

ALTON CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
NEWSLETTER
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Dear Friends

It has been a year now since Betty Redwood, our beloved President of the Church, passed over to pastures new and my thoughts are often with her. I must say how well her husband Brian is doing, as one can only imagine how hard it has been for him. I would like to thank Brian; I often pop round to his house and together we put the world to rights. I don't think he has any concept of just how much these chats have helped me. Without his advice and wisdom I don't think I would have been able to be the President of the Church.

Our humble little church is doing well and I would like to thank all the committee members, Healers and so many in the congregation for making the family of the Church continue in such a friendly and lovely manner.

We now have a good website, and Facebook is up and running, so we are receiving more enquiries about what we do. Outside of the weekly service I am often giving advice on all sorts of matters to do with spiritualism, giving readings and training new mediums.

I will be trying a few new ideas and always welcome any thoughts or proposals you have which may help the Church to continue its' work. On 9th June we held a new kind of service; we had four mediums on the platform and I attempted to explain the clairvoyance. This was deemed a success and received a very positive response, so I will run some more of this type of service in due course.

The Church Garden Party was a great success. The weather was wonderful (I think a few prayers were answered in that regard) and it was a joy to see so many happy, smiling faces. Huge thanks to Lynne who organised all the catering and to her, Nerina and Becky for all their work on the day, making sure the afternoon ran smoothly.

Let us not forget the most important part of our weekly service and that is the Healing. It is a pleasure for me to see the healers join together to prepare the area after each service, then do their utmost to pass on Healing in the name of Jesus, the source of all Healing. I have received great praise and many compliments from those who have received healing about the wonderful work our Healers perform.

We do not know what is around the corner in life, or for our Church. As far as I am concerned, and I know all the committee are in agreement, we will always be a Christian Spiritual Church and will do our best to help as many as we can in the name of Jesus.

Rob Harvey
President

Should I Receive Spiritual Healing?

Every Sunday, during our Services one hears the chairperson mention 'Spiritual Healing will take place at the front of the church and also in the side room'. **Just what is this Spiritual Healing about?**

Spiritual Healing is about the manifestation of the power of the Holy Spirit being passed to you, the potential patient, through the hands of the healer. No promises are made as to the possible results, although most people feel better in some way.

Spiritual Healing is **NOT** a substitute for a visit to the doctor, or other qualified medical practitioner, nor is it a substitute for any treatment or medication that you may be receiving at the hands of the medical profession. However, it can be supplementary to that treatment, but never in 'lieu of'.

Spiritual Healing **is not** Faith Healing, and children and animals can be very responsive to it. An open mind and a desire to be well is all that is required.

The 'healer' is acting as a 'medium' and by his, or her, prayerful commitment, meditation and dedication it is being used by the Holy Spirit to channel such healing as may be required to the patient through the hands of the healer.

You don't necessarily have to be ill to receive healing; the normal stresses of daily life can be sufficient to warrant receiving healing. Many people have found that it may just restore their sleep pattern when they go home to bed, having received healing.

A further important part of Spiritual Healing is 'absent healing'. This can be by remembering relatives, friends or perfect strangers when you pray for them during the 'healing silence' or by placing their names in the church healing book. Whichever way you choose it is a question of invoking the power of the Holy Spirit to descend on the nominated person and deliver the required healing.

There is **no charge** for this healing, although a donation is always very welcome.

You may wonder, as Christians, on the validity of the above matters.....then please turn to your Bible. As you wander through the New Testament look at the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John and also the Acts of the Apostles or Hebrews and you will see on so very many occasions that Jesus gave healing with the "laying on of hands" and also instructed His disciples to ".....go out into the world and place your hands on sick people and they will get well" (Mark 16 v18)

Perhaps now, with that little extra piece of knowledge you will try to partake in the 'Healing Ministry' following the Divine Service on a Sunday.

Zodiac and the power of Healing

Zodiac, both in the reference edition of the “Zodiac Messages” and also within the other 22 volumes of Zodiac messages, mentions “**Healing**” on innumerable occasions.

Zodiac stresses that one’s ‘Physical Health’ does not indicate ‘Spiritual Health’ and that the power of healing is only yours through the “Power of Jesus Christ”.

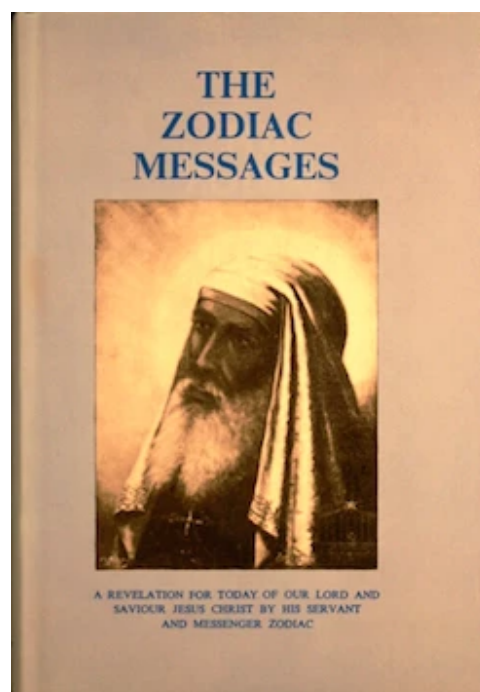
Thus, when you sit on the healers’ stool to receive Spiritual Healing you do so knowing that the healer is in tune with God through prayer and meditation. It is NOT that the healer has received some special gift, or sat an examination; it is very simply that through prayer, meditation and dedication they have attempted to “attune with Spirit” through the Lord Jesus Christ and thus they have become a channel for that Spirit to “touch” the patient.

The wonderful power of healing being transmitted through the healer has no time constraint and whether the healing is brief or, in some cases, over drawn out, it is of no significance.....The power of Spirit is such that it does not need or require time constraints, it is instantaneous.

Our Lord Jesus Christ focuses our attention on the true source of all Spiritual Healing..... the **Power of God.**

God bless you

Brian Redwood
Trustee



How I became Involved in Spiritualism

On a Sunday in March 2004, I found myself in a very sad situation - alone and rejected.

Having had a strict religious upbringing, Sunday was synonymous with Church, so it seemed that was the place to be although I hadn't been for many years. At the time I was only wanting to be with other people as I felt utterly alone. I needed to be with strangers as I did not want to talk about the situation any more - I felt I had burdened my friends enough.

I had often passed a nearby Church but had no idea it was a Spiritualist Church. Even if I had, it would not have meant anything to me as I knew nothing about Spiritualism. Two things struck me as I entered. Firstly that I was greeted with genuine friendliness and secondly that the atmosphere was happy and vibrant - so different from the austere atmosphere in most orthodox churches.

Hidden away in a corner I found a seat and became quite tearful, a member of the congregation offered me a box of tissues from a table near the altar - a simple gesture but it had a huge impact on me. Somebody cared that I was upset.

When the guest speaker gave his address, I was very surprised that he shared many of my religious views which I had felt I could never share with anyone. I had always been aware of Spirit near me which would have been frowned upon in my family and those around me. So this was wonderful - I clearly was not alone in my ideas.

I left that evening feeling I had been guided to go there and this was the beginning of a new era in my life. I went to the next service and received a message from my mother which was so factual I could not doubt it. For the next few weeks I seemed to have a message from a family member or friend every service (I felt rather guilty about that!). Clearly I was getting the love and support I needed.

The concept of the closeness of those in the Spirit Realms has supported me through many problems over the years. The knowledge that you are never alone and there is always help and guidance to deal with those problems if you ask is so comforting.

On my journey in Christian Spiritualism I have met many lovely and inspiring people and I have been given the opportunity to develop spiritually for which I am eternally grateful.

Nerina

Short Extract from Life After Death by Zodiac

Recorded by Miss Winifred Moyes on 5th March 1927

So, dear children, I bring you back to that point when the real Self slips from that which, to you, seems so vital to your being; and in many cases the sensation is as this: Though, the body may have had its stress. The Spirit has made full preparation, and those who are free minister on either side; so with something like a sigh of relief that which at one time meant so much is left behind, and gladness and a sense of lightness and freedom tells you that a difficult stage is o'er.

But you will ask me: "Is consciousness retained as the Spirit passes from the body?" And I answer that this depends entirely on the individual. If the Spirit within has in any measure gained its freedom, so then as the body is discarded that consciousness - Spirit consciousness - is enhanced a thousandfold; but mark you this: There are countless thousands who keep the Divine within a bondage terrible to behold, and these when physical death takes place find themselves in another body - not flesh and blood, it is true - but in another body which has less power, less beauty, and greater bondage all round. These souls need much care; indeed they must be treated as the children in understanding what they are. The Spirit within, so imprisoned, seems to the onlooker without knowledge, as if it had no existence at all. During life on earth God was not recognised, and so as they pass out into that built up by their thoughts and their desires they find themselves no longer in a physical body, but bound to the earth in a sense you cannot understand. The material was all they craved, to the material they cleaved, and sometimes years elapse before we can create even a wish for higher things.

A large number of important addresses given by Zodiac have been compiled and arranged by Albert H. Hillyard in the book "The Zodiac Messages" reference addition. Copies of this wonderful book can be obtained through our church. If you think that you may be interested then please speak to any Committee member, who will be able to take your order and for the sum of approximately £10.00 obtain a copy for you. However, I must advise you that this astonishing book is not a novel – it is a book of study and prayerful contemplation. It gives so many insights into the workings of Jesus Christ and His mission but needs to be read and re-read, section by section.

"On Sunday 14th July the Church held a Memorial Service. As well as the traditional Service of Remembrance we had a question and answer session and brief explanation of mediumship. I would like to say how enjoyable the evening was and hope we have more evenings with different themes. It is increasingly difficult to get reliable mediums for our Church and I welcome evenings like we have just had. Well done."

Steve Lidgett

"I found the evening enlightening and thought provoking"

Lynne Curtis

Forthcoming Services

Sunday	18th August	Mike Williamson
Sunday	25th August	Sid Privett
Sunday	1st September	Healing
Sunday	8th September	Patricia Hall
Sunday	15th September	Lesley Knight
Sunday	22nd September	Sue and Richard Hayes
Sunday	29th September	Nerina Dannatt

Services held from 6.30pm to 7.45pm. Healing is available after every Sunday Service.

The following is an extract, by Betty Redwood, from the Church's book 'Inspirations'. The book of 'Inspirations' is a compilation of prayers and readings written by, or chosen favourites of members of the Alton Christian Spiritualist Church. It is available to buy at the Church for £5.

Dear One

The delight of flowers, birds, blue sky, silver moon and glowing sun;
The joy of pets, the laughter of family, the warmth of friendship, for all things bright and beautiful, we thank you.

There is no end to the generosity of your provision for the nourishment and enrichment of this life; open our eyes, unstop our ears that we may see more, listen more and love more.

Always for Your love's sake. *Amen*



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