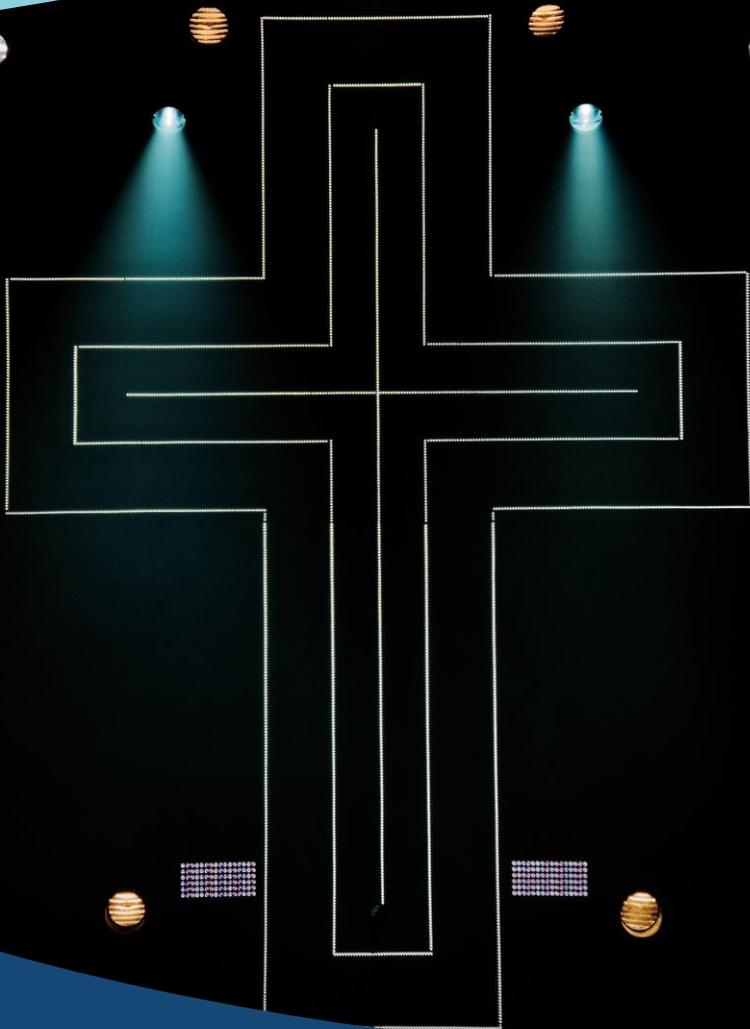


# SUMMER 2019



Acorn is training and ministering in new venues and with new partnerships around the country – in fact it seems like a new grace is upon us to carry on this ministry entrusted to us from the hands of Bishop Morris and Anne, through the life of the Holy Spirit.

Additionally, you may well have seen that we are advertising for an Assistant Director (details on the website [www.acornchristian.org/www.acornchristian.org/vacancies/](http://www.acornchristian.org/www.acornchristian.org/vacancies/)) It is a step of faith and growth for us and we would love you to both pray over this with us and also draw it to the attention of any for whom it might be the next step in their lives. Interviews are planned for late in July but we are peacefully confident that God is already preparing us and the right person for a fruitful connection.

There are some significant meetings coming up which will prepare the way for Acorn to operate more fully beyond its current geographical orbit. More details will follow once these meetings are completed but please do join us in praying that we meet the right people in the place of God's favour.

Finally, the trustees and leadership team met together over 26/27<sup>th</sup> June as we prayed and planned for the coming season and beyond. We have much to thank God for as He has led us through the transition from Whitehill Chase. We have much to trust God as we seek to fulfil this calling to strengthen and resource the church in the Healing Ministry of Jesus. Thank you for strengthening and resourcing us in this same ministry. We are so thankful for your partnership with us.

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# “We’re on The Road Again...”

Thanks to you, our faithful supporters, and our wonderful team of volunteer trainers, we have been stimulating the church, lifting the soul and bringing change to the world through over thirty events held during the past six months in cities, towns and villages throughout the country. From Aldershot to Chichester, Birmingham to Beaconsfield and Bracknell, Burley-in-Wharfedale to Bordon, Frampton Cotterell to Guildford, Horsham to Hindhead, Luton to Leeds, Loughborough to Lynton, Macclesfield to Nantwich, Preston to Sheffield and from Ulverston to Wigan, Acorn has been building relationships with, and between, churches and community groups.

But don't just take our word for it. Trainees have described our events as enlightening, profound, refreshing, thought provoking, engaging, encouraging and supportive. One person commented, “I learnt more on this day than in two-days of training (on the same subject) that I had at work”. Others have told us that the experience has helped them to look outward, to be more empathetic and to become more reflective, surely all traits we should be encouraging in our society. So thank you for your prayers, support and commitment which enable Acorn to pursue its vision of “wholeness for all”.



*“This programme changed my life”*

**Listening Training Delegate, Birmingham**



## Meet the Team

Over time we have taken many phone calls, sent emails, attended events, and even chatted to some of you on social platforms. Like any team, we have grown and changed, so we thought it was time to formally introduce ourselves.

From left to right: Director Rev Wes Sutton, Financial Controller Dee Marshall, Operations Manager Lisa Edge, National Training Manager Howard Fleming, and Events Coordinator Jo Walker.

Starting in September 2019, we will be hosting monthly evening healing celebrations in Guildford, Surrey. Check our website for upcoming dates.

## Life Since the Move

It's been a little over a month since handing over the keys to Whitehill Chase and operating remotely, with the help and partnership of local churches, organisations, and individuals. When we left Whitehill Chase we decided that being a small staff team, mostly working different hours in different locations, that we would not need an office like we had previously been operating from. This led us to remote working. Staff are based remotely, whether that is in their home or a local flexible work space. Staff continue to meet in person on a weekly basis, possibly more than they were before! As well as this, with the help of technology and software, Acorn is operating with intention, discipline, and ultimately, smarter. We want to thank the Whitehill Chase Trust who kindly donated the funds for staff to work in this new remote set up, we are very grateful.

As mentioned before, because of your support and belief in Acorn we have been able to run regular ministry and training events across the country. New relationships are being built with Dioceses, churches, individuals, and organisations. The way we deliver our training and how you can access resources is being developed for better accessibility and a further reach. Staff and volunteer training is scheduled in the diary so that we are delivering quality, consistent ministry skills training across the board. Lives are being touched and transformed.

Thank you for supporting Acorn both in prayer, time, and financially – none of what we do would have been possible without you. Acorn heavily relies on the support of others to deliver ministry skills for the journey of healing, if you would like to give to the work of Acorn, in a time of development and growth, you can do so by emailing [info@acornchristian.org](mailto:info@acornchristian.org) or call 07745 148973.

## Vacancy – Assistant Director

Acorn is seeking an ordained Anglican priest, with a calling and passion for the Christian Healing Ministry. You will be a part of a dynamic team, comprising of both volunteers and paid staff in providing ministry and training in the healing ministry of Jesus.

You will have a proven track record of involvement in the Christian Healing ministry, experience of successfully carrying leadership responsibility and leading and inspiring volunteers.

A personal statement (500 words max) should accompany your completed application form.

**Closure date: 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019. Interviews to take place week of 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019.**

Download an application form and job description from our website or contact Lisa Edge (Operations Manager) at [lisa@acornchristian.org](mailto:lisa@acornchristian.org). Please email your application form and statement to Lisa Edge or post it to us, our address can be found overleaf.

*We are planning to complete all levels of training so that we can offer a formal listening service in Burley in Wharfedale that will work in partnership with GP's and Headteachers of our local schools. We have had support from many community groups who all believe this will be a positive step forward in addressing wellbeing issues in our village.*

- **Training Organiser**

*"The training delivered by Acorn was thoughtful, insightful and interactive. You might think that you know everything about listening, but it isn't until you break it down, practice and reflect, that you realise quite how difficult it is to do well. Highly useful session with an engaging trainer".*

- **Listening Delegate in Yorkshire**

# Save the Date!

## Acorn Summer School 2019: 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> August at St Alban's Church, Hindhead

Acorn's Summer School is a two-day training event equipping you in ministry skills for the journey of Christian Healing.

Whether you have completed any of our training programs before and fancy a refresher, or if you have newly discovered the Christian healing ministry, we invite you to come along and engage in insightful teaching, worship, and fellowship.

This is a summer school like we've never done before. Over the two days we will be delivering a great programme of workshops for you to attend, led by Acorn's Director and National Training Manager. On top of this, you will be able to spend time in personal reflection and receive prayer with our dedicated ministry team. There will be an evening healing celebration on the evening of day one, which we invite anyone to attend.

But it doesn't end there. On the night of day one we are honoured to have private caterer, 'Luna Dining', serve up a delicious street food style meal made from fresh local produce. Dinner is included in your ticket price but please bring a packed lunch.

There will be times throughout each day for you to pause, reflect, and recharge. Whether it is in our dedicated reflective space, or taking a stroll around the Devil's Punch Bowl and various beautiful walks on our doorstep, you really will be able to rest as well as learn.

The flexibility of choosing to attend one or both days make this event fit your lifestyle and means that you won't be missing out if you can't make both days. There is a selection of hotels within driving and walking distance to the venue meaning you will get a good night's rest, ready for day two.

**Early bird price of £45 for day one, £40 for day two, or £80 for both days ends 1<sup>st</sup> August 2019.**  
Book at [www.acornchristian.org](http://www.acornchristian.org) or [jwalker@acornchristian.org](mailto:jwalker@acornchristian.org).



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