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HEBREWS 6:19 WE HAVE THIS HOPE AS AN ANCHOR FOR THE SOUL, FIRM AND SECURE



ANDY TAYLOR Ellel Grange and UK Director, Ellel Ministries

ovid-19 has been a pandemic of extremes. For some with the disease there are no symptoms at all while others end up fighting for, or even losing their lives.

Some people have loved lockdown and benefited from new-found time with family while for others the isolation and loneliness has been devastating. Home for many is not a safe and joyful place but contains conflict, control or abuse. Lockdown for people living in those situations is far from enjoyable. Certain businesses have thrived through the pandemic while others have collapsed, causing a huge spike in unemployment.

Even without these extremes, more than two thirds of the entire adult population in the UK reported feeling worried about how Covid-19 was affecting their lives (ONS - Coronavirus and the social impacts on Great Britain: 5 June 2020). Contributing factors to this increasing decline in mental health are commonly seen by medical professionals as social isolation, job and financial losses, housing insecurity and loss of coping mechanisms.



So, how do we cope as Christians? How do we stay firm and anchored through such a storm and through such uncertainty? How do we hold onto God when everything is shaking - including our own hearts?

We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain. (Hebrews 6:19)

This verse makes us think about the times we are living in and the promised hope that we have as God's children. We know that we have fully received the

and deep into our human spirit. This deepest place of who we are can know hope to the extent that our experience of peace is less and less determined by the circumstances of life around us.

This is the longing for many of us - that we would know the truth of this verse in the core of our hearts. So, let's move in that direction and ask God to make it a reality for us.

The key is to remember that God knows what's going on inside us. We don't have to hide our feelings away or just pretend we are fine. We can be honest with Him and with ourselves. How else can we bring it to Him if we don't allow ourselves to acknowledge the truth about the way we feel?

We can remind ourselves that Jesus came for those who knew they needed Him. We live in a world that despises weakness and we often try to hide weakness away. But freedom and life come to those who acknowledge their need of God's help and He turns no-one away. He is always ready to listen and is never distracted.

What we are asking the Lord for is an exchange from His heart to ours. As we express our hearts to Him that He would come into our fears, anxiety, panic, despair, loneliness and exchange it with His comfort, security, peace, hope and reassurance. These are not things that can be self-generated but are things that are precious gifts from the Lord.

We know many of you reading this article are really struggling and our prayers are with you - that in the midst of the storms you are going through, you would find the Lord in a new way and experience His love and comfort.

This is why Ellel Ministries exists - to offer a safe

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truth of it when the promise of being His and having an eternal future with Him means that our soul is securely anchored. This means my mind, will and emotions (how I think, what I want and how I feel) is secure, at peace and not questioning or doubting God's love and care - even in the midst of chaos. But it also goes deeper. This hope goes to the inner place - into the core of our being

place for people to receive help. We know things are limited right now due to the pandemic but we see so much opportunity in the coming years to reach those who are lost, hurting and broken. Please join with us in praying that God would encourage, strengthen and restore His precious Body so that we are ready for His return.



THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL, BUT THE LABORERS ARE FEW.

LUKE 10:2

HOW GOD HAS SUSTAINED THE WORK

If we had known in January that all the UK centres would be forced to close for over 4 months due to a pandemic it is fair to say that we would have wondered "How will we survive"!

Yet it is with great thankfulness to the Lord that once again the Lord has provided when it seemed there was no way. Through a mix of government grants, cost cutting, amazing donation income from our precious supporters and a legacy gift in September we have made it to this point with all bills and team paid up-to-date! God is so faithful! We want to say a huge thank you to every one of you who have supported us in prayer and supported us financially during this time.

For those of you facing your own personal struggles during this time, we stand with you in trusting the Lord for His way forward. We know many have lost loved ones, jobs, peace...

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may the Lord draw close and show you the faithfulness in His heart for you and your family.

Since July, it has been wonderful to have our centres open again. We may be limited by the number who can attend, but we are seeing God move in amazing ways and He is definitely not restricted by global issues. We are continuing to trust the Lord to show us the way forward as we navigate and submit to the Government restrictions and seek to keep everyone safe.

Ellel is now in its 35th year! How amazing to look back and see all that He has done. Yet how exciting to look forward too and know there is so much more. We will continue to seek the Lord for His footsteps forward, and trust Him for how He is reshaping the ministry for the coming days.

We know many have deeply struggled in these unprecedented times, and your donations and support will enable us to meet the cries of the many in the months and years ahead. There is an increasing sense in the Body today of a harvest to come and the need for us to be ready and available.

So, thank you for joining with us! please continue to pray and support the work as you feel led by the Lord. We can't do it without you!

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PETER HORROBIN Founder & International Director of Ellel Ministries A NEW BOOK AFTER 25 YEARS OF PIONEERING COURSES ON GOD'S HEALING THROUGH CREATIVITY

t was a very exciting moment when the first copy of *Healing Through Creativity* was placed into my hands. My wife, Fiona, has been pioneering the ministry of healing through creativity for almost twenty-five years and for most of those years I have lived with a wife pregnant with excitement at all that she saw God doing – especially as she ministered hope and healing to some of the most damaged and hurting 'lambs' who came through the doors of our centres desperate for the Shepherd's healing touch.

God is our Creator and Scripture tells us that we are made in the image and likeness of our God. So, every single one of us is made to be creative! Our creativity was designed by God to be a vital part of who we are, to be encouraged and developed as a natural part of growing and maturing as human beings. But if, for whatever reason, our God-given creativity is discouraged, crushed or damaged our human spirit, at the very core of who we are, can become disabled, with all manner of side-effects and consequences, even causing long-term spiritual, emotional, psychological, psychiatric or physical symptoms.

So, if the disabling of our creativity can cause such inner and serious damage, it is not surprising that the

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restoration of our creativity can result in such profound and life-transforming healing! Instead of treating the external symptoms, God heals the broken heart. And then the healing flows from within to wherever the need for healing lies. In Revelation 22:1 the water of life is described as flowing from *"the throne of God and of the*

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Lamb", watering the tree of life, the leaves of which "are for the healing of the nations."

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The water of life has indeed flowed through Ellel centres all over the world as Fiona has pioneered these special Healing Through Creativity courses in many different places. We have seen the water of life transform broken lives in every different culture and people group.

It is not surprising, therefore, that I was so excited when I first set my eyes on the book. For years people have been

telling Fiona that she should write a book. And she has been working on it now for close on five years. It's been like running a marathon, but we are praying that God will use this book to bring deep healing to thousands of people the world over.

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Author, Fiona Horrobin, with printer proofs that arrived during a creativity course at Ellel Grange

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ONLINE RESOURCES FOR A NEW SEASON

We will all come out of 2020 changed. Surely all of us have been affected to lesser or greater degree by what must be one of the strangest years in human history. As Ellel Ministries one of the eye openers for us has been the need for our teaching and ministry opportunities to be made more available online. We are encouraged that even before any of us had heard of the word COVID, we were working hard on building a brand new much more interactive website, a rich storehouse and resource of teaching that can help anyone with an internet connection grow in their relationship with God and find new freedom in Jesus.

We have exciting new content that we have been developing over a number of years. This includes the year-long Journey to Freedom healing and discipleship course written by Peter Horrobin and a new active Ellel Blog section. Journey to Freedom touches real-life issues and points

NEW WEBSITE LAUNCHING EARLY 2021 JOURNEY TO FREEDOM ONLINE • SEEDS OF THE KINGDOM • NEW WEBSHOP



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the way to change and personal transformation in Jesus. This will be available free of charge and will enable anyone journeying through it to make notes on each day's teaching, favourite particular days and even pause the journey if life gets too hectic to keep up. The Blogs will contain practical, relevant teaching on topics that touch the everyday struggles and questions many of us have in our hearts. Alongside both the Blogs and Journey to Freedom, we will also have a platform for more inspiring articles and testimonies to encourage our visitors in their walk with the Lord and stir their hearts to reach out for more of God.

This is an exciting opportunity for us to better communicate the heart and vision of Ellel, but even more than that we are praying it is a great avenue for sharing the truths of God's heart to heal and restore His people. We hope to have the website launched in January 2021 – keep your ears open for news of the launch – we will be sure to email and let you know!

In addition to all this, we are busy behind the scenes developing a new online video training programme and other online courses and downloads that will enable the message of hope and healing to continue all over the world even during such a time as the current lockdown. We would so appreciate your prayers with all these developments.

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GOD'S WORK OF HEALING CONTINUES

UK Centre Update

ANDY TAYLOR

Ellel Grange and UK Director, Ellel Ministries

ur practical experience here at Ellel has been full of lockdown uncertainty. It has been a deep time of prayer, humbled at the reality that only God can show the way forward. We have seen Him move in amazing ways leading us forward and providing for His work at times when we really didn't know how it would be possible.

When the first national lockdown lifted in the summer, each of our centres was able to run various events – from shorter weekend courses to longer schools like NETS



(12-months), Flagship (9-weeks) and Impact (20-days). Having guests back in the centres was like a breath of fresh air and it was encouraging to see God at work in the lives of those who could come. Even though the numbers were limited due to the ongoing restrictions, the power of God to transform lives was certainly not and it gave us a taste of what is to come. He met with our guests in deeply profound ways bringing His healing heart and restoration.

We are entering days where these centres that God has provided will be more needed than ever as people seek Him for healing so that they can stand firm in all God has called them to.

The work of NETS continues on. At the beginning of October, we were delighted to have NETS trainees arrive from Africa, Asia, USA, Europe and the UK. Some had to quarantine for two weeks, but we were able to livestream the teaching to them. We recently said farewell to Paul and Diane Watson, who have retired from the ministry and returned to Australia to be near their family in Perth, after serving five years as Centre Directors at Ellel Pierrepont. They have been totally amazing and made a massive impact on the centre, the team and the guests. Paul has been a long-time member of the Executive Leadership and together they were a valuable part of the UK leadership group and both will be greatly missed.

Morna Gillespie is well-known and much-loved at Pierrepont. She has served on the leadership for many years and we are grateful that she has agreed to take on the role of Pierrepont's Interim Centre Director. There couldn't be a better person to hold the reins of responsibility until we are able to announce details of a new permanent appointment next year. Please pray for Morna and the work at Pierrepont during this period of transition.

We will continue to let you know of events that are planned and trust you are encouraged by the Flagship testimonies opposite.

See the backpage for an update on our work in Scotland.

RETURNING TO AUSTRALIA: PAUL & DIANE WATSON

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A 9-WEEK JOURNEY OF TEACHING, EQUIPPING AND HEALING

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BY ANKA LANGEBY, Guest from Norway

When unknown people come together in a place like this, where you feel so safe and taken care of, you can open up. I really have felt that I met the Lord deeply and he has shown me things about myself that I had to deal with. For instance, I didn't know about false guilt, but it is something I learnt about here. And now I don't have false guilt any more – I'd been carrying something that didn't belong to me, it belonged to other people, what other people had done to me. I was carrying things that were depressing and putting me down. And I thought it was my fault that things happened to me. But, it isn't. I must be responsible for what I do, and other people must be responsible for what they do. And it is not for me to carry. At first, from deep down inside, I started to cry, and it was something that loosened, that came out, like a relief.

I am so grateful for the Ellel and Flagship family. If you want to go deeper with the Lord, and want to be loved, because I have been so much loved at Ellel Grange through the whole 9-weeks, then come. I am so thankful to the Lord.

The only thing I regret is that I didn't come before. It's so important in these times that people get the right tools to meet people in troubles and all kinds of situations to help. Here you get the tools. And you know, everyone can use them. It's for everyone. It's fantastic.

BY JOHN SAINSBURY,

Guest from England, and former church pastor, now joined on Team at Ellel Grange with his wife, Sue.

I have to say, I am just amazed at all that God has been teaching myself and my wife. It has been magnificent. The quality of the teaching has been breathtaking.

What's been extraordinary has been not just the teaching, but the quality of the fellowship. We have been such a great gang of people; we didn't know people beforehand but everyone just clicked together. It's been fun, it's been deep, it's been rich, and we learnt so much we didn't really know before. The team at Ellel Ministries have been superb. They have been gracious, kind and generous. If you are even thinking about coming on this 9-week Flagship school then come if you can. It will be an experience like no other, and I guarantee you will meet with God in a new and dynamic way, and it will change your life. It's so worth while.



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PETER BROKAAR Ellel Scotland Director

CHANGED FOREVER An update from Ellel Scotland

During lockdown most of the team were furloughed. As we live in the same building we could really be a family which was a blessing. This blessing has carried over now we have re-opened.

With the current limitations, we have not been able to do everything we had planned. Several events had to be either

cancelled, postponed or re-formatted. As we re-opened we wondered how it would be.

As it turns out, it has been amazing! We have experienced the truth of John 3:30, *"He must increase, but I must decrease".* We feel like we have been limited in what we can offer, but God has come through powerfully in the life of our guests!

Our Healing Retreats were changed from a 3-day to a 1-day format and we sent out the teaching beforehand. This has been mightily used by God as people could work with Him at home and arrive here open and prepared. One lady, who had applied because of knee problems due to early on-set arthritis, was completely healed before she came! And when she came God met her in an incredibly deep way. She later wrote:

I just wanted to say thank you for the time you gave me yesterday. I can with great conviction say that my life changed forever. Thank you all for everything you do.

As we are up and running again we are so grateful to be 'back in business' and we are thrilled to partner with God in this new season.

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