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The Newsletter of Healing Rooms England & Wales



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Trust in the Lord completely, and do not rely on your own opinions.
With all your heart rely on him to guide you,
and he will lead you in every decision you make.
Become intimate with him in whatever you do,
and he will lead you wherever you go.

Proverbs 3 v 5-6 (NIV)

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

My story so far:

It has been quite a journey that we have been on, my husband Chris and myself since we invited Jesus to come into our lives and be Lord and Saviour. That was nearly 30 years ago. We have trusted Jesus to help us and guide us on our way through life. We have four wonderful daughters and 10 grandchildren, who are all a great blessing and joy to us both. The photo is of us on holiday in Scotland last summer.



I grew up as a child in a loving and secure family household but we did not know Jesus and we did not go to church. I learnt good family values and a good way to live from my parents and I have been grateful to them for the deep and constant love and to our family.

I was however curious about God and at 8 1/2 years old asked my mum where God lives. Mum said He lives up in the sky but some people say you can meet Him at church. So, I wanted to go to church to meet God, it's a long story but I walked there with the girl next door who knew the way. I believe I did meet Him in a rather special way.

Chris and I lived in Ipswich when Jesus came to capture us as a family, first my husband Chris, then our eldest daughter and then myself and then our other three daughters. At that time little did we know that a charismatic church was praying for us to come to the Lord as a family, which actually happened! This church was full of the Holy Spirit and immediately introduced us to Jesus, Father God and Holy Spirit, all three facets of God.

After a few years we moved on to joining New Frontiers and were part of the Alpha programme and two church plants out into Suffolk. About seven years ago God called us out of New Frontiers with a prophetic word, which we weighed and accepted. We had met John and Sarah Lander earlier and were fellowshiping together at church. They had been shown by God some years before that He had other plans for us all, "we would be working together on His mission field".

We live in Stowmarket and it always amazes me how God brings all things together for His purposes and plans

Now we four pastor Home Church in Stowmarket. We started off in homes and now gather on Sundays in a hall for worship and fellowship together. The church is built on Acts 2 principles, devoting ourselves to the apostles' teaching, to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. We eat together every Sunday after the service and it is a lovely time of getting together and knowing new people as well as being with church family.

Three years ago, we were so glad that we had gone to the monthly Filling Station meeting, in Stowupland village hall because it was there that we had a talk by the Reverend Roy Scorey, Regional Director of Healing Rooms. We listened intently and wanted to hear about healings but that night he spoke mostly about their journey

across Europe using a camper van and planting faith seeds of prayer and ending up in Malta, where they did some miraculous things.

After we talked with John and Sarah we all decided to invite Ray and his wife Ruth down to our church hall for a gathering of other likeminded people, that we may hear far more about Healing Rooms. It was brilliant, so Mid Suffolk Healing Rooms was planted with John and Sarah as Directors and with some of us from Home Church and others from several local churches, this being the pattern for Healing Rooms.

During one of our meetings recently at Healing Rooms we were told about the Healing Rooms National Prayerline which has been running for probably 18 months and was inspired by the Lord during COVID.

There is such a need for people to talk to someone at the end of a phone line and it is an absolute privilege to have become a part of the second phase of this growing ministry. There are guidelines to follow but I just love it as we work with Holy Spirit listening to Him and asking and inviting Him to be with us both, that we will experience His presence as they talk and express what they would like prayer for. It's not about counselling but about listening and asking God to help us to pray for them, to give them scripture and to uplift and encourage them.

To Him be the Glory,

Sheryl Baxter, Mid-Suffolk Healing Rooms

Has Prayer Been Cancelled?

The power of prayer is being neutered in the UK. Since the pandemic, studies have found an apparent and vital openness to spirituality. A study commissioned in May 2020 (source: *The Guardian*) found that one in 20 adults had started praying. The Church of England also received 6,000 phone calls to a prayer hotline in its first 48 hours of operation in the same month. And it isn't 'just a COVID thing'. Since the pandemic, churches are being flooded with newcomers and a recent Savanta ComRes survey found over 50% of 18-34 year olds now pray regularly, with 36% attending church or taking part in a service – whether online or offline – at least once a month.

These statistics were challenged widely by the press. Alongside this scepticism towards an apparent spiritual renewal, social media algorithms and the woke bandwagon have aimed to diminish prayer to something that is irrelevant and even impotent – an activity that is hidden and shameful.

Many now perceive prayer as an activity of last resort, with no expected outcome other than a self-serving sense that we are doing what we can in times when we feel powerless. As our Prime Minister contracted COVID last year, the newspapers ran the headlines: 'Pray for Boris,' but did anyone expect God to answer? 'Praying' has become shorthand for showing solidarity in trying circumstances, rarely translated to an earnest seeking of our Creator for help. There has been a significant cultural shift that we have seen in this generation, moving from the appreciation of God at work to the denial of any possibility of divine intervention.

Yet throughout history and the current generation, hundreds of thousands testify to prayer as the most intimate, meaningful, and powerful activity in their lives, believing that God listens and acts. So how have we got here? Has society simply grown up, or has political correctness – and latterly woke culture – cancelled the power of prayer? It was not always like this.

On 23rd May 1940, His Majesty King George VI announced a National Day of Prayer the following Sunday. As British, Canadian, and French soldiers fled under torrential Nazi fire toward the beaches of Dunkirk, the King of England asked the nation to ‘turn as our fathers before us have turned, in times of trial, to the God Most High’. Over a million people visited churches across the nation and prayed for the boys on the beaches. Then came the ‘miracle of Dunkirk’ and 330,000 were saved. On 9th June the nation returned to church to thank God for His work. The bizarre strategic decisions, meteorological improbabilities and physical miracles that led to the preservation of so many lives have been erased from populist history. The power of prayer that contributed to the miracle of Dunkirk has been removed from our national consciousness, and downgraded to an account of extraordinary human effort, which, though worthy of major appreciation, should not be viewed in isolation.

One million bricks, each representing an answered prayer

For Christians, faith is fuelled when we share and celebrate the things Jesus has done in our lives. Being on a 17-year journey to collect one million of these stories for a piece of public art called the Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer – a sculpture which hopes to preserve the power of prayer by being built out of one million bricks, each representing an answered prayer – I have discovered the Christian Church on mute. Stories are, at best, whispered not proclaimed. Christians in the UK are hiding for their livelihoods, as ‘wokery’ embeds itself in the legal and political machines. Christians working in the political, health, education and entertainment sectors cannot say what they believe, for fear of being cancelled, and offering to pray for people – outside the aforementioned anaemic version – would risk their job and their families. In particular, Christians seem to be singled out as the naughty religious children who should be seen and not heard.

Sure, the fearful majority are not shouting about it, but secretly the belief in the power of prayer remains. While we are growing into a more diverse nation, we must hold fast onto the importance prayer has had to our national identity, and the positive impact the Church has had on our society – especially in the last year. Our nation has a rich heritage embedded in Christian prayer and, while many will take the viewpoint that prayer is merely a false hope, a comfort blanket when you can do nothing more, we’ve got to be bold in sharing the spiritual power of prayer. If younger generations are exploring faith and prayer, it shouldn’t be a matter of debate, but should be encouraged, embraced and an example for all of us.

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News from around the Regions

A Note to all Regions

If you have items that you think may be of interest for the monthly 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.

Testimony of a member from the Regions:

THERE WAS SOMEONE ELSE IN THE MRI TUNNEL WITH ME!

Firstly you need to understand that I'm a terrible wimp when it comes to almost any kind of medical procedure! That's quite a confession for an ex Royal Marines Commando, but it's an important one for someone who had the guts to go through absolute hell, high water, low water and under the water to win my green beret! The adventure continues! Cancer was discovered in my lower bowel recently but the good news is it's isolated.

MRI scan day asked to wear a didn't have a Gucci Green beret strength much really but then Marines mantra. mind." How biblical thinks in his heart, 23V7. There's can do here but lie and above all trust revelation came in Word of God says strength in my weak I am strong! Got it! That's what this is all about. Total surrender! White flag flying at full mast! So weak, I couldn't knock the skin off a rice pud!



arrived and I was medical gown that label on it! Peeved! won't account for I recalled the Royal "It's a state of is that! "As a man so is he." Proverbs absolutely nothing I still, enjoy the ride, God. At that point like a flood! The that He perfects His weakness. When I'm

The sense of His peace was so powerful

Then the presence of God came. The presence of the Holy Spirit was with me. The sense of His peace was so powerful. I felt very safe, loved, cherished, and totally protected, full of joy and weeping with joy! And the trigger point was me surrendering when it hadn't even been in my head to do so. Clearly I'd been cornered, just where God wanted me to be! Then a penny from heaven dropped. Jesus is the Chief Cornerstone!

We can actually be too strong for God to use us but when I surrendered, He, the Holy Spirit, the Comforter came alongside me. He was with me in the MRI tunnel! No

fear. Perfect love drives out fear. What Peace! A close encounter with a friend? Yes, because a friend sticks closer than a brother. (Proverbs 18:24).

Mike Robinson, January 2022

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 to announce that we have engaged in a second year-long Healing School for International Association of Healing Ministries (IAHM) where we will be providing monthly online ministry under their umbrella.

Miracles & Healings Night of 22nd January 2022

The speaker for the main event was Wes Hall. Wes Hall was part of the leadership team of the International House of Prayer of Kansas City (IHOPKC) since 2000, and a faculty member of the International House of Prayer University (IHOPU) since its inception. Formerly a practicing lawyer in the City of London, UK, Wes now focuses his energies on intercession for revival and working to see a culture of prayer established throughout the Body of Christ globally. He has a passion to see God's people gain a clear understanding of their identity in Christ that would overflow in lives of radical obedience to Jesus in every area of society. He and his wife, Carol, have four young children; they currently reside in Germany.

This was the fifth night of the new season. Healing Rooms England & Wales (HREW) had a team of 26 prayer ministers. These were made up into 7 prayer rooms, in most there were 3 prayer ministers and 1 intercessor per room. At the end there had been 29 persons requesting prayer. Those wanting prayer came from 10 countries around the world. The prayer rooms were opened at 6:30pm and closed at 8:30pm. The prayer ministers commented that it was a great time and they had seen amazing change in those who came for prayer. At the close the team shared many testimonies of God's healing, some of these are shown below.

Testimonies from the M & H Night of 22nd January 2022

- We prayed for a young man who was suffering with lingering injuries (wrist and arm, headaches and vision issues due to concussion) caused by an accident about a year ago. He had already received prayer to break off the shock and trauma from the accident. After prayer he said he felt strange sensations in his arm. He was visibly moved during the prayer session.
- We prayed for a young lady suffering from long Covid. She was also suffering from a negative reaction to a recent vaccination which had brought all the symptoms back. We broke off the negative effects from the vaccination. Declaring God's love and healing for and over her. She was moved to tears and left the prayer session smiling.

- We prayed for a young lady who was finding it difficult to continue with her online work. We had a word of knowledge and through that word she received revelation from God what the root cause could be.
- One team member ministered in song during the prayer sessions. We could see God moving on each person as they received ministry from Jesus through the singing.
- A lady was suddenly struck down 3 yrs ago with a facial condition which has confined her mainly to her house and has resulted in her losing her job. The medical profession is mystified by the condition. She received prayer and through scripture was given renewed hope in Jehovah Rapha, the God who heals. Then one of the team shared a picture of a seemingly innocuous incident that they believe happened 3 years ago where this lady was cursed. This was broken off her. She cried and then shared how this made sense in the place and culture where she was working at the time. Hope visibly returned. Her tears too were taken as a prophetic sign of things yet to come (healing in her tears).
- A lady set-up by a friend she'd not spoken to for 2 years. Wanted prayer for complete recovery from Covid-19 (for which she'd tested positive 3 weeks earlier). Also felt mentally drained with life at a standstill; lots of things severed and betrayed by work colleagues. On inviting the Holy Spirit immediately into the start of the ministry, she became still. However, as soon as scripture about comfort was spoken over her, she was visibly touched by the Holy Spirit's presence. The issue of forgiveness was ministered to. This lady continued for several minutes to encounter God as His words of love and truth about her identity were spoken over her. When asked about what had just happened, she shared she felt the Lord touching her back. She was overwhelmed by His presence and shared she wasn't expecting the intimacy she experienced. Hallelujah! This lady's demeanour had now changed to one of peace and confidence.
- A lady came to the prayer rooms after being touched by the prayer time in the main IAHM session. This wasn't her plan but felt she needed more. She spoke of deliverance from depression. As prayer began and scripture was spoken over her she became bowed. As ministry continued there was a sense of her overcoming that which bowed her down. Words of revelation of her circumstances were spoken too. Eventually she raised her head and her face carried a smile. When asked how she felt she shared, 'I feel the peace'. Thank you Father God for your lovingkindness.
- A lady had suffered a skiing accident that tore two ligaments in her knee. As a Christian she was full of the Spirit declaring this was time to slow down and enjoy time with God. She was experiencing mild pain (unusual for the type of injury much more would have been expected). She couldn't bend her knee as there was some swelling and she had trouble sleeping. It really struck our team just how full of the Spirit she was and positive about her whole situation (a real example). We prayed for her. There was a word given to her, confirmed by a second party, that this was a new season or chapter in her life.
- A lady had been prayed for by our online Healing Rooms team previously and had had generational prayer which had resulted in her resetting her life and

attitudes. She presented with some confusion and an inability to make decisions (vacillating). She was Spirit filled but seemed to be lacking some spiritual understanding in the areas mentioned. We pointed her back to the Word, especially PEACE OF GOD ruling in her heart additionally Col 3:15, Phil 4:4-7, 1 Cor 14:33. We spoke to her about keeping and maintaining what she had received previously. James 4:7-8. When we had finished she offered to pray for us and it was apparent she was gifted here. She would have been an asset to our prayer team.

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

2022

19 February

19 March

9 April

26-28 May Presence 2022

11 June

If you were not able to see the 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)

Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer (EWoAP)

All of the HREW testimonies are automatically sent to EWoAP and HREW are developing closer links with this organisation.

Eternal Wall Testimony of the month

“After nearly three years, I went to a healing conference...”

19th Jan 2022

Answered Prayer # 350271

I became ill suddenly when I was in my twenties. I was exhausted and weak all the time, wasn't able to work or leave the house for long or live a normal life anymore. I was diagnosed with Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. I went to lots of Christian healing meetings and received prayer and while they were encouraging, I didn't feel any different physically. However, I kept taking the opportunities to be prayed for that came my way. After nearly three years, I went to a healing conference and after receiving prayer, I was totally healed in a moment! It was amazing! God has been so faithful, not just by healing me but in walking with me and getting me through the hardest days while I was sick. The whole experience changed the direction of my life as I then changed careers and I have never looked back!

For more information about the Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer see the website:
www.eternalwall.org.uk

The HREW Website

For those who don't have their own websites the HREW main website has "Profile Pages" for each of the locations. The Profile Pages can contain all your CONTACT details, an ABOUT page for additional specific details and LATEST NEWS where you can have posted details of events etc. Note also that on the main website there is a calendar that can detail events across the whole Healing Rooms family.

If you have items of interest or photographs that you would like on your profile page please contact Christine Wannop: christinewannop@healingrooms.org.uk

On a different note:

I changed my password to "incorrect" so whenever I forget, the computer will say,
"Your password is incorrect."

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 to find the ones that have re-opened and for more information and contact details. We are currently not able to send out prayer cloths. 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

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HR England and Wales:	The National Prayer Line Days/Times
<p>Main Office</p> <p>Tel: +44 (0) 7948 085337</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>03300 889 336</p>

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