



Summer News & Prayer Letter 2016

Brexit – A Time for Healing

We have just voted and made a decision, which is possibly one of the most important of our recent national history.

Whether in or out, the tone of the campaign has been heated, at times nasty and far more emotional than most recent election campaigns. However democracy has decided our future and we give praise to God that we do live in a democratic country.

Whatever the reasons for voting, many communities and in deed families and friends are divided over the result, to say nothing of the consequences for our two largest party leaders, along with Scotland and Northern Ireland's future and of course possible difficulties for Gibraltar.

Now we have to 'Keep Calm and Get on with it!'

Whatever the fall-out over the next few months, our prayers are desperately needed at this time;

- For our government, - wisdom, fairness and implementation of true Christian values and the election of Christian leaders.
- For our nation, - healing of rifts in government, communities and families.
- For our country that it may remain tolerant of other races and beliefs while maintaining strong Christian values.

We ask that you hold these points for our nation up in prayer.

CHA Leaders Meeting Malvern

In May we attended the first Christian Helpline Association Leaders meeting in Malvern, it proved a really beneficial event with representatives from Crossline Plymouth and Crossline Coventry, UCB, Premier Lifeline, The Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service (CCPAS) Torch Trust and Contact for Christ.


The meeting gave us all a chance to hear how other Christian Helplines are progressing as well as hearing a superb presentation on safeguarding from CCPAS.

The national numbers show that overall the CHA members who are in the National Christian Helpline are taking over 80,000 calls each year.

Crossline Hull will take an estimated 3,600 calls in the present year an increase over the past year of 50%! - Please do pray that we can bring in more listeners to reduce the number of callers who cannot be helped due to call numbers.

£££££ 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;
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Dear Prayer Partner,

We live in an increasingly busy and connected world with telephone, fax, email, text etc. but sadly more people than ever feel alone and unable to find anyone to share their worries, thoughts, fears and dreams. So many people are just looking for someone who will listen to them.

American author David Augsburger said: *"Being heard is so close to being loved that for the average person they are almost indistinguishable."* - Powerful words indeed!

So, how good a listener are you? Let's do a quick evaluation of ourselves. Here are some questions for you to think about:

- We think about four times faster than a person usually talks. Do you use this time to think about other things while you're trying to keeping track of the conversation?
- Do you avoid listening to things you feel will be too difficult to understand?
- Do you assume from a person's appearance that there won't be anything worthwhile said?
- When someone is talking to you do you appear to be paying attention when you're really not?
- Do certain words and phrases prejudice you so you cannot listen objectively?
- When listening are you distracted by outside sights and sounds?

If you answered no to most of those questions then you probably have good listening skills.

Jesus knew that one of the best ways to minister to people was by listening. Jesus was the master listener. He spent a great deal of time listening to people who were hurting.

Here are 3 ways that Jesus practiced effective listening skills.

1. Jesus gave people His full attention. Jesus listened to people with His eyes, ears and His whole mind. Jesus took time to show people how important they were to Him by giving them His undivided attention. Jesus listened in a way that helped Him identify a person's true need.
2. Jesus was willing to listen to and understand the person's perspective (or step into their shoes).
3. Jesus didn't judge His listeners. Jesus was willing to put away negative feelings, grudges, hurts or misunderstandings to really hear what people were saying.

We need to see people as Jesus did and still does. Jesus showed us that grace, loves, serves, and forgives. Good listening allows us to achieve that, bringing these God given qualities to those we meet along the way - it is bringing God's values into our community or family!

With every blessing until our next prayer letter.

- I am interested in Telephone Listener Training.
- I enclose my donation to support the ministry of Crossline.
- Send me information on Covenanted Gifts or Gift Aid.
- Send me information on the bus advertisement sponsorship.
- Please add our church to your prayer support list to receive your quarterly prayer letter.

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