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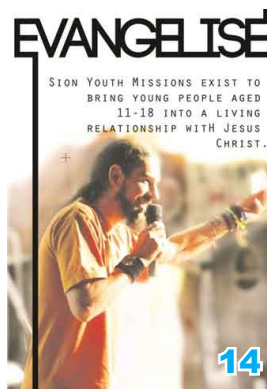
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Historic Meeting



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by Kristina Cooper

So a new year begins and we look back in thanksgiving for all that the last year has given us and look forward with hope for the future. Michelle Moran reports back from the recent prophetic consultation in Bethlehem sponsored by ICCRS and tells us of the powerful sign the Lord sent them of their need to rely on his power and not their own. Fr Peter Hocken, a long time commentator on the work of the Holy Spirit in the Church, sees last year (2013) as a Kairos moment and the beginning of a new era for the Church and tells us why. It would certainly seem that the Holy Spirit is sending a new impetus for Christian unity in particular, with some real surprises of the Holy Spirit. Chemin Neuf, a Roman Catholic Community with an ecumenical vocation, was suddenly thrust into the spotlight last November, when it was announced that they had been asked by Archbishop Justin Welby to send a small group of their members to live in Lambeth Palace to support his work. In this issue we have a report about this and other new initiatives that have suddenly flowered for the community, which has been working away quietly behind the scenes in the UK for many years.

This sense of the power and joy when Christians come together was very evident at the historic meeting of the Movements – “Many Streams, One River” - which took place at Westminster Methodist Central Hall on 9th November 2013. This was the first time such a meeting had taken place in the UK and showed the different charisms of the various Catholic ecclesial communities and lay movements who are serving the Church, as well as some ecumenical groups like Maranatha and the Antioch community. Although culturally very different, there was a great sense of unity in diversity and the richness we have to offer each other and to the Church in general, when we come together like this.

This year we are going to begin a series of articles on the Word of God which is so central to our Faith. Fr Pat Collins initiates this with an introductory piece which highlights the Catholic Understanding of Scripture. Meanwhile Charles Whitehead tells us how much the Word of God means to him and explains how it influences him in his daily living. The success of the week long visit to the UK of American Catholic bible teacher, Jeff Cavins, who designed the Bible Timeline, was yet another sign of the hunger at the moment for good comprehensive teaching on the bible.

Marcellino d'Ambrosio concludes his two part article on the Unfinished Business of Vatican II where he reflects that the impersonal large bureaucratic nature of the contemporary Church often comes in the way of its witness and, as Pope Francis has also identified, we need to become a community of disciples where evangelization and ecumenism are a priority. The early Christian Church, Fr Chris Thomas explains in his article, was often made up of very small groups of disciples who had experienced transformation in their lives because of coming into a personal relationship with Jesus. It is in this personal encounter with Jesus that our Christian vocation really begins, and Derek Williams, a full time Catholic lay evangelist shares his personal story and how he sees his role and relationship with the traditional parish structure. Brian and Maureen Devine are part of a group of married couples called Two in One Flesh. As part of their focus of supporting Christian marriage they have produced a wonderful resource of reflections on the Sunday Mass readings for married couples and we hear about this.

With fewer and fewer people in the UK and Ireland practicing their Christian faith, it would be easy to get disheartened. There are many signs, however, that the Lord has all this in hand and is raising up a new generation of disciples and leaders. Many of the leaders signed up for this year's Catholic Charismatic Leadership Course at the Sion Community are members of communities or groups from other lands bringing new enthusiasm and vitality. There also seems to be a new kind of young leader emerging too. Some of these are not even teenagers yet they feel called to be disciples and serve the Lord. For members of Sehion UK they do this by setting up prayer groups in their schools and doing street evangelization. For some members of Fanning the Flame it is by doing prayer ministry in the parish, while for others it is leading children's ministry at big conferences. A sign of this new maturity and desire for formation was the enthusiastic take up of the Sion Community's ambitious three year discipleship programme for teens run by Will Desmond, who also runs the Sion school mission team and gives us an insight into what this is like. That life is short and it is important to live it fully is underlined by the appreciation written by Fiona Mansford of Daniel Brudney, one of the leaders of Youth2000 who died suddenly in a car crash aged only 33, but who had a huge impact on others because of his humble service.

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You have no more power Come to Me

ICCRS Prophetic Consultation, Bethlehem

Michelle Moran reports on the ICCRS meeting of 160 key leaders from all around the world that gathered in Bethlehem (14th-18th November 2013) to hear from the Lord at this strategic time in the history of CCR on the journey towards the Golden Jubilee in 2017.

In the opening address I focussed on Deut 11:14 and Joel 2:23: *"He will give the rain for your land in due season... the early and the latter rain."* and explained that in biblical lands the early rain (the autumn rain) is what makes seeds germinate; the latter rain (the spring rain) brings in the harvest. In the early years of the Renewal we had the "early rain." But now we are in the time between the two. We are not in the latter rain yet, because we are not moving in the power of the Spirit strategically, healing the sick, doing miracles, reaching out to the poor, evangelizing in power. There is a need for repentance, because we have at times fallen into the trap of just wanting to entertain people, of settling for the comfortable. It is time to prepare people to go out, because the Spirit is going to bring us into the harvest in a way we've never seen before—a massive harvest. Apparently, with every sentence I spoke, Mary Healy, chair of the ICCRS Doctrinal Commission, was amazed, because although we had not talked about my topic, it corresponded point by point with what the Lord had put on her heart to say during her talk on the third day.

Prophetic Listening

On the first evening it seemed that the Lord needed to speak to each of us personally before he could lead us forward in His ways. There were a number of words about the call to holiness, a strong reminder of his deep personal love for each of us and quite a strong word about immorality in our midst and the need to purify ourselves because we are temples of the Holy Spirit.

A Breakthrough Moment

It was not long after 3pm, the hour of Divine Mercy, when on Friday 15th November darkness descended on Bethlehem due to an electricity failure. In obedience to the programme we came together in our darkened meeting room. With no light, microphones, amplification, translation system, what could we do? Mary Healy reminded us prophetically of the famous Duquesne, retreat in 1967 when there was a problem with the plumbing and they had no water. So they all began to pray for water. The Lord answered their prayer but not only did the plumbing get fixed, floods of living water poured down from heaven and so began the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. Mary shared that this was the early rain. She said; "now we're at a different time. The fact that we've lost electric power today has prophetic significance. Just as back then they prayed for water and the Lord gave water from heaven, so now we

have to pray for power, and the Lord is going to give us power from on high. We have to lean into this moment, pay attention to what the Holy Spirit is telling us symbolically and ask for power with great confidence."

After a time of anointed praise and worship in the dark, my husband Peter brought the large olive wood cross that had been on the back wall into our midst. Then in the darkness, we worshiped the One who is the Light of the World who stepped down into darkness in the holy place of Bethlehem where we were gathered. Everyone was bowing before Jesus and acknowledging His Lordship in a deeper way. Then, with the cross raised in our midst and mindful of the word *'when I am lifted up I will draw all people to myself'*, Oreste Pesare (the director of the ICCRS office in Rome) stepped forward and said; "The Lord has truly given us a word for the Charismatic Renewal, 'you have no more power... come to me.'" Then in the midst of the darkness, suddenly and dramatically, boom! The lights came on with full power. All we could do was just absorb the moment each in our own way. Some were crying, some repentant, some lying prostrate on the floor but everyone certain that the Lord was in our midst in power.

Without Me you can do nothing!

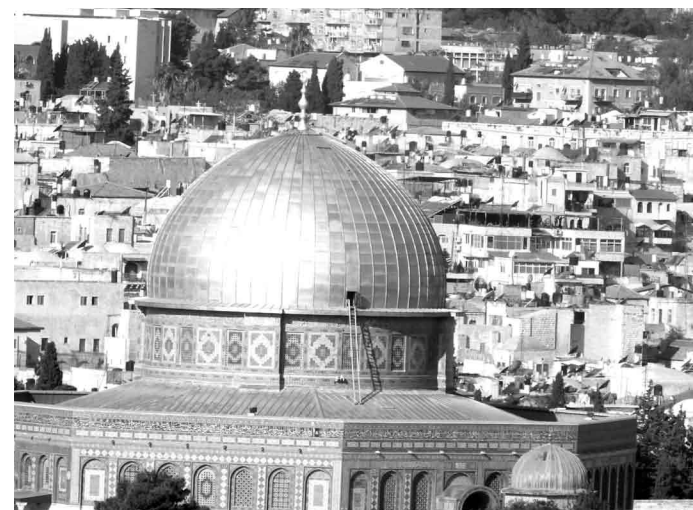
As the Cross was replaced on the wall we declared "He is Lord, He is Lord He is risen from the dead and He is Lord". There was a response in faith as people came forward to the cross to simply make their own silent prayer. We sang 'Bow down and worship the Lord'. During this time there were several words given. We heard the Lord no longer calling us "His servants" but calling us "His friends". He said 'I gave power back to you because you bowed down on your knees. I do not want to have a gifted CCR or gifted leaders I want a humble CCR with humble leaders. I can switch off power and light and you can do nothing. I gave you a sign to remind you that without me you cannot do anything. As you acknowledge my Lordship and bow down on your knees in worship I will give power to you.'

After this, we were prophetically invited to take off our shoes: "My people, you have taken off your shoes in my holy presence. One shoe is the shoe of pride. The other is fear and insecurity. There is no place for pride, because all that you do is totally dependent on me. And there is no place for fear and insecurity, because all that you do is totally dependent on me. When you go forth, you will go forth in power. You will not need to be afraid, because it is my power."

Together in the Cenacle

On our final day we prophetically set out together for Jerusalem. We visited a number of holy sites but the highlight of the day was another move of the Spirit. We were unsure as to whether we would be able to actually 'gather' in the Upper Room as normally the groups just pass through. So tentatively we assembled and began to pray quietly until all the group arrived. Then, taking courage, we started singing and the praise got louder. Apparently at one point the officials entered the room to see what was happening. As they came in they were stopped in their tracks and after a few moments they withdrew and left us to it. So we managed to pray

together loud and long for more than an hour in the very place where the Holy Spirit was first poured out on the infant Church. There were a number of very powerful prophetic words, including this from Bruce Yocum; the Lord says, "I have poured out my Spirit abundantly, and I will continue to pour it out. I will pour out my Spirit generously, lavishly, continuously until even the hardened hearts are softened and the wasteland becomes fertile. This I promise, that I shall pour out my Spirit continuously until I bring about through my Spirit the renewal that I intend."



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BETHLEHEM



Archbishop Nichols commented, "I would like formally, on behalf of all the bishops, to thank you: to thank you for the work you do, to thank you for the Spirit that is within you, to thank you for your generosity and dedication, to thank you for your courage and the initiatives that you take, to thank you very simply for the way in which you enrich the life of the Church."

Kristina Cooper reports on the historic gathering of the New Lay Movements and Ecclesial communities on 9th November 2013

Over 1500 people from 30 + New Ecclesial Communities and Lay Movements gathered together for the first time in the UK in the Westminster Methodist Central Hall on 9th November in the heart of London to celebrate their faith in Jesus Christ. The event was named "Many Streams, One River" to emphasis the different charisms each group was offering the Church and their desire to work in unity and service to the wider body.

The day was the fruit of the call of Pope John II, back in 1998, when he asked representatives of the New Lay Movements and Ecclesial communities to come to Rome to celebrate Pentecost with him in St Peter's Square. He used this occasion to publically affirm the importance of their work emphasizing that the charismatic dimension of the Church was co essential with its hierarchical dimension. The pope also asked those present to take a step in ecclesial maturity, and to search for ways they could work together for the good of the local Church.

This was taken up in a particular way by Chiara Lubich the founder of Focolare who worked actively to build relationships between the different movements and communities. In the UK small sessions for leaders of the New Ecclesial Communities and Lay movements, sponsored by Focolare and the National Service Committee of CCR, have been taking place regularly every few years. Eighteen months ago it was decided that now was the time to have a bigger event so that many more people would be brought into this sense of common purpose and vision of serving the Church together.

The event had originally been planned to take place at Pentecost 2013 but when Pope Francis called all the Movements to come to Rome on that day, a new date had to be hastily chosen to ensure

that the deposit for the hall was not lost. It was thus interesting that this new date happened to fall on the feast of the dedication of the Lateran Basilica, the symbolic ancient mother church of the Roman Catholic Church, with its Mass reading from Ezekiel 47 about the river flowing from the Temple bringing healing and life wherever it goes.

YOU ARE A GIFT AND RICHNESS IN THE CHURCH.
ALWAYS CARRY THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL. DO
NOT BE AFRAID. ALWAYS HAVE THE JOY AND
PASSION FOR COMMUNION IN THE CHURCH.
POPE FRANCIS

The programme for the day emphasized this sense of life and vitality through the different contributions through the New Lay Movements and Ecclesial Communities taking part. These ranged from dance and mime, testimonies, film clips and short presentations of the history and work of the various groups who included Ascent, Catholic Charismatic Renewal, Chemin Neuf Community, Faith Café, Focolare, Jesus Youth, L'Arche, Madonna House, The Maranatha Community, Mothers' Prayers, Neo Catechumenal Way, Shoenstatt, St Egidio, Sword of the Spirit, Sion Community, Teams of Our Lady and Youth 2000. In the corridors outside there was a multiplicity of stalls by these groups and others, among whom were the Little Way Healing Ministry, Sehion UK and the Community of the Risen Lord and Wintershall. Other communities, such as the Maltfriscans, Cancao Nova, Shalom and the Lord of Pardon Community were also present informally supporting the day by their presence.

It was both enlightening and inspiring to hear of the different ways that the Holy Spirit was touching people and using these different groups to spread the Kingdom of God. Among those who spoke

were Anne Horsman, from Focolare, who shared how a small group of them had been led to pilot tea parties in care homes in Welwyn Garden City. This had led to the setting up of the "The Friends of Welwyn Care Homes" with the participation of more than 40 Christians from different churches in the area. Kevin from L'Arche spoke about how he had learnt through his friendship with Edith, a woman with multiple disabilities, that not only was she precious and lovable but so was he.

Veronica Williams, the founder of Mothers' Prayers, shared how it was through a prophetic word received by her sister in law, that the two of them set up a small prayer group for mothers to pray for their children, little thinking that 18 years later this simple idea and format would have spread to over 100 countries. It was interesting that in the lives of several witnesses there was the influence of more than one movement or community. An essential part of Veronica Williams' own faith journey, for example, was her involvement in the Catholic Charismatic

But then all of a sudden something occurred that no one had planned. Once again the Holy Spirit asked for the floor. Young men and women felt called to live their faith without ifs and buts, as a precious life giving gift. For me personally it was a marvelous event. The first time I came more closely into contact with some movements, I experienced a warmth and enthusiasm with which they were living the faith. And how, from the joy of this faith they felt called to share it with others; they felt the need to share with others what they had received as a gift.

Cardinal Ratzinger

Renewal and also with the campaigning work of the ecumenical Maranatha Community, and their document "What have we done to our Children?".

One of the gifts of the Spirit of our times is certainly the flowering of the ecclesial movements which are a sign of the freedom of forms taken by the one church. In the context of the great Jubilee, I count on the collaboration and the common witness of the Movements.

Pope John Paul II

Tom O'Neil witnessed how going on Cana week for married couples (organized by Chemin Neuf community) had saved his marriage and his Christian life. While Gary Russell told how a visit to the shrine at Shoenstatt and a smile of a nun there had touched him. "I realize that on that day my life changed. I stopped being that person that took the odd collection at church to being fully active and doing my bit."

The keynote address was given by David Wells, who in an engaging and humorous presentation stressed that what all the Movements had in common was their ability to lead people to Jesus and to follow in discipleship. Archbishop Vincent Nichols and Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor, who both also gave addresses, underlined their support for the Movements and their contribution to the life of the Church. There was also a presentation by the Anglican Bishop Rt Rev Robin Smith, former Bishop of Hertford.

A New era for the Church?



FR Peter Hocken, long time commentator on the work of the Spirit in the Church, sees the year 2013 and the election of Pope Francis, together with that of other Christian leaders also taking up new roles, as being highly significant for the Christian world and an indication of a Kairos moment.

The Year of Faith has proved to be an epic year. The surprise resignation of Pope Benedict, the election of Francis, the first Latin American and the first Jesuit pope, the choice of Justin Welby as the new archbishop of Canterbury, the participation of Patriarch Bartholomew in the installation of Pope Francis, are all signs of major tectonic shifts in the Christian world.

What is the Holy Spirit doing? I suggest that we can see the ministry and priorities of Pope Francis as the launching of a second phase in the renewal of the Catholic Church. The first phase was launched by the Second Vatican Council which freed the Church from its defensive and isolationist postures that were reactions to the Protestant Reformation and to the Enlightenment. The Council laid the foundations for a profound Church renewal, especially rooted in the biblical and liturgical movements of the previous half-century. These foundations made possible a renewed ecclesiology, open to ecumenism, giving full citizenship to the laity and summed up in a theology of communion.

Renouncing the remnants of monarchical symbolism of the papacy

What will be the characteristics of Phase Two? I suggest that we can see the main outlines in the first months of the ministry of Pope Francis. First, he is refusing all the remnants of an imperial or monarchical court – all symbols, emblems, and customs reflecting privilege and superior status, that belong to the world of the emperors and kings of this world, and not to the disciples of the Lord, who emptied himself and took on the form of a slave/servant. This means a simplification of life-style, a love for the poor and the oppressed, a directness of speech, and a dismantling of the culture of secrecy in the running of the Catholic Church. True to the name he has chosen, Pope Francis is refusing the trappings of worldly power and is basing his choices on the gospels as principal source for the disciples of Jesus.

Church teaching has become more strongly Christocentric

During the first phase of renewal, official Church teaching has become more strongly Christocentric, especially under Bl. John Paul II and Benedict XVI. At the Pentecost Vigil for the Ecclesial Movements, Francis was asked, “How can we communicate Faith effectively today?” He began his reply by saying: “I shall answer with just three words. The first: Jesus. What is the most important thing? Jesus. If we forge ahead with our own arrangements, with other things, with beautiful things but without Jesus we make no headway, it does not work. Jesus is more important.” If we want to describe the difference between Benedict XVI and Francis, it is perhaps that Benedict, the great theologian, started from a rich Trinitarian Christocentric synthesis, which is then to be meditated and lived out, while Francis begins from what it means to live as a disciple of the Lord. It is easier for him to do this following the rich heritage of his immediate predecessors. Francis is then applying these gospel standards to the relationship between pope and bishops, between bishops and priests, between the ordained servants and all the people. Customs that get in the way of true Christian relationships are being set aside.

Francis is constantly speaking about the Holy Spirit

Francis is constantly speaking about the Holy Spirit – but in very existential pastoral ways. He emphasizes openness to the Holy Spirit, the danger of resisting the Spirit, and the surprises of the Holy Spirit. He is clearly speaking here not just of our personal lives, but of the life of the Church. On the feast of Pentecost, he challenged his hearers at Mass: “Let us ask ourselves today: Are we open to ‘God’s surprises’? Or are we closed and fearful before the newness of the Holy Spirit? Do we have the courage to strike out along the new paths which God’s newness sets before us, or do we resist, barricaded in transient structures which have lost their capacity for openness to what is new?”¹

Pope has explicitly rejected the model of priests who say “I am the boss around here.”

Another constant theme of Francis is “walking together” on a journey. This applies at all levels, first within the Catholic Church and then in outward relations. So the pope will walk with the bishops, the bishops walk with the priests and the people, the priests with the people. In speaking to the bishops, Francis does not see the bishops so much over their flocks, but in their midst. He speaks of the bishops being with, being in front of and following

the people; front, middle, and rear. “A pastoral presence means walking with the People of God, walking in front of them, showing them the way, showing them the path; walking in their midst, to strengthen them in unity; walking behind them, to make sure no one gets left behind.”² He has explicitly rejected the model of priests who say “I am the boss around here.

Francis says that he wants pioneer bishops rather than managers and administrators

“Going out” is another Francis theme alongside “walking with.” Going out to the peripheries and extremities, to the poor and the oppressed. He recognizes going out can lead to accidents, but, he says, he much prefers an accident-prone Church that goes out to one that plays safe. This is an appeal for a quite different style of church leadership. For, to be honest, the training of clergy has long focused on sticking to the well-tried paths, keeping the rules, and not rocking the boat. Francis says openly that he wants pioneer bishops rather than managers and administrators.

Preference for the poor

The preference of Francis for the poor is rooted in his understanding of the Incarnation, that Jesus, being rich, emptied himself and became poor, taking on the form of a slave or servant (2 Cor. 8:9; Phil. 2:7). He speaks of serving the suffering as “touching the flesh of Christ.” Here his Christ-centred focus joins up with a vision for a just and human society. He has had harsh words for our “throwaway culture” and for a heartless capitalism that worships the idol of money. Might it happen that Francis will play a role in undermining the present economic system with all its inhumanity and injustice rather as Blessed John Paul II helped to undermine atheistic Communism from within?

The going out and walking with also apply to ecumenical relations. Francis connects very readily with other Christians who manifest an openness to the Holy Spirit and for whom prayer together is very natural. He has had a four hour meeting with Justin Welby, the new leader of the Anglican communion, planning for a joint Catholic – Anglican initiative concerning the poor and the economic system. He is accustomed to pray with Free Church and Pentecostal pastors.

New patterns of ecumenical relations

All this is happening at a time when there is a widespread feeling that the ecumenical movement is tired, has run out of steam, and does not attract the younger generation. The signs are that the Holy Spirit is developing new patterns of ecumenical relations, and that Pope Francis totally fits with and inspires this new pattern rooted in love and deep mutual acceptance, in prayer together and in seeking the Holy Spirit together. This new pattern will not be the preserve of church leaders and theologians, but will involve all Christians. We should be ready for ecumenical break-throughs sparked by common prayer and deep mutual sharing in Christ. The Jewish people are also fascinated with Pope Francis, as they always pay careful attention to shifts in the Vatican. The Holy Father’s close friendship with Rabbi Abraham Skorka from Buenos Aires, marked by his spending four days at the Domus

Sanctae Marthae, will, they hope, lead to a shared trip to Israel. If this happens it will certainly arouse immense interest in the Jewish community. It augurs well for the ongoing task of rooting our Christian theology and understanding more strongly in the Jewish and biblical origins, without which real progress towards unity would be impossible.

Election of new Church leaders over the last twelve months alert us to this being a kairos moment

I have already mentioned the choice of Justin Welby as archbishop of Canterbury. This election together with that of Pope Francis has brought to the leadership of both the Catholic Church and the Anglican communion men who are totally at home with charismatic worship and practice. As many know, the archbishops of Canterbury are traditionally chosen alternately from the Catholic and the Evangelical wings of the Church of England. Archbishop Welby is from the Evangelical wing (Holy Trinity, Brompton before entering theological college), but is the first Evangelical archbishop to have strong Catholic connections and friendships (a Catholic spiritual director, links with Chemin Neuf community, and a familiarity with Catholic social teaching). Many have seen a providential link in the Rome and Canterbury installations being only two days apart. This seems likely to produce from both leaders a greater integration between personal conversion and social transformation.

Several ancient churches also have new leaders in the last twelve months: the Coptic Orthodox Church of Egypt (Pope Tawadros II), the Ethiopian Orthodox Church (Patriarch Mathias), the Greek Orthodox Church of Antioch (Patriarch John X, previously Metropolitan in Paris), the Bulgarian Orthodox Church (Patriarch Neophyt), the first post-Communist patriarch. This timing is unusual, and alerts us to the present being a kairos moment. Let us commit ourselves to praying regularly for Pope Francis, for Archbishop Welby, and these other new leaders. Those of us blessed to be in the Renewal should know that there is no deep renewal or reform without a spiritual battle. It is our responsibility to pray. Then we will be ready to seize the opportunities the Holy Spirit is opening up.

(Footnotes)

¹ Homily at Pentecost Mass, May 19, 2013.



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REBUILD MY CHURCH

The call to be an Evangelist



Derek William, who is a layman and father of four, talks about his call as a full time evangelist in the Catholic Church

In February 1990 I first experienced the Baptism in the Holy Spirit at Holy Souls prayer meeting, Acocks Green, Birmingham. This was truly a life-changing experience. After this I started receiving many prophetic words from various people indicating the charism God has given me and the work he had called me to. The word 'rebuild my Church' was repeated to me quite often over the subsequent years.

After this experience I immersed myself in scripture studies (my hunger for God's Word was a grace in itself), and frequented the sacraments. I figured what God had given me was an amazing grace and for a time I was convinced God was calling me to religious life. I went on vocations retreats both with religious orders and with the Diocese over the course of a few years, but remained unsettled and eventually did not go down that route. Instead I married Lynn (alleluia)!

From banking to evangelising

After getting married I worked for Barclays in Peterborough for a few years as an Investments Manager. During this time, with Christians of all denominations, I was evangelising within the bank by putting on various seminars during lunch breaks and after work, including a monthly healing service in the office with the local Anglican Vicar. In October 2003, after a time of discernment and seeking the advice of my spiritual director, I resigned from my job and after a short time began exercising a full-time lay apostolate. I joined Flame Ministries International and worked as an Evangelist for them for some years. For various reasons I left the organisation after much prayer and discernment and began an individual lay apostolate which I have been carrying out for nearly five years.

In spite of all of this 'evangelism' I had not received any 'formal' training or obtained any qualifications. So five years ago I began a distance learning degree in Divinity at Maryvale where I have been learning some outstanding theology and grounding my own faith firmly in the Living Tradition, the wellspring of the Catholic Faith. This has had a huge impact on my own efforts to lead people to Christ and my approach to what the Church calls 'the individual lay apostolate'.

My ministry is that of the individual lay apostolate. It is an immensely tough area of ministry, one that I most certainly did not want to

be involved in as I am and always have been a 'team player'. However, the Vatican II document *Apostolicam Actuositatem* (the Lay Apostolate), states several very important things that we should pay attention to:-

1. From the fact of their union with Christ the head flows the layman's right and duty to be Apostles (AA2).
2. The apostolate to be exercised by the individual...is the starting point and condition of all types of lay apostolate, including the organised apostolate, nothing can replace it (AA3).

My role as an evangelist flows from the grace God gave me, initially at Baptism; then strengthened at Confirmation. It is nurtured through receiving regular Communion and frequenting Confession, plus my daily prayer time, which keep me in and deepens my union with Christ.

As lay people we must not try to be "clergy"

Of course we can have problems as Catholics. There can be a certain amount of confusion about who is supposed to evangelise because in Catholic Church history the Saints, mainly priests and lay brothers, did a huge amount of evangelisation. Nonetheless, at Vatican II the role of the laity was clearly stated, 'The individual apostolate is always and everywhere in place. Every lay person is called to it and obliged to it' (AA16). There can be a tension between lay and clergy and I have experienced this quite keenly, and still live with it to a certain degree. I think part of the problem stems from past mistakes with lay evangelists who lacked formation (I was there myself and still make plenty of mistakes!), but also from a misunderstanding on behalf of the clergy. As lay people we must not try and be 'clergy'. There are certain things we absolutely cannot and should not do. It is when we seek those things which do not form part of our ministry that matters go a little awry.

Many priests are desperate for sound lay evangelists to carry out the work of the evangelist in their parishes

I am fortunate in that many of the parishes I minister in have great parish priests and I work with their full backing. I find that many priests are almost desperate for sound lay evangelists to stand up and be counted, to carry out the work of the evangelist within their parishes. I was chatting with a priest at a conference about this very scenario. He was immensely frustrated with parish life and did not know how to approach the problem he faced. I explained that God had given him a grace (Gk. 'charism') as a pastor to the flock. However, his problem was an evangelical one

and to deal with this requires another member of the body who has the 'charism' of the evangelist. The evangelist will lead the people to a place where they can have a personal encounter with Christ in the Sacraments. Then his role as a minister of the Sacraments and pastor of the flock will be able to bear much more fruit. This is the pastor and the evangelist working in harmony.

The most difficult and challenging aspect of my own experience as an evangelist, my heaviest cross, is the sense of isolation and loneliness. I remember standing at the back of a church in Manchester during the praise and worship. I felt utterly desolate, devoid of any message, weak, fearful, weepy, shaky, and basically pretty useless. Praise God it was a very powerful time and highly anointed. Eventually I had a chat with my spiritual director about it. He said that I was having an authentic experience of God's anointing! This was comforting, but not comforting (work that out)!

Anointing is not a matter of feelings

When the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus He was driven into the desert where He was isolated and tempted for forty days (cf. Lk. 4:1-13). Paul says that when he came to the Church in Corinth it was, 'in fear, weakness and with much trembling' (cf. 1 Cor. 2:1-5). I think it is very important that as we grow in faith we do not depend on comfortable feelings and a sense of 'being anointed' but we learn to trust in God's power. God HAS anointed you for a task and you should trust in that anointing, over and above any feelings you may have.

As part of the body of Christ I can never be isolated or ever alone

I have got to the point where if I feel great before a teaching I get worried! If I face trials, difficulties, problems, desolation, weakness, etc, then I know it is going to be very powerful and I just need to 'stand firm' (Eph. 6:11), be silent in the face of adversity (Mt. 27:12-14), be a man of peace. I find it very important to remember that, as a committed Catholic, I belong to the Body of Christ, enjoy a certain communion with Christ, belong to a parish community, and thus cannot be isolated or ever alone. We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses (Heb 12:1) who are rooting for us and have already walked this journey that we find ourselves on. None of us ever works in isolation regardless of how we feel because Christ is with us (Mt. 28:20).

Derek's ministry is principally to teach the Word of God, and he speaks at Life in the Spirit Seminars, days of renewal, retreat days/weekends and conferences, and runs scripture courses for parishes and groups.

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The Other Half



Sue Whitehead

While out shopping last week I parked in a new (to me) car park which meant I travelled in a lift that I had not been in before. When the doors closed I was amused to read – painted on the door – "Go on, break the silence". Sadly I was in the lift on my own so the only way to "break the silence" was to talk to myself (which I did!) and I really looked forward to the end of my shopping trip when I could speak to someone. And then I was joined by a couple who never stopped speaking to each other so there was no silence to break!

But I have been thinking about the phrase and how it had made me think about being in a crowd when nobody speaks to anyone else. I'm one of those awful folk on a Tube who starts speaking to the person next to them, especially if it's very crowded and we are squashed together – at least then I can apologise! And, generally, people are happy to indulge in a chat – nothing terribly important, just words. Why do we find it so hard to talk?

I love chatting to people whom I meet. Most of them will enjoy a brief exchange of thoughts even if they are a little surprised initially. Maybe it is because we are getting used to contacting each other by texts and e-mails that the spoken word is being neglected. Maybe it is because we are all so "busy" that we have little time to stop and talk and possibly more important – to listen. I don't know, but I find most people are happy to exchange views on supermarket goods, newspaper headlines and, definitely, the weather!

Usually the topics are pretty mundane but I can also throw in "I've just come out of church" or "busy weekend ahead as we'll be at a conference – Christian conference, that is". I've even managed "Isn't the weather fantastic – God is so good" but I try to reserve that for when it's raining! Seriously, I like talking and most folk like communicating and sometimes it leads to being able to help a stranger or even to making a new friend.

Proverbs 15:23 *A man finds joy in giving an apt reply and how good is a timely word.*

But above all
Psalm 19:14 *May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord.*

So, GO ON, BREAK THE SILENCE – may you be a loving blessing to those you meet.

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Kristina Cooper reflects on the new generation of children and teens who are picking up the baton and who want to go out and preach the gospel.

This year the children's ministry at the New Dawn conference at Walsingham was led by a priest and two seventeen year old girls. The two girls had already been helping out with the ministry so it was not such a huge step for them but I was struck by how confident and capable they looked as they led the children out. The youngsters coming up today are a different breed I thought. They are workers who see themselves as part of the team.

We can sometimes forget that in the beginning the Charismatic Renewal was largely spread in the Catholic Church by young people. The famous Duquesne weekend was a retreat for university students. They didn't see the message that they were carrying, however, as just something for young people but a message for the entire Church. Their age and their youth in a sense were immaterial and before long the grace had spread all over the world transforming lives and bringing a new understanding of the power and grace of God alive today.

Such was the power of that original experience and message that 40 + years later many of that original generation are still high profile leaders with a passion for the Lord. Passing on the baton to a new generation is always difficult. Pioneers and founders have such charisma and authority, that it is difficult to find anyone to match up to them. Just as children of famous or successful parents often struggle, so the same can happen spiritually. It can be difficult for the following generations to develop their own leadership gifts and role because they can feel that they are overshadowed by what has gone before and not really needed.

No longer can Catholic children just drift along

But time passes and the teenagers growing up today are living in a very different world to that of their parents and grandparents. Rising secularism in Britain means that even in Catholic schools, fewer and fewer teachers are Catholic and hardly any pupils would now regularly go to Mass on Sundays. No longer can Catholic children drift along. From a very young age they have to make decisions about their faith. Are they going to admit that they believe, that they go to Mass or are they going to follow the "cool" kids and just drop their faith or hide it. At the Goodnews office recently we had a 15 year old called Anna who did a week's work placement with us. She came from a strong supportive Catholic family and obviously loved her faith. When she got to secondary school, however, she said she realized to say that she went to Altar Servers' camp was decidedly uncool. So she untagged herself from photos on Facebook which showed her enjoying herself there. After a while, however, she realized trying to fit in with the crowd was not making her happy, so she made the decision instead to go her own way and be herself – faith and all! Meeting her you can sense she is a strong individual because she has had to be.

The rise of a New Generation of disciples

Twelve year olds leading ministry in parish

Sr Maria Natella OP, has worked with young people all her life and 17 years ago set up Fanning the Flame to evangelise and catechize young people. At the annual camp in 2012 she said she challenged the teenagers to pray 20 minutes before or after school every day, and to go to confession once a month. Last summer she found that they had not only been doing this but some of them had actually got their parents and siblings involved too. After this year's camp, she said, several of them came to her and asked her if she could help them change their church youth club. This was mainly a social activity with table tennis etc but they wanted equipping and teaching on the Catholic Faith – the Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession. Many of them are now praying the Divine Office, which they access on their mobile phones. She comments, "These children wouldn't talk about Catholic Charismatic Renewal as such. For them praying in tongues and praying for healing are just a normal part of being Catholic, as they have been exposed to it since they were small." Last autumn some of the youngsters aged 11-12 years old, from the group, led prayer for healing at the end of a fundraiser at the local parish of Holy Family and St Boniface in Shirley. "People were resting in the spirit when they were prayed over," remembers Sr Maria.

Bullied for standing up for the faith

A core of a dozen 13-17 year olds come regularly on Fridays for training in their faith. Sr Maria comments, "There is one boy in the group. He is the only one in his class who believes and he gets bullied for standing up for his faith and is ridiculed. But he and the others are prepared to do this. They have no illusions about the spiritual life. They know it is the cross. But they also know there will be resurrection and because they are prepared to stand up like this God equips them more. They say they are willing to be martyrs for their faith. It is amazing to see. Because of them, their whole families are changing too. One parent commented to me. "They are getting something I never had."

And I think it is true we have had generations who have never been catechized or evangelized."

This is now, however, changing and is something the CCR can be proud of with the development of discipleship programmes for young leaders such as Release, sponsored and organised by the Celebrate conference and the Sion Community's three year course for teens called "Ascent" as well as the training teens get from Fanning the Flame and other ministries. Many of the participants on these courses are the children and grandchildren of leaders in charismatic renewal. Their babies have grown up and are now getting trained for the fight.

I found this same sense of seriousness in the call to be disciples with the youngsters from Sehion UK, one of the new communities of people from Kerala, which has emerged in the UK over the last couple years. Many teenagers attend "Second Saturday" every month, organized by Fr Soji, the chaplain to the Syro-Malabar Catholics in the UK.

Prophetic word that God intends to evangelise the UK through children

Ainish, who has an MBA from the US and is a software professional felt called to give up her well paid job so she could help Fr Soji in his ministry to children. She explains, "He told me he had received a prophetic word that God intended to evangelise this country through children and that I should minister to them and give them the word of God, not just babysit them." At that point she said many of the people from Kerala had lost their children to the consumerist, secularist culture in Britain and they no longer wanted to go to church on Sundays. She recalls, "Fr Soji took it upon himself to do something and win the children back. We started with 15 children and today we have 800-1000 children coming every month."

Fr Soji also organizes week long schools of evangelization for the 12-16 age group and about 300 or so young people have attended

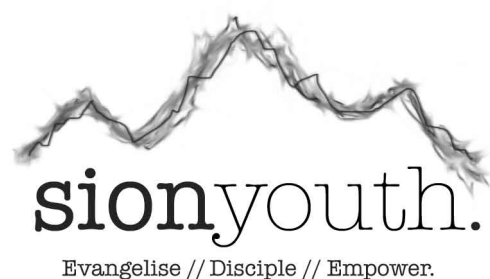
these schools over the past 18 months. The young people are encouraged to fast and pray for their class mates and start prayer groups in their schools, which they are doing. The children also keep in touch with each other and have prayer meetings on Skype on Monday evenings, where they pray the rosary and share their experiences of the word of God. The headmaster in one Catholic school in Worcester was so impressed by the witness of some of these girls, who aged as young as 12 had started a weekly prayer group, which gathers 30 or so pupils and teachers every week, that he invited Sehion to take part in a week long school mission last September. Ainish comments, "The prayer group is run by the children. The adults who go are just there to monitor things but they don't play a role during the prayer meeting. We want to give the teenagers the opportunity to develop as leaders. I believe if we don't give them responsibility they fall away due to peer pressure."

Once they are changed by the Holy Spirit we need to give them mission fields

She adds, "Once they are changed by the Holy Spirit we need to give them mission fields so they can go and work for the Kingdom. If we are looking at making these teenagers evangelists and priests and sisters, we should start training them right now." This summer about 50 teens and young people from the Sehion community together with their parents will take part in a week long mission to the tribal areas of Northern India. Ainish comments, "Most of our young people were born in the UK and don't know about India. They just go back for a summer vacation and spend their time in the shopping malls, like in Britain. They haven't seen the villages or rural life or what poverty is. We want to instill love of the poor and the virtue of service in them. My son, who is nine, came with me last summer and he loved it. Before he was just interested in McDonalds and KFC but now he has seen how the poor live and this has affected him." Another group it is planned will go to Ethiopia on mission too.

Perhaps we should not be surprised that as the challenges to the gospel grow, the Lord should already be having it in hand, forming, discipling and equipping a generation to meet this new challenge. Frances Weaver now in her 80s, has been involved in CCR since the 1970s. Her youngest son Stephen was part of the Burning Bush community in Southampton and later joined the Upper Room Community where he met his wife Anne. Their 4 children have literally grown up in the Charismatic Renewal network and last autumn Frances was delighted to see her 16 year old grandson Joseph going off to do Sion's Ascent programme. Perhaps it is no wonder that this new generation is so strong – they are 2nd and 3rd generation followers of the Lord with deep roots and being equipped for the big challenge ahead. So let's pray for them and all our young people that they would be disciples of Jesus.

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Ephesians 3:20

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**Will Desmond, who leads the
Sion Community Youth Ministry,
tells us about some of the exciting
things he has seen happening
through their work .**

A couple of years ago I was sent into the corridors during a mission to pray for the school. As I entered one corridor I saw ahead of me a girl sitting on the floor outside her classroom. As I approached her I asked her if she was ok, to which she replied: "I'm fine". But as I passed her I had the sense that God wanted to say something to her, so I stopped and prayed. After a few moments I felt that God simply wanted me to tell her that He loved her. So I went over to her, crouched down, and said "I really feel God wants you to know how much He loves you." She responded "Yeah I know, I'm a Catholic." To which I replied, "No, I don't think you understood what I just said, God really loves you!" She looked at me and started to cry. She then began to share with me all the struggles she was going through at that point in her life. So I offered to pray with her, right there in the corridor, and Jesus brought his hope and light into her life.

Providing a space for God to move

This is the purpose of Sion Youth's secondary school missions, to bring the hope, faith and love of Jesus Christ into the lives of young people and provide an encounter. We emphasise to schools that all we want to do during a mission is to provide a space for God to move. In preparation for mission, we pray, listen, fast and wait upon the Lord. He is always faithful to us; I do not believe I have ever been on a mission where he failed to turn up. Some of the places he moves particularly powerfully are in prayer ministry and Lightfever, which is adoration of the Blessed Sacrament held during lunchtimes. Up until about a year ago the testimonies from pupils and staff at the end of a mission week were all pretty much

focused upon prayer ministry. However, a year ago we introduced 'Lightfever', a "come and see" model of Adoration based upon 'Nightfever', the German initiative currently taking off all around the world. During lunch breaks we simply invite students and staff whom we meet in the corridors and playgrounds to come and light a candle in the real presence of Jesus. They can come for as long as they want and there is absolutely no pressure. On average we see around 300 pupils come into adoration (during their free time) each mission week. My prayer intention as team leader at the beginning of last year was that we would see Eucharistic revival and people meeting Jesus personally in the Blessed Sacrament. It is happening.

We train pupils in prayer ministry

When we provide prayer ministry we desire to see it continued in the school after we have left, so before the mission we have a number of days where we train pupils to pray with us. We train them in the prophetic and how to pray for healing and ultimately how to minister the Father's love through scripture. There can often be a perception held by the pupils that the mission team visiting the school are the 'holy ones' and God can only move through us. However, we explain that this is definitely not true! I am reminded of a moment last year when I shared how I was a sinner as much as anyone else and that I still made mistakes. Three months later a girl came to one of our events and told me that because I had said those words she chose not to commit suicide as she realised that the 'holy bloke' who seemed to have it altogether, also failed and made mistakes. This gave her enough hope to carry on living. God literally uses anything and everything in us when we allow him – even our failures!

Helping young people to enter into the Mass

Having started to see pupils and staff drawn to the Blessed Sacrament in an incredible way we are still left with perhaps the greatest challenge of all, to help a school enter into the Mass. The sad reality is for many young people that their faith is dry and they rarely meet Jesus in the one hour they give to Him every Sunday. It is for this reason we have begun to permeate all our mission material with the Mass so that young people are led to a place of realising the magnificent mystery that they can enter into every Sunday and for the rest of their lives. A Sion Youth Mission is a mountain top experience, dynamic and exciting. Unfortunately it can often be far removed from the young people's typical Sunday Mass experience. Yet I believe as we unite our incredible Catholic tradition with the passion of a young team, like the ones I work with who are desperate to see revival brought to Catholic Schools, we can be confident that God will find and rebuild a lost generation through the power of the Holy Spirit working in and through us. Be assured, Aslan is on the move.

To find out more visit: www.sionyouth.org.uk

Signs and Wonders in the classroom

Report from the Sion Youth Blog

On Monday we visited all the students in their classrooms. One particular year 10 classroom was proving to be pretty uninterested during their session. That is until we started speaking about miracles! However they were still pretty sceptical and so we were surprised to see some of them turn up to the Naturally Supernatural Workshop on Wednesday. We spoke about the miracles we had experienced and gave the pupils a taste of what God can do. We then provided a space for God to move. And boy did he move. First we had the sense that he wanted to heal the people with bad joints. A guy put his hand up saying his joints in his thumbs were damaged and in pain due to boxing.

Hearing this we showed him that we had written down before the mission that God wanted us to pray with someone with a problem with their thumb joint in their right hand. It also turned out that God had given us his name which we had also written down before the mission. The pain he was experiencing was about 7/10 (10 being the highest pain). We proceeded to pray for him as another student laid hands on his thumb and after a few moments we asked him to test it out. Not only was all the pain gone, but he was able to perform his double jointed party trick which he hadn't been able to do for months. We then prayed for his left hand and the same thing happened. GLORY!

Towards the end of the week we caught up with him and he told us how even when he shared what had happened with other people, they were really sceptical about the experience. We thought this was really interesting as he had been exactly the same with us when we shared our experiences on the Monday. He now truly understood what it was like to tell someone about the awesomeness of God and yet not see any response which can sometimes be really hard.

After him we prayed for a guy who had tendonitis in his knees. After we prayed for him he tried some press ups and all the pain was gone. We saw him the next day and asked how it had been in rugby training and he said there was still no pain. PRAISE GOD.

The final person we prayed with in the workshop was a girl who had tendonitis in her ankle. She was not able to point her foot at all. But after prayer there was no pain and she was able to do it.

The truth of Jesus is that where His Gospel is proclaimed signs and wonders follow to confirm who He is – Our Saviour.

Go and make disciples of all nations

Klara Smrcinova reflects on her life as a member of the **House of the Open Door Community** and the young people that they welcome onto their Discipleship Community

When I arrived at the House of the Open Door Community in 1997, as a 21 year old joining a Discipleship Course, I had no idea that years later I would still be here, welcoming others.

Back then, it was a time of learning for me (though that never really stops). I received so many gifts and had many experiences that I truly felt I was being formed by the Lord. In fact, I remember it felt a bit like being in a spiritual greenhouse. This image was made very real as I planted out little tomato seedlings: first into trays, then pots, and eventually out in our big poly-tunnels on the vegetable plot. All through the process the plants received very special care: they had to be watered each day, carried inside on cold nights. Later on we tied them to sticks for support, fed and weeded them - but above all they needed the sun. Eventually, they became strong plants bringing an abundance of fruit.

I often feel that in our Christian walk we need times like this. We need times to come away with the Lord and let him take care of us. However, there is a special need for young people to be tended by the Master Gardener. Today there is great opposition to Christianity, so our young people need their roots to go deep and their stems to grow strong to withstand the adverse winds of the enemy. Moreover they need equipping to be a vital and mature part of the Church, called into existence to evangelise.

The Lord leads each person in his or her own special way. Some are called to put time aside from their everyday life and plans, and to dedicate a season solely to seeking him. Often this time comes about at a crossroads in their lives, when they are seeking direction. At other times they simply hear him call them to come. I feel very privileged to witness many of their stories in the 'greenhouse' of our Discipleship Community.

The Discipleship Community gives young people the opportunity to experience life in a Christian community. It focuses on

deepening their personal relationship with the Lord. It involves times of communal and private prayer and worship, sharing, teaching, learning from the Scriptures, all embedded in the quite ordinary life of work and rest with others. It offers many opportunities to grow in knowing oneself, and in knowing and loving the Lord. Together with our school mission team and our prison team the "disciples" can take part in evangelisation through giving testimonies, drama and music.

In July and August, many more young people come to stay for our summer programme. For 2014 we are preparing two programmes: 'Prepared to share' and 'Focus'. 'Prepared to share' is for young people who know the Lord and want to go deeper in their walk with Him. Through teaching, worship and practical sessions they will prepare to witness to those coming on 'Focus'. 'Focus' is more for young people who may be new to walking with Jesus, or may never have encountered Him before. We often find that it is the friendship and witness of young people to each other that most effectively opens the door for the Gospel.

The great commission in Matthew 28:19-20 exhorts us to 'make disciples of all nations'. The particular way

that the House of the Open Door obeys this call is through being a 'House of prayer for all nations' (Isaiah 56:7). It is His house and people from the UK and many other nations come to spend time with us as part of the Discipleship Community, and then return to their homes. Some, like me, feel called to remain and continue to worship the Lord in this House. We pray that, as we live our ordinary lives, He will open many doors for the Gospel as we worship Him and listen to what His Spirit has to say.

For more information see our website:
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The HOUSE OF THE OPEN DOOR is a lay community in a tranquil Cotswold village. Their vision is to be a place for prayer and worship. As well as the discipleship community, they also run a retreat centre and welcome individuals, families, church groups and Christian organisations to take time out with God. Those who have been can vouch for the wonderful food, beautiful surroundings, comfortable accommodation and space to be.



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HARROGATE 11th Jan (Fr Sebastian CFR). 8th Feb (Margaret Siberry), 8th March (Frank McDermott) 12-4pm at St. Aelred's Church Hall, Woodlands Drive, Harrogate HG27BE Bring shared lunch Tel 01423 870789

LEEDS 2nd Feb AFTERNOON OF RENEWAL "Prophecy and the Promise of a New Pentecost" with MICHELLE MORAN at Holy Rosary Church, Chapeltown Road, Leeds, LS7 4BZ Paddy Spiller 01274 566332 or Jones 07983 776337 www.ccrleeds.org.uk

LONDON 18th Jan/ 15th Feb/ 15th March (speakers tba) 10am-5pm St Aloysius Church, 20 Phoenix Road, Euston, NW1 1TA www.dayofrenewal.co.uk Contact 077677 65262

MARANATHA (Birmingham) info @ maranathacommunity.org.uk Contact tel 0161 748 4858

PRESTON 15th March (tba). 10am-4pm St Clare's RC Church, Sharoe Green Lane North, Fulwood, PR2 9HH. Bring lunch. Call Bernard 01539 563391

DISCIPLESHIP/TRAINING

LITTLE WAY HEALING MINISTRIES TRAINING COURSES on "How to pray for the Healing of Memories" led by Fr Laurence Brassill OSA & Mrs Pauline Edwards & team 28th April-4th May (Carmelite Priory, Boars Hill, OX1 5BH)

23rd Feb-1st March - Crewe, Cheshire 30th May-5th June - Ampleforth