

Stockport Christian Counselling

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SCC launches Satellites

News

SCC is on the edge of a new era, as we plan and organise the concept of Satellite Christian Counselling (SCC) services in some of the more needy areas around our city, where statutory services are in very short supply.

Already we have three of our qualified and experienced counsellors working towards laying the foundations of three new centres in Hattersley, Gorton and Salford. In Gorton we are hoping to support and enrich the existing counselling service and in Hattersley and Salford, counselling has already commenced in these two new locations.

It is our hope that each new counselling centre will be self-sustaining within three years and will build on the tried and tested model of its founding service.

Please pray that we shall have the courage, confidence and energy to follow our convictions; that the Lord's will be done and that He will remove any obstacles to accomplish all that He has for us in these new and exciting times for SCC.

*Yours in His Service
Gerry Sullivan
Director of Counselling*

Letter

Bibliotherapy Seminar February 2009

This was a training event for all counsellors, supervisors and listeners led by Sue Crookes. I have to admit that I was not sure what the content would be but left having been stimulated and challenged. Some of the thoughts I came away with were that Bibliotherapy was from Biblio pertaining to books and therapy to do with treatment. Sue's research was as to whether reading books alongside the counselling made any difference and of the clients surveyed the majority found it to be helpful. Sue had a list of books available from Stockport library with title and author and listed under various headings eg anger, depression, bereavement. This was given to clients and it was their choice whether to avail themselves of the help. In the survey some people had found their own books via the internet.

In the second part of the evening we divided into groups to see if we could produce a list for use at SCC and whether there were other titles that could be incorporated. For me this opened up a whole area that I had never thought about and in writing this article I feel prompted to act upon what I learnt and offer suggested titles to clients and see what happens. Thank you Sue.

*Diane Leakey
SCC Counsellor*

June 2009

SCC moves to Great Moor Clinic

I began volunteering as a counsellor for Stockport Christian Counselling in February 2009, initially at the Hazel Grove site. This counselling suite has now moved to Great Moor Clinic and the level of furnishing in the new counselling room is a great improvement on the old room! I would like to especially thank Jim Townsley and Gerry Sullivan for all the hard work they did to ensure that this move went smoothly.

I am thoroughly enjoying my time at Stockport Christian Counselling, and hope that I can be associated with them for many years to come. All the volunteers are very friendly, and all do their best to help anybody who has a problem.

*Nigel Greaves
SCC Counsellor*

TRAINING DATES

September (date to be confirmed)
"Stress"

Joan Reid & Sue Crookes

Friday 20 November
6.00 p.m.

Buffet on arrival
"Legal Issues"

Peter Jenkins

Quiet Day 2009

Once again we all gathered at Green End Chapel to enjoy a day of sharing and worship. This day has always been a special day to those who attend. This year Dr. Sara Hailwood was to lead our thoughts in a theme of 'Encountering God'. We travelled from the Outer Court through joyful singing to the Inner Court where we examined our feelings.

Psalm 84 "I long, yes, I faint with longing to enter the courts of the Lord."

We travelled on to think of being filled with the Holy Spirit and what that could mean in our lives. Like others there that day I had arrived with my own Agenda based on past years and struggled slightly during the morning. But I forgot that the Lord is in charge of the agenda and by the end of the afternoon I felt that peace for which I was longing. Gordon rounded the day up by sharing a poem about the Lord as a Dry stone waller. He had been delighted to pop out at lunchtime to see a perfect wall in the fields of Lyme Park. We are all the stones in the wall that God builds so lovingly. Large, small, mottled, thin, fat all placed so carefully to build the strength. There are always key stones and I felt today was a key stone moment in the wall I hope to be part of. Please try to attend next year. You will not forget it.

Mary Burdett

MY GOD IS A DRY-STONE WALLER

My God is a dry-stone waller surrounded by rocks.
He chooses:

The jagged rock and carefully shapes it.

The smooth rock which needs little work and which he loves to use
The boulder which needs all his strength to work with
The erratic rock which is out of place and doesn't fit in
The pebble, so insignificant but for which he has a special use
And out of these he fashions a wall exactly right for his purpose.

My God is a dry-stone waller

He chooses:

The jagged – the harsh, the unkind, the unfeeling and chips away at its rough edges.

The smooth – the beautiful, the endearing, the bringer of joy which he polishes until he can see his reflection
The boulder – the dominating, the self-important, which requires a special skill.

The erratic – the eccentric, the misfit and knows exactly how to use it
He chooses the pebble – the unimportant, the worthless and gently places it in the gaps to hold all the rest together.

They all take their place in the wall.

A strong wall built with love and skill for protection and defence
God's wall lasts for ever but always needs renewing.

June Newcombe Crete May 2006



Women's Group

Starts again beginning of September

OPEN MEETING

Tuesday 8 September
10.30 a.m. – 12.00

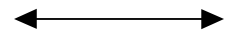
If you would like further information please telephone:
0161 428 7388

Dates For Your Diary Prayer Meetings

The Town House

3.00 – 4.00 p.m.

1st Monday in each month



Pinfold, Church lane, Woodford

2.00 – 3.00 p.m.

Last Thursday in each month

SCC AGM 2009

Monday 19 October

7.45 p.m.

at

The Town House

Everyone Welcome

Refreshments will be served
during the evening