

Restoration Ministries

HE RESTORES MY SOUL -
HEALING THE BROKEN HEARTED

Dear Friends,

This has been an extraordinary season for us in Restoration House. At the end of the summer our office printer broke down and other equipment was failing due to age! We decided to take a good look at everything to see how the house here could better serve its function as a place of prayer and hospitality. Thanks to the great generosity of a benefactor, we are currently making some alterations. One of the bedrooms is being converted into an office for me. Another is being transformed into a quiet room where people who need to be listened to and prayed with can come and feel safe and private. The office downstairs is also being refurbished and equipped. At the point of writing we are in the midst of semi-chaos, but know that the end result will be worth it. We hope to be finished by Christmas.

Meantime we have been continuing with our ongoing programme and striving to ensure that no detail is overlooked. Some of the highlights of the last weeks have been a visit and an empowering input from our dear friend Andrea Wigglesworth, a very successful hospitality evening for about eighty young people, and the celebration for the new book.

In the midst of all this activity and busyness we are held in the hope and the promise of Advent. May that be your experience also and may these next few weeks hold many unexpected blessings for you all.

Ruth

Advent Day of Reflection

Saturday 2nd December 2006

2.00 pm - 6.00 pm

**Facilitators: Rev Ruth Patterson
Noreen O'Rourke**

Using three bible scripture texts Ruth & Noreen will start us on our Advent journey giving us space for quietness before the start of the busy Christmas season.



What others say about Ruth's new book

I am an 89 year old 'pilgrim' and a friend of Restoration Ministries. I have been in hospital for the last few weeks. During my stay I acquired a copy of Ruth's latest book 'Proclaiming the Promise.' It came at just the right time for me, not only because there was time to reflect, but also because at this season in my life I find myself questioning and wondering. I found some of my questions highlighted in this book in a way that is challenging but also non-judgmental and affirming. As I read I have been made to think in different ways. Ruth digs deep in these reflections and urges us to do the same. For example, she asks the question on page 17 'Does God still look on all that He has made and see that it is good? Is there within the heart of God the hope and the desire to once again begin?' That resonates with my question of whether God is going to stand back while we destroy the world.

You can't read this book like a novel. It's a book for lifting and taking a short piece for reflection. I always am touched by Ruth's writing anyway, but at this particular time this book has given me enjoyment and hope.

Paddy Kelly

Ruth's writing comes from prayed through lived experience.

Sr Dymphna O'Daly

These reflections resonate with my own experiences and stay with me long after I read them.

Mary Potter

Dates For Your Dairy Monthly Meetings

**Christmas
Celebration**

**Monday
18 December 2006
8.00 pm**

Please Note

Newsletter via e-mail
will resume in January
2007

The reflections are a great encouragement and a reminder to gift our grandchildren - as we did with our children - with musings at special occasion to cherish.

Ruth & Hilton Henry

The first third of Ruth's book deals with the season of Advent. It goes beyond the surface and engages people with the truth of Christmas. It also reminds us how important it is to be grateful, and in an environment where for so we have said 'no', to begin to say God's 'yes'. It is a book I can give to family and colleagues whether they are Christian or not. In fact I've already purchased an number of copies to give to members of my own staff, clients and work colleagues.

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