

# GOODLIFE



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# welcome



...to the launch issue of **GoodLife**, a magazine that aims to encourage, amuse, stimulate and maybe even challenge you at times!

**Who is GoodLife for?** Anyone who ever wondered about God. Anyone who ever wondered how God might fit into their daily life. Anyone who ever wondered how God fits into other people's daily lives. Anyone who lives life to the full; enjoys good food and drink, friendships, discussions & debates about the 'meaning of life!'

**Who's behind GoodLife?** The Filling Station Trust encourage informal meetings of people who want to find out if God really exists, and if he does, what he might be like. The Filling Station is a growing nationwide movement arranging local Christian meetings in unusual venues, such as cafes, shops and schools.

**What's GoodLife all about?** A magazine that aims to report good news stories of what God is doing with people across the country, to provide information about the Filling Station network, and to encourage people to think about the way they currently live their lives.

To find out more about the Filling Station take a look at our website [www.thefillingstation.org.uk](http://www.thefillingstation.org.uk)

We hope you will enjoy the read!  
Yours, **Richard Fothergill**  
Director  
The Filling Station

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## you say...

*Dear All*

*I really enjoyed The Filling Station last Wednesday. Thank you for your lovely warm welcome. TFS is an answer to a prayer I have not prayed! For several months, my husband and I have talked about going up to London once in a while, for an evening service in a "lively" church, but it has never happened and I don't suppose it will now as TFS has filled that need. I really appreciated the invitation to come and receive and I am very grateful to you and the team who are so willing to give.*

*Elizabeth  
TFS Henley*

*Dear All*

*A very late message to say how well I thought the last Filling Station meeting went. A great meeting, most of all something wonderful of God was taking place. Many people confirmed how good it was and felt something special was happening. Well done to you and the team.*

*Blessings  
Jon  
TFS Marlborough*

#### SOME TRUTH IN IT...

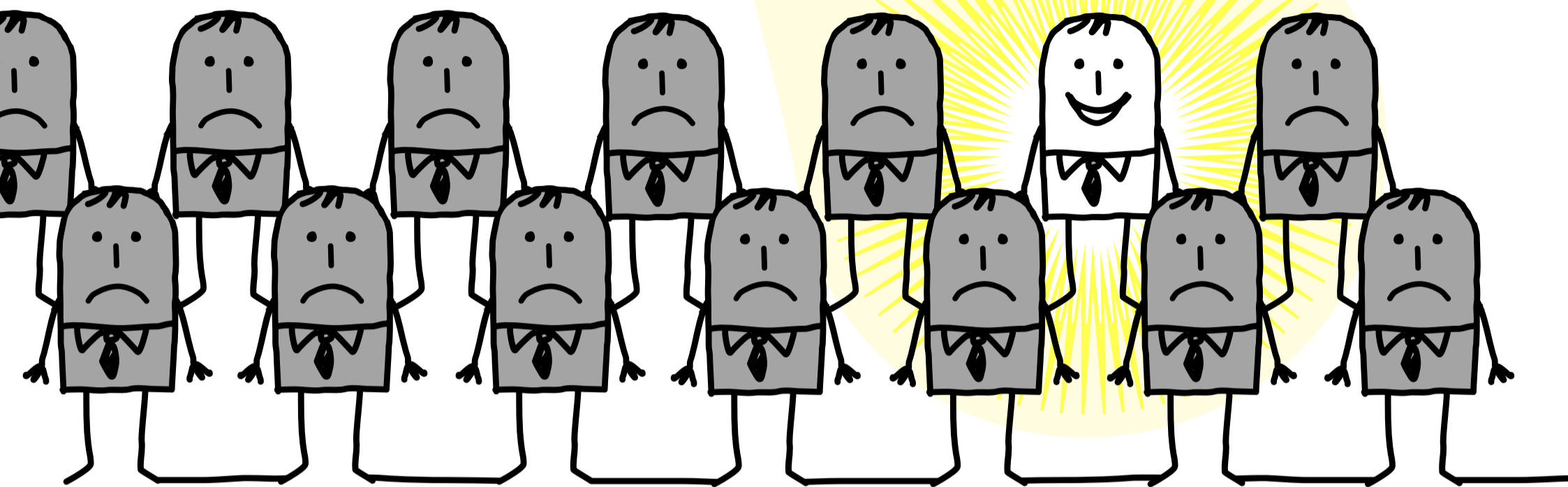
*"The last part of a person to be converted is his wallet."  
John Wesley*

*"Many take great comfort from the fact that it was amateurs who built the Ark and professionals who built the titanic."  
Anon. Car bumper sticker*

*"Preach the gospel.  
Use word if necessary."  
Mother Theresa*

*"I want to know God's thoughts.  
The rest are just details."  
Albert Einstein*

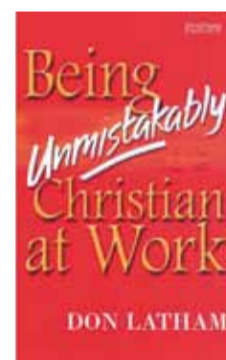
*"Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important."  
C.S. Lewis*



# faith at work

Faith at Work: Exercising Christian faith at our place of work is an exciting dimension of our Christian life, yet it's an area where we can often feel at sea. How do we do it? And is there any way we can do it more effectively?

Don Latham answers many of these questions in his brilliant book 'Being unmistakably Christian at Work.' Here, he shares some of his thoughts on how to be an effective Christian witness in the workplace.



## Calling

We are called to work therefore our work is our calling. If we are called we are anointed and equipped for our job. Being a Christian in the workplace will just be natural because our whole attitude to life and the way we approach our work will draw people's attention. I believe God will then give us opportunities to witness easily and naturally to our non-Christian work colleagues. If we view work as part of our worship to God, and if we take God with us into the workplace, He will make an impact on others. Hopefully they will be attracted to Jesus, which will give us natural opportunities to speak about Him. With the right timing, and with prayer, we might then be able to lead them to faith in Christ.

## Attitude

When we know our work is something that God wants us to do successfully, it changes our attitude. We should seek to be positive in our attitude to work and to be creative. God is the God of invention and creativity so when we pray and ask Him for solutions, He will give them to us. When I look back in life there were many times when I needed a solution, so I simply prayed about

it and God showed me the answer. I got into a routine of driving to work early so I could pray at the beginning of the day and ask God what the priorities were. We've got to put the work in but if we ask for it God is delighted to give us His wisdom. We all have weak areas, but God promises to transform us so our weak areas become our strengths.

## Stewardship

It is very important to use the gifts God has given us to the full. We need to exercise good stewardship because people will look at how we order our lives. The Parato principle says that 20% of our activity will produce 80% of the results. I believe we should concentrate on the 20% to produce maximum results. Perfectionists will try to be perfect at everything. We can't be. Finding out what His priorities are for our lives is very important. When we pray the presence of God into our work place and people come to talk with us, it's a different atmosphere they are walking into. Ask God 'What are the key tasks?' then delegate to other people because often they can do things better than we can. It's not about off-

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loading our responsibility. It's about giving people responsibility and then watching them flourish.

## Time Management

I once told my secretary she must never lie on my behalf. I told her if I was in she couldn't say I was out. I wanted to be accessible to people. A lot of my management was spent walking about, which was good exercise for one thing, but I also liked to talk to people. On the other hand, we must remember to make time for ourselves. If we don't the danger is we can put ourselves under too much pressure.

When a challenge presents itself set a deadline for that challenge. I find I am creative when I have a deadline to meet. Christians should be examples of how to make the best use of time. If we are always overloaded, we are doing too much.

### Personal Life

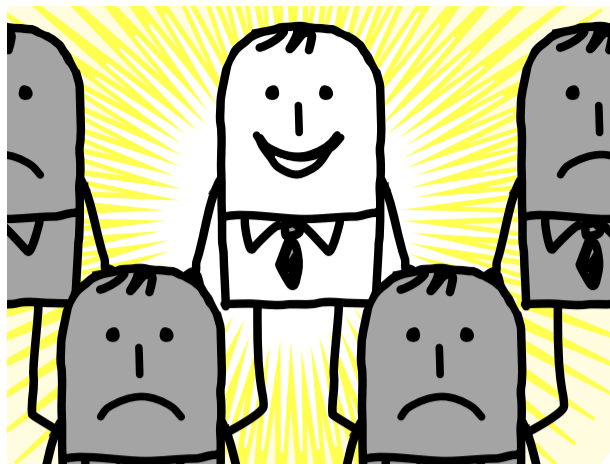
Getting the balance right is often difficult. Our relationship with God should come first, then family, work, Christian activity, and lastly, recreation. So often we substitute Christian activity for our relationship with God. When I look back, half my holiday time was spent speaking at conferences or at church weekends. It is great to see God at work but if time spent with our family is compromised in the process it is not a blessing. In my life, whenever I put Hilary and the children ahead of my ambition God promoted me. Once I let go of my ambition and said ‘OK God it’s up to you, Hilary matters more to me than my career and ambition,’ promotions came without having to move house. It’s so important to keep our personal lives positive, and then if we’re positive, God will give us natural opportunities to share our faith.

### Ethical Standards

I went into a job not knowing there were substantial problems I would need to uncover and deal with. If God puts us in a situation where we have to confront things then we must do it in a righteous, proper way. I became what was called a ‘whistle blower,’ and one of the lectures I gave around that time was called ‘Can you be honest and successful?’ I believe you can. As Christians we have to maintain the highest possible ethical standards in the small things and in the big things.

## Can you be honest and successful? I believe you can

One of the decisions I made was not to claim any subsistence at all. I paid my own expenses because I wanted to be beyond question in all that I did. There may be times when you are faced with a situation that you know is wrong. Stand up to unethical immoral pressures, injustice, and unfair discrimination. God says ‘He who honours me I will honour.’ You may have to pay a price for integrity but God will honour you for it. Ask God for wisdom and He’ll give it to you.



### Spiritual Life

We need to discipline ourselves to read the bible and to pray. I learned to pray on the hoof so when I walked around the office I’d pray, or if I was driving, I’d pray in the spirit. The great thing about praying in the spirit is you can pray accurately without knowing what you are praying. The more I prayed in the spirit the more I saw God do things. When praying in a workspace, speak the presence of God into the room and speak blessings. Blessing other people is powerful but it requires discipline. It’s rather like being an athlete who trains everyday because he wants to win and so he trains and he trains and he maintains that discipline. It’s the same with our Christian life. To be fully effective we’ve got to keep those basic disciplines going and keep them fresh. Maintain your spiritual life; belong to a good church and a good home group. Find someone who you can trust to pray through your work life needs with.

### Witness

We should expect God to move in gifts of revelation, power and utterance. The gifts of the spirit are for the workplace. For me it happened through healing by praying for colleagues who were sick.

An employee who worked for me had been depressed for a long time. A Christian doctor friend rang me and asked, “Don, is there anything you can do for her?”

I replied, “I don’t normally handle personnel matters myself, but let’s pray. If it is right, let’s ask God to intervene.”

The next day we met with the lady at our home. After a time I was able to talk to her about Jesus: the one who came to give his life for her, to forgive her, to give her new life, to set her free; to fill her with the power of God’s Spirit. I sent her away with a copy of Mark’s Gospel and she came back to the house a few days later and said she was

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ready to give her life to Jesus Christ. Afterwards, I prayed that she would be forgiven, born again of God’s Spirit, set free from her depression, and filled with the Holy Spirit. The next morning she woke up and was totally transformed. I didn’t go around looking for sick colleagues but Jesus said, ‘The works I do, you will do also,’ and it became a very easy way of reaching people.

We need to ask God for boldness. The power of the Holy Spirit was given on the day of Pentecost to make the disciples bold witnesses. This is a prayer I can guarantee God will answer. We need to be set free from English reserve. I’ve reached a stage in my life where I don’t want to offend people but if God prompts me to do something, I’ll do it. I’ve never intellectually persuaded someone to become a Christian; it’s a work of the Spirit. But our Christian witness should be natural and spontaneous to be effective.

Don Latham has a wealth of experience as a local authority Chief Executive, an independent consultant, and non-executive Director in the Health Service.



He is author of *A Faith That Works* (Terra Nova) and *Everyday Faith* (Terra Nova)

A well-known international Christian speaker, he has taught at Spring Harvest At Work conferences. He is married to Hilary, who is a teacher and Christian writer. They have two grown up children.

More recently he and his wife made their annual visit to India to support a project they are involved with out there.

## Q&A with Don Latham

**Happiest moment?**  
Marrying Hilary.

**Tea or coffee?**  
Coffee.

**Greatest weakness?**  
Chocolate.

**Favourite fancy dress costume of choice?**  
Top hat and tails.

**Most treasured possession?**  
My well-worn bible.

**Greatest fear?**  
Being retired.

**Favourite place on earth?**  
Our village in Turleigh.

**What makes you unhappy?**  
Negativity.

**What keeps you awake at night?**  
Something negative.

**Most irritating habit?**  
Reading the newspaper when I should be talking to Hilary.

**Who would play you in the film of your life?**  
Peter Sellers.

**What does love feel like?**  
Security.

**Who would you invite to your dream dinner party?**  
Natasha Kaplinsky.

**Where would you most like to be right now?**  
Turleigh, Bradford-on-Avon.

**Making time for God. Easy or hard?**  
Easier now I’ve got the time to do it.

**Pink shirt or blue shirt?**  
Blue shirt.

**Favourite spiritual thought?**  
Doing the works of Jesus.

**How would you like to be remembered?**  
The Christian guy who sees people healed.

**Most important lesson God has taught you?**  
Whatever He tells you do it.

# leisurelife

## Nature's Kitchen: wild garlic

Wild garlic is good for you. It's particularly effective in reducing high blood pressure and blood cholesterol levels. Walk into a damp part of almost any wood in late spring, and an amazing carpet of wild garlic greets you. It flowers at the same time as bluebells, which colonise the drier ground. Try using the leaves and flowers as a base for pesto to eat with baked potatoes or pasta. This recipe is from one of my all-time favourite books, *the Garden Cookbook*, by Sarah Raven.



### Wild Garlic Pesto

For a large jar:

2 handfuls (about 100g) of wild garlic leaves with flowers

200ml extra virgin olive oil, plus a bit more for sealing

50g pine nuts or walnuts

2 garlic cloves

50g Parmesan cheese, grated

Salt and black pepper

Blanch the wild garlic leaves in boiling water for about 10 seconds. Refresh in cold water and pat dry on kitchen paper.

Put the wild garlic, olive oil, pine nuts or walnuts, together with the garlic cloves, into a food processor and blend to a puree. Transfer to a bowl and mix in the grated Parmesan. Season carefully and put into a sterilised jar.

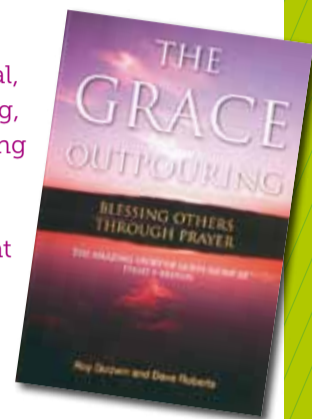
Pour over a little extra olive oil to seal and cover tightly.

## Book Review

### The Grace Outpouring Roy Godwin & Dave Roberts

(The Christian Studies Unit. 01761 433217)  
[www.christainstudiesunit.org.uk](http://www.christainstudiesunit.org.uk)

Many words spring to mind to describe this book – inspirational, prayer-life changing, challenging, humbling, sincere, faith stretching – we could go on! This story of God's life-changing power and presence at Ffald-y-Brenin retreat centre in rural Wales is truly amazing. It may sound overly dramatic but Peter and I have started a new part of our journey of faith since reading this book. We have joined many Christians around the country who want to pray blessings, redemptive words and the release of God's Kingdom over their family, friends and local area, and to become part of a House of Prayer. Already we have seen changes in our attitude towards difficult situations and the way we pray about them, releasing blessing rather than negativity over the people and circumstances involved, and seeing real and unexpected breakthroughs.



Reviewed by Peter and Susie Houston  
The Filling Station,  
Hinton Charterhouse

## Fork to Fork

Growing your own is addictive. It's good fun, satisfying, gives you the greatest freshness, means you have a shop outside your door and of course – if you grow the right varieties – gives you things with outstanding taste. We can all grow more than we think we can, and whether you've a tiny garden, an urban courtyard, or a high-rise windowsill you can still claim your share of the harvest. Pots, small raised beds, hanging baskets and planters all allow you to tailor your growing area to suit where you are.

Borlotti beans are worth growing for the beauty of their stunning speckled pods alone, but the beans also happen to be luscious and versatile. You can sow the seeds direct from late April to early July in a sunny position, with around 20cm between the plants. At the allotment I have them climbing up a simple tepee made out of hazel sticks tied together at the top, but



they would manage just as well sprawling over a frame or supported in containers by canes or twigs. Pick them as the bean pods turn from green to cream when the beans inside are ripe. They have a lovely sweet flavour and can be used fresh in salads or on toast, or dried in earthy winter stews and soups. What's more, they are rarely available to anyone but the home-grower, so give them some space – and yourself a treat.



## miniEMPORIUM

Inspiring buys to brighten your home and garden. This issue: Spring Clean

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### 2 Wood Plant Theatre

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# my life

## Steve Osborne

In 2009, former business owner Steve Osborne was forced to sell his business and suffered a health scare. Here he shares his story of faith and how it has changed his attitude to life. Today he helps with the healing on the streets team (HOTS) and Street Pastors in Bath.



I was born in Bath in April 1946 and raised as an only child. My father worked for a local engineering company and my mother was a housewife.

I was christened as a baby and confirmed at fourteen. Occasionally my mother would go to the Methodist church along the road, but we never went to church as a family. I was confirmed because I sang in the choir at the local church; it was all part of it.

### Career

I left school at sixteen and worked for Bath Press. At thirty I left full time employment to do an accountancy course. This led to a successful career in Management. During this time I recruited an

accountant who happened to be a Christian. Over the course of two years I got to know Gordon very well. We had a great mutual respect for each other but he had an annoying habit of giving me quotes from the bible. It became a bit of a joke and I would say to him, "All right Gordon, fine. You read your book, I'll read mine."

### Faith versus Frustration

By then I had met and married my wife, Bronwyn, and we had a daughter and a son. We moved to the Southdown area of Bath and lived next door to what I would have described back then as a 'fanatical religious couple.' Every conversation led in some way to the bible and it was so off beam for me. Bronwyn found herself wanting to know more

...all right Gordon, fine. You read your book, I'll read mine.

about this Jesus they were always talking about and over a period of about six months she became a Christian. I was busy making a career for myself and after working all hours I'd come home to find she was out at another church meeting. At the time it felt worse than her having an affair and I became very angry and frustrated and we argued a lot.

## ...The words on the screen just hit out at me.

### Tough Times

At the start of the recession in the early 90's the company struggled and eventually the business was sold and I was out of a job. A competitor took the business over and I accepted an offer of another job with a smaller company based in Chippenham. By the time the recession took hold in 1993 it became clear the Managing Director was spending more money than the company was earning. I knew we had to make savings otherwise the business wouldn't survive. The situation became very difficult so I left the company and decided to set up a recruitment business.

The business made a loss in the first year and our house was on the line. I still believed it would work and after two years we got to break-even point. Bronwyn was Deputy Head teacher at an infant school during this time but decided to take early retirement following a stress related illness. By then the business was supporting us both and the turnover was healthy. I continued to take out most of the profit of the company over the years and we spent it on various things, including an investment property in Cornwall.

When the next recession hit in 2009 there were no savings but we thought we would pull through as we had done in the previous recession. By September I knew we had to make some cost reductions so I made one consultant redundant. Then I received a letter from a client who owed me a lot of money saying they had gone into receivership.

By November I wasn't earning any money and the only thing the company was paying for was my car and private health insurance. I decided I had to sell the business and the next morning met with a colleague who had been with the company for six years. I told her if she wanted the business then it was hers, but she would have to take on all the liabilities. She came back the next morning and said she wanted to buy it and that was it.

### Health Scare

A month or so later I noticed a trace of blood in my urine. I went to the doctor and he arranged a blood test. When the results came back it showed there was a problem, which required further investigation. The doctor told me they were looking for prostate cancer and he suspected I would need a biopsy. That weekend I couldn't sleep. My thought process was that I'd just given away all that I'd worked for and in six months I was going to be dead. I was really frightened. I woke up at three in the morning and I said to Bronwyn I wanted to go to the Filling Station with her the following Tuesday – I guess I thought whatever happened, whatever the doctors could or couldn't do, it was out of my hands.

### Finding God

As I walked into the Filling Station the following Tuesday, what struck me the most was the singing. The words on the screen just hit out at me. As I started to take in the meaning of the words all my health concerns seemed to melt away. Towards the end of the evening people were invited to go forward for prayer and I went up to a guy on the team and asked for prayer about my health. He put his hand on my shoulder and as he started to pray I began to feel different. He asked me if I wanted to give my life to the Lord. I said I didn't know but would go away and think about it. The truth was, I didn't really know what it meant.



I went home with our daughter Amanda who had recently become a Christian. We sat together on the sofa and she started talking about her experience while I tried to understand what was going on in my head. Bronwyn came in and she'd only been in the room a couple of minutes when she announced, "Do you want to give yourself to

the Lord now?" And I said yes. I repeated the commitment prayer after her and at the end I felt total peace. I went to bed and slept right through. When I woke the next morning the first thing I wanted to do was read the bible. I knew I felt different. I felt as though my life had altered in some way and from then on everything just started to fit together. No longer was I bothered about money, property, materialistic things or whatever.

### All Clear

The following week I went back to the clinic to find out the results of the biopsy. I'll never forget how it happened. Rather than inviting me into his office, the consultant opened the door and came right out and said, "I have some good news for you. There is no cancer."

Giving my life to Christ has given me peace and the ability to treat people with humility and understanding. Looking back, I suppose I came from an environment where everybody who walked into my office had a frown on his or her forehead and that was how I thought of that person. The big lesson I've learned since I've been out of work is patience. Now I feel at peace knowing He has a plan for me and He will sort it.

## ...I have some good news for you. There is no cancer.

### Healing on the Streets Bath (or HOTS Bath) is a registered Christian trust working on the streets of Bath.

Their vision is "To promote Christian healing as a daily life style for every believer, through demonstration, training and equipping. "HOTS work in unity with around 20 other churches outside the usual four walls of the building in order to: -

- Heal the sick
- Share God's love
- Equip the Church

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# who? what? where?

Contact local meeting administrators for full details of timings, speakers, and dates of when Filling Stations occur. All meetings are held in the evening unless otherwise stated.



## Farnham, Surrey

check for dates.

Contact Raphe Palmer.  
raphe\_palmer@tiscali.co.uk  
07770833772

Meeting at: The Great Hall, Farnham Castle, Farnham, GU9 OAG

## Great Ouse, Bedfordshire

3rd Monday.

Contact Elaine Franklin  
elainefranklin@hotmail.co.uk  
01767 640860

Meeting at: Moggerhanger Park, Moggerhanger, Bedfordshire, MK44 3RW

## Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire

1st Wednesday

Contact Sarah Moberly (ask for 'Maggie')  
sarah@moberlys.net  
07875203409

Meeting at: Nr Henley, (contact for exact details) Oxon.

## Hinton Charterhouse, Somerset

4th Thursday

Contact Mrs Jacqui Bateman  
jacqui@avren.co.uk  
01225 722698  
Meeting at: Norwood Farm shop, Norton St.Philip, Somerset, BA2 7LP

## Marlborough, Wiltshire

1st Thursday

Contact Helen Stokes  
hcstokes@gmail.com  
01672 516592  
Meeting at: St.Peter's Primary School, The Parade, Marlborough, SN8 1LQ

## Middlezoy, Somerset

Last Sunday

Contact Keith Powell  
jill.powell3@googlemail.com  
01672 892521  
Meeting at: The village hall, Nethermoor Rd, Middlezoy, Somerset, TA7 0PG.

## Priston Mill, Somerset

3rd Tuesday

Contact Debbie Pow  
debbie.pow@btconnect.com  
01225 421985  
Meeting at: Priston Mill, Priston, NE Somerset, BA2 9QE

## Strathdon, Aberdeenshire

2nd Sunday (a.m)

Contact Sylvia Lawson-Johnston  
sylvia@sljinteriors.co.uk  
019756 51356  
Meeting at: The Stables, Inverernan House, Strathdon, AB3 8YA

## Twyford, Hampshire

2nd Thursday

Contact Nicky Barber  
nicky@barbershome.com  
01962 711234  
Meeting at: (private dwelling) Twyford, Hants, SO21 1QX

## coming up

### Rev Simon Ponsonby at the Filling Station

24th November 2011

Pastor of Theology at St. Aldate's Church, Oxford, and New Wine conference speaker, Simon Ponsonby will be speaking at a joint Filling Station meeting in Priston Mill, Somerset. The two Filling Station meetings

in North East Somerset have combined to host this well known international speaker and Bible teacher for what is expected to be a popular evening meeting. Diarise his visit now as space is expected to be at a premium.



of worship, teaching, testimonies and prayer ministry. Plus exceptional coffee and muffins!

The meeting is at 7.30pm on the first Wednesday night of each month. See their dedicated page on the web site for a list of who is speaking and when. Contact the Henley administrators (Mrs Sarah Moberly/Mrs Maggie Atkinson: 07875203409 sarah@moberlys.net) for more details.

### Farnham launch

The first new Filling Station meeting opened in Farnham, Surrey, on the 4th Feb 2011. Meeting in the 'Great Hall' of Farnham Castle, the organisers expect the meeting to be well supported by Christians from the immediate area. The usual mix of live worship, Bible teaching, prayer ministry and good food will be on offer. The speaker at the first Farnham meeting was Rev Richard Fothergill on the topic: 'God is with us!' Local and national speakers will be attending the meeting during 2011. For more information see the dedicated page for Farnham on the website ([www.thefillingstation.org.uk](http://www.thefillingstation.org.uk)) or contact their administrator: Mr Raphe Palmer raphe\_palmer@tiscali.co.uk).

### Henley Launch

New Filling Station opens in Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire. Wednesday 2nd March 2011 saw the opening of the first Filling Station meeting in Oxfordshire. Taking place on the first Wednesday night of each month at a venue on the edge of Henley, local Christians are very excited about starting this new meeting. It is expected to draw people from a large catchment area between Oxford and Reading. The evenings will have the normal mixture

## other stuff

### Camping at New Wine

Many families from a variety of Filling Station locations across Britain are joining together to camp at this years New Wine summer conference at Shepton Mallet in Somerset. From July 23rd – 31st 2011 the Filling Station will be camping as a group for the first time. To find out more about this excellent Christian holiday week contact New Wine ([new-wine.org](http://new-wine.org)) or the Rev Richard Fothergill ([fothers@talktalk.net](mailto:fothers@talktalk.net)).



### Coventry Cathedral endorses The Filling Station

The Dean of Coventry Cathedral, Rt. Rev John Irvine, has publicly endorsed the Filling Station as 'a highly appropriate means of telling people about God's love for them and bringing spiritual life to the more rural parts of the country.' He is working with the Filling Station to see how meetings could be set up in some parts of the Coventry diocese.

