

# ENCOUNTER

**Encounter Christ The Healer.**

The Newsletter of Healing Rooms England & Wales



**June 2022**

“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.”

**James 1:17 (NIV)**

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

# My Story so far by Hal Clarkson

My sister and I were raised in a religious home. My matriarchal mother knew the Lord but my father was less than nominal. I was spiritually aware as a child of 'something present' in my bedroom that brought with it a spirit of fear (I didn't understand at the time). Neither did my dad or mother. I believed in Jesus but developed the theology of Christ plus good works (the Galatians problem). Relationship with God for me was governed by trying to be 'good enough.'

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## He anointed me with oil and I was filled with the Holy Spirit

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Following emigration I joined the Canadian United Methodist Church 'til one day after several years a woman at work asked me if I was born again. After she explained I concluded I was because I believed Christ died for my sins. A period of time later I went to talk with her pastor who led me in the Scriptures and confirmed my decision for Christ. He anointed me with oil and I was filled with the Holy Spirit (Wow). I can only describe it as being able to see (spirituality) for miles.

I was on cloud nine for about six months and most of my close contemporaries, friends and family thought I had lost it (and told me so). I hit the bottom with depression and oppression. Many years later Father started very slowly to show me the power of the lie of the demonic I had been living with. A major influence in deliverance for me was Neil Anderson (Freedom in Christ), Derek Prince and others.

Being around more spiritually aware Christians led me to an understanding of the spiritual realm and demonic devices. I came to a point where I understood much more about spiritual oppression. Spirits of fear, insanity, restlessness and depression had plagued me for years. Now I feel so much compassion for the many who must suffer from the demonic without knowledge or any understanding. I feel drawn to helping in this area.

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I returned to the UK in 1987. My initial involvement with Halifax Healing Rooms began a number of years ago when I was a Duty Manager at the Food Support Drop-In. I met with members of the Halifax HR Team who were a part of the Ongoing Prayer Team support that was in place. I "Cut my prayer teeth", with them and over time many of the clients came to the Lord. My interest developed and I further joined Halifax Healing Rooms and was a faithful member until Covid Lockdown. Being computer literate it was an easy decision for me to join the online team when asked. I have learned so much and grown in confidence and knowledge while ministering with some great people. I always receive from each session as all participants bring their heart, knowledge and understanding to the mix. I haven't experienced one occasion where the 'team' has not clicked. We meet around Christ and He supplies for the needs and we grow in faith.

My vision/mission/focus today is to grow in Christ and continue to lead small groups and provide teaching to stand spiritually. As a Methodist Local Preacher my aim is to seek the lost who have never heard the gospel for the many years they have spent in our churches. I am a musician (guitarist) and take my band Ignite Assembly Band with me when I go out to preach.



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Scriptures that have really spoken to me over the years: (2 Tim 1:7), (1 John 4:4), (1 Cor 6:19), (Romans 6:14), (Revelation 3:11).

I am grateful for having had the opportunity to share and grow with Healing Rooms both on and offline.

*Hal Clarkson 05-04-22*

## **Healing Through the Creative Arts: Part Two Fine Art Painting**

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

*"How does applying paint on a surface have the power to unlock things deeply rooted in our inner being? How can it heal memories, bring release and freedom from emotional trauma and provide a pathway to healing?"*

It is no surprise then! We serve a creative God! The one who spoke the world into being gives us talents and tools that only He can use to reach the core of our being. Through exploration, experiment and scripture, He places in us a desire to create so He can bring to the surface and cut off those things that have long been buried, often because they are too raw or painful to confront. What is not so obvious is that these 'things' can have a profound effect on our physical and emotional well-being.

'Creative Arts' is a generic term often used to describe the visual and the performing arts with which we are mostly familiar, eg painting, drawing, sculpture, film, dance, music and of course all types of design.

'Thanks' to technology, education and the media, the rise of consumerism means that we are bombarded with images that give us an innate desire to covet the latest 'stuff' which can result in addiction, emotional turmoil and financial hardship. (*Matt 6 v 19 reminds us "store up your treasures in heaven"*).

Powerful images swamp our everyday lives. Different types of design such as advertising, illustration, magazines, interior, fashion, garden, furniture, to name but a few are powerful, seductive, weapons in the hand of the prince of the airways.

So, that begs the question “*what is the difference between Art and Design and how does God use it?*”

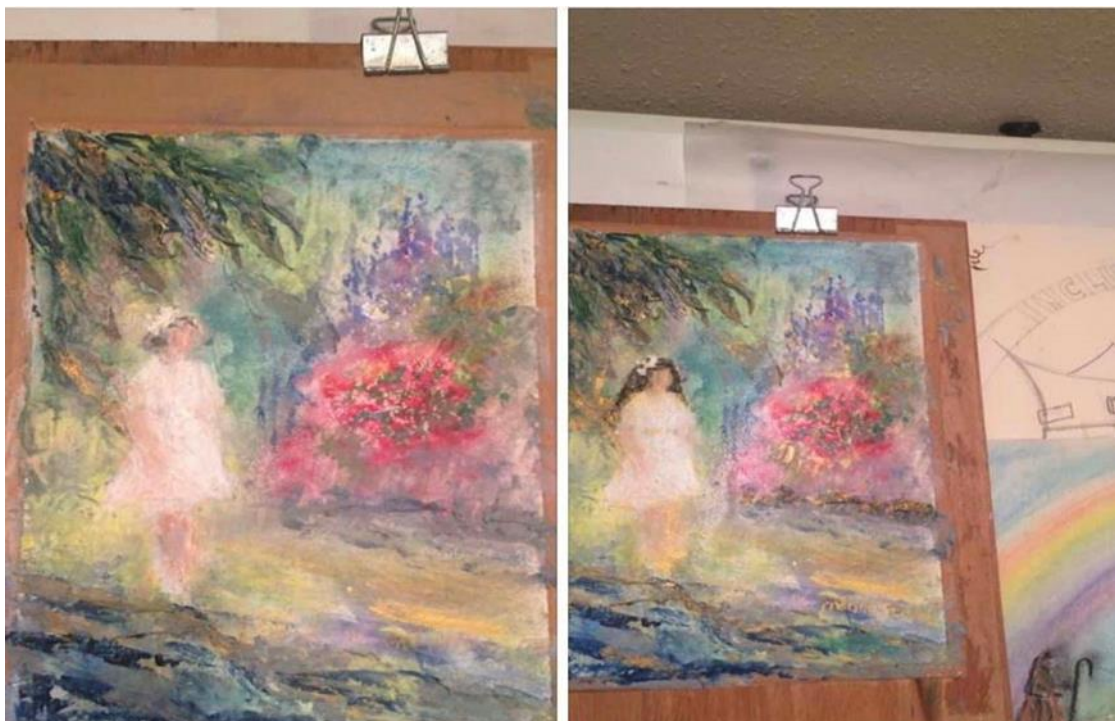
Well, my understanding of this conundrum is that design has parameters, functionality, purpose, usually with an end use, whereas creative practice defined as Fine Art, eg painting, collage, sculpture etc are open to our own interpretation and personal expression.

Used as a tool and a vehicle in the Healing Ministry, through the practice of these Fine Art forms we give the Holy Spirit permission to access and reveal the deep places of our inner being. These are the places where struggles and issues past and present are so deep seated they affect our physical, mental and spiritual health. So, open yourself up to God’s creative arsenal “*be healed*” and remember “*no weapon formed against us will prosper*” Isaiah 54 v 17.

*If you have a testimony of how God has used 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  
Regional Director Southwest*

Healing through art, paintings in progress, healing the inner child!  
Exodus chapter 15 verse 26  
I AM The LORD that heals you.

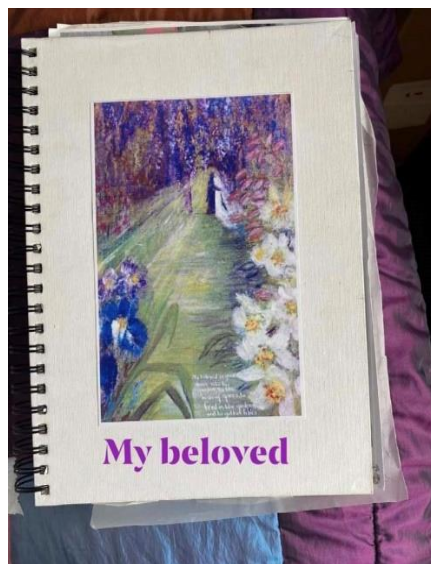


## Marina's Story:

***“He gave me eyes that I might see the wonders of the world”***

The inspiration for my art comes from many sources including nature, songs, music, scripture and an inner desire to create. After a period of mental illness, I found in art a wonderful means of freedom of self-expression and a pathway for healing. In more recent years I have enjoyed helping others on their healing journey through the practice of art. I have organised art workshops and one-to-one coaching sessions which allow people to experiment, learn new skills, discover colour, to see things afresh and learn how the practice of creativity can release them from bondages. I also give art demonstrations using a variety of media and talks on “Art in My Life” where I share my passion and the story of my healing and restoration. I know that it is only by the grace of God I am now able to do these things. By the power of his word, over time, God has used the creative process to help with the healing of my mind, body, soul and spirit.

Marina Stuart: [www. StuDeoart.co.uk](http://www.StuDeoart.co.uk)



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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 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.

## TESTIMONIES

- I experienced a sharp scratch on my eye recently with a makeup pencil. I immediately felt a grit sensation and pain on the surface of the eye. It was red and watering and I could barely open it. I thought I may have to attend the minor injuries unit as I did last time for treatment but after prayer I felt a definite improvement and it looked less red. Within a few hours it was completely healed and I've had no problem since! Praise God.
- I was prayed for because of a sharp pain in a specific place on my back. I felt that place tingling as I was prayed with and the pain went immediately and has not returned since.
- I was prayed for as I have immense problems with mobility and walking. After prayer the pain has gone from my back and legs and the next morning I got up and am pain free.
- Recently I felt prompted to phone a relative of mine. This lady was **SO** pleased I rang because she needed to share something really important... she had been to the doctor because she had had a bleed. The doctor examined her and told her that something was not right and she was going to refer her for an urgent appointment at the hospital. Although she felt reasonably calm about it she wanted my prayer support, which I immediately began to do – praying for peace and for the doctors to be able to resolve the matter. She received the urgent appointment within the week!

A few days later I went to my recipe folder to find a well-used recipe to make something for lunch. I looked through the file half a dozen times but couldn't find it. But it HAD to be there! But I still couldn't find it!

I went off about my business and in doing so the words 'open my eyes' came into my head. It came to me that I had the biblical 'scales' over my eyes which needed to be removed! So I stopped and prayed that God would open my eyes and thereby see the recipe. I went back to the file and there it was!

That very act changed my thinking about this relative's situation. I knew I had to change my prayer to one of praying for healing and restoration and indeed that God would simply put His hand of healing on her and make this 'thing' disappear.

She texted me the following afternoon after her hospital appointment to say that the specialist did tests and checked her thoroughly and there was no sign whatsoever of anything untoward or abnormal! Praise God!

- While out for a meal recently with some Christian friends we were served by a young girl who was chatting with us and someone suggested we ask God for a prophetic word for her. We began by looking up her name in the Bible and the meaning of it. While waiting on the Holy Spirit each one of us had an individual word for her which we all wrote on a napkin to give her! When we shared the girl was so touched and said she'd had a bad day and this was the nicest thing anyone has said to her and the words had meant something personal to her and her future career.

Reaching out with God's love word certainly had an impact and it doesn't matter where you are God will use you if you are up for it! Thank you Jesus.

## 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 second year-long Healing School for International Association of Healing Ministries (IAHM) where we are providing monthly online ministry under their umbrella.

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. The final meeting for this year is on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

### Presence 2022

"It's a new era for the world to be impacted and healed by the POWER and the PRESENCE of God".

International Association of Healing Ministries (IAHM) organised the Presence 2022 conference, which took place on-line in a number of locations around the world. Healing Rooms England & Wales (HREW) hosted the English speaking prayer room.

The main speakers at the conference were - Claudio Freidzon (ARG), Jean-Luc Trachsel (CH), Nathan Morris (USA), Katherine Ruonala (AUS), David Théry (REU), Olivier Gahoua (IC), Mattheus Van der Steen (NL), Sister Judith Myriam (IC), Eduardo Nunes (BR), Richard Okorie (BEN), Carlos Payan (FR), Josué Ahounou (BEN), Rodrigues Pereira (PT), Ilya Federov (RUS), Vladimir Ashaev (RUS), Sergey Senokosov (RUS), José Carlos Ribeiro (PT), and others.



The conference took place over three evenings, the 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> May, and during that time HREW had an average of 30 prayer ministers each evening and the numbers of guests coming for prayer were 29, 25, 24, for each of the evenings. The guests came from around the world and in total represented 16 countries.

The evenings were exciting and inspirational, the prayer ministers were expectant of seeing God at work in peoples' lives and were not disappointed.

Further reports and testimonies will be included in the July edition of ENCOUNTER.

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)

## **Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer (EWoAP)**



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

### **Eternal Wall Testimony of the Month**

“God spoke to me very clearly that He was going to heal the baby...”

11<sup>th</sup> May 2022

#### ***Answered Prayer #16790***

Baby nephew born very prematurely in medically catastrophic circumstances - he should have died or been very severely disabled with brain injury. During the night of his birth I prayed and prayed, but this was different from other prayers for healing - God spoke to me very clearly that He was going to heal the baby and all I needed to do was pray for it and claim it. So I did, and I had conviction that he would be healed. My nephew is now 15 and healthy in mind and body. The expert doctor who looked after him has stated publicly that from a medical point of view this has no known explanation.

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

### **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)

## Featured Christian Artist - Sarah Bookless



### Spring Meadow

**"Winter is past... flowers  
appear in the Land"**

**Song of Songs 2:11-13**

***The painting is titled, "Spring Meadow", size 16x16 inches... and the medium used is oils and mixed media on canvas.***

Every season has its own unique beauty, however, for me, Spring just has that special edge.

When Spring arrives something wonderful and miraculous happens... we are surrounded by a plethora of colour!!! Just try stopping me from running around the garden, the parks and meadows soaking in the radiance and fragrance of God's creation and at this moment I feel like singing and dancing with joy at even the thought of it!

Ever since I can remember I have always loved colour... it is so utterly amazing to see and perceive the magnificence of God's handiwork... the beautiful carpets of golden daffodils, bluebells, tulips, and forget-me-nots... to name but only a few... appearing on our riverbanks, gardens and parks every year.

On warm, sunny spring mornings I am overjoyed and filled to the brim with excitement to see the apple and cherry blossom on the trees and all of God's creation coming to life again.

William Blake [English Romantic artist and poet 1757-1827] once wrote:

"To see a world in a grain of sand  
And a heaven in a wild flower  
Hold infinity in the palm of your hand  
And eternity in an hour"

I love the scripture translation from The Message Bible in Luke 12:25-28 where Jesus says: "Has anyone by fussing before the mirror ever gotten taller by so much as an inch? If fussing can't even do that, why fuss at all? Walk in the fields and look at the wildflowers. They don't fuss with their appearance - but have you ever seen colour and design quite like it? The ten best dressed men and women in the country look shabby alongside them. If God gives such attention to the wildflowers, most of them never even seen, don't you think he'll attend to you, take pride in you, do his best for you?"

As a Pilgrim Artist I discover the precious cameos of life on "The Way". On Mother's Day many years ago I gave my Mother a gift of miniature daffodils in a plant pot... however when the flowers eventually faded I said to her "I think I shall plant them in the garden now and see if they will come back up again next year".

Lo and behold, the following year those little green shoots made their way up through the cold, dark earth and had survived the rain, hail, frost and snow! These same beautiful daffodils still come up year after year... that was twenty-three years ago!!! My dear Mother has passed to the Lord since then, however, the miracle of the daffodils always reminds me of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

In John 11:25 we read "Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and life... whoever believes in me will live even though he dies." These words of Jesus give us Peace.

"Peace I leave with you, My Peace I give to you, not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled neither let it be afraid." John 14:27. In John 3:16 we read "For God so loved the world that He sent His only begotten Son so that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but shall have everlasting life."

As a little girl I used to worry terribly about not seeing my Mother again when the time came for her to die... I used to think "where do people go to when they die?"... in hindsight the Lord must have known that I had this fear in me and lovingly engineered the whole "Daffodil Episode". I now have blessed assurance that we shall meet loved ones again... in Heaven. Praise the Lord!!!

Thank you Lord Jesus ...that in the Song of Songs 2:11-13 we read: "See winter is past, the rains are over and gone... flowers appear on the earth, the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land".

Thank You, Lord Jesus that by Your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free and You are the Saviour of the world... Amen.

May Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit grant us a blessed and a joy-filled Spring!!! And may our eyes be ever open and enlightened to continue to appreciate and love the beauty of Almighty God's wonderful world! Amen.

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

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Greetings cards and prints are available of all of Sarah's paintings. If you are interested in ordering any of them please use the contact form on:

<http://www.riverbanktreegallery.co.uk>

## Birmingham Healing Rooms

Training Day Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 10:00am to 4:00pm.

At our new location, St Martin in the Bull Ring, B5 5BB.

You are welcome to join us to explore the healing ministry. Have the opportunity to be part of a healing team. Learn about following Jesus and praying for the sick. The cost is suggested at £5 to £10 to be paid at the door. Drinks and snacks will be provided – a small contribution towards lunch where possible, thank you.

Bookings and enquiries by email to:

[margaret.hooper@healingrooms.org.uk](mailto:margaret.hooper@healingrooms.org.uk).

For more information on Healing Rooms see – [www.healingrooms.org.uk](http://www.healingrooms.org.uk)



### IMPORTANT NEWS:

Healing Rooms England & Wales are excited to announce that from 4th April we have been publicising The National Prayer Line on the TBN Diary Page on a regular basis.



This is appearing on screen starting with two days per week and is also available to access on the TBN Online Diary Information.

Further information about the work of Healing Rooms England & Wales together with details about The National Prayer Line can be found on the HREW Website with details also included in the TBN Diary.

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### On a different note:

I bought a vacuum cleaner six months ago and so far, all it's been doing is gathering dust.

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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:+4417948085337">+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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