



Restoration

Bringing peace of mind in a troubled world

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Thank you for your prayers for Restoration since our last newsletter in February. So many things have been happening, all of them exciting!

We are now halfway through our first course and people are responding well.

The first session was a 'taster' and people were able to get some idea of what the coming weeks would be like. Fifteen people attended this session and we now have between six and nine members attending each time we meet. From being understandably a little wary at first we have quickly settled down and became very relaxed and open.

A typical session will open with:

- 1) A teaching session about our perspectives on life and how these affect the outcome of what we do and say.
- 2) Then an informal time when people can get involved in some craft work or chat to one another; or if they wish, to spend some quiet time in the chapel either by themselves or being prayed with.
- 3) This is followed by a meal and then home.

We have been encouraged that, whilst some people have been in hospital or have not been able to attend a session owing to a prior engagement, people have come back to later sessions.

As a Steering Group we are learning all the time from this course and will make changes for the next course. At the same time we are seeking God's guidance and planning for the future. Looking to the autumn of this year and the spring of 2007, these are some of our provisional plans:

- Two further course.
- Volunteer awareness day.
- Looking at the wider aspects of Restorations ministry.
- How to involve churches and other Christians.

We are grateful to you all for your support and would very much value your prayers for the present course and our planning for the future.

With our best wishes

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on behalf of the Steering Group