

Newsletter

Cor et Lumen Christi Community, Highfield House, Chertsey

Winter 2010-2011



DEAR FRIENDS AND BENEFACTORS

A great deal has gone on since we last sent out a Newsletter and we are delighted to be able to share with you something of the many ways in which the Lord has been blessing us.

As you will read the Community has been approved as a Private Association of the Christian Faithful by Bishop Kieran and been received into the Catholic Fraternity of Charismatic Covenant Communities, which relates directly with the Vatican through the Congregation for the Laity in Rome. These are very exciting developments and we are so grateful to the Lord for making this possible. In addition we have celebrated our annual commitment Sunday on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. As well as new and existing members making commitments, we are delighted to see a new development in the Cor et Lumen Christi family - the Mission Fellowship, also making a covenant to share in our values and contribute to aspects of the Community's mission.

In the following pages you will read of how God has worked through the Community both at home and abroad to change peoples' lives and bring the fruits of the Renewal to an ever wider audience.

Finally, as some of you will know, we are working to improve the facilities for guests here at Highfield House and we are appealing for your assistance to refurbish the Conference Room to make it a great resource for the Lord. I am sure you will be uplifted by reading through the following pages and would like to thank you for all your support for this Community and the mission that the Lord has entrusted to it. May God bless you all.

AUTUMN CONFERENCE, OCTOBER 2010

In October, Fr Pat Collins and David Matthews joined with Niklas and Duncan for the annual Autumn Conference in Highfield House. This year's theme was **'Transformation and Growth'**. When Pope Benedict visited Britain recently he spoke of how we are *'standing at the threshold of a new age'* and over the weekend we explored

what this might mean and what kinds of implications it has for those of us in the Renewal.



Duncan teaching at the Autumn Conference

Duncan opened the conference with a talk which challenged the participants to consider what it means to live a transformed life, how this challenge is inherent in our baptism and how God wills to supply all those things that we ourselves lack. Fr Pat gave a rousing talk on our being co-workers with Christ - when we are given the vision to see ourselves in this way then the possibilities of the Christian life for our own sanctity and for building up the Kingdom are made possible through the grace of the Holy Spirit.



Fr Pat Collins, CM, celebrating Mass at the Autumn Conference

In the evening, Fr Pat began by reminding us all of the vital role expectant faith plays in being open to the charism of healing. Fr Pat then led the evening time of healing with words of knowledge. Two people testified to an improvement in their eyesight after prayer, two more to an improvement in their legs and one person

experienced an improvement in their hearing when their tinnitus diminished – Praise the Lord!

On the Sunday David Matthews gave us his insights into Church unity and shared with us something of his experience of the joys and pains of reaching out in the Lord to Christians from other church backgrounds.

Niklas strengthened our sense of having being renewed from the ministry of the previous day when he shared some great insights into how we can grow in holiness through a conversion of our hearts and minds. He even provided all of us with a roadmap showing the shortest way to heaven. Truly, God was very good to us and we left feeling better prepared to move into this new season which God seems to be preparing for his Church.

WORD POWER, CUMBRIA, OCTOBER 2010

In October Damian went with Cathy and the children to stay with our community in Cumbria where he was leading the *WORD POWER* conference. His team consisted of members of Cor et Lumen Christi in Cumbria, as well as two members who travelled up with him from the Chertsey fraternity.

The community and Mission Fellowship there had worked incredibly hard preparing the house to receive the participants finishing off building work, hanging fire doors, putting in new toilets and showers, re-plastering ceilings and walls etc.

120 people had booked on to the event from all over the north. 70 were accommodated in the community house with the rest staying with members of the community or in B&B's nearby, and some travelling in from the locality. Worship was provided by Hannah Zafar and her brilliant worship band, and the priests included a Benedictine, the youth chaplain for the diocese and parish priests from the diocese.

The response of the people was fabulous. The action of the Lord in the various workshops through the participants to one another was terrific with the vast majority receiving words of knowledge for the first time and being touched deeply by the power of God's word in the ministry. In the physical healing service on the Saturday evening 25 people out of the 120 testified to physical healing including a woman

who no longer needed her hearing aid. And as though to express how excited and grateful people were that this work of providing conferences has begun in earnest now in our northern branch, they gave over £7,000 in the collection towards the renovation of the chapel. Praise be Jesus.

PHILIP COURSE, NOVEMBER 2010

For the last few years we have been running weekend retreat courses for Poles living in England and we now have about 500 participants over 5 courses every year, mostly young people under 30; a total of about 2,500 since we started!



Praise during the Philip Course

In November 2010 we ran a Philip Course, the aim of which is to bring people into a personal relationship with Jesus and be baptized in the Holy Spirit. We were packed out with about 100 participants in the room, not counting the team! During this course, the majority of participants – about 80% – invited Jesus into their lives for the very first time, and were baptised in the Holy Spirit, and 80% or even more started speaking in tongues.



Some of the participants at the Philip Course

One man had spent seven years in prison, and after the Philip Course he joined one of the Polish prayer groups. During one of their prayer meetings he stood up and said: "I went to a Philip Course and I met Jesus there". Another man in his fifties said at the end of the Philip Course "My

two sons took part in the previous Philip Course, and when they came home something in them had changed so dramatically for the better, that I couldn't believe or understand the change: but now I understand what had happened. I have to bring my wife and my daughter here, so they might experience the same thing." Praise the Lord!!!

CALLED TO GLORY, DECEMBER 2010

Niklas has been authoring the first of a series of new courses during 2010, and in December we ran "Called to Glory" for the first time. Sr Maria Natella, OP, was invited as guest speaker, and all the other inputs were given by Niklas.



Called to Glory: Niklas teaching

The weather turned very cold and a lot of snow fell just before the weekend. The AA even issued a statement asking people not to drive unless they had to! Even so just over 30 brave souls rolled up on Saturday morning. By Saturday night we had over 40 people in the chapel for the ministry time. So to those of you who were able to come: well done!

"Called to Glory" aims to present the riches of Catholic teaching on the faith in a dynamic, inspirational and practical way, as well as offer the participants an opportunity to glorify God and receive His Light in Spirit led ministry, in extended times of praise & worship, in reflective prayer, and in fellowship with others. Sr Maria gave an in-depth teaching on the Transfiguration of Jesus as the call to prayer as well as a insightful and inspirational talk on the call to glory from her own Dominican perspective. Niklas taught on Jesus showing forth God's Glory, on the Glory of God in the Eucharist, on the call to holiness shining through the 10 commandments, and also led the Fire and Light session of ministry around the Blessed Sacrament.



Fire and Light session at Called to Glory

We had a wonderful time! Members from our worship team did a wonderful job leading the praise and worship throughout the weekend, and the participants were very positive about the weekend. They said:

"This has been a brilliant weekend for me, it far surpassed my expectations. The talks had the right balance of excellent teaching and humour without overload. Many thanks to you all."

"In the Fire & Light session... I was brought up Mount Tabor to experience the glory and presence of God. It was really uplifting as there was praise and worship to prepare myself to receive the Holy Spirit."

"This was my first weekend away at one of these Charismatic groups. As I've been very out of touch with God and the Holy Spirit I really loved the whole experience. I loved the praise and worship... and how everything was explained so clearly in the talks."

All glory to God!

BARNABAS SESSION , JANUARY 2011

In January 2011 we had a Barnabas Session - a direct follow-up to the Philip Course. This course deals with things like forgiveness, confession, discernment and spiritual warfare, etc. We had more than 180 bookings, so we had to turn away more than 70 mostly young people because we didn't have space for them, we couldn't accommodate them or even seat them in the house.

One young man had attended one of our Philip Courses but had left before the course finished, he was against everything, he didn't believe in the Bible, etc. He went home and two hours later he felt that he *had* to read the Bible. As he was reading, he physically felt God's presence with him and felt something change in Him. He

booked a place for the next course and had a wonderful Barnabas Session. He was like a new man.



Barnabas Session, January 2011

Recently, we have been trying to sum up all the testimonies from different courses we have run so far, and during the Barnabas Sessions alone we have had:

- many testimonies where whole families turn to Jesus and some years later they are still growing in faith and love for each other, praying together and seeking God's will. We have dozens of written testimonies like these.
- Hundreds of people who have returned to the Sacrament of Reconciliation after many years.
- Many people made very difficult decisions like giving up sleeping with their boyfriends or girlfriends, moving out that same night after many years.



Worship at the Barnabas Session

One of the Polish priests who helps us from time to time during our courses, said that no one in Poland is seeing so many coming to such courses. Only God can work such wonderful things among Poles – not in Poland but in England. May God be praised!

CATHOLIC FRATERNITY OF CHARISMATIC COVENANT COMMUNITIES AND FELLOWSHIPS, ASSISI, OCTOBER 2010

In 1990 in the first year of the community's founding we heard about the newly formed

Catholic Fraternity of Charismatic Covenant Communities and Fellowships. This is an umbrella Fraternity set up by charismatic communities and the Pontifical Council for the Laity to promote and protect the grace of the Charismatic Renewal as it manifested itself in the new communities. It is not a federation in which all the communities conform to a single model rather it seeks to respect the particular expression of life and mission of each community and encourage and foster this. We did not apply to join at the time as we were only 'new born' and for many years after because we believed ourselves too small to be accepted. However during our mission to Australia Damian expressed our desire to join the Fraternity when speaking to one of its Executive council members there and he encouraged us to join. We explained that we were still finalising our Constitutions but when this was done we would start the process.

Sometime later with the completion of our constitutions we had a meeting with our Bishop, Kieran Conry of Arundel and Brighton, and when we mentioned our desire to join the Fraternity he encouraged us to do so.

The first step was to have Cor et Lumen Christi recognised as a Private Association of the Faithful within the diocese. As our Constitutions were now complete we submitted these and in a short time received the diocesan recognition. With this in place we then applied to be members of the Catholic Fraternity, submitting our Constitutions and other community materials. We were then asked to attend the bi-annual gathering of the Fraternity Council with the executive and the Open Conference in Assisi, Italy in October last year.

Damian and Cathy represented the community with Andrew Fava who runs our community in Cumbria. Damian was invited to preach and minister healing at the open conference which was a bit of a surprise as we were not yet members (see below).

When we arrived Shayne Bennet our Australian friend on the Executive greeted Damian with "have you heard the good news?" Damian looked back at him questioningly. Shayne smiling said "You have been accepted as full members." Now this was a great shock to us as we had been

informed that this would take some time, even a couple of years, and in any case we would have to have a preliminary visitation. But apparently the community was well thought of and as we were personally known to some members of the Executive we were accepted immediately. Since that time we have had a visitation from a member of the international executive and he said he was delighted with everything and amazed that such a small community as ours (his own has 3,000 members!) was reaching so many tens of thousands of people each year through its mission. May God be praised!



Damian & Cathy at the Fraternity meeting

So Cor et Lumen Christi is now a full member of the Catholic Fraternity of Charismatic Covenant Communities and Fellowships. The Fraternity is an international Association of the Faithful of Pontifical right. This means it has Papal recognition and all its members share in this status.

Damian asked the deputy president of the executive what we can tell people this means in concrete terms. He answered that it means that the Church officially recognises Cor et Lumen Christi as an authentic expression of Catholic life. It desires it to grow and be promoted within the Church. So we give thanks God for this new stage and this great affirmation from the Church of our way of life and mission in Cor et Lumen Christi.

MIRACLE SERVICE AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE CATHOLIC FRATERNITY, ASSISI

After the bi-annual gathering of the Fraternity mentioned above was the open International Conference. To his surprise Damian was asked to preach and minister healing at this conference. The organisers informed him that he would however only have one hour in total. Now

Damian is quite clear that he will not run a healing service if it cannot be done properly. So he agreed to speak but said there would not be enough time to pray for healing and have any testimonies. However the President of the Fraternity just kept saying 'Do as the Holy Spirit leads you'. As the Council gathering went on in the days leading up to the open conference Damian started meeting people with various conditions some of which were quite serious and after much prayer felt the compassion of the Lord compelling him to somehow fit in a time of prayer for healing in his hour presentation.

So the day before he negotiated with the worship team to shorten the praise and worship time before his talk to 15 minutes. Damian takes up the story: "It was a very interesting experience preaching to a group of 400-500 people from every continent, all of whom were wearing headphones to receive the simultaneous translation. With many Bishops and members of the Pontifical Council for the Laity present the dynamic was interesting. I preached on the need for a renewed vision for the supernatural in Catholic mission and showed a short film of healing miracles we have seen the Lord perform through our ministry around the world. The group responded well. Now to run a Healing service in 16 minutes! I decided to pray for 2 categories, limbs and deafness as I usually do through the 'word of command'. The result was that about 30 people were instantly healed of their conditions and came to the stage to testify what Jesus had done for them and demonstrate how they were healed. This was all great but perhaps the nicest healing from my perspective was that of a young man from Indonesia who had been *born deaf* in his left ear. Following the word of command he said he could instantly hear! The Holy Spirit had once again confirmed the truth of God's word and glorified Jesus."

The result of our visit, apart from being accepted as member of the Catholic Fraternity, was invitations to minister in the Philippines, Australia, Uganda, Cameroon, Indonesia, Malaysia, Brazil, India, Argentina and Italy, among others. So an exciting couple of years ahead.

COR ET LUMEN CHRISTI MISSION FELLOWSHIP

As some of you may know, for many years the community has had wonderful people who, though not members, shared our values and worked with us in our mission. Some of these were in our Polish team, others in our Fellowship in Cumbria, others friends and informal co-workers. We felt that the time was right for us to establish one coherent body with a clear identity and a common covenant of prayer, mission and lifestyle, to which these lovely people could belong.



The Cor et Lumen Christi family, Chertsey

So after much discernment we decided on the title of the “Cor et Lumen Christi Mission Fellowship”. This name holds together two key values of Cor et Lumen Christi: fellowship with God and each other, and mission. The Mission Fellowship while not members of the Cor et Lumen Christi Community are part of the Cor et Lumen Christi family which now has 76 members, 38 community and 38 members of the Mission Fellowship. The Family is growing!

We want to take this opportunity to give thanks to God for the gift of every member and thank them for all the dedicated prayer and service they are giving to supporting the mission entrusted to Cor et Lumen Christi by the Lord.

CONFERENCE ROOM APPEAL

As many of you will know who have visited Highfield House our main conference room is in a poor state of repair. The accompanying photos give some idea of what things are like and the time has come for us to take action to provide a really decent conference facility.

As the preceding pages make clear God has showered down his blessings on the conferences

that have taken place here with God working His wonders in people’s lives and we need to have facilities that honour this and make people’s time with us more comfortable and better serve the teaching and ministry which take place on the courses.



Conference room: Ceiling tiles slowly coming off

We are decorating and converting our conference room into a fully equipped conference facility. This will require about £13,000 which will allow for a complete refurbishment of the room as well as the installation of upgraded electrics, projector and better seating etc. With well over half the conferences held in Highfield House last year full to capacity this overhaul will make a great improvement to the way we are able to accommodate people in our main conference facility.



Walls in need of redecoration

The generosity of many people in the past and on a continuing basis makes a huge contribution to our mission and the great changes which this brings about in peoples’ lives through the grace of God. Any contributions will be gratefully received and I would ask all of you to pray for the success of this appeal and the work God can accomplish through it. Many thanks and may God bless you.

DECLARATION

The Catholic Fraternity of Charismatic Covenant Communities and Fellowships hereby declares that

COR ET LUMEN CHRISTI COMMUNITY

Whose Founder is
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is an Member of the Catholic Fraternity of Charismatic Covenant Communities and Fellowships, recognized by the Holy See on November 30th, 1990 (prot. No. 1585/90/S-61/B-50), as Private Association of Christian Faithful of Pontifical Right.

From Palazzo San Calisto
Vatican City, December 8th 2010

Yours sincerely,



Matteo Calisi
PROF. MATTEO CALISI
President

Our recognition as members of the Catholic Fraternity

OFFICIAL BACKING FOR NIGHT OF LIGHT

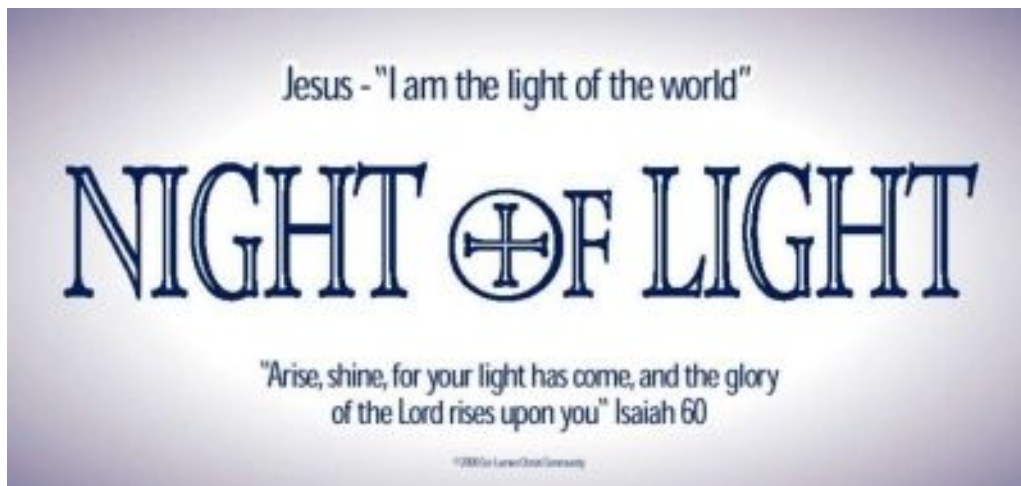
As many of you may know the Night of Light, our international initiative to reclaim Halloween has been running for more than 10 years. 1,000 participants took part the first year, 10,000 in England alone the second year and now it is celebrated by uncountable numbers all over the world.

At the beginning this initiative was supported by a couple of Bishops in England. However, this year the Night of Light received the official backing of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. This had an immediate impact and the Night of Light was reported on in the Catholic

press and secular newspapers, including articles on the front page of the Daily Telegraph. There were more than 14 radio interviews on the BBC local radio and national radio.

After the event Damian asked a lady at the Mission Desk of the Bishops' Conference to tot up the numbers of people who would have heard of the Night of Light as an alternative to the modern non-Christian approach to Halloween now as a result of this year's reports in the media. She did a careful estimate and sent him the answer - "some millions!"

May God be praised.



Calendar of events 2011

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<p>January</p> <p>21-23 Barnabas Session (Polish), Highfield House</p>	<p>February</p> <p>19-20 The Living Word 1, Highfield House</p>	<p>March</p> <p>17-20 The Charism School, Hungary</p> <p>20 Miracle Healing Service, Hungary</p> <p>18-20 Philip Course (Polish), Highfield House</p>
<p>April</p> <p>7-10 The Charism School, Poland</p> <p>10 Miracle Healing Service, Poland</p> <p>9-10 Called to Glory II, Highfield House</p>	<p>May</p> <p>14-15 Catholic Miracle Rally, Friends House, Euston, London</p> <p>14 Open Miracle Healing Service, Friends House, London, 6.30 pm</p>	<p>June</p> <p>18 PROCLAIM, Preachers and Teachers Day, Highfield House</p> <p>24-26 Andrew Session (Polish), Highfield House</p> <p>25 Miracle Healing Service, National Irish Charismatic Conference, Ireland</p>
<p>July</p> <p>8-10 The Charism School, Washington DC, USA</p> <p>9 Miracle Healing Service, Washington DC, USA</p> <p>9-10 Barnabas Session (ENGLISH), Highfield House</p>	<p>August</p> <p>22-26 Teaching event for Chemin Neuf, France</p> <p>27-29 John Course (Polish), Highfield House</p>	<p>September</p> <p>9-11 The Charism School and Miracle Service, Germany</p>
<p>October</p> <p>8-9 Autumn Conference, Chertsey</p> <p>14-16 The Charism School and Miracle Healing Service, Ireland</p>	<p>November</p> <p>2-4 Prophecy Training School, Highfield House</p> <p>11-13 Philip Course (Polish), Highfield House</p> <p>18-20 The Charism School, Detroit, USA</p> <p>19 Miracle Healing Service, Detroit</p> <p>26-27 The Living Word 2, Highfield House</p>	<p>December</p> <p>9-11 The Charism School and Miracle Healing Service, Brazil</p>