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**Grounded in Prayer** The growth of the Alongside Scheme

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**Seeing Matthew Afresh** Elaine Storkey on her new Commentary



**Our work enables little, local and ordinary churches to engage  
with the Holy Spirit for renewal, discipleship and mission**

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## Honest, and hopeful.

By the time you read this, a fairly impromptu series of online lunchtime conversations, ‘Honest and Hopeful’, will be underway on Thursdays during the month of June. They are designed to offer ‘an open space for church leaders, lay and ordained, to reflect together on the past, present and future of charismatic Christianity in the UK, in the light of recent scandals and disappointments’.

In recent weeks, I have been struck by how deeply the safeguarding inquiry concerning Mike Pilavachi and Soul Survivor is affecting many people. And it is by no means the only such situation in the church prompting deep concern. I am also aware that, for some, a scandal in ‘charismatic’ Christianity offers an opportunity for a wholesale critique of the movement.

This is why I believe honest and hopeful conversations (and prayers) are needed. And, actually, I think that ‘honest and hopeful’ is a pretty good description of ReSource’s calling in today’s church.

As you will see in the pages that follow, our ministry is founded on a deep hope in the power of prayer. We are beginning to see this lived out in fascinatingly encouraging ways through the work of the Alongside Scheme, while the insights from our Intercessors continue to surprise and encourage people attending ReSource

*Christopher Landau with vicar Revd Debra Dyson, at a Sanctuary Day for the Wigginton Parish, Tamworth.*



events when a ‘word in season’ seemingly appears from nowhere. We cherish our belief in the God who speaks and acts through the work of his Holy Spirit.

So we are hopeful. But we are also honest. As Bishop John Finney shares in these pages, to look back at the history of renewal is essentially a missionary challenge, if we are to look ahead with hope, having learnt the lessons of the past. It is vital that we are honest about where charismatic theology and practice has been problematic (even abusive), as well as being honest about where it has been a blessing and inspiration.

It is this holding together of honesty and hope which, I believe, is part of

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what God is calling us into. I saw this in a particular way leading a clergy wellbeing day for Carlisle diocese recently. We based the day around the hymn, ‘I heard the voice of Jesus say’, and encouraged attendees to be honest about where (as the hymn puts it) they may be ‘weary, worn and sad’.

For me, a key phrase in the hymn comes in the second verse, where the offer of living water is made: ‘stoop down, and drink, and live’. I am intrigued by the use of the word ‘stoop’, for it seems to me to convey a certain sense of vulnerability or fragility. Perhaps we need to acknowledge our stoop, as we reach down to drink of the living water. But let us also never fail to remind the whole church of the unique, precious value of this water, truly quenching our deepest thirst.

**Christopher Landau**

Director of ReSource

### **Sanctuary Days – booking now**

*At the very heart of ReSource’s work are the Sanctuary Days and renewal events held ‘at home’ for local churches. If you would like to explore running such a day in your context, led by one of our team of ReSource Ministers, please do email [bookings@resource-arm.net](mailto:bookings@resource-arm.net).*

*We do still have some availability in autumn/winter 2023.*



# Journeying Alongside, grounded in prayer

*The Alongside Scheme offers prayerful, prophetic support for those in church leadership. Revd Jolyon Trickey reflects on the value of its spiritual foundations.*

It's now almost two years since I started work as Alongside Manager for ReSource. The first task was to clarify the vision, establish good processes and begin recruiting. Our official launch was on 4th November 2021. Growth of the Scheme in the next eighteen months has been steady and remarkable. My over-riding conviction is that our commitment to prayer and intercession lies at the heart of this.

We now have over fifty experienced, trained and prayerful Companions. We support nearly eighty church leaders, from Norwich to Carmarthen, and Carlisle to Truro. All are different, yet each has need of a safe space to meet and know God's leading in their mission and ministry. Our element of intercession and prophetic listening seems to be distinctively attractive for many.

ReSource has a marvellous team of Intercessors, who pray for every event we run. Alongside also has a small team committed to pray and listen specifically for Alongside. They pray for the supervisor team, for each

Companion, and for every meeting that happens within the Scheme. Church leaders' names are never mentioned, though they can ask, through their Companion, for the Intercessors to pray for particular challenges. From time to time an Intercessor will also pass on, via me, a word of Scripture, or a prophetic picture they sense they have been given.

One of my own Companion relationships offers a good example. A highly experienced church leader was facing profound spiritual battles, and asked for prayer ahead of a crucial meeting. He then agreed I could summarise and pass this request on to our Intercessors. Within four hours of sending an email, I had received four assurances of prayer, including a stark picture related to Joshua 6, and another specific Scripture. I passed them on, and they proved so powerful and pertinent that his response was simply: 'Moved to tears...'. The meeting went well.

This reflects the significance of a foundational text for Alongside: 'The gatekeeper opens the gate for him [the



good-shepherd], and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out' (John 10:3). It is as if, through our Intercessors, Jesus himself enters the room, he speaks and his voice is recognised; he is able to lead our church leaders out in mission and ministry.

Companions and church leaders alike draw great strength from knowing they are being prayed for, especially as they meet, hoping to hear from the Lord. One picture of a chaotic kitchen shared recently spoke directly to one of our Companions. He responded: 'A pretty good depiction of a situation I find myself in... it certainly helps me!'. Another Companion felt the same kitchen image resonated for one of their church leaders, and writes, 'It was very clearly the Lord speaking into their situation, and had a positive dramatic effect. Other scriptures and images have been highly relevant to particular church leaders, and have opened up whole new areas of conversation.'

Another hallmark of Alongside in practice is a joyous experience of team for the Companions, fostered

through our regular retreats and open online gatherings. I know too that church leaders are feeling themselves less isolated, in leading often small churches. In fact they are part of the ReSource family, who seek to bring fresh hope to them and the churches they serve.

As we look to the next eighteen months we are excited to be recruiting a half-time Alongside Project Officer. We are constantly on the look-out for new Companions, and for new Intercessors to enrich our teams. And we actively encourage any church leader who needs the prayerful company I describe here, to apply for a Companion of their own.

*More information is available at [resourcingrenewal.org/alongside](https://resourcingrenewal.org/alongside).*



**Revd Jolyon Trickey**

Alongside Manager

# Reading Matthew with fresh eyes

*The theologian and sociologist Elaine Storkey has recently published a new commentary on the Gospel of Matthew. As part of our Winter Wednesdays series earlier this year, she shared some of the key insights from her work.*

*The place of prophecy has been particularly significant in your reading of Matthew's Gospel.*

Yes, because it's almost like there's a watermark between people who come to Matthew, believing in prophecy and believing that the Holy Spirit is there to lead human persons into disclosures of God, and those who don't.

*So it's a kind of opening our eyes to prophecy, and broadening our expectations of what prophecy might look like in Scripture.*

There were four hundred years between the last prophet in the Hebrew Scriptures, and the New Testament. And it seems like there was silence during that period. And then we have John the Baptist. He comes into a new era of prophecy, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and points *forward* to Jesus, and *backwards* to the old prophets and the people of Israel, and *inward* to people's sin, and *through* the Holy Spirit connects them again with God. That's what's going on all the time in Matthew's Gospel: the Spirit working in people's lives. If we don't understand that, if we can't grapple with that, then I don't think

we're really beginning to understand Matthew's Gospel.

*You're also concerned that readers of Matthew sometimes skip over the significance of the opening chapter, with its genealogy of Jesus.*

Why would Matthew start with genealogy? I mean, forty-two generations of people being begat, is a turn off. But for the Jewish people, this would be absolutely spectacular - this would be riveting. Because what Matthew is doing is focusing Jesus as the son of Abraham, the son of David, in the line of Judah in the kingly line, and so on. And there's absolutely no doubt about that, by the time you've got to the end of the genealogy, you know that this is the Messiah, what we're talking about is the Anointed One of God.

*And you found a significance in the particular people referred to within the genealogy?*

Just think of all the people in Jesus's historical line. Matthew could have gone back into the Old Testament and picked out the most noble, the most God-fearing, the people most filled

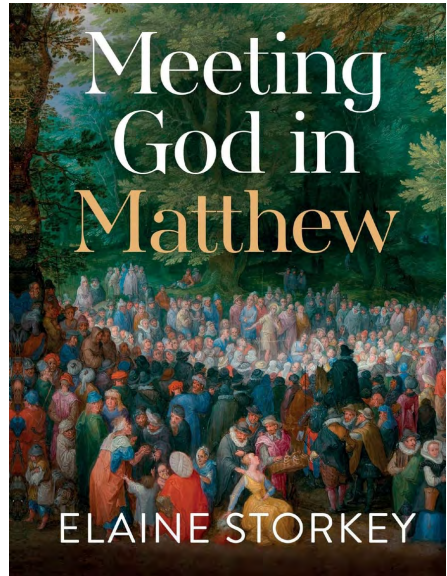
with the Holy Spirit. And instead, he picks out somebody who betrayed his brother, somebody who sold his brother into slavery in captivity, people who had it off with women. And so what's he doing? I think he's showing us something about God's grace and mercy and goodness. And even though Jesus was pure, his ancestors weren't. And what does that say to us? One of the things it tells us is that God doesn't love us and bless us because of our devoted grandparents. It's because God loves us. And therefore, irrespective of our past, we can have a new future with God. We can walk hand in hand with God, and be blessed and be redeemed, and be forgiven and be released, by the Holy Spirit, from all the things that have us in chains. And that's all in the genealogy. And I think it's wonderful.

**“Elaine Storkey leads us gently and winsomely through Matthew’s Gospel to meet with Jesus... This book is down-to-earth, accessible, illuminating. I loved it.”**

*Rt Revd Jill Duff, Bishop of Lancaster*

*What kind of kingdom is Matthew outlining?*

I found the kingdom runs all the way through. Particularly when you read the Beatitudes, you realise it's God asking Matthew to turn his back on everything that the world sees as the route to happiness. You don't get happy through wealth, riches, opulence, power, status, and so on, these things don't matter. What



matters is our relationship with God, even in the brokenness and the pain of life. The Kingdom goes on to be very, very costly, because if we want to walk in the kingdom of God, we have to give up an awful lot. The parables of the kingdom spell out the cost for the human person of following Jesus, but they also spell out the grace and the mercy and the love of God.

*You can view the interview with Elaine, and conversations with a wide range of other speakers, on our Youtube channel: [www.youtube.com/@resourcingrenewal](http://www.youtube.com/@resourcingrenewal).*



**Elaine Storkey**

Theologian and sociologist

# Gifts of hope for the future

*People are sometimes surprised to discover that ReSource receives no central church funding. Instead, we are truly blessed by those who choose to honour the ministry with regular financial gifts – we are so grateful!*

*Last year, we received a significant legacy, which has in part enabled the appointment of David Heywood to work as Courses and ReSources Editor. We hope and pray that others may also feel prompted to bless the work of ReSource with a gift in their will.*

*Clemency Fox, one of our Intercessors, writes...*

I have been associated with ReSource and have supported it, financially and in prayer, since its inception in 2004. I have been blessed by the ministry of many friends associated with it, including all the three directors, present and former, who have served during those years.

So it seemed obvious to me when I was writing my will that I should include ReSource in the list of charities I support.

ReSource is a small organisation with a big heart for little, local and ordinary churches, which is where my heart is too. I was brought up in a Somerset village and my earliest experiences of church life were in the parish church there. I have also been part of large events and have served on missions in

the UK and Africa. But always I seem to 'come home' to a local context, where the sense of community is palpable.

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I thank God for everyone at ReSource, for everything the Holy Spirit is doing in and through them, and for their persistent and faithful obedience to the Lord's call.



**Clemency Fox**

ReSource Intercessor



*We are also very grateful to this couple, who wish to remain anonymous...*

This is the first time we have considered leaving a legacy to charity. We review our wills every ten years or so, and seek to be sensitive to what the Lord is saying.

So, why ReSource-ARM? We have had a long engagement with work of renewal in the UK Church. In what seem to us to be increasingly troubled times for biblical Christianity, support for the ongoing work of ReSource is a priority for us. ReSource appears to be making a lasting contribution to the building of the Kingdom.

In particular, we have been impressed by how it seeks to support what it describes as little, local ordinary churches and fellowships. Its emphasis on deepening the ministry of these groups through the renewing work of the Holy Spirit strikes deep chords with us. This is profound, important activity that is the key to everything. Additionally, ReSource is focused, nimble and works relationally. As a small but growing visionary enterprise it will especially benefit from bequests.

All this is to be celebrated. In summary, we are delighted to support everything that ReSource is looking to achieve.

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*If you would like to bless 'little, local, ordinary churches' well into the future, by leaving a gift to ReSource in your will, please visit [resourcingrenewal.org/legacy](https://resourcingrenewal.org/legacy) for more information.*



# Look back and learn

*Bishop John Finney is part of the group leading ReSource's project on the history of charismatic renewal since the 1960s. He reflects on some of the insights emerging from its initial work.*

'More relaxed worship, more lay participation, more experiment, more creativity and many, many more questions'. That just about sums up the effect of the charismatic movement when it surfaced in the 1960s.

Today, almost every Anglican church of any tradition shows the results of that outburst of renewal. They are so commonplace that it is often not realised that these shrubs have such a charismatic origin.

The Bible urges us to look back and learn. The story of the Exodus dominates the Old Testament; the cradle and the cross dominate the New Testament. Both say, 'look to your roots, for that will help to grow your future'.

Under the auspices of ReSource, a group catchily entitled the 'Charismatic Renewal in the Church of England and beyond (1960-2000) Steering Group' is trying to encourage that reflection. Those of us involved in the project are rediscovering that in the early days of renewal, great advances were made, and the reality of Baptism in the Spirit (or whatever you liked to call it) drew folk together in a new unity and openness to God.

We also find that mistakes were made – were bandwagons leapt onto too enthusiastically, were the glories

of Christian history dismissed too readily, was it sometimes thought that the Holy Spirit was only working through charismatics? Nevertheless, the reality of an active, personal, contemporaneous God who guided and empowered is clear to see.

From its earliest days, the Church has always tried to put the Wind in a cage, because it is afraid of what the Holy Spirit might do. Have charismatics become too stereotyped? Too 'sound'? Too ordinary? As we look into that early period, we find that for all its uncertainties, individuals and churches often took the risks of faith and 'stepped out of the boat' and discovered new ways.

**“The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. (John 3:8)”**

This story of the early years chronicles a very significant time in the recent history of the Church. We are now working to gather together material from the past – both written and oral – under the guidance of Dr John Maiden of the Open University. This autumn, there will be a series of 'Witness Seminars' taking place on Zoom,

offering opportunities to discuss and collect memories of significant events in the period 1960-2000. They will offer a time for the sharing of memories with others who also recall the same period.

The first Witness Seminar will be on 21st September at 2pm, and is primarily for those who attended the Fountain Trust's conferences in the 1970s, including the Trust's pre-Lambeth '78 conference in Canterbury, to share memories together (though anyone is welcome to join the seminar to listen!). On 19th October, we shall be gathering those with memories of the ARM conferences of the 1980s and 90s; and on 16th November, those who remember the ministry and impact of John Wimber. We plan further sessions in early 2024, including a gathering focussed on the impact of the Toronto Blessing. For further information, particularly if you have memories

to share and would like to take part, please email [historyproject@resource-arm.net](mailto:historyproject@resource-arm.net).

Moreover if you have memories or written material from that 1960-2000 period (or even earlier) please share them with us. We are currently particularly interested in those who came into Renewal from a more Catholic (Anglican or otherwise) background. We are also looking to build an Anglican Renewal Ministries archive, so are interested to hear from people with conference programmes, magazines or other historical materials.

We are hoping that there will be growing interaction between present day church leaders and the project. Already a paper entitled 'Characteristics of Renewal', which draws out some of the good and the more doubtful, is prompting considerable discussion. Watch this space!

## ***Charismatic Renewal in the Church of England and beyond, 1960-2000***

### **Steering Group**

Felicity Lawson  
John Maiden  
David MacInnes  
Alan Bing  
John Finney  
Christopher Landau

### **Advisory Group**

John Maiden  
Uta Balbier  
Ian Randall  
Graham Cray  
Andrew Atherstone  
Paul Harcourt



***John Maiden, Uta Balbier and Andrew Atherstone in conversation at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford in April, at the launch of 'Age of the Spirit' by John Maiden and 'Repackaging Christianity' by Andrew Atherstone.***

# Pray to bring heaven on earth

*After several years leading ReSource's ministry of Intercession, Revd Esther McCafferty steps down later this summer. She reflects on the foundational place of prayer in our work.*

It was a caption that caught my eye in this year's Christian Aid Week materials: 'Make Dreams Come True'. Stepping out in love for our global neighbours going through situations far worse than we'll probably ever be called to... a reminder that we are family together with the same Heavenly Father, who loves His world so much that He gave His only Son Jesus... are we being called to go the extra mile to share with those in need, even to be the answer to the prayers and dreams of those we love and serve?

The apostle Peter, quoting from the prophet Joel in Acts 2, experiences the supernatural breaking in of the Holy Spirit – the elderly dreaming dreams; the young seeing visions; servants, women and men prophesying. I'll never forget 'a senior' member in one of my parishes jumping out of his seat with joyful energy when he heard this: "This means me!". There was a stirring, a recognition of the Spirit within, causing him to own and receive what was his birthright, praise God!

The challenge is how to encourage more of this engagement with the Holy Spirit in the churches of these islands. We're not meant to be spectators. Rather, each is invited to participate in beautiful and unique ways. Fan into

flame the gifts and fruits of your Spirit, Lord, to build your church for such a time as this. We are open to you, our generous, awesome, faithful God of the unexpected...!

This is where ReSource supporters and Intercessors find themselves undergirding in prayer every aspect of the ministry and mission of the Spirit in little, local and ordinary churches. We use the Prayer Diary each day, with its information to pray for the ReSource Ministers or staff leading events, and for church leaders and participants. We pray for the trustees by name, the Director and his family, the staff, Alongside Companions and church leaders in the Alongside Scheme, the charity finances, courses and resources, communication, publicity, and our partner organisations.

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For those who have felt called to be Intercessors within the ReSource family, more detail is shared by email



*Esther, third from left, at the Intercessors' Day held online and in Telford in May.*

and at the monthly prayer meetings on Zoom, which provide feedback, thanksgivings, encouragement and fellowship. A smaller group has used the Prophecy Course together, and continues to be mentored by Keith Powell. It is such a privilege to be involved in listening to the Lord and passing on prophetic words, pictures and scriptures (1 Cor 14:3&4), and such an encouragement when one hears that they have been 'spot on'. We are gaining confidence in trusting the Spirit's inspiration and promptings. We have recognised spiritual attack in the areas of health, resistance and apathy, and held up shields of faith in unity and love.

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Our call, through prayer, is to play our part in iron sharpening iron, holding out the Word of life, praying that the Holy Spirit will meet the needs of the lost, the lonely and the unloved. Whether we are looking at needs around the world, or in our own parish or local church, let us go on being filled with the Spirit... to make His dreams come true!



**Revd Esther McCafferty**

Facilitator, Intercessors Network

# Meet two new people within the ReSource family

## **Revd Dr David Heywood is our new Courses and Resources Editor**

Having had a small amount of involvement with ARM in its early days, I've been drawn back to ReSource through the



Alongside Scheme. For the past two years, I've been working as a consultant for the national Church on an aspect of the follow-up of 'Setting God's People Free'. My wife Meg (who is also ordained) and I both very much valued attending last November's Family Gathering, sharing both the vision and passion of ReSource to see the Church renewed by the Spirit.

I have been teaching and writing about discipleship, mission and ministry over many years, and have written several books on the subject. In particular, my greatest area of skill and my greatest joy ever since I first qualified as a schoolteacher has been designing learning. I'm especially passionate about Christian disciples growing to maturity in faith.

## **Revd Nina Oskarsdottir joins the team of ReSource Ministers**

Nina is currently serving as an Associate Minister with responsibility for Pioneering Evangelism at Emmanuel Church in Northwood.



Ordained in the Church of Norway, she came to study at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University, before she moved back to Oxford to minister to children and families at St. Aldates Church. Nina writes:

I am passionate about people of all ages experiencing the empowering presence of God and the difference the Holy Spirit makes in our day-to-day walk with Jesus and in the ministry of the local church. Something beautiful happens every time God shows up and meets with people as we pray, either for the first time or in new ways for those who have been Christians for a long time. The local church is key, and I love encouraging and equipping people to live as Christians in their local contexts.

# Upcoming Events



## ***Renewing Hope in Smaller Churches: regional events***

This autumn ReSource will be running a series of regional day gatherings, offering refreshment and renewal for those already engaged with ReSource, and also giving an opportunity for local clergy and church leaders to discover more about our approach.

***Launch event: Tuesday 12th September 2023, 10-4pm, at Sedgebrook Hall, Northamptonshire (for Midlands/East Anglia)***

*Led by Bishop John Holbrook, Chair of Trustees*

Others will follow between 15th September and 21st October in a variety of locations – look out for an email invitation to your nearest event.

## ***Charismatic History ‘Witness Seminars’***

*Thursdays at 2pm on Zoom*

**21st September** – The Fountain Trust’s conferences, including pre-Lambeth 1978

**19th October** – ARM (Anglican Renewal Ministries) conferences

**16th November** – John Wimber’s conferences and ministry in the UK

*All are welcome to attend. We are particularly keen to hear from those with personal memories of any of these gatherings – you can indicate this, and whether you would be willing to share memories at the seminar, on the booking form.*

## ***Save the Date!***

On Wednesday 22nd November, ReSource will hold a National Day Conference at Telford Minster, with the theme *Feeding the Five Thousand*. Our keynote speaker is the Revd Canon Dr Michael Leyden, Dean of Emmanuel Theological College.

*For more information about upcoming ReSource events, please visit [www.resourcingrenewal.org/events](http://www.resourcingrenewal.org/events)*



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Media Manager

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Intercessors Facilitator

Details of our ReSource Ministers, Alongside Companions  
and Trustees can be found on the website

### Giving to ReSource

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Regular monthly giving is particularly helpful for us, even in small amounts;  
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Donations can also be made directly to our CAF Bank account number 00032578,  
sort code 40-52-40, in the name of ReSource for Anglican Renewal Ministries.

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information about remembering ReSource in your will.

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