

# ENCOUNTER

**Encounter Christ The Healer.**

The Newsletter of Healing Rooms England & Wales



**December 2022**

“For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

**Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)**

*If you find this newsletter interesting, please pass it on to your friends who may have healing needs.*

**REMEMBER TO PUT THIS IN YOUR DIARY FOR 2023**

**HEALING ROOMS ENGLAND & WALES NATIONAL  
CONFERENCE**

**MARCH 31st - APRIL 1st 2023**

**MORE INFORMATION WILL BE ON THE HREW WEBSITE**

## **A message from our Directors**

It's great to hear about the new readers who are accessing the Encounter Newsletter through registering their interest on the Healing Rooms England & Wales website and we are really pleased to update you on a monthly basis with news and testimonies about the Healing Rooms ministry.

We are very grateful to Brian and Vera Chamberlain who put in so much work coordinating stories and contributors to ensure you receive latest news and are encouraged by what we see God doing in our nation and internationally through our partnerships and connections.



The post Covid era has been a continued time of change and development and we are excited for the future as we see new 'fresh expressions' of Healing Rooms growing.

The lack of face to face interaction in Healing Rooms for an extended period of time meant that some Healing Rooms decided not to continue with prayer teams either retiring or moving into different ministries. We bless them and are so thankful for their commitment and desire to serve their communities and churches.

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### **New Healing Rooms**

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However, we have been excited that the numbers of enquiries for training have been so encouraging. Some training has taken place this year and resulted in new Healing Rooms in Birmingham, a second Healing Rooms for Nottingham and a prospective two Healing Rooms for Hull. Also an additional Healing Rooms for Northampton. We have training dates scheduled and commencing in January which will also bring more Marketplace expressions of HR planned to be established in community venues.

The development of the Healing Rooms National Prayer Line which started in the early days of Covid in May 2020 continues to grow and we are hoping to again increase the numbers on team and available to pray with those calling in.

We have been advertising regularly on TBN Christian TV (Channel 66) and many are finding us there and taking the opportunity to receive prayer for a wide variety of needs.

Prayer appointments over Zoom are also continuing with many Healing Rooms now doing both face to face and zoom ministry.

Our partnership with the International Association of Healing Ministries (IAHM) is going from strength to strength and continues on a monthly basis with many people from across the Nations coming in for Zoom Prayer ministry.

We are looking forward to Jean Luc Trachsel from IAHM coming to be our main speaker at the planned Healing Rooms England & Wales National Conference in Spring 23.

We are also celebrating our other partnership links with the Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer, The Healing Centre based at the Eastgate Church Community, Northfleet Gravesend, and also recent connections with Bethel Sozo UK which we hope to develop further in 2023.

God has been so amazingly good as we have sought to serve Him in different ways over these past two and a half years during the limitations and restrictions which made our regular ministry so difficult.

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### **... forever the Faithful One**

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He is forever the Faithful One and we are looking forward to a New Year filled with opportunities. We have not returned to 'business as usual' but the lessons we have learned and the opportunities made available have now become additional branches of ministry which will bring us into a new season and a future full of expectation and extending the Kingdom influence God has made available.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support and connection.

***David and Veronica Mee***  
***National Directors HREW***

## **Healing Through the Creative Arts**

Continuing our series looking at healing through the Creative Arts it is interesting to try and fathom one of the Lord's great mysteries!

### **Healing Through the Creative Arts Part 6:**

#### **Using Banners in Worship: Part One**

***"Pick up a banner and wave it in Church. What's that all about?"***

*The waving of banners in worship, at first sight, may seem somewhat strange, irreverent and a bit of a mystery, however, Psalm 20:5 says “may we shout for joy when we hear of your victory, flying banners to honour our God.”*

Of themselves, just like Paul’s references in Acts (19:11/12) to handkerchiefs and aprons being used in healing, banners have no authority or power. They are just bits of cloth and poles. So, when we pick up a banner we need to see beyond its physical appearance and look to the supernatural realm. When we begin exploring the significance of banners in scripture and what they symbolize we know that because God *“inhabits the praises of His people”* when we pick one up in faith it can carry an anointing and help usher in His kingdom.

All forms of creative expression, in particular dance, painting, poetry, mime and bannering are imbued with purpose and meaning. They should not be regarded as empty gestures assigned just to secular society. When the anointing of the spirit of God enters a room and the person/s are operating in the *‘right spirit’*, the creative activity becomes a bridge that reaches out and a tool that helps us engage with Him.



### ***Let’s look at scripture.....***

The first mention of the word “*banner*” is in Exodus 17:15 when the battle against the Amalekites was won as Aaron and Hur held up Moses’ arms on the hilltop. Moses built an altar to the Lord and called it *“the Lord is my banner.”*

Later in the wilderness the Lord gave Moses and Aaron instructions to arrange the camp around the Tent of the Meeting as follows *“each man under his standard with the banners of his family.”*

Jewish tradition suggests that the standards of the twelve tribes of Israel also correspond to the twelve coloured stones in the breastplate of the High Priest. (*Exodus 28:15-21*).

***Isaiah 11:12 & 62:10 refers to “raising a banner for the nations”***

We know we were created to worship Him. By using banners many have come into a newfound intimacy and freedom they have not previously experienced. As restriction and self-consciousness lift there can be a release of worship that has been locked up inside. Lifting a banner can be a vehicle to meet God in a new way. It can also carry an anointed power to open the portals of heaven and usher in His presence.

Worship and warfare go hand in hand. We read in scripture that many Hebrew battles were decided in God's favour. Banners were used in battle to gain and signify victory and to push back the powers of darkness.

***Psalm 60:4 “but you have raised up a banner for those who honour you a rallying point in the face of attack”***

In relation to the New Testament banners are used in worship to proclaim the Lordship of Christ and the power of His blood. Used prophetically banners have come to symbolize the truths by which God sets us free and to speak into someone's life.



***Song of Songs 2:4 “and His banner over me is love”***

In the spirit, God prompts the banner user to engage in a specific act of warring, praise, intercession and communication as He directs them to different colour combinations, textures and the manner in which they are to be used. *eg. in warfare a slashing movement may be used to defy the enemy.*

An indication of the significance of the colours:

**White:** purity, holiness, the Bride

**Red:** the crimson blood of Jesus, sin, deliverance, redemption, salvation

**Pink:** Rose of Sharon the highest and best

**Gold:** the glory, the Father

**Silver:** the Holy Spirit, Ruach of God

**Bronze:** judgement, truth, justice, strength

**Purple:** royalty, sovereignty, majesty, repentance



Blue: water, rivers, heaven, prophecy, our final home

Green: healing, mercy, compassion, new birth

Yellow: hope, promise, light and power, joy, celebration

Orange: fire (often used with red and yellow)

Black: fear, darkness, the enemy

*To signify or emphasize scripture emblems are often used on banners, eg lion (the lion of Judah), dove (the holy spirit), crown (majesty and kingship), cross (Jesus), sword (the word of God), flames (fire), eagle (strength and power), sheep (the Lamb of God).*

*Words are also used such as the names of the Lord, eg Jesus, Prince of Peace, Yeshua.*



Used in praise and worship banners can visibly portray and emphasise the words of scripture in songs such as “*we want to see Jesus lifted high, a banner that flies across the land.*”

*A track on a CD called “The Colours of Salvation” by Jim Bailey also provides a good example of colours and their significance.*

***To be continued.....in next month’s issue***

If you have a testimony of how God has used worship or your creative gift in healing and you believe it will encourage others, please get in touch by email [newforest@healingrooms.org.uk](mailto:newforest@healingrooms.org.uk).

***Sylvia Barnes: Director New Forest Healing Rooms***  
***Southern area: Regional Director***

## **News from around the Regions**

### **A Note to all Regions**

If you have items that you think may be of interest for the monthly Encounter newsletter please forward these to Carole at HREW headquarters. Items of interest can be about your activities, testimonies, personnel, in fact anything that can be shared with the HREW family.

### **Northampton Healing Rooms now in two locations**

Northampton Healing Rooms is now operating in two locations: The original at Broadmead and now also at New Life Church. The address and opening times for these locations are:

Broadmead Community Church  
Broadmead Avenue  
Northampton, NN3 2QY  
Wednesdays 7:00pm – 9:00pm

New Life Church  
9 Tower Street  
Northampton, NN1 2SN  
Tuesdays 1:00pm - 2.30pm

### **Bourne Healing Rooms**

In the last two and a half years there have been many changes for the Bourne team. During 'lockdown' we initially kept together by praying for each other daily and circulating prayer requests by text. In September 2020 we started healing sessions over Zoom which was amazing and the Holy Spirit was very present. Modern technology allowed us to be together even though we were apart! We recommenced daytime face-to-face healing sessions in September 2021 alternating weekly with evening Zoom sessions.

In March 2022 we sensed that God was moving us into a new season and that we were to release the (very large) bungalow that God had divinely provided for us 13 years ago. Many of you will know that during those years we successfully ran two complimentary ministries alongside each other in the bungalow... the Healing Rooms and The Well Head Centre, a short-term residential retreat for adults in the UK who were not coping

with the pressure and stresses of life. Unknown to us at the time, God had planned for it to be used by two (related) Ukrainian families who were caught up in the war. We vacated the bungalow at the end of April 2022 and the families arrived in early August. The parents, children and Grandma are now settled in and absolutely love their new, albeit temporary home.

We have now moved to The United Reformed Church Hall in Bourne where our face-to-face healing sessions take place. We believe this to be temporary, as it was prophesied a couple of months ago that we would have a permanent home that would be maintenance free and would not have any other buildings around it. It sounds wonderful. We have prayed that this building is waiting for us.

We sensed the Holy Spirit wanted us to do things differently as we entered into this new season. We also had a word from one of our guests that “this was a new beginning and the Holy Spirit had dismantled old ways”. He alone has the freedom to guide us! Our face-to-face ministry sessions now take place in an open setting with meet and greet, worship, ministry and intercession all taking place in one large hall. Nothing happens behind closed doors.

We sensed God wanted us to wave flags, dance and sing. Not to be sterile or religious. Our teams commented that this was a new and exciting time in Bourne Healing Rooms’ history and our guests were also delighted.

We believe God is doing a new thing and we are anticipating greater times ahead. There have been a few changes in our team with some members having left during this transitioning time but with others arriving... we have been blessed with 3 new team members. We have found the change challenging, some more than others, but Father God is leading us into deeper levels of His presence and blessings both for us and our guests.

## **Testimonies from Bourne Healing Rooms**

- *“I recently suffered from a bulging disc in my lower back. The pain in my back, hip and leg was severe. I needed Diazepam, Co-codamol and physical help to get out of bed. Even with this it was very difficult as my whole body went into spasm and I couldn’t lift my feet up. The only way I could move was by wiggling my toes to slowly move my foot forwards, whilst being supported by my husband. I would then drag the other foot behind me.*

*I had been planning on taking someone to Healing Rooms on the Thursday. I knew they really needed to go and I know the power of prayer. I kept asking the Lord to help me. I woke in the middle of Wednesday night and was still in a lot of pain and unable to move very much. I took more painkillers and said to the Lord if you want me to go tomorrow then you have to help me. I then lay in the dark, not daring to move until the painkillers started to work, eventually drifting off to a rather disturbed sleep once the medication kicked in.*

*When I woke early the next morning I at once felt pain but as I started to move something felt different. It hurt, but I could move. I announced to my husband that I was going to Healing Rooms. He looked at me doubtfully, but didn’t say anything other than ‘Well I hope you can get back!’ I dressed and my husband*



*helped me get my socks and shoes on and I got into the car with difficulty. The only way to lift my legs in was to put my seat back as far as possible and then grab my trouser legs near the calf to help lift my feet into the car. Once I was in, then I was okay. I picked my friend up, avoiding getting out of the car until we got to Bourne.*

*Getting out of the car was challenging and I walked slowly into the Healing Rooms' hall. We were welcomed and shown such love. I then had the team start praying for me. I immediately felt the power of the Holy Spirit. One of the prayer team put her hand on my back. It felt comforting with no pain. Previously I hadn't been able to have anyone touch my back as it had been too tender. As they continued to pray, I felt such peace and the pain and stiffness in my body just started to disappear. I found I could move and twist at the waist. It was lovely and such a relief that I couldn't stop smiling. I tested my body out by walking around the room, lifting my arms up and stepping from side to side. I left a different person from the one who arrived. Jesus had touched and blessed me.*

*It is now a couple of days since I went to Healing Rooms. My back has got stronger each day. I still have some hip pain but that is getting better too. I am able to stand and cook and have almost stopped the medications. I believe this will be completely better any day now. This disc has bulged a number of times in the past and each time previously it has taken weeks and weeks to heal. Not this time! It just needed one miraculous touch from Jesus and a number of committed Christians to stand in the gap for me. Thank you!"*

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- *"I spent 7 days in bed full of depression. I felt so heavy and empty in a dark room. I became worse as the days went on with voices inside my head telling me to cut myself, to kill myself. You're not worth it, you're a burden on your loved ones and you're draining people too. It would be better if you were just dead!*

*This made me feel I had no purpose in life and I was just here to exist. I did not want this life stuck in my bedroom in the dark. The last two days before going to Healing Rooms I sat in silence staring at the walls. I cut my hair instead of myself. I battled the voices in my head knowing there was hope in Jesus saving me. On the Thursday I cried as I stayed alive and managed to get to Healing Rooms, praise God.*

*When I arrived, I was empty, heavy, scared, anxious and still hearing the voices... being told these people don't care about you, they feel sorry for you, you're crazy, you're a mad crazy stupid woman. I felt the love and kindness of the people in the room, this helped me stay. I struggled to sit myself down but I did. The ministry team asked me what I wanted prayer for today. I told them suicide. I'm here for the voices telling me these things about myself. They asked if I had ever said I wanted to die and if I had done things like Ouija boards and Tarot cards, which I did as a child. I did a lot of this. I was searching for answers as to why things were so difficult. I thought the dead could tell me if my parents would be together. I stood up as they prayed and I started to shake. I kept twitching. I did not understand what was going on in my body. I repeated what they said I should say to Jesus in prayer, I struggled to get the words out to speak. As I spoke it out*

*which I did in the end I fell to my knees. Whilst they were praying, I felt sick and was on the floor. I can't put into words what I felt after I stood up, but I knew I was healed. The sadness and darkness turned to laughter, love, smiles, happiness and joy. Most of all peace and freedom. I felt like I was healed. I still had things to do when I got home which I did. I threw things away that were connected to my father. I had so much stuff of the Sikh religion in my home, I put it all in a bag and put it in the bin to be gone in Jesus' Name.*

*This week has been amazing. The evening after I received prayer, I invited my son and his partner round. Both my sons and me and my son's partner laughed, we ate together, we had such fun. My children had not seen this joy and laughter in me since I left the hospital weeks before. We had a great time together. It was a blessing. It's five days since I went to Healing Rooms. I've not spent a day in bed since, I've even left my home alone and used buses alone. I got to church on Sunday using a bus alone. I used to feel unsafe and felt anxious doing these things alone, but I know now that I am not alone. I have Jesus beside me. I know he is sat in the seat next to me on the bus.*

*My faith has grown and I'm so hungry to know more and learn the word. I love Jesus and I thank God for His healing and for the Healing Rooms. I will return to Healing Rooms, there are still a lot of other things that need dealing with. By God's grace, the work started in me will be completed. Praise God. He loves us so much."*

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## **God is Moving!**

### **IAHM Miracles & Healings Nights**

Following the success of the series of Miracles & Healings Nights that started in September 2020 HREW are pleased that we have engaged in a third year-long Healing School for International Association of Healing Ministries (IAHM) where we are providing monthly online ministry under their umbrella.

**2022**  
07 December

**2023**  
19 January  
02 February  
02 March  
20 April  
15 June

Remember, your prayers are important. Please note the new season of Miracles & Healings Nights, ask for God's sovereignty on the events, that there would be increased numbers of guests and that much blessing would flow. Also note that the evenings have been moved to Wednesdays.

In October HREW had 10 Prayer Ministers, 8 guests were prayed for. In November HREW had 11 Prayer Ministers, 12 guests were prayed for. They were very blessed times with some real encounters that brought healing to many.

If you were not able to see the latest or previous Miracles & Healings Nights the evenings can still be viewed on YouTube. The link to access this is on the IAHM website under the heading **Miracles & Healings Nights, select by date.**

[Miracles & Healings Night in English](#) *(Ctrl and click)*

## **Testimony from September Miracles & Healings Night**

We were a team of four prayer ministers. It was a blessed time of fellowship and praying for each other while waiting for our guests.

We received one guest who had quite a few conditions that needed healing. Her arms and hands were inflamed with red marks due to Lupus. We could see the red marks on the screen. She had breast surgery a few days previously and was experiencing abdominal pain.

At the end of the prayer, both the abdominal pain and the red marks on her arms diminished. Also, the red marks on her hands disappeared. She described her hands as having "turned white" (normal colour). She was full of joy. Praise Jesus!

## **Testimony from October Miracles & Healings Night**

A lady came for prayer who had a damaged knee who loved dancing. After we'd prayed for her she walked around to test it and she'd got back all her flexibility and the pain had gone from a level of at least 4 out of 10 down to 1 out of 10.

## **The HREW Website**

If you have items of interest or photographs that you would like on your profile page please contact Brian Chamberlain: [brian.chamberlain@healingrooms.org.uk](mailto:brian.chamberlain@healingrooms.org.uk)

As you know each Healing Rooms location has it's own profile pages attached to the main HREW website and these are there to hold key details of the location address, opening times and contact telephone numbers etc. plus any other information, latest news etc. that you want the public to know about you.

As well as the Encounter Newsletter you can now 'subscribe' and receive regular updates of news, events and testimonies from the HREW family. All that is required is to access the website and click on the Subscribe button. An email will be sent to confirm your subscription, click on the Subscribe option in the email to confirm and follow the prompts. There are no charges for this subscription.

# Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer (EWoAP)



## Eternal Wall Testimony of the Month

**“She sat in the waiting area with my friend,  
literally holding her hand...”**

**19<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

### ***Answered Prayer #350,0552***

A friend of mine had an appointment at the hospital to discuss a lump seen on her mammogram. I wanted to go with her but had a commitment. I prayed that morning that Jesus would "hold her hand." Unbeknown to her a person she knew from years ago was a member of staff on duty in the department that day. She was surprised and shocked to see her. She sat in the waiting area with my friend, literally holding her hand, and chatting with her. She even ensured she saw the top consultant who, after a thorough examination, pronounced the lump to be benign. I told her of my prayer as I had written it down and was able to show it to her. She was a witness to God's amazing love and care.

For more information about the Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer see the website:  
[www.eternalwall.org.uk](http://www.eternalwall.org.uk)

## Featured Christian Artist - Sarah Bookless



"Jesus Christ,  
the Love,  
Light  
and Hope  
of the World"

***by Sarah T Bookless***

My painting is called "Jesus Christ, the Love, Light and Hope of the World". In the painting we see Baby Jesus sleeping in His Father's arms. In Deuteronomy 33 verse 27 we read "The eternal God is your refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms". The painting shows Baby Jesus being sent on His mission to the world. "For God so loved the world that He sent His one and only Son that everyone who believes in Him shall not perish but shall have everlasting life." John 3 verse 16.

As believers and followers of Jesus we are also sent into the world on Mission. Jesus desires that we also bring His Hope, His Love and His Light to this broken world.

As a teenager I attended the local Academy. Our school's motif was a beautiful bright golden yellow star and around the star, the words of our motto "Splendeat Lux" (which as all Latin scholars know, translates as "Let your light shine"). This was our School Badge which I wore proudly on my School Blazer. The words are taken from Matthew 5 verse 16 "Let your light so shine before men so that they see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven".

John 20 verses 21-22 confirm this commissioning. "Again Jesus said "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me I am sending you and with that He breathed on them and said "Receive the Holy Spirit".

Jesus knew that we could do nothing in our own strength but only through Him, with Him and in the power of His Holy Spirit. "Not by power or might but by my spirit says the Lord God Almighty." Zechariah 4 verse 6.

Much loved English poet William Wordsworth (1770-1850) in his poem "Ode: Intimations of Immortality from Recollections of Early Childhood" also speaks of this belief that we are all sent by God:

"Our birth is but a sleep and a forgetting  
The soul that rises with us, our life's star  
Hath had elsewhere it's setting and cometh from afar  
Not in entire forgetfulness  
And not in utter nakedness  
But trailing clouds of glory do we come from God, who is our home".

It is beautiful and exciting to celebrate Christmas... We all enjoy seeing the sparkly, glittery baubles in the shop fronts, the decorated Christmas trees, the wonder of it all, the giving of gifts to one another etc. However, most of all we thank God the Father for giving us the Gift of His Son, Jesus, so that through His Birth, Death and Resurrection we may have Redemption through His Precious Blood and have new life in Christ. He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of His Beloved Son". Colossians 1 verse 13.

May Our Heavenly Father through Jesus Christ Our Lord, grant us His "Shalom" this Christmas 2022 and in the New Year to come. In Colossians 2 verse 10 we read "And you have been made complete in Christ". May the "Shalom of the Lord" nothing missing, nothing broken be with us and bless us all. I hope and pray that the Light of Jesus Christ will shine even brighter... even more radiant in us this Christmas and in the coming year... so that we may bring God's Love, Hope and Peace and Light to this world... a world that He loves so much and this would indeed be a wonderful, precious Christmas gift to give to our Heavenly Father so that when He sees us... He sees His Precious Son reflected in us. Shalom, my Friends!!!

May the Light of His Love Bless and Fill the Manger of our hearts this Christmas and light our Pathways throughout the coming year. Amen

NB: Another similar painting of Sarah's is "God is Love".

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***Sarah T. C. Bookless, Christian Artist***

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## **On a different note:**

Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, 'I've lost my electron.' The other says  
'Are you sure?' The first replies, 'Yes, I'm positive.'

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## The National Prayer Line

HREW are continuing to offer prayer at various locations, however, at present our dedicated teams will pray for you either online or over the phone. Some of our Healing Rooms that temporarily closed to comply with and support the current Government guidance and legislation have now re-opened. Check 'Healing Rooms Near You' on the website [www.healingrooms.org.uk](http://www.healingrooms.org.uk) to find the ones that have re-opened and for more information and contact details. We have now resumed sending out prayer cloths on request via the website. We are a Christian charity and our members are trained and experienced prayer ministers from a wide range of mainstream Christian churches. It is our desire that all people find healing and wholeness. We aim to help those struggling with life's challenges be they physical, emotional, spiritual or relational. Calls are managed confidentially and are free (except your own call charge).

Prayer requests can be sent by e-mail to: [contact@healingrooms.org.uk](mailto:contact@healingrooms.org.uk)

To see testimonies of what God is doing nationally and receive the latest news about what is happening, follow us on Facebook and Instagram:

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[www.instagram.com/healingroomsenglandandwales](https://www.instagram.com/healingroomsenglandandwales)

If you have a healing need or have a desire to join in this ministry, please make contact either via the website or as shown below:-

HR England and Wales:	The National Prayer Line Days/Times
<p>Main Office</p> <p>Tel: <a href="tel:+44207948085337">+44 (0) 7948 085337</a></p> <p>Mondays and Thursdays 10:00am-4:00pm</p> <p>Danesford Community Centre West Road Congleton Cheshire CW12 4EY</p>	<p>Monday-Saturday 10:30am-12:30pm (excluding Bank Holidays)</p> <p>The number to call is:</p> <p><b>03300 889 336</b></p>

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