



Winter News & Prayer Letter 2022

Crossline is still here for you!

As all our listeners are home based as we are part of the National Christian Helpline, Crossline is still open to callers every day from 9am till midnight on **0300 111 0101**.

(Calls are charged at the standard landline rate and included in any mobile or home phone call package which includes landlines).

Will You Listen??

The Covid situation has once again increased the number of calls we are receiving. This was brought into stark reality when on calls pre-Christmas a number of callers had been waiting over 30 minutes to speak to us.

Our team of listeners are putting in extra shifts which is helping our callers get through to a listening ear much faster but we are in need of extra listeners to reach an increasingly hurting world...

We had a training day planned for May 2020 but due to Covid this has been delayed until later this year (Dates will follow) Therefore, as we haven't been able to hold our training sessions for new listeners, we are now offering training by DVD's in the comfort of your own home.

Later this year we will also be launching a training on-line option to ensure people are well prepared to listen to hurting people, living in a strange World. This we hope will help us to expand our service and reach even more callers whose needs are many and varied, in a more timely manner

Becoming a listener doesn't need a psychology degree, just time, patience and a Christian attitude. Often our callers just need someone to speak to or to pray in agreement or to share a situation. With the recent Covid situation these needs have really increased..!

Could you show Gods love to a hurting World? Please do contact us if this is of interest to you. Just drop us an email at prayer@crossline.karoo.co.uk or mail us at the address above. YOU could make such a difference this year!

£££ Each call we receive costs us around £1:50. As most of you will be aware, we are a totally voluntary charity with no paid staff but could you help us reach hurting people? A gift of just £15 helps us to comfort 10 people! 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 :- 41381765- Sort Code 05 05 27.

Save a Tree & Cut Our Costs

We currently mail around 20 Newsletters with an additional 180 going by e-mail. 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 with your full name and in the message line type 'email please'



The Death of John Harper on the Titanic 10th April 1912

Born in Scotland on May 29, 1872, John Harper became a Christian when he was thirteen. Through his life he had a number of challenges but in the early spring of 1912 the Scottish minister was looking forward to a voyage across the Atlantic to pastor a Church in Chicago. For £33 he booked his passage and began to pack. His six-year-old daughter Nina would be accompanying him as well as his sister Jessie who would tend to Nina as her nanny following the death of John's wife.

At 11:40 p.m. on April 10th, 1912, a giant iceberg scraped the side of what was at the time the world's biggest man-made moveable object. The deck was showered with ice as it buckled the sides ripping open six watertight compartments.

*Harper scrambled up the deck calling, "Women, children and **unsaved** into the lifeboats!" People began jumping off the decks and into the dark ocean below.*

While people were trying to buy their way onto the lifeboats John Harper flung himself into the icy water. Over 1500 people jumped or fell into the sea and as hypothermia quickly set in many died of exposure in minutes, one by one each drowned or froze to death, indeed only six of the 1500 people in the water were eventually rescued.

John Harper gave up his lifejacket to one man and was seen swimming frantically from one passenger to another offering salvation.

Of the half dozen survivors that were rescued from the icy waters that night, one of them was a young man Harper had spoken to while they floated among the debris.

Four years later, a Scotsman rose up in a meeting in Canada, and said, "I am a survivor of the Titanic. When I was drifting alone on a spar that awful night, the tide brought Mr. John Harper also on a piece of wreck near me. 'Man,' he said, 'are you saved?' 'No,' I said. 'I am not.' He replied, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.' The waves bore him away and shortly after he went down; and there, alone in the night, and with two miles of water under me, I believed and miraculously I was pulled into a boat.. I am John Harper's last convert.

What an example John Harper sets us, especially giving up space in a lifeboat for the unsaved...When we are facing tough times just remember John Harpers incredibly strong faith love for his Saviour and fellow man and sadly, his sacrifice.....

May God continue to bless and prosper you and your family over the coming months.

Prayer Requests for Crossline;

Please pray for the continued protection for all staff, especially at this time for our listeners who are taking so many extra calls and putting in extra shifts, our trainee listeners, our finances and for all our callers, whose needs are real and many!

- I am interested in telephone listener training.
- I enclose my donation to support the ministry of Crossline.
- Please add our church to your prayer support list to receive your quarterly prayer letter.

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