

Healing Team Meeting

09:45 March 22nd

Present: Ted Bull
Jane Davison
Martin Branton
Alison Harding
Jill McKee
Jacquie Peal

Apologies: Francesca Burgess
Colin Irving
Jan Kennedy
Lyn Lacey
Gillie Lewis
Katrina O'Neill
Marion Simmons

Saturday Morning Healing Services in the New Ash Green

The last Saturday Service was held at Hanover on February 2nd, led by Jacquie. It was attended by 7 members of the team and 7 non-members including 4 residents. Tea & coffee were provided after the service. Based on experiences from the Hanover service, the following changes were agreed for the rest of 2008:

Services will alternate between Turners and Hanover with special services be held in the VA Offices when identified. For example we could hold a service on the morning of Village Day.

Services will be increased from 4 a year to 6 a year (every 2 months).

To reduce the impact on our Saturday mornings, the services will be held on the same day as the team meeting and in the same location. Thus we'll start our team meeting at 09:45 and then move into the service.

The planned service dates for 2008 are:

May 24 th	at Hanover
July 26 th	at Turners
Sept 27 th	at Hanover
Nov 22 nd	at Turners

The use of a background CD, played quietly at the start and during the silent prayer time, worked well and will be used again.

Making the laying on of hands more personal by asking for the recipients name also worked well and will be used again. However, following a short discussion about everybody prayer together, it was agreed that we would return to everybody praying out loud for each recipient. Therefore laying on of hands will now be done by one person. S\he will ask for the recipients name and then lead everybody in prayer for that person.

It was also thought that the service appears to finish too abruptly after the laying on of hands. Therefore we will finish the service with a short time of quiet prayer with the background CD playing. Colin suggested that we end this quiet prayer time with either the Lords Prayer or the Grace.

Post-Meeting Note - The service which followed the meeting was led by Alison and went very well. It was also well attended and benefited from the changes introduced at the February meeting. Notably, it was the also first service in which the church attendees were outnumbered by those from Turners Oak. Furthermore, several ladies appeared interested in having transport to the next service at Hanover House. Lillian therefore deserves a special commendation for her continuing patience and diligence in inviting her fellow residents. Through her good work and the grace of God, this service is gaining ground and bearing fruit.

The Quiet Day for the Healing Team at West Malling

It was also suggested that we have a whole quiet day, possible on a Saturday and possibly spring/summer. Kiki has offered to provide input to the day based on the book 'When bad things happen to good people' with the help of somebody else.

The Day has is currently planned for 31st May and Jacquie, Kiki, Colin, Ted and Martin will definitely attend. It is also possible that Alison might make it. We need to finalise numbers, so it would be helpful if any other team members wishing to participate could signal their intentions.

4th Sunday Healing Services at St Peter & St Paul, Ash

Following the comment about people being overheard when prayers are given outside the Lady Chapel, Colin and Jacquie had a look at the area. The suggestion is to put a step on the 'church' side of the entrance to the Chapel, making the step up easier, and put a board on the Chapel side to make the floor more even. This should allow the majority of people to get into the Chapel a lot easier, although it won't help Lillian in her wheelchair. Colin will try and follow this through. A safe and effective installation will be quite tricky. No further progress has been made this issue to date.

St Luke's Tide Service

St Luke's Tide Service will be held on Saturday, Oct 18th, possibly in the evening. Chris Dench has accepted the invitation to be our guest speaker. Jacquie advised that we could use the Rectory garden for a quiet gathering before the service, as long as she and John have departed on their holiday. They currently plan leaving around midday. Alternatively, we hold the quiet gathering in the village hall or the churchyard. This can be discussed further closer to the time.

Rota for the next Healing Services at Ash

Note - Please let me know if you're not able to do these dates.

Date	Laying on of hands	Music
April 27 th	Ted & Lyn	Marion
May 25 th	Jacquie & Martin	Francesca
June 22 nd	Alison & Jane	Gillie
July 27 th	Kiki & Ted	Jan
Aug 24 th	Lyn & Jacquie	Jill
Sept 28 th	Parish Weekend	

Any Other Business

8.00am Holy Communion Service at Ash

It was suggested that we should consider introducing a healing element into the 8.00 am Sunday Morning Holy Communion Service (BCP), perhaps by including the laying on of hands as part of the giving of the Sacrament – i.e. after the taking of the Bread and Wine. This could be discussed further at the next meeting.

Parish Weekend

Alison noted that the Parish Weekend falls on the 4th Sunday of the month (28th September) and is therefore a Healing Service weekend. It also coincides with the “Back to Church Sunday” initiative being promoted by the Diocese. It might therefore be appropriate to somehow include Prayer for Healing during the Parish Weekend. It was also hoped that the Parish Weekend would truly bring together people from Ash, New Ash Green and Ridley of all ages and from all “congregations” to celebrate as “one church”.

Date and time of next team meeting

09:45 on April 26th at the Rectory