farewell and grateful thanks to Trustee Kevin Broadbent

Kevin has been a major asset to The Well over the past four years, serving most recently as Chair of the Finance and Physical Resources Committee. I have worked closely with him, and have always been impressed by his professionalism and thoroughness. Kevin is never afraid to express his thoughts and put forward challenges, but always with grace and humility. I will also miss his sense of humour! We are sad to see him leave us, but we know that he will bring so many positive qualities to his next project.

Mark Askew, Executive Director



July – September 2020

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

To book, visit www.wellhealing.org or call us on 01926 888003.

All events are currently held online, using Zoom.

ONLINE ‘333’ HEALING PRAYER

Confidential prayer appointments.

Book online at www.wellhealing.org or by calling 01926 888003.

Tuesday afternoons from 2 p.m.

Tuesday evenings from 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday mornings from 10 a.m.

ONLINE ‘REST AND RECEIVE’ PRAYER

Time to relax in the presence of God.

Book online at www.wellhealing.org or by calling 01926 888003.

Wednesdays (2 p.m. - 3 p.m.):

July 22, August 5, 19, 26, September 9, 16, 30

Monday evening (7.15 p.m. - 8.15 p.m.):

August 10

Thursday evening (7.15 p.m. - 8.15 p.m.):

September 24

Free of charge, but donations very welcome.

ONLINE QUIET MORNINGS

Relax and recharge in God's presence. Includes teaching, music and images, ministry, and time for prayer and personal reflection.

Book online at www.wellhealing.org or by calling 01926 888003.

Thursday 23 July (10 a.m. - 12.45 p.m.)
(Fully booked)

Thursday afternoon 13 August
(1.30 p.m. - 4.15 p.m.)

“Soaring on eagles’ wings”

Led by Rev. Anne Hibbert

Thursday 3rd September (10 a.m. - 12.45 p.m.)

Saturday 12th September (10 a.m. - 12.45 p.m.)

“You shall be like a well watered garden” -
Isaiah 58:11

Led by Rev. Anne Hibbert

Free of charge, but donations very welcome.

“The Well’s vision ...

.. is to see people encounter the healing transformative love and power of God through The Well in Royal Leamington Spa. The Well aspires to be a place of excellence, open six days a week for people from far and wide. We offer a safe environment for healing prayer in the name of Jesus Christ. The Well continues to pioneer Christian healing prayer and practice. We offer regular events and learning experiences for people to discover more about God’s healing power so that we equip people to further Jesus’ healing ministry throughout our hurting world. In answer to the question: ‘Does God heal today?’ The Well’s answer is a resounding ‘YES’ and we yearn and work for more people to know this truth.”

We close with a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to all of you who have caught The Well’s vision and continue to support our ministry through volunteering, praying or financial giving. Father-God’s provision, poured out through your generosity, is what will enable us to continue to provide and develop our ministry during this pandemic and beyond.

“Never doubt God’s mighty power to work in you and accomplish all this. He will achieve infinitely more than your greatest request, your most unbelievable dream, and exceed your wildest imagination! He will outdo them all, for His miraculous power constantly energizes you.”

Ephesians 3:20 (The Passion Translation)

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