

ENCOUNTER

Encounter Christ The Healer.

The Newsletter of Healing Rooms England & Wales



October 2022

“Every gift God freely gives us is good and perfect, streaming down from the Father of lights, who shines from the heavens with no hidden shadow or darkness and is never subject to change.”

James 1:17 (TPT)

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

Queen Elizabeth II 1926-2022



We are all deeply saddened by the death of Her Majesty The Queen. As we mourn her passing we give thanks to God for her life. A life of servitude to this nation, a life committed to fulfilling the duties God gave to her on the day that she became our Queen. Faithful to her calling, always putting her duty to this nation before her personal well-being until the very end of her life. We honour and respect all that she has done for our nation and we will remember Her Majesty with thankfulness and deep affection.

We remember the words that Jesus said to Martha in The Gospel of John:

‘Jesus said to her, I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me though he die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.’ John 11: 25-26 (NKJ).

A Quote from Billy Graham

On one occasion when I was in Great Britain, the Queen was preparing her annual Christmas address to be broadcast on television around the world. To illustrate a point, she wanted to toss a stone into a pond to show how the ripples went out farther and farther. She asked me to come and listen to her practice the speech by the pond and give my impressions, which I did.

I always found her very interested in the Bible and its message. After preaching at Windsor one Sunday, I was sitting next to the Queen at lunch. I told her I had been undecided until the last minute about my choice of sermon and had almost preached on the healing of the crippled man in John 5. Her eyes sparkled and she bubbled over with enthusiasm, as she could do on occasion. “I wish you had!” she exclaimed. “That is my favourite story.”

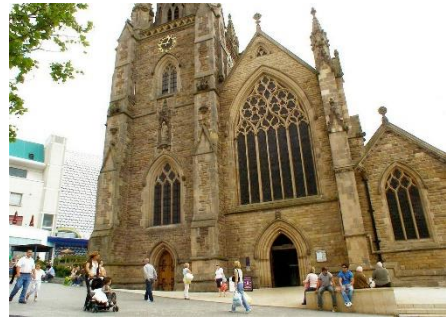
Birmingham Healing Rooms & The Commonwealth Games

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field”. Matthew 9:36-38 (NIV)

Birmingham Healing Rooms, like many groups, had been praying over Zoom for people during Covid. After the pandemic we couldn’t use the church building where we had previously held our HR sessions and our team was now small in number. Was it time for us to close down?

When you stand in our city centre it can feel like the words above from Matthew 9 are all around us and so we prayed to the Lord of the Harvest...

St Martin in the Bull Ring Church has always opened its doors to the public. Many visit for its history and architecture, others for a moment of peace or to find help for a desperate need. The large stained glass window above the main altar depicts all the Healing Miracles of Jesus and the Lord's presence is very real in the building. The Clergy team have a heart of compassion for all who pass through and, through our contact with Rev Elsie Blair-Chappell, we were invited to be part of the Healing Ministry of the church.



Many networks and churches had been preparing for the Commonwealth Games coming to Birmingham and we felt the Lord was asking us to be ready – and fit! St Martins was also getting ready to welcome many extra visitors though its doors during the Games fortnight.

We organised a training conference day in June and 4 of the National Team leaders came to teach and lead us. It was a special time and around 40 people from many different churches gathered to learn. We had a few 'practice sessions' on the following Friday afternoons and felt we were 'at the start line'. The Lord was so good to us as we didn't know each other really well but the Holy Spirit filled and led us with a team of around 6 different people ministering each afternoon.

Our testimony book had about 70 stories written down by the last day. We had contact with visitors, Games officials, local residents and people from so many nations! One day I prayed with a couple of very tall girls who were with one of the beach volley ball teams!

On the last Sunday evening we met in St Martins with some of the other Christian groups who had outreached during the Games to give thanks and share all that God had done. The Good News for All [previously Gideons] organisation had given out around 12,000 New Testaments and Hope magazines especially prepared for the Games and we also had this resource to give out to the many visitors. Please pray that much of this seed will grow in good ground! One man took 6 NTs for his nieces and nephews. We had prayed for the release of the heavy burden he felt for them after their father [his brother] was killed in a stabbing and he encountered Jesus who would walk with him sharing the heavy load...

I prayed that we would soon hear a testimony and on that evening one of the welcomers at St Martins came over to us to give thanks. He had been desperately upset over his daughter who was expecting a baby [their first grandchild] and there was a possibility that something was wrong with the child. However a 28 week scan showed a normal baby with no problems and the family were overjoyed.

Here are some other stories:-

A lady came with sadness, using a stick and with many health issues. In 2020 she had hit her head during a fall leading to some brain injuries. She also had arthritis and had recovered from breast cancer. She was travelling to USA for a family wedding the next week and wanted strength for this. As we prayed we felt she had a broken heart which

was true and she was able to speak forgiveness, receive healing and also we broke off the shock and trauma from the fall. She left with peace and a lighter step.

A gentleman was weeping as the family had arrived from Hong Kong where they would have been persecuted for their faith. His son wanted to go back to study and he wept for his son. We gave promises from scripture using translation and prayed.

A lady from Iran, rejected by her family. Team prayed God's acceptance over her and His love for her. She felt peace. They also prayed for her stomach pains.

A man of faith who had been asked to pray for a young man that day admitted to ITU having taken an overdose. We prayed together. Also for the Osteoarthritis in his knees which gave him pain. We prayed from Isaiah 35 vs 3 & 4 which we read earlier. He was amazed and showed us the same verses on his phone which had been included in his daily readings. He felt the pain was less and said he would continue to receive healing as per the scripture!

Two African men who had come into the church to bring a particular work issue before God. "Only God can solve this" they said. We commended their faith to God and prayed over the situation and for resolution. They want to return to give testimony to what God will do.

An 8 year old boy in a wheel chair who had a bone marrow transplant 2 years ago. He was with Mum, Dad and brother and had been for a routine Children's Hospital appointment. "We always come in to say a prayer here after an appointment." We prayed for his knees, as Dad requested, and for his complete healing and a blessing on the family who are believers.

A man had been in court that day and was upset as his barrister was on strike. He was convicted of assault and was estranged from his wife and children. He found it hard to forgive and was using alcohol. Team prayed he would know the forgiveness and peace of God in his life.

A young man with anxiety, sleeplessness and mental health issues – the team prayed for deep peace and a divine encounter. He left with a light step, a big smile and saying how brilliant he felt....

The Holy Spirit was on them

A young Hindu couple had heard that Jesus could answer prayer but had never been in a church before. We shared the Gospel with them and downloaded a bible in the Hindi language for him. The Holy Spirit was on them and they both received Jesus into their lives – it was a wonderful moment and we look to Jesus to answer their special prayer.

Since the Commonwealth Games a further 6 people have joined our team and we are starting to hold a session every Friday afternoon. Each week is very different and we are on a steep learning curve! Many have complex issues and mental health difficulties but Jesus is very present and we have the encouragement of the St Martins clergy team.

We give the Lord our thanksgiving and praise for the journey so far and look to see how he leads over the next weeks.

Margaret Hooper
September 2022

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 5 Worship, Music and Singing

“God made the crows as well as the nightingales...”

We are often told by the ‘*experts*’ that singing is good for our lungs, it oxygenates our system, lifts our mood and is good for our health.

So, as Christian believers, what better way is there for our health and wellbeing than to open our hearts in praise and worship to our Lord and Saviour.

Jeremy Sinott in his book “*An Audience of One*” reminds us that as we engage in worship, we need to be oblivious to what is happening around us and direct our worship to our one and only living Saviour.

“it’s’ Your breath in our lungs so we pour out our praise to you only”

The experts in the secular world also inform us that music and singing can bring about healing and restoration. It is an accepted fact that people who sing in choirs often testify that singing with likeminded people lifts their mood and spirit. Even Fat Boy Slim a secular, celebrity musician has started a workshop in Hove near Brighton to help youngsters with mental health issues find peace, respite and healing from their depression and other conditions through music.

I feel sure that many of us in our healing prayer conversations with guests have suggested they consider soaking in worship music.



I'm also sure that in a healing session many of us will have been given a song from the Lord which (*if you are brave enough*) can be sung over the person receiving ministry. The Lord will often download a particular worship song to help lift a guest's spirit and aid their healing. There are of course many worship songs full of healing scriptures that aid ministry. "*I Speak Jesus, Divine Exchange, Jesus Healer Saviour, Mercy Seat, Be Still and Know, I am the Lord That Healeth Thee*".

When we were first saved, we were invited to a church that met in a school. As we walked through the door the first thing that hit my heart was the worship. At the time we knew nothing about churches having Christian worship bands or about charismatic worship. We had only ever experienced traditional church worship, so it was quite a revelation.

So why then do we worship Him and how does He use worship to bring about healing?

“Worship equals worth-ship because He is worth-it.”

We were made to worship Him

We worship Him because He is worthy of our praise

We worship Him because He is our living Lord

We worship because it is a heart state

We worship out of an intimate relationship with Him

We worship Him as Healer, Deliverer, Saviour and life transformer

We worship to open up and break through the portals of heaven

We worship to invite His presence and engage with Him spirit to Spirit

We worship because it lifts burdens and breaks yokes

We worship because He inhabits the praises of His people

We worship because it is an expression of our love for and to Him

We worship to offer up a sacrifice of praise

We worship to lift our spirit individually and corporately

Worship is a lifestyle, not just singing and playing instruments. As Christian believers we are on a journey of holiness, righteousness, mercy and justice. The fruit of the Spirit is being developed in us through a lifestyle of worship and devotion to Him and are key to our growing faith and healing.



Freedom to worship the Lord through use of the creative *arts (visual and performing)* was the basis of our previous ministry. I was once asked to organise a singing workshop, which, rather like the drawing one (*which I wrote about in last month's Encounter*) brought up, in people, various deep-seated hurts and issues that needed to be dealt with and cut off. So once again it turned into a healing session. We were quickly learning that that creativity in worship breaks through our sub-conscious barriers to bring about freedom and restoration.

At our healing conferences, services and meetings, we would encourage our musicians to come off the stage, to go out into the congregation with their instruments and minister healing to people just as David did to Saul with his harp. The voice is also an instrument, so if led by the Lord we would sing over guests to release their healing.

Zephaniah 3v17: "He rejoices over you with singing"



We all know what happened when Paul and Silas were in prison. When they began to worship, the doors of the prison opened. So, as we raise our voices in worship there is power in God's word to bring about healing, deliverance, salvation, restoration and even a change in our circumstances. We all know that the ultimate healing will be in heaven where there will be no hurts, no disease or any form of sickness but until that time we must continue to grow in our devotion and our intimate relationship with Him. We must continue to be true worshippers who worship "*in spirit and in truth*" not in any form of the "*man centred religion that exists today.*"

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.

**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.

Stoke-on-Trent Healing Rooms

Great News!!! The Talke (Stoke-on-Trent) Healing Rooms was re-opened on Wednesday 28th September 2022. This is after over 2 years of being closed due to Covid. The venue has changed but it is the same faithful team who are looking forward

to welcoming visitors old and new and have great expectations of what the Lord will be doing.

The Healing Rooms will be open from 6:00pm to 7:30pm every Wednesday, no appointments necessary. The new address is:

Costa Coffee Drive Thru, Congleton Road, Talke, Stoke-on-Trent, **ST7 1LP**.

Contact Information:

Tel: 07948 085337, Email: hratcosta@healingrooms.org.uk

REGIONAL TESTIMONIES

Walking through the valley of the shadow of death!

I want to highlight one word in Psalm 23 verse 4 (KJV). T -h -r -o -u -g -h, because that's my testimony. I'm t-h-r-o-u-g-h with cancer! Many of you know that I needed a five hour emergency operation to remove a cancerous lump in my bowel. Touch and go? Very nearly gone! I wasn't expected to pull through by my brilliant medical team who were very surprised that I did! They cannot really understand why I'm still here! Currently I'm going through a programme of radiotherapy having refused chemo'. Many have been praying that I'd be cancer free and I can now tell you that I am!

I am, because I AM! I had a dream! It appeared to be full of brilliant light. Instantaneous light. Positively dazzling pure light! What I call a 'quick flash dream' and in that dream I heard the words "You're cancer free." Then the following day I received an email from a lady we know in Zambia who knew nothing about my condition. The 'Sword point' of her message was "Freedom!" Old men dream dreams, that's me, though my hospital notes referred to me as young old man! Interesting that I had a long rubbishy dream just before the "No more cancer" dream. Reminded me of two trees, side by side, in the middle of Eden! Choose life or death! Not a difficult choice!

In the circumstances I thought it was a good idea to cut my radiotherapy sessions short but that didn't feel like the right thing to do. That is until the penny dropped. My testimony of deliverance and healing will be much more meaningful and powerful because my dream will have been confirmed by the NHS! "No cancer!" "God knows His business my boy" were my mum's last words before she died! "God knows His business." There's a bigger picture, isn't there? There always is a bigger picture! More time now to walk into the hospital room so that everything changes! Just a little? Why not a lot! Greater is He that's in me after all!

Mike Robinson June 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 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	2023
13 October	19 January
10 November	02 February
08 December	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. The new season started on 10th September 2022.

On that evening HREW had 20 Prayer Ministers. There were a few technical issues which appeared to prevent guests joining for prayer, however 6 guests were able to join us and were prayed for. The guests came from Belgium, Croatia, Sweden, Switzerland and the UK. It was a very blessed time with some real encounters that brought healing to many. The testimonies from this event will be in the next edition.

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)

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

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

“A week later I had another scan that revealed a miracle...”

31st Aug 2022

Answered Prayer #17768

I was diagnosed with inoperable cancer. I'd been unwell for a year, lost 5 stone, was unable to walk & it took a year to be believed that something was wrong. I was given less than 8 weeks to live. Immediately I was given the diagnosis I felt a voice shout 'NO' & I said 'that's NOT going to happen because God has a plan for me & I don't even know what it is yet!' So my prayer was a heart-felt rejection. My friends prayed faithfully declaring life, health & freedom.

A week later I had another scan that revealed a miracle. The tumour had changed, the secondaries had gone completely! I needed an operation & many crazy situation & answered prayers later I am not only cancer-free, I am healthy, don't take any medication and am 100% pain free. Praise God!

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

Featured Christian Artist - Sarah Bookless

When I was about nine years of age I can remember very clearly and with tremendous fondness my favourite Sunday School Hymn. Whenever the Pastor announced "We shall now sing Hymn Number 577," "To be a Pilgrim," I would be over the moon with excitement!!!!... and would sing it with great gusto at the top of my voice!!!

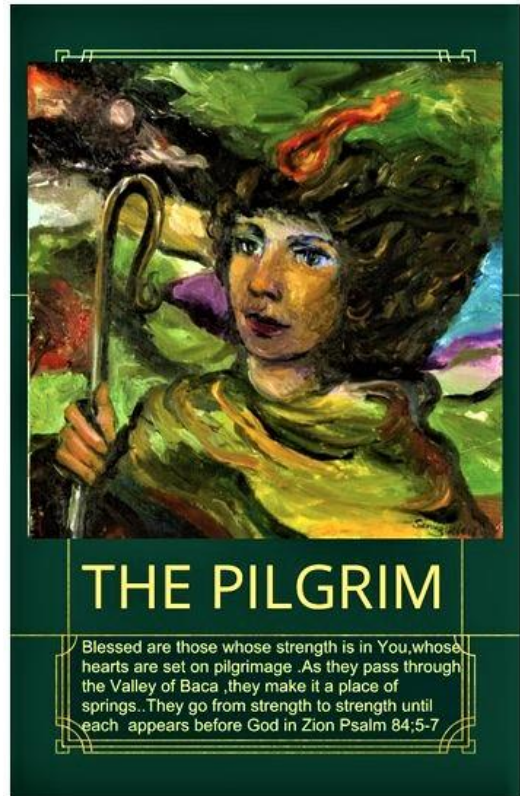
Many years later as I reflect on why I loved this Hymn so much... I realise now, that it gave me such tremendous courage and hope. Most of us will know that the Hymn is based on the book written by John Bunyan [1628-1688] and is called "Pilgrim's Progress".

The Pilgrim *by Sarah Therese Bookless*

The story's main character is called "Christian" and it traces his adventures and journey from the The City of Destruction [representing earth] to the Celestial City [representing Heaven].

The story describes the various personalities and the people that Christian meets on that journey/pilgrimage. Two characters that he likes most are called "Faithful" and "Hopeful". These are the people who remind him of how God has always helped him in the past and will always be there for him... now and in the future.

The Pilgrim in my painting represents all of us. I have endeavoured to depict "devout steadfastness" on the Pilgrim's face. No matter what trials and tribulations you and I face in life... by setting our faces like flint we know from the Bible that "The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never forsake you. Do not be afraid or discouraged". Deuteronomy 31:8.



"For the Lord God will help me, therefore I shall not be confounded; therefore have I set my face like flint". Isaiah 50:7.

The Pilgrim also represents all of us who desire to follow Jesus Christ... and so with our shepherd's staff in hand we can progress victoriously with Our Saviour's help through the storms of life as we meet and greet people on "The Way" and also intercede for their needs, healing and salvation.

One of the verses of the hymn is...

"Who would true valour see
Let him come hither
One here will constant be
Come wind, come weather

There's no discouragement
Shall make him once relent
His first avowed intent
To be a pilgrim."

(Written by John Bunyan and modified by Percy Dearmer for the English Hymnal).

Our own personal Pilgrimage calls for strong discernment as the Scriptures tells us "you will know them by their fruits". Matthew 7:16-20.

As we hold our own Spiritual Staffs in hand "Jesus the Good Shepherd" becomes our Teacher and Guide showing us how to Love as He loves us... by also tenderly loving His sheep [His People].

As we journey on our pilgrimage and stay close to Jesus we become more Christ like and learn from His Life and His Ministry... which is a life of service in and through the power of Almighty God, Our Heavenly Father and service to others.

I like the words of the Indian philosopher and poet Rabindranath Tagore... "I slept and dreamt that life was joy, I awoke and found that life was service. I acted and behold service was joy".

May the Joy of the Lord be our strength as we serve Jesus Christ, Our Servant King first and foremost and then, through loving and serving one another, I pray that we can continue to make good progress in our pilgrimage and make it safely back to our Heavenly Home Deo Gratias... Thanks be to God, 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>

The Legacy Letters - By Carrie Lloyd

Available in hardback and paperback.

‘Finally a way of digging deeper into the souls of my family members who have always inspired me.’

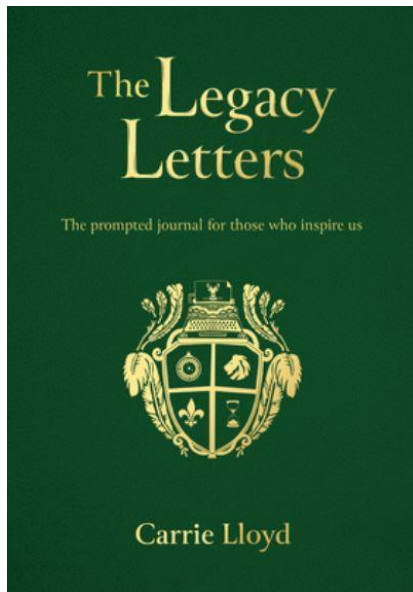
‘This book gave me a new way of connecting to people who have been in my life. Some of these questions healed areas I hadn't been able to rectify before.’

‘If I don't ask, I may never learn, and this book helped me find words for the questions I needed to gain wisdom of my own inheritance.’

ABOUT THE BOOK

Ever found yourself wishing you had asked the deeper questions of life from someone you admired? Someone you held so much love for, but the time or opportunity ran out? Have you often found yourself living out the legacy of that person, long after they departed the earth, trying to remember the stories, the principles by which they lived, because within their life was a depth of understanding that is nearly impossible to replicate?





The Legacy Letters is a prompted journal, a volume that requires the receiver of the book to fill in the pages with their own wisdom. In an attempt to connect our personal sages to the youth of tomorrow, Carrie Lloyd wrote down the questions she asked her mother in a blank, leather-bound journal five years ago. Within the pages were stories she never knew of her family, adversities she could not have discovered just by living within the family home, and historical references that could have been missed had intentional questions not been asked.

The Legacy Letters seeks to go deeper into the very motivations and makings of those who inspire us, and upon the pages being filled by the sages themselves, we have, through a vulnerable exposition of both the writer and the reader, the powerful findings of life itself, engraved into the page by their own ink.

From childhood findings to the darkest hours of adversity, how did those who inspire us become so iconic to us? Whether they be a parent, a teacher, a mentor or a spiritual mentor, whoever they are to us, they hold up a baton of hope that we mustn't miss in passing, but wait upon the starting line, ready to take our turn, carrying out their wisdom of yesteryear.

Carrie Lloyd, Writer

Editorial Note

Please note that there will be no edition of ENCOUNTER in November due to editorial holidays. ENCOUNTER will be back in December and will include any news and updates that would have been in the November edition.

On a different note:

It was an emotional wedding. Even the cake was in tiers.

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 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

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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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: +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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