



## Autumn News & Prayer Letter 2016

### *Happy Birthday Crossline!*



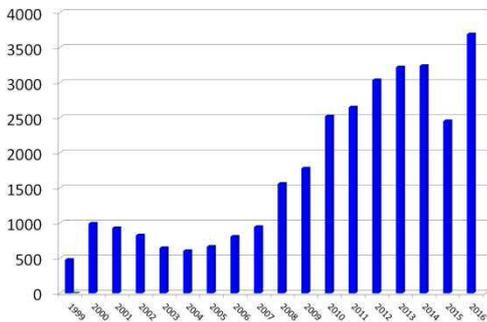
On the 14th September 2016, Crossline Hull celebrated its 18th birthday! Initially a project of the Hull & District Evangelical Alliance, our base in 1998 was in a room above the Christian Bookshop in Wright Street Hull, before our move to Spring Bank in 2008.

In 1998 our call numbers for the year were 476. We now take over 3,600 calls a year an incredible growth!

Since opening, with Gods' grace and guidance, we have taken over 31,000 calls from hurting people throughout the UK and further afield. Over that time we have been blessed with a fantastic team of volunteers, some being with us from our initial opening having served 18 years in Gods' service.

We thank God for his wisdom in providing these people who have served so diligently and faithfully over this period and for his continued guidance of all activities at Crossline Hull.

#### ***CALLS BY YEAR 1998-2016***



One of our great rewards have been the testimonies and praise reports we have received over the years. Hurting people in need of that listening ear and touched by God using Crossline as the conduit. ---- Our testimonies now number over 670, an incredible reward not just for our callers but also for our team of listeners.

One thing that really blesses us is when we meet, or hear from people years after they have contacted us, who then tell us what a support Crossline had been to them in their time of need and how much our listening ear had meant to them at that time.

As we enter our 19<sup>th</sup> year, we thank God for the privilege of serving Him and being able to share His love with a hurting World.

To our listeners both current and past we thank you for your contribution to Crossline and for answering God's call to serve!

For our partners and Churches who have supported us financially and in prayer over the years, thank you! We have been blessed by your financial and spiritual generosity.

Over the coming years, with Gods guidance and your continued support we look forward to sharing Gods comforting words with even more callers.

**£££** As most of you will be aware, we are a totally voluntary charity with no paid staff. To continue to provide our service, we still have continual financial needs, to send a one off gift or set up a standing order and become a Crossline Angel our bank account details are;  
CROSSLINE (HULL) - Account no :- 64613076 - Sort Code 05 05 15.

#### ***Save a Tree & Cut Our Costs***



We currently mail around 110 Newsletters four times yearly with an additional 160 going by e-mail. With postage costs increasing and to reduce this cost, we are hoping to send more Prayer/Newsletters electronically.

To receive future Prayer/News by email just email [prayer@crossline.karoo.co.uk](mailto:prayer@crossline.karoo.co.uk) with your full name and in the message line type 'email please'



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**Dear Prayer Partner,**

***Psalms -- The Forgotten Tool?***

I was recently watching a programme on God TV focussing on the power which the Psalms hold. Often side-lined now and rarely used in messages, the Psalms hold a wealth of wisdom, prophecy and praise which we can all tap into. To show their importance, David who God called ‘a man after my own heart’ actually penned 73 of the 150 Psalms, all of which also appear in the Jewish Bible!

Written between 1.500 and 500BC, the literal translation of Psalms means ‘Praises’ and, Indeed, the Psalms are an incredible collection of praises to God but also words of prophecy, powerful words of comfort and ... cries for help!

Jesus when he was on the cross quoted the opening line of Psalm 22 ‘My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?’ Jesus wasn’t losing faith but pointing to the prophecy this Psalm contains in verses 14 to 18, which vividly describes Jesus agony, physical condition and even describes how the soldiers gambled for Jesus clothes, an incredible prediction from a thousand years before the event!

We are all aware of the popular Psalms for example Psalm 23 but there is so much comfort, guidance and knowledge throughout the Psalms which can feed and encourage us.

An excellent example of this is Psalm 34. This Psalm gives praise to God for all his mercies and vividly paints a picture of the love and care God has for all of his people. If ever I feel I need uplifting this Psalm can really help me.

It starts by praising the Lord and then goes on to confirm how we are blessed every day, in a series of situations. The key verses for me are 17 and 18 which say, ‘17 The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles. 18 The LORD is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.’ ----- Great words of support and wisdom for all in pain, be it physical, spiritual or mental.

We all at some time, pray repetitive and empty prayers. When you hit that barrier, or when you just don't know what to pray for, simply because words get in the way, turn to The Psalms. They are full of inspiration, praise and support whatever your situation may be or the challenges you are facing and trying to overcome. The amazing fact is that it was relevant in 1000BC and is equally relevant today!

*With every blessing till our next prayer letter.*

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