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## Diocesan Healing Advisory Group Newsletter & Resources – May 2023



It is far more important that one's life should be perceived than that it should be transformed; for no sooner has it been perceived, than it transforms itself of its own accord.

Maurice Maeterlinck

Our theme for 2023, '**Small Steps towards Wholeness**' continues with our next Healing Forum this month, which will be in person at Flourish House, Wells:

**Healing Forum 'Towards Deeper Listening' Thursday 25 May, 2.00 – 4.00 pm,  
Flourish House, Cathedral Park, Wells, BA5 1FD**

We are all aware of how the pandemic and the cost of living have disrupted the mental health and wellbeing of so many and we also know how poor mental health can affect every area of our lives. Being heard is transformative . . . being able to listen is an honour and a gift.

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The Diocesan Healing Advisory Group is offering you a chance to refresh and practice your listening skills so that you can have 'ears to hear' and create spaces for healing wherever you are.

[Register for the Healing Forum on 25 May](#). We will then email you our booklet 'Towards Deeper Listening' to give you a chance to look at this before the event.

For further information, contact Sue Whitehead [sue.whitehead@bathwells.anglican.org](mailto:sue.whitehead@bathwells.anglican.org) 01749 685272.

## **Future events – October Healing Forum and Healing Service in Wells Cathedral**

### **Monday 2 October, 11.00 – 12.30 Healing Forum, on Zoom**

The October Healing Forum will be online. We are delighted that Simon Keyes, the Diocesan Peacebuilding Adviser, who preached at the Healing Service in the Cathedral in the autumn last year, will be speaking at the October Healing Forum.

### **Sunday 15 October, 3.00 pm, Wells Cathedral**

There will be a Healing service during Evensong, with prayer for healing available afterwards.

[Details of our events are available on our website.](#)

## **Previous Healing Forums**

[Videos are available via our website of our previous Healing Forums.](#)

## **Healing Resources**

[Resources to assist parishes wishing to introduce or develop a ministry of healing are available](#) on the Diocesan website.

We will soon be posting regular short videos on our website to inspire you and create a space of peace.

Please keep in touch with the Healing Advisory Group, as we are here to resource you, and be assured that we pray regularly for you. Do please email us with any comments, questions or requests. Within the bounds of confidentiality, it is good to share something of our struggles and joys with each other and, with permission, with the wider community if it is appropriate.

Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 29:12-13

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