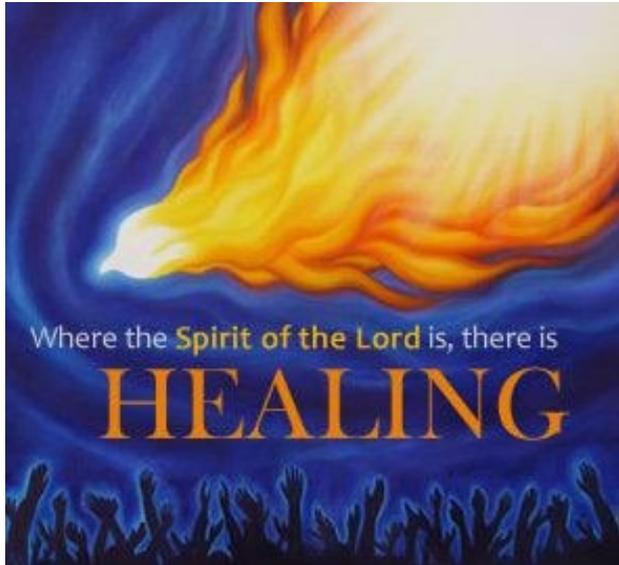




Sunday 27th June 2021



We meet at The Salvation Army Hall Sunday 10.00 am.

Also Sunday worship on is on  YouTube

The easiest way to find the link to the YouTube meeting each Sunday is to find the link on the Corps web page. Type.....

www.salvationarmy.org.uk/ramsgate and select **Church on YouTube**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8651865167>

Ramsgate ZOOM 8651865167

AND DVDs of the service are available for those who would like them



What's happening at Ramsgate Salvation Army?

Sunday 27 th	10.00 am	Prayer at the Hall (Join by ZOOM)
Sunday 27 th	10.15 am	WORSHIP at Salvation Army Hall
Sunday 27 th	11.30 am	ZOOM fellowship
Sunday 27 th	12.00 noon	Sunday School
Sunday 27 th	4.30 pm	ZOOM Children's Church Kids Club (up to 11 years)
Sunday 27 th	5pm	Youth Fellowship (Church) at HALL
Monday to Friday	(6.30am-9am)	Breakfast Drop-in (street homeless only)
Monday 28 th		
		
		Little Fishes Toddler Group 9.30am – 11am
Tuesday 29 th	7.00pm	ZOOM Bible study Mercy Seat week 2
Wednesday 30 th	2pm – 4pm	“Summer in the Garden” (see page 6)
Wednesday 30 th	7.00pm	ZOOM Founders Day Quiz
Friday 2 nd July		FOUNDERS DAY
Friday 2 nd July	(10am - 12 noon)	War Cry Ministry Ramsgate
Friday 2 nd July	(10am - 12 noon)	Food Bank



There is a full day of activities on Fortress Radio. <https://www.fortressradio.online/listen-now.html>

And don't forget Songs of Praise Sunday at 13.15pm
Maggie is available with the constant prayer line where you can call or text for prayer. You can contact her on 07840 753 603



Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line.



Birthdays

Shirley Kendall	27-June
Carol Pratt	27-June
Brian Oliver	29-June
Sheila Wilcox	01-July
Jonah Barrett	04-July
Hayden Beerling	04-July

Prayers please for

For **Val** Rose, nearing her end of life here on earth and soon to be with her Saviour, For **Josette** after her fall, for **Rita**, the sister of Anna who has cancer. Fort **Gwen** Wren following her hospital treatment. For **Jean Mayton, Chris**, a friend of Gay, **Sam**, step mum to Hollie, **Grant** and **Al** and **David** and **John** McCairn all waiting for medical treatment. For Tracy. For **Archie**, Lisa and Scott. For **Paul** and **Sue Taylor**. For **Meg** and **Jean S** who both had hospital tests this week and await results.

For all those suffering from **Long Covid** – which include some in our church family.

Dear God,

We've been living through a crazy time. There's so much fear all around because of the coronavirus. Lord, we pray that You will help us guard ourselves by being wise about our actions. Please protect us all from this disease. Help us to grow in strength and health, that we might serve You with all that we have. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

As we think of those who are unwell, Heavenly Father, we know that you understand what it is like to see loved ones suffering with sickness and pain. Father, we look to you as the source of healing and ask that You would heal their illness and restore them to health once again. Help us to trust You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Loving Father, please strengthen your people who have a responsibility to care for others who are suffering. We pray that you will strengthen and uphold them through this difficult time. Amen.

Mighty God, look with compassion on all who have lost their health and freedom through addiction. Assure them of your unfailing love; remove from them the fears that torment them; may they can know they can trust you for strength to recover; and for those who support them, give patient understanding and persevering love.

Amen.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for all the medical staff and those in the healthcare sector who give their time so they can help so many people in need. We thank you for their sacrificial service. We pray that you will protect, strengthen and surround them with Your perfect peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus Amen.

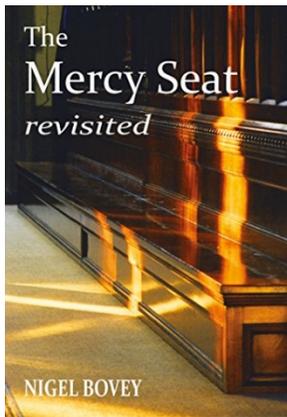
A personal prayer you could say (for yourself or for another)

Lord Jesus, thank you that you love _____
[name of the person who needs healing].

I know that you hate what their illness is doing to them/me. I ask that you would heal this disease, that you would have compassion and bring healing from all sickness.

We ask this in your loving and powerful name,

Amen



ZOOM BIBLE STUDY (TUESDAY at 7pm)

For five weeks we will examine the Mercy Seat and ask how we view it today.

A friend, from the Church of England once asked Major Nigel Bovey, “we have communion every week. what is the highlight of Salvation Army worship?”

It's a good question. What is it that is special when we worship together? Could it be the use of the Mercy Seat? Is that the focus of Salvation Army buildings and Salvation Army worship?

So what makes us different – is it ever the mercy seat?

William Booth knew exactly where he stood. In 1898 he stood on the Royal Albert Hall platform and told the congregation I am married to the mercy seat. How do we understand the marriage with the penitent form or the mercy seat today?

I would love to hear your thoughts on these questions

1. Why and when would you use the mercy seat? If you don't. Why is that?
2. At Ramsgate how reluctant are our people to use the mercy seat?
3. During this time of COVID. What has been the alternative to the mercy seat?

Try and join us this Tuesday at 7pm



Summer in the Garden

As we cannot meet in the hall for Friendship Club and Lunch club (because of the extension of the Covid restrictions) – we are opening the garden at the Salvation Army house for several Wednesdays in July and August.

You will be able to meet your friends, enjoy some food, ice cream and strawberries and we can **worship** in the open-air. Hopefully we will have some surprise guests too!

Numbers will be limited to 15 people but because we will open on many Wednesdays you will definitely be able to come – and if you want – come several times.

Please phone Carl – or drop him a note with the days you would like to come to “Summer in the Garden”

Wednesday 30th June 2pm – 4pm

Wednesday 7th July 2pm – 4pm

Wednesday 21st July 2pm – 4pm

Wednesday 28th July 2pm – 4pm

Wednesday 18th August 2pm – 4pm

Wednesday 25th August 2pm – 4pm

If the weather is bad we may need to cancel as we do need to sit outside.

3 Brindle Grove Ramsgate CT11 8BN –

**The loop bus stops at The Racing Greyhound – just a short walk away
– Carl will provide details as required.**

**Thoughts from Major John
Christ's robes for our rags
By God's grace.**

I enjoyed a sermon given by Mark Brickman, Associate Minister at St. Aldates, Oxford, on YouTube this week.

During his message he related the story of a former Rector of St. Aldates, Rev. Michael Green, who some years ago was preaching in a prison in India. The prisoners were in filthy rags and Michael Green was wearing his spotless white surplice. He was preaching about the love of God and about Jesus' love for us. He looked at one prisoner who looked particularly moved and invited him to join him on the platform. He asked the prisoner to take off his filthy shirt and then took off his own white surplice and put it on the prisoner, he then put on the prisoner's dirty shirt himself.

The prisoners erupted in joy and celebration as they understood what Christ had come to do. The wonderful exchange that takes place at the cross.

2 Corinthians 5. Verse 21.

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God.

Christ's robes for our rags, by God's grace.

Time to Smile

A party of holiday makers were being taken on a coach tour through the English countryside. The sight party checked their watches at each stop on the tour and grumbled if they were so much as one minute behind schedule. When the coach pulled up at lunchtime at one historic sight, the tour guide announced, 'This is Runnymede. Under that historic oak tree over there, the famous Magna Carta was signed.' 'When did this take place?' asked one of the tourists. '1215' replied the guide. With a glance at his watch the tourist exclaimed, 'So! We have missed it by seven minutes!'

A passenger heading north for a holiday in the Scottish Borders asked the sleeping car attendant on the London to Glasgow train to wake him at Carlisle. 'I

am a heavy sleeper, you might have difficulty waking me up, ignore my protests, just make sure I leave the train at Carlisle' he said. He retired for the night and woke just as the train pulled into Glasgow. He sought out the attendant and complained, 'I thought I told you to put me off the train at Carlisle! I'm very annoyed with you, very annoyed indeed!' 'You're not half as annoyed as the fellow I put off at Carlisle!' said the attendant.

Quiz

- 1.What were the initials of foodmaker Mr Heinz?
- 2.What was the dog called in the Punch and Judy show?
- 3.Which is the last month in the calendar year to have exactly 30 days?
- 4.What invention is Percy Shaw remembered for?
- 5.What does the letter P in OPEC stand for?

Animal World

- 1.What is the badger's system of burrows called?
- 2.What is an Impala?
- 3.What does an ungulate animal have?
- 4.Which group of primates are found only on Madagascar?
- 5.Which small breed of dog has a German name meaning badger dog?

Anagrams. Shakespeare Plays

AYE I SILK OUT. SHORED ME FOOT CRYER. JILTED ROUE MOAN.

AS YOU LIKE IT. THE COMEDY OF ERRORS. ROMEO AND JULIET.

Anagrams

1.Sett. 2.Antelope. 3.Hooves. 4.Lemurs. 5.Dachshund.

Animal World

1.H.I. 2.Toby. 3.November. 4.Cat's Eyes for roads. 5.Petroleum.

Ramsgate air raid tunnels. (From David Richard's collection)



Taking tea in Ramsgate's railway tunnel. Part of the air raid tunnels below the town.

Safe underground, a family party safe from Air Raiders in the tunnel shelters. The Corporation has added 2 ½ miles of tunnel shelter to the Old Southern Railway tunnel.



Church at Home – Sunday 27th June

For those whose lives are broken by distress
May the God of healing restore you

For those whose lives are broken by fear
May the God of healing restore you

For those whose lives are broken by anger
May the God of healing restore you

For those whose lives are broken by pain
May the God of healing restore you

For those whose lives are broken by illness
May the God of healing restore you

For those whose lives are broken by sin
May the God of healing restore you

Song Number 998

Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair,
Lord, in your suffering world this is our prayer.
Bread for the children, justice, joy, peace,
Sunrise to sunset your Kingdom increase!

God of the poor, friend of the weak,
Give us compassion we pray.
Melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain;
Come, change our love from a spark to a flame.

3 Refuge from cruel wars, havens from fear,
Cities for sanctuary, freedoms to share.
Peace to the killing fields, scorched earth to green,
Christ for the bitterness, his cross for the pain.

4 Rest for the ravaged earth, oceans and streams
Plundered and poisoned – our future, our dreams.
Lord, end our madness, carelessness, greed;
Make us content with the things that we need.

5 Lighten our darkness, breathe on this flame
Until your justice burns brightly again;
Until the nations learn of your ways,
Seek your salvation and bring you their praise.



Good morning and welcome to worship at Ramsgate Salvation Army.

You may remember a couple of weeks ago that I stood outside of QEQM as we introduced our series on what the empowered Church might look like. And I said to you, that the QEQM and indeed the whole of the NHS employ four times more people than its nearest rival.

We spend billions of pounds on wanting to be well because we fear illness, we fear death, and we'll do anything we can to keep ourselves well. But this is not a 21st century phenomenon.

All through the ages mankind has wanted to live in good health. And so when we looked at the first miracle that happened after Pentecost, we saw that the lame man was healed in such a miraculous way that it could only have been of God and our challenge is, if God is a healer why on earth do we need the National Health Service?

So, I've invited Richard, and many of, you know, Richard is a doctor who is part of the NHS to come and tell us about healing.

So, good morning, Richard. Thank you so much for giving up your time to come and to come and be with us again. And we remember warmly, when you came to speak to us



because we were going to go and do missional things, weren't we before Covid? Richard we want as a church to really explore what God wants us to be praying for in terms of healing.

And I know that you have a real heart to teach about healing for us to understand what God can do through us. So can you tell us please.

Thank you, I wouldn't describe myself as a teacher like anybody else I'm a learner.

But I am passionate about healing. I'm passionate that, I think all healings from God, by the way, you want to look at this thing? Yeah, probably all healing is from, from God including the skill, he gives medics.

But equally, you know, God is much much greater than all of us in the NHS. And I think what I've learned over the years is the certain things that we do well. So, you know, we mend hernias well, we can treat some cancers quite well, but there's so much stuff that we can't, whereas God can do anything, and I think it's trying to put those two together, that is a challenge, not least for all Christians, but particularly for Christian Medics,

So I thought I'd just start off Carl, if I could just by reading you some statistics, which I dug out a few years ago from Christianity magazine, produced by Premier, by the way, I thoroughly recommend it and it's this,

A third of Christians have never prayed for a miracle.

So that's very interesting. And the stats say this, commissioned by BBC local radio, the survey, this is a UK survey, concluded that 59% of people identifying as Christian have requested a miracle, 29% have said that their prayer was answered, okay? That's interesting, but equally and whilst 62% of the UK population, believe miracles are possible, 37% of believers have never asked God for a miraculous act and that struck me as interesting because that suggests that we put all our trust in the NHS. But the NHS because it's full of humans is limited,

and does that mean that once the NHS is exhausted we're stuck? We can't go any further ?

That doesn't fit with my experience Carl and I think it dates back to the Bible and one of my favourite stories, If I could just read out from 2 Kings: 20 is of Hezekiah's illness.

Now Hezekiah for those who don't know him, well, was one of the good Kings. Kings in the Old Testament are in two shapes and sizes, good and bad. And the good Kings believed in God, and followed Him of the bad kings didn't, and of course, led to disaster for Israel as a result. But being a good King, didn't stop Hezekiah being ill. Here we go. **2 King's 20.**

In those days verse 1, Hezekiah, became ill and was at the point of death, the prophet, Isaiah son of Amos went to him.

Now you can imagine Hezekiah is dying, top prophet Isaiah comes, he thinks thank goodness my problems are over.

Not so. The prophet Isaiah went to him and said, this is what the Lord says, put your house in order because you are going to die.

You will not recover. That's not what he was looking for.

Hezekiah turned his face to the wall, he didn't give up and he prayed to the Lord.

Remember O, Lord, how I have walked before you

faithfully and with wholehearted devotion and have done what is good in your eyes. And Hezekiah wept bitterly.

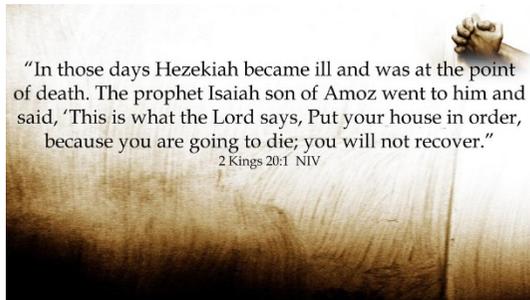
Guys, he was disappointed. This is not what he was looking for. Before Isaiah had left the middle court, the word of the Lord came to him. Go back and tell Hezekiah the leader of my people, This is what the Lord, the God of your Father, David says

I have heard your prayer and seen your tears. I will heal you.

On the third day from now, you will go up to the Temple of the Lord. I will add 15 years to your life and I will deliver you.

By the way, he's giving him more and I will deliver you. And this city from the hand of the king of Assyria, I will defend the city for my sake. And for the sake of my servant David. Then Isaiah said, prepare a poultice of figs they did so, and applied it to the boil and he recovered.

Great story.



By the way, Hezekiah still wasn't convinced. Hezekiah had asked Isaiah what will be the sign that the Lord will heal me?
And I will go up to the Temple of the Lord on the third day from now.

Isaiah answered. This is the Lord's sign to you that the Lord will do what he has promised.

Shall the shadow go forward ten steps?
or shall it go back 10 steps?

This is like a little test for God.

It is a simple matter for the for the shadow to go forward ten steps said Hezekiah

rather have it go back ten steps.

Then the prophet Isaiah called upon the Lord and the Lord made the shadow go back ten steps. He reversed the position of the sun.

A wonderful story.

He gets 15 extra years of life. Yeah but he did the miraculous healing. Interesting that he used just a simple poultice of figs like to do.

Any medicinal purposes do we know?

Well, I think it was just used as to draw out the puss of this huge abscess that was killing him.

Obviously, the abscess was dealt with and so used a simple treatment but Hezekiah didn't know what to do. Called on the Lord. Miraculous. Wonderful healing. Yeah, many many thousands of years ago but I think we still need to call on the Lord today.

Song Number 742

When shall I come unto the healing waters?

Lifting my heart, I cry to thee my prayer.

Spirit of peace, my Comforter and healer,

In whom my springs are found, let my soul meet thee there.

From a hill I know,

Healing waters flow;

O rise, Immanuel's tide,

And my soul overflow!

And I've seen some examples.

Could I get them to you?



Yes, they are contemporary. What's taking place because one of the things that we talked about, was that there are many Christians who believe that, those miraculous healings we see in scripture ended at the time of the Apostles. The revelation of Jesus had been made known people were accepting Jesus as Saviour.

So there was no point in having signs and wonders; they need not happen anymore because people were following Jesus for who He was; a Saviour. So there are many Christians who still believe those times have passed. We want to believe that God still heals, because he spent so much of his ministry, going around healing, didn't just, say turn from your sins; getting to recognize a new life but actually taking away sickness, both in the mind and the body. I think it was important because I mean, as you say, people want to be well and in many ways, in many senses, the dangers, we think, well, they didn't have decent hospitals. They didn't have the NHS in those days. Of course, they needed Jesus then, but we don't need him now. And it's just so not true.

Let me give one example for a start, in a poor country

So I had done quite a lot of work in Kenya over the years and we sent a mission team to Kenya.

I remember vividly in 2002 and we were walking on literally from hut to hut, and from donkey to donkey that we met and this woman came up to meet two of my friends, I wasn't in the group. And to be honest, didn't want to hear the gospel, she simply presented her child, who was 18 months old, took off the clothing around it and showed a club foot and she said, please pray for my child. So of course, as good Christians do, on my two friends prayed for this child's foot, to be to be straightened. It was a club; I don't know if you know is bent downwards. It's fixed in position at 18 months.

I know because I used to operate on these things years previously. Anyway, nothing much seems to happen the next day at breakfast our pastor came to us, and he said, who prayed for that child's foot?

So two people put their hands up. Oh, dear, have we done something wrong. He said, oh no, after you left the child's foot straightened, the woman has gone round the village, telling what God has done,

Of course, far more powerful than the simple word would have been, God knew what she needed and what the child needed and the evangelism took place because of the physical act, fantastic.

Now again, you might think well , Okay, fair enough that's in the bush in Kenya. They didn't have the NHS there. What about in England?

Well, let me tell you a story about Maggie. So, in our church at St Pauls, Maggie was a district nurse.

Some years ago she knocked on this old lady's door and the old lady opened the door, but wouldn't let her in and was clearly virtually blind.

And Maggie said, look, you know, is there anything I can do for you? She said, yes, could you pray for my eyesight? Because I want to see so I can get my affairs in order. And shut the door.

So, Maggie quickly prayed before the door was shut, and went away.

And normally, when she would see this lady, she would rattle the gate. So the lady could hear because she was blind.....almost blind.

So anyway, the next time six weeks later, Maggie's due to do a home visit on this lady just about to rattle the gate

God says to her don't rattle the gate so she doesn't, she looks up and there is the old lady on her terrace reading a book.

This is England. Remember not Africa.

So Maggie goes along to see her and actually takes this old lady to see her ophthalmologist. Yes and the ophthalmologist says (I have this.

I've seen the bit of paper.) He says this lady it was blind but now she can see, Does that ring any bells with people?

And he said and I have had no part in this.

England. What can you say?

Okay, except that God does Miracles. We believe He does Miracles and I will give you some more in a moment.

Okay, I think one of the challenges and if we go back to the story that we looked at a couple of weeks ago, could we have the faith say in the name of Jesus stand up and walk and grab the hand?

This is it. Someone disabled to who say I have the faith to believe that God would heal? The embarrassment? Yes, it's more than embarrassment, it absolutely strips away the dignity of a disabled person, and get it wrong, Well, I think yes, get it wrong. But I think my experience is that people are grateful for prayer.

Yes, God doesn't heal everybody because he sees the bigger picture and we don't, but I remember vividly seeing a young girl in a wheelchair, and I said to her, because I didn't have enough faith.

I said, come back tomorrow and we'll get a few people around you to pray and she said, but I can't because I'm going somewhere else in the country and I was

faced with that in, with her dad standing next to it. Did I have the faith to pray for her?

And I didn't and I said oh that's a pity because if you come back tomorrow, Opportunity lost never saw her again. It was our mission and I thought at the time, why don't I pray for her? Why didn't I pray for there and then?

And it's because I didn't have enough faith

Richard Foster writes this

My Lord and my God,

I have 1000 arguments against healing prayer.

You are the one argument for it,

you win.

And I think we're all in that case. That it's the 1,000 arguments,

I don't have the faith. I don't want to be embarrassed. I don't want to hurt this person's sense of self-worth by saying, you know, it could go all horribly wrong and we don't,

Isn't that thing that Kenya interesting because when they prayed at that time, nothing much happened. And they probably went away

Oh, well, never mind. But it did afterwards.

They still had the faith to pray and God sometimes he heals immediately.

Sometimes we like Jesus said, look, go and bathe in the pool, in the pool and afterwards, seven times.

And he said, didn't he? And oh my goodness, we just don't second-guess God. I think when we get that sense with the Holy Spirit, says, pray for this one. Just do it.

Don't second-guess God. Just do it,

Just do it.

And I think we've all had those times where instinctively, we've known the spirits leading to speak to somebody, to do something.

And the easy things, I think we're willing to do, but healing, it's such a big big barrier is also.

So tell us more so I can see why we should expect healing to be taking place.

Well, I'll just give you a few more examples.

So yes we were, I was at a lunch in Essex and somebody was giving a talk and it was a talk, I think on healing and it was a nice talk and we are chatting to people after. And this woman came up to me and she said, would you pray for my shoulder?

Bearing in mind, we just had a talk on healing well, the answer obviously has to be yes,

I said, what's wrong with? This is so well, literally, I've been unable to move it for a year. She had a frozen shoulder.

So as it happened, one or two people were with me and in the healing team and I said, Yes, come on guys, gather around let's pray for her shoulder.

So we prayed and then I did what one's meant to do in this situation, you need to demonstrate the healing. So I said to her in faith, Well look how is it?

Could you kindly move your shoulder.

That's The \$64,000 question, of course.

So she says right,

Oh, that's good.

Does the three movements of the shoulder up in the air, external rotation, internal rotation? Oh look, I can move it.

Oh, how long was it? I haven't been able to do that for a year

Now we're not talking healing cancer here, we're not talking, someone getting out of a wheelchair, but that's still not bad.

Carl and, you know, and that was her problem and what happened?

She asked, she had faith, we responded,

We had faith. And then the key question is, okay, let's just see this thing demonstrated and it's usually in my experience in the moment of actually demonstrating the healing that the healing comes.

Okay? It don't just leave it there.

So it lovely go home and do to see how your shoulder is.

Do it there and then

So that was a good one.

Here's another good one. So my wife Heather has a particular healing ministry for women.

Not surprisingly as a doctor and in her surgery, many infertile couples come and she has prayed for infertile couples recently.

All four of whom are going through infertility treatment and seemingly not getting anywhere. Until she prayed for them; all four very rapidly, became pregnant, that's encouraging.

So I remember telling the story to someone, I won't mention the name who you may know, within the Christian circles within the church in Thanet and I said, this is the situation.

Would you like me to pray for you?

Young lady, infertile, trying for four years

And she said, yes.

I didn't see her for two years. When I saw her, she said, oh, that's my pram over there.

Is anybody in there? She said, yes.

Would that have anything to do with the prayer that we did?

I think so. Praise God.

But this matters. This is fantastic.

And I think what encouraged me most of all was my godmother's back and I'll just give you that one as a starter.

Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer

There is no more for heaven now to give

He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom

My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus

For my life is wholly bound to His

Oh how strange and divine, I can sing, "All is mine"

Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken

For by my side, the Saviour He will stay

I labour on in weakness and rejoicing

For in my need, His power is displayed

So my godmother was 60 at the time, not a Christian, wonderful story. In bed for a year, with a bad back, awful sciatica in her legs, can't move.

Now you can imagine the wasting and her leg. Non-Christian

After a year she is fed up, you know, she'd asked for surgery, the surgeons and said we don't think you'll do.

Well, we're not going to operate. The GP, obviously, can't help.

So she says her husband also not a Christian, get the vicar.

So she lives in a place called Woking.

He goes down to the nearest church, which is an Anglican Church as it happens.

Nothing against Anglicans. I go to an Anglican Church.

The Anglican vicar says, well actually we don't do this sort of thing.

Hmm, not very helpful. So her husband reports back.

She says get another vicar, second Nearest church is a Baptist Church.

He goes to Walton Baptist Church and the minister had a bit more faith.

He comes along to her says, I'll be honest with you, I've never done this before

but I'm willing to give it a go.

He prays and lays his hand on her back. She feels heat and her back and jumps out of bed. Not doesn't get out of bed, she jumps out of bed. Runs around the room. remember she's 60.

She's not a spring chicken. She then goes to her GP, Her GP does a scan on her back and an x-ray. The X-ray of her back is of a 16 year old,

So not only God healed her. He's given her younger back. MRI scan. It's equally, normal. Surgeons, can't believe what's happened.

She becomes a Christian on the spot as does her husband, she then writes books on Christianity. He, the minister, brings healing into his church; Walton Baptist church becomes famous for healing.

And that the only time I went there was a couple of years ago when my godfather died, remained a Christian throughout his life.

And it was just a wonderful story of not only healing, for an individual, two people becoming Christians, the whole church, getting a Healing Ministry.

The minister getting a healing ministry.

Why? Because unlike the Anglican Minister, he had the faith enough to have a go, That's a real challenge though, isn't it ?

We as church leaders are called upon and maybe we don't have the faith and I mean, maybe this is not a question for now. But I do wonder why that might be? But I want to go back.

Do you think that the person who wants to be healed, always has to have faith?

Well, no, because we remember that don't we from the Bible from the man brought by his friends to see Jesus and they let him in through the roof.

Yeah, we know the, the friends had faith. We have no evidence that the man had faith. He was doing was okay for it and he probably didn't mind who prayed for him, but don't actually know that he had faith. but just know his friends had ,

No. It doesn't have to be individual. Someone, somewhere has to have faith, and I think that's my understanding It might, and it might not be the person or even his friends, it might just be your faith.

But Faith we are told as small as a mustard. Small, as a mustard seed, you can move mountains. Small, as a mustard seed and maybe we only have a Mustard Seed Faith, But it matters. Because what I have learned it's not about us.

It's about who we have the faith in. Yes, it's about Jesus because his faith isn't as small as a mustard seed.

But he does require a little bit of Faith from us.

Well as an empowered church, if we have the faith to believe we should be praying for those who desperately need to see healing.

Yes, yes. I'll give you one more example. This is a nice one and that's a strange one really?

I had a woman come to see me about 18 months ago in clinic, and she'd had a swelling in his spleen, young woman in her early 30s.

Anyway, I did an ultrasound it didn't really bring the answer. And I did a CT scan of her abdomen thinking, well, that we need a bit more information and it was the first result, I've seen in a long time. It looked like cancer was everywhere. I then did the chest. It was in her chest. It was in her liver, just spread everywhere. And I had to ring her up and I said, look, the result seems to be really dreadful and can you bring in your husband?

I'm not married anymore, and don't talk to him. Bring your best friend.

And so, she comes with her best friend turns out the best friend is a Christian, interestingly, but the woman isn't. I said look what the radiologists are saying. this looks like, we haven't got a biopsy, but just looks like cancer has spread everywhere on your body. This is terrible and she burst into tears. Not surprisingly. And she said who's going to look after my children and I don't want my husband to look after my ex-husband.

I said look and I do and it just had the sense to pray for her because what else can I do as a GP?

I can't influence what the scan says. So I said look, shall we pray that this isn't cancer. which is quite a big one from my point of view because all the radiologists were saying this is cancer.

We just need to prove it. She said, yes, and this friend of hers is a Christian says yes.

Let's pray, this isn't cancer. So I didn't pray for the for the scans to be clear. I just prayed it wasn't cancer.

Anyway, so that's what I prayed. Anyway, they the doctors duly do their stuff, they take out the spleen and they can't find any cancer it. They do a bone marrow biopsy because it's in her bones. They can't find any cancer, but it's in there somewhere.

And they keep saying this must be cancer, must be cancer and they sent it eventually to a big hospital in London - Kings Hospital. And turns out according to Kings that she's got one of only 50 people have got this odd situation which is a spread, it's an adenomatous spread, it's a glandular spread of tissue which is just gone everywhere throughout the body.

Now, I don't know whether she would have had this adenomatosis as it's called without me praying or not she might have done.

All I know is I was asked, I prayed she was happy that it wasn't cancer and it isn't. And she remains well. Is very old only 50 cases in the whole world but now it's an odd thing to have prayed.

And I don't know why I prayed it, but I just had a sense.

Pray, it's not cancer and I said, I bet you were glad I prayed and she said, I am glad.

Do you worry that the Holy Spirit gets you into trouble Richard?

Because we know he's got you in trouble enough.

I'm in trouble again. Okay, As a result of a radio interview but I don't worry about it because I think we know what, well literally "What would Jesus do?" The WWJD that we sometimes wear

And Jesus would say, Pray, don't worry about it.

Just do what God has your as Richard Foster said a "thousand arguments" but God trumps them every time.

So pray because people need it. Oh my goodness! People need and every I mean every week I pray for people because people come in needing prayer.

Pray for mental health, addictions, where you know, medicine? Humans are limited.

Okay addictions talk to me about addictions, you know, of course, as a church, we see so many people who are shackled by addictions; that might be gambling. that might be pornography, drink, drugs; ruining their lives. If anybody needs healing It's our addicts.

Song 63

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;

He makes me lie in pastures green.

He leads me by the still, still waters,

His goodness restores my soul.

And I will trust in You alone,

And I will trust in You alone,

For Your endless mercy follows me,

Your goodness will lead me home.

He guides my ways in righteousness,

And He anoints my head with oil,

And my cup, it overflows with joy,

I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,

I will not fear the evil one,

For You are with me, and Your rod and staff

Are the comfort I need to know.

Yes, any examples of healing for addicts?

Oh gosh, plenty. In fact funnily enough I was on Mark's boat.

So Mark is the guitarist in our church and he'd had a public school upbringing, but got in with the wrong crowd. Started to get into drugs.

By the time I met him in his early 40s, he had been in prison nine times for heroin addiction and I got him to come on Alpha, which we would run in Saint Phillips, and in, Saint Pauls.

And since then, he's become a Christian, he'd left heroin behind. He'd left the bad stuff behind, since when he's a wonderful guitarist in church.

He's got strong faith. You know, a life, really transformed.

And if you come to our church, James also I remember going to see James and having to climb over the beer cans that he was working his way through. I said James, this is no good. You know, that God is good. He'd had some Faith but alcohol got in the way. Get back in that church leave these cans behind. He did so and again, a life changed.

And what had changed for him was faith, had brought them both through. I'm not saying that the Addiction Services can't help. Of course they can , but in these instances, sometimes people need more.

Am I was just talking to Carl before we did this interview.

And when I had bowel cancer when I was 51, I'm now 60. Of course, I got the best treatment I could from the NHS, which was chemo twice, radiotherapy and surgery. But I got everybody praying for me because I know, you know, I wrote this book years ago, "God, I've got cancer", that we know, we've got the statistics, which show that people with faith do better.

It's not that you don't get treatment of course you do. But actually when we pray, we do better as per King Hezekiah and you know, actually we need for addicts, of course, get them to into Addiction Services but pray and get them praying.

I remember I'll just give you a last one. I remember going to.....I can't remember where we were...We're on we're doing an addict evening, I think it might have been in Essex, a part of a mission and there were 25 people and they'd had this evening every Sunday night for four years, but they've never got praying they'd simply be feeding the guys and then off you go see you next week.

And they said to me, look, you know, could you get them praying?

I said, yes. So I said, listen, this is wonderful that the fact you're eating, but actually food doesn't change your life.

God does, let's pray for each other,

So I got them praying and they began to pray for each other which is wonderful.

And this man came up to me and said,

I just had that sense. What do you I said, I think I know what you're going to say. You're about to say that you're going before the beak.

You're going to go before court this week. Is that right?

I said yes, how did you know what?

Because I had a sense that your story is exactly the same as a bloke. I prayed for about 10 years previously, who'd for eight times, he'd gone before the court each time, he'd had he'd gone to jail and he came to see me in clinic and he said, look look, you know, I'm so fed up with my life.

I said, should we pray that the court, this is 10 years ago, lets you off and it gives you community service? I'm not saying you're guilty or not, you're innocent because you're not and we prayed for community service and he got community service, and he was so pleased.

So there, we are in Essex. And this chap said to me, How do you know? I've been an eight times before the court, every time I've been in jail.

Would you like me to pray for community service?

He said, yes,

I, then went back because I had another week and this Mission, he was there.

Thank you so much. I've got community service, I said that's great. But listen, God won't necessarily do that for you next time.

So you need to leave your life of crime, and he said, I get that. And that was prayer, and I think the prayer, just a simple prayer had built up his faith that I didn't see him again, but I hope and pray that his faith would keep him on the straight and narrow.

So Richard we've been really encouraged by what you say, but what can you say to us as a church?

You know, we really want to allow God's spirit to work through us and do things that maybe we've not been seeing for such a long time.

How can we be a church that is actually seeing God move amongst us through miraculous healing.

I think that's the question, isn't it?

What I would say is number one read your Bible because that encourages us to realise we have a healing God.

Lots of healing of the Bible Old Testament as well as New Testament.

And then if Jesus is the same yesterday today and forever, as it says in Hebrews, then that surely must mean he's healing today.

So let's ask Him and can I just give you a few more, maybe you saw three more examples. I'm on one of my missions.

I turn up in Uppingham in Rutland and there was this lady and she said, you don't know me do you? I said no she said maybe we could do the healing service that's later in the week together.

I said sure but tell me your story and she had presented with headaches and unfortunately, it had a brain tumour and it turned out to be a grade four glioblastoma multiforme, which is the worst type of brain tumour you can have as an adult and I said, oh my goodness, I'm so sorry to hear that funny enough. I've just certified as a GP, a man, who'd had that exact grade for tumour last week and he'd lasted ten months with that, which is quite good.

So my goodness, you've got this grade 4 glioblastoma and she said, yes. And I said, Can I just say you're looking very well and she said, well yes because I got the church around to pray and I said roughly, how long ago was that, that tumour she said 19 years ago.

Oh my goodness, as he said something very interesting happened when I got the church around to pray God didn't get rid of the tumour. So if you do a scan on my head, it's still there. I still have the occasional headache but He stopped it growing and said that is a miracle because these things don't stop, they kill you rapidly and she said, I know but here I am today and so we did a healing service together to encourage people to pray for seemingly incurable, hopeless situations

And I met another man If I could just mention, on a another mission I did a talk like this and couldn't stay away.

I couldn't join in the mission, I just did the talk and I think I did the talk maybe possibly for their benefit, but also so I could meet this man. He comes up to me with a big smiley face. Shakes me by the hand is one of these guys when you shake that thing on my goodness, this guy is several times stronger than me. You know, my arm is hurting afterwards, he's a builder. I'm a doctor rather feeble. Anyway, he said, can I tell you my story, and his wife is chortling in the background.

And essentially, a few years ago, he'd had a terrible accident, not only break his bones, but his nerves were shredded and the surgeons couldn't put it together. So, his arm was literally useless and he was about to go and see the orthopaedic surgeon to consider amputation.

Clearly a disaster for anybody, but particularly for a young builder and his wife didn't gave give up on this.

She got the ladies in the church and Carl how often is it the ladies who lead us to pray? So they are praying.

Again for a disaster - there's no two ways about it.

And two weeks later, he goes to see the orthopaedic surgeon and shakes him by the hand and the orthopaedic surgeon said what's happened.

So when my wife was praying, I don't think I need the operation doctor and clearly he didn't and it reminded me of a Man I went to see and I'll tell you, the story is, this is final one because this again is life-changing situation.

Everlasting Arms (lean hard)

He lavishes grace as our burdens grow greater
He sends us more strength as our labours increase
To added afflictions He offers more mercy
To multiplied trials He multiplies peace
When we have exhausted our store of endurance
When our strength has failed and the day is half done
When we've reached the end of our earthly resources
Our Father's full giving is only begun
Our Father's full giving is only begun

So lean hard
Lean hard
Lean on the everlasting arms
Lean hard
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Lean on the everlasting arms
Lean on the everlasting arms

His love has no limits, His grace has no measure
His power has no boundary that's known unto men
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus
He giveth and giveth and giveth again
He giveth and giveth and giveth again

So we were what we were on this Mission, and I remember before, the mission, it's in Bedworth in the Midlands.
And I met this guy who was on our team and we went for a walk and he was called Andrew.
He was a minister in the west country and I said to him, Andrew, why are you on this Mission? And he said to me, well, I could ask you the same.
Why have you come from Margate to the Midlands? Why, why have we come on this Mission?
And he said to me, quote I want to see God work in power and I said, I want to see God work in power.
Anyway, Andrew gets to see it first, he will knock on doors.

We have our five question questionnaire. Do you believe in God, Jesus, do you want Jesus in your life?

He knocked on this door and a man answers the door. He's knackered. Really literally to use a technical term. He's bent over. He can't walk properly.

Can't work, so Andrew said,

what's happened to you? He said I was on a building site and a heavy crane dropped on me.

It's broken my back. It broke my arm and broke my legs. And my particular problem is, my leg is a couple of inches shorter than the other leg apart from all the other injuries.

So, Andrew says, look, would you like to see God work in your life? Andrew takes faith, brings faith into the situation,

The bloke says, well, yes. But can he?

Andrew prays for his leg and sees his leg lengthen.

Now, ladies and gents. This is one thing personally, I wanted to see for years I've read about leg lengthening, in other words, when the healing had taken place in his leg. It had shortened, you could feel the callous, the thickened bone, shortening his leg.

Andrew looked at his leg and can see it lengthened. But, here's the thing, it lengthened only an inch and a half because Andrew measured it, not the whole 2 inches. So it wasn't quite right yet,

But it was better, and the man said, oh my goodness. I felt that move.

And he also prayed for the rest of him.

So, Andrew comes back the next day and tells us a team. And I can tell you, I was gutted because I wasn't there.

So I said to Andrew, that did you tell me there was still half an inch to go? He said, yes. Can we go back and pray for this bloke today? And I go with them and I said, look, you know, you obviously God is blessing your prayers. Do you mind if I watch?

So anyway, I watch and I'm watching very carefully. I've got my tape measure and I could see it move that extra half an inch and then we and he had a surgical boot on, and we said to him, take your boot off, just walk, you know, with just bare feet and he's walking absolutely blessed.

Rather, than, you know, one leg one should one leg of the short, he then comes to church then on Sunday holds it up and says, would anybody like my boot and throws it across the audience?

And we actually said, no, no, you need your boot because that's part of your, your testimony gives it back and he brings his family to church on Sunday. Why? Because not, because of evangelism because of healing. Yeah, and that's very exciting and Andrew's still in touch with them.

That's exciting. But again, this is quite a big prayer. I suppose you could say that, what's the worst that could happen if God doesn't choose to heal this man?

Well, it's a bit of disappointment in us perhaps?

Yes. And maybe in the patient.

What's the best?

Oh, a transformed life and becoming a Christian.

Richard, that would be that, that sort of thing,

it is so it can only be a miracle.

And I guess the lady with the frozen shoulder, maybe you had some deep heat on your friend and sceptics would say, well, you know, psychosomatic or the, or maybe she wanted to get well in the prayer help together.

But, when a physical change takes place of that, of, that magnitude, leg lengthening the arm that's healed.

And you sit here as a doctor, who understands more about medicine than any of us. and knows these things can't happen.

Well, like my godmother in bed leaping out. And what about the blind lady and the orthopaedic? And the ophthalmic surgeon says this lady was blind.

Yeah, she was blind. Yeah. And now she's reading a book.

Yeah. How can that be? It just isn't this is miraculous.

We, you know, if God wants to use us, we really pray that we might see this happening within our area, for all of those are what I want. I was just thinking, you said, what do you want? I would like people to come into your church.

Say, I've prayed for someone in Ramsgate, come up the front and say even bring the person with you with them. This is what happens in Ramsgate in 2021. Amen, and Margate in 2021. Yes, and Broadstairs too

Song Number 578

Christ of Glory, Prince of Peace,
Let thy life in mine increase;
Though I live may it be shown
'Tis thy life and not my own.
Dwell within, that men may see
Christ in me, Christ, the living Christ, in me.

2 Answer now my soul's desire,
Purge my heart with holy fire,
Soothe the hurt with gentle balm,
Breathe within my life thy charm,
Fill me now, so shall there be Christ in me,

Christ, the holy Christ, in me.

Prayer

Richard, I'd like to pray for you before we finish.

Father God.

I just want to thank you for Richard's huge enthusiasm for you. His love for you.

He's determination to serve you in all that he can do. Lord, I thank you for the inspiration he's given us to think about how we can be an empowered church.

Praying for those who are sick that they might be miraculously healed. Father God, will you continue to stir us up and make us dissatisfied with being quiet, being reserved being unwilling to do actually what you're calling us to do?

Father met this morning. Be a real wake-up call to us as a church to seek your power and to pray boldly.

Father, I pray for Richard and Heather. They are amazing people, Thanet is just so blessed that they are here, ministering to us. I pray protection for them in their own health.

And Lord, I pray protection to from those who would seek to undermine their ministry within healthcare because they want to share their faith and they know their faith makes a difference.

Will you protect them? Will you place in their path people who will steer them through to the right decisions and the Lord never take away, never allow Richard's enthusiasm to be diminished by those who would seek to attack him.

Let him be bold. Always, I pray. Father, you are, God, you are amazing, and we love you. Amen.

We know that as Christians, Lord, we have the Holy Spirit dwelling within us, but I pray for an extra infilling of the Holy Spirit within this church. And within each church member and I pray Lord that as you tap on our heads and say speak Words of Life to this one.

Pray for this one. That we will do so Lord, We won't as Carl mentioned earlier, find the thousand reasons not to, but just a simple reason the Holy Spirit has spoken.

We will obey. And then I pray Lord, that we will have our minds blown by what we see.

Such that, some of the church members will come in here. Even all of the church members will come in and just enthused by what they've seen. And even bring people here who have been healed.

Lord I pray for your powerful, life-giving life-changing healing.

Holy Spirit to work through people, Carl, all his membership.

And again myself and Heather because we believe. Lord help our unbelief. And you say, just a soupçon , just a mustard seed of faith is enough' Lord God. Father, let us use our mustard seed of faith because we it's in whom we pray that matters - Jesus Christ. Our Lord and Saviour Father do wonderful things because you are a wonderful God in 2021, in Jesus Christ name and for Your glory.

Amen.

Richard, thank you so much, I want you to be able to come back here and see that God has worked.

I'd love to. Amen

Total Praise

Lord, I will lift

Mine eyes to the hills

Knowing my help

Is coming from You

Your peace you give me

In time of the storm

You are the source of my strength

You are the strength of my life

I lift my hands in total praise to You

Sending Prayer

Go, confident in the knowledge of God's steadfast love for you, assured of the healing touch of Jesus upon you and emboldened by the transforming power of the Holy Spirit within you. Amen

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