



THE WORD ON THE STREET

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LivingStones re-opening on the 17th March

Thanks from the Chairman

Dear Friends,

This is the second of our Newsletters and goes to print 8 weeks after the newly refurbished centre was completed and re-opened. Getting to the point where we could re-open was a major challenge and I would like to thank everyone who made it possible. Clearing out the old centre involved nearly 30 people packing items, transporting rubbish to the tip, moving stock and storing items in their garages while the refurbishments took place. Many items of furniture that were no longer needed found new homes and many old stock books were given away.

Our re-opening was a very special day. It was wonderful that so many friends came to celebrate the renewed vision for the centre and at 11AM many representatives from the different local Christian communities joined together to pray a blessing over the work. It was also very important to acknowledge the debt of gratitude we owe to those who went before us in

establishing the existing work of LivingStones and passing on to us a debt-free building from which to operate!

Our first 6 weeks of trading have seen significantly increased numbers of visitors to the shop. We still have many challenges. Most important right now is to see floors 1 and 2 in regular use and to see active communities growing within and around LivingStones.

On our opening day, Jeremy Dunk leader of Fleet Angels, shared a picture of LivingStones being a blank canvas onto which God was going to paint what he wanted to paint. I sense that we are all the brushes that God is going to use to paint something really special.

Let's allow God to get painting!

Blessings

Mark

New Marketing Manager at LivingStones

In May, LivingStones welcomes Heather Bailey to work alongside Pippa Hearne .

We are delighted to announce that Heather Bailey will be joining us in early May as our Marketing Manager. Heather will have responsibility for connecting with the Churches, Christian communities and other local people who may want to make use of the improved facilities on LivingStones 1st and 2nd floors.

The directors of LivingStones share a big vision of the potential for LivingStones to become the significant light on the high street that we believe God is calling it to be, and part of Heather's role is to ensure that our connections with all of our local Churches is vibrant and active.

At our opening, Jeremy Dunk shared a vision of the new LivingStones being like a blank canvas onto which God will be painting various beautiful works which He will inspire. Heather, coincidentally a local artist, is looking forward to seeing how God will use her as a paintbrush to begin painting some of these beautiful works.



Heather is a member of Fleet Baptist Church and is married with two lovely teenage girls. She is a trained Christian counsellor, accomplished musician, artist and business woman.

We are excited to welcome her into our team and look forward to the future with great excitement.

Volunteer

LivingStones is currently supported by volunteers who work alongside our employed staff to help customers and visitors to the centre to find what they need and to be available to talk and pray with those who may request it.

We are looking for people who care passionately about the work of the centre and feel called to serve visitors to the centre.

Because we are joint outreach representing the Christian Community in Fleet, you should be in regular attendance of one of our local Churches, and we may take up references from your minister.

If you think that you fit the bill, please fill in the application form on the website or contact us by email or phone (details on the back page).



Ending Poverty through Compassion.

Enjoy Karuna Coffee



Welcome to the new drop-in space at LivingStones Christian Centre. Call in and ask for a complimentary fresh Karuna coffee or tea.

Enjoy a comfortable chair and rest awhile, meet with a friend or browse through a book or magazine.

Karuna Coffee is a fundraising ministry of Karuna Action, a local Christian charity founded in 1988 that works in 19 countries supporting projects to address the causes of poverty through education, health care and local income generation. All projects are run as partnerships with local people and churches around the globe, based on biblical principles. Projects may run for years, aiming to eradicate extreme poverty through sustainable, relational work. Tens of thousands of individuals and communities have been transformed by the love of God, expressed through compassion.

Karuna is passionate about the quality of its coffee and every part of the production process. Beans are ethically sourced, freshly roasted in its Aldershot-based premises and then shipped in freshness-guaranteed packaging. Karuna is both delicious and satisfying - every cup makes

a difference in the projects supported by Karuna Action. Every penny of profit goes directly into the projects supported by Karuna Action. All costs of producing Karuna Coffee are covered through generous sponsors. It really is compassion in a cup!

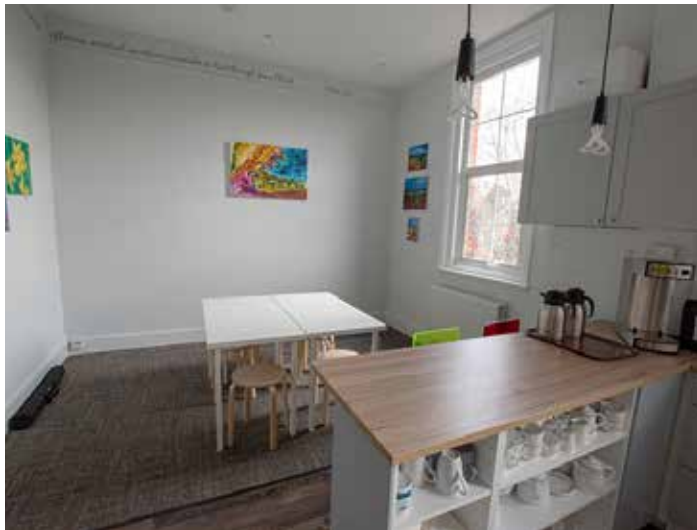
LivingStones carries stock of Karuna's most popular beans and ground coffees; you can also order a wider range through the Karuna website and have your freshly roasted coffee, with free delivery, for you to collect at LivingStones. Coffee blends currently available include a range of delicious South American, African and Asian coffees, including decaffeinated.

Call in to purchase or place an order. Bulk order pricing is available for Churches.

To order from Karuna for pick up at LivingStones you can use the following link <http://www.karunaaction.org/> coffee and enter the Discount Code – LivingStones – in the shopping basket. You will be emailed when it is available.

New and improved facilities right in the heart of Fleet town centre

1st Floor Kitchen and lunch table and meeting room



2nd Floor Private meeting room and work stations and office space



Available for you and your church groups to use throughout the week.

BOOK A SPACE TODAY!

Call 01252 616038, or pop in to the centre to book.

Find out more at newlivingstones.org.uk/facilities/

It's your blank canvas - Start 'painting'!

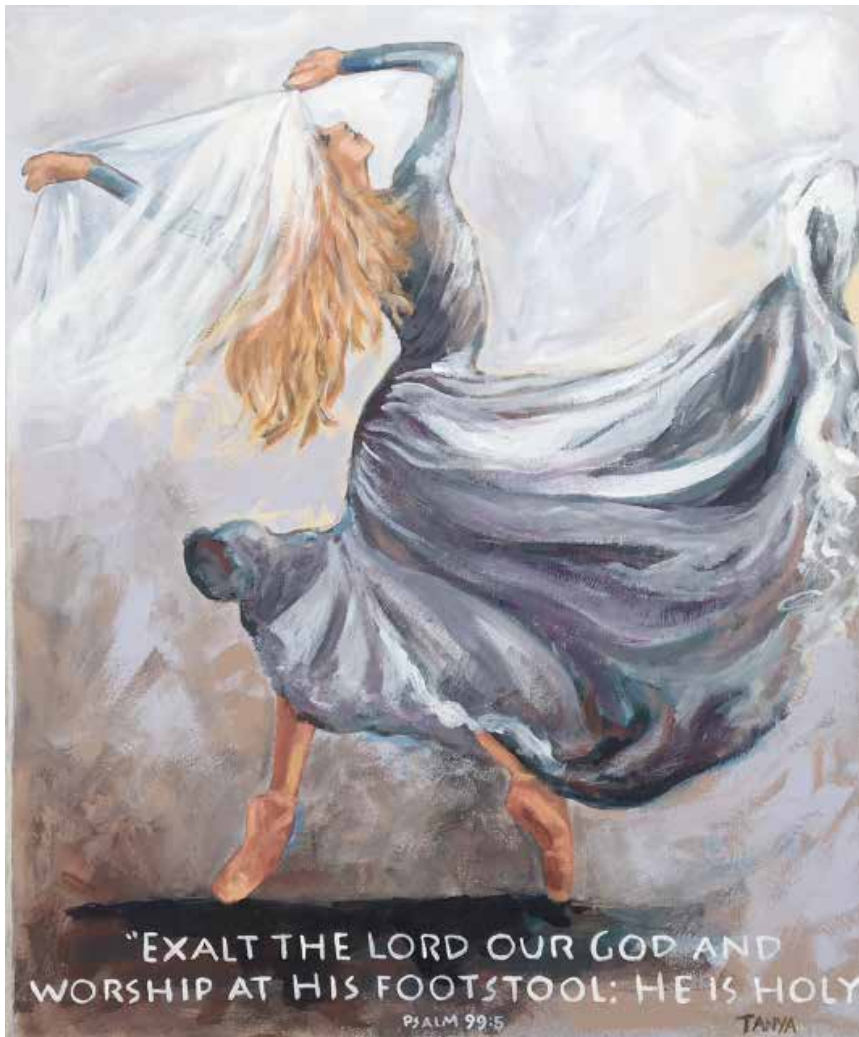
Artist of the Month at LivingStones

TANYA GERBER

Tanya Gerber started her career as a professional ballerina. Following study in Design and Marketing, she set up her own studio, Atala Studios. She and her family moved from South Africa to the UK in 2000. Now focused on her painting, she is inspired by life around her, her four children and, most importantly, her love for Jesus.

She paints in a variety of mediums and does many commissions.

‘My art reflects these Bible verses that are especially close to my heart.



1 Corinthians 6:19 “Don’t you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself;”

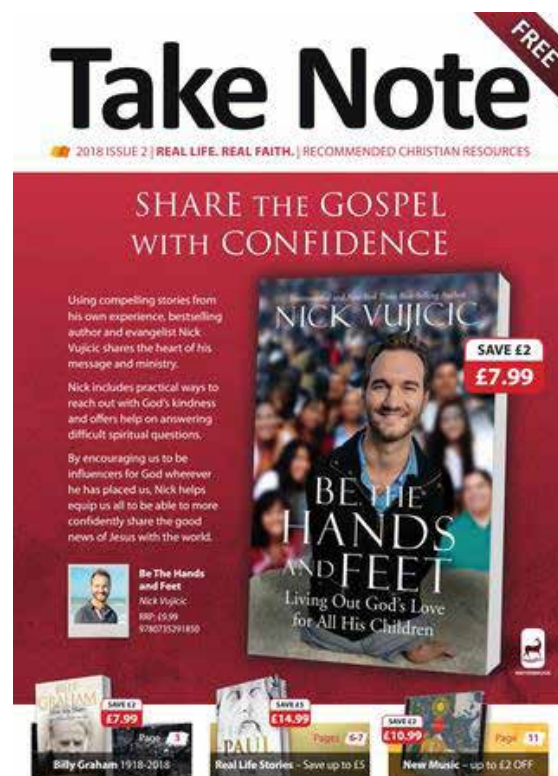
Psalm 103:22 “Praise the LORD, everything he has created, everything in all his kingdom. Let all that I am praise the LORD.” ‘

Call in and view Tanya’s art exhibition at
LivingStones this month

Books on Special Offer

All special prices valid till 30/6/18

Take Note is a discount scheme from CLC Wholesale to support Christian bookshops around the UK. Please help support us by purchasing from this catalogue in-store.

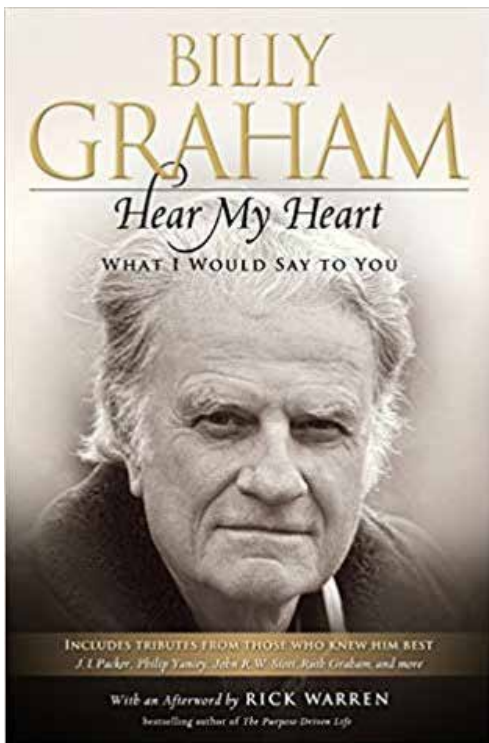


A great new set of books on promotion

See Catalogue in LivingStones or at
<http://clc.org.uk/publications/take-note-2018-issue-2>
Buy or order at LivingStones

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Book review by Gilbert McKinnon



Billy Graham was one of the most influential Christian figures of the last two centuries; he may also yet be seen to have been one of the most influential of all time. He preached in person to more than 200 million people and 100's of millions more through TV, radio and film. "Hear My Heart" is a compilation of articles that cover his ministry from 1955 to 2014 and reveals many of the key convictions that he lived by.

An early decision to accept, ultimately by faith, the full inspiration and authority of the Bible became a key element in the clarity of his message. He never lost his custom of daily Bible study and reflection and his desire to live by its principles.

A powerful evangelist, he says here, "The various shades of universalism prevalent throughout the church have done more to blunt evangelism and take the heart out of the missionary movement than anything else."

In these articles, Billy Graham explains his personal approach to dealing with people from different cultures and beliefs. He became 'chaplain to the White House' and a confidant of every U.S. president from Harry Truman to George W. Bush; he became known as America's pastor and was also warmly received by many world leaders of varied beliefs.

This book includes tributes from family, friends and fellow ministers and finishes with a touching 'afterword' by Rick Warren about Graham's special influence on his life.

As one who heard him preach memorably at Keswick Centenary in 1975, and was struck by the clarity of his research and thought in his book on "Angels", and by the thoroughness of study in his book on "The Holy Spirit", I can recommend this book too. The range of gems it contains make it an enriching, worthwhile and thought-provoking read by a truly great man of integrity and humility.

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He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Become a friend of LivingStones.

We would like to take this opportunity to ask if you would prayerfully consider becoming a Friend of LivingStones and help support the directors and staff in achieving our aim "to be God's Light on the High Street, and to serve as a resource centre for Christians, individuals and churches in Fleet, Hampshire".

Friends can make use of all the new facilities that we have available, including reserving a desk, the community room or kitchen / diner. Friends can also submit news stories, book reviews and events for publishing on our web site and so much more.

A free "goodie bag" when you first enrol as a Friend

Free cup of tea or coffee whenever you visit the LivingStones Centre

10% discount on the purchase of any non-promotional books, cards & gifts

Complimentary copy of our newsletter and updates about the activities of the Charity

A unique user name and password for:

booking LivingStones Centre facilities

writing book reviews

publicising events on the LivingStones Centre Blogs

OPENING TIMES:

Monday to Saturday 9am to 5pm

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Please feel free to contact us about anything in the newsletter. We are interested in receiving news stories, book reviews and favourite prayers for the next edition. Everything will be read and a selection may be published. Contributions may be edited.

Gilbert McKinnon