

They Knew It Was The Lord John 21:12



I'm sure there have been occasions in our lives where one could have picked up a ringing phone and heard a voice at the other end saying "How are you?" and you would instantly recognise the voice of a loved one and continue the conversation, but subconsciously verifying the authenticity of the person as the conversation continues.

The headlined verse forms part of an incident where seven disciples who were probably disillusioned by the cruel execution of their leader Jesus, decided to try their hand at what they knew best for a living - go fishing. After an unsuccessful night of toil they obey the instructions of an "unknown" man from the shore to get a miraculous bumper catch, defying the physical properties of their net (Jn 21:11), whilst one among them, John (referred to as the disciple whom Jesus loved), was subconsciously verifying the authenticity of the person who gave them these instructions - and instantly recognised Him, since John was

witness to a similar incident over three years back on the same shores of Galilee (Lk 5:4-7). He said to Peter, "It is the Lord!".

The powerful manifestation of obeying His instructions, combined with the caring welcome and hospitality they received (Jn 21:9,10,12), were enough for the other disciples to perceive Jesus's presence, though they didn't physically recognise Him (Jn 21:4). This miracle would remain a sign for them that without Jesus they would be unfruitful, but when they obeyed Him, they would be successful (Jn 15:5) in the mission of Jesus. In another encounter on the road to Emmaus, two other disciples would experience the same feeling, as recorded by Luke; they asked each other, "*were not our hearts burning within us while He talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?*" (Lk 24:32).

This momentous incident, along with other post-resurrection encounters of

Jesus, would set the lifestyle compass of his followers for generations to come. As fellow believers with such a rich heritage, a continual sense of surrender and staying connected through the Holy Spirit exudes an invisible power in our daily proceedings. Jesus Himself said, "*Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.*" (Jn 14:12-14). The Apostle Paul was one such person; the scripture says, "*so that even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the evil spirits left them.*" (Acts 19:12). In his letter to the Corinthian church he mentions, "*For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power.*" (1 Cor 4:20).

As we begin to recognise Jesus in our walks of life, we recollect His goodness and catch His refreshing aura in our sails to propel us. His resurrection will become a reality and reassurance as we intentionally seek His presence despite our doubts.

Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. (Jn 21:12).



Prince Thomas
CDF President

My Journey and CDF's Role

"I came to Sheffield because God told me to."

I don't recall the exact words but this was my reply to the question of why I chose Sheffield to the then Dean of Sheffield Dental School. He certainly wasn't expecting that as an answer!

That was what I clearly heard God say when I was an A-Level student in Malaysia. At that time I had not visited the UK before (I was given the conditional offer without an interview) and Sheffield was one of the few universities in the UK offering dentistry. To me, Sheffield looked pretty close to London on the map and so it couldn't be too far from the airport.

So, in September 1997, I landed in Manchester Airport with two suitcases. It was not long before I realised how unprepared I was for life in the UK. Firstly, Sheffield was NOT that close to London! Many other things caught me off guard – the dreary weather (how can it rain for one whole day?!), the food and even the language. Even though I grew up speaking English, I was very puzzled when the dinner lady said, "There you go, sausage", when she handed me a plate of food without any sausages! It took me some time to realise she used 'sausage' as a term of endearment.

This was my first year as an international dental student at Sheffield University. I could not have prepared for how homesick I would be and how tough the course was. I looked forward to parcels from home laden with goodies (usually food) and tried to hide my sobs from my parents over the phone (much easier in the days of voice calls!). Things became worse that first year when the Asian financial crisis hit and I was asked to consider heading back to Asia. Above all, I really couldn't see what was so special about Sheffield... did I make a mistake hearing you, God?

God was very good to me. I discovered that there was a Christian prayer group at dental school so I started attending the

meetings. It was not long before I looked forward to our weekly prayer meetings. I felt at home and a common bond with my brothers and sisters. I also found that there were other Christians in my year. My first birthday in the UK was spent revising for my end-of-year exams and feeling rather sorry for myself. I was so grateful when a lovely birthday cake was hand-delivered to my room, topped with a tooth and a syringe. What a lovely gesture from friends in my year, two of whom you may know from CDF – thank you Colin, Kirsty and Jess! The prayer group got to know the Christian staff too. Ian and Jenny were especially kind and had us over to their home.

From the prayer group, I heard about CDF and the annual family conferences. Attending the family conferences, I seemed to remember us from Sheffield being the largest student contingent. At CDF conferences, I found an even larger family of brothers and sisters connected by our love for Christ and dentistry. The student outings were a lot of fun. I fondly remember the Friday night curries at Family Conference (free for me as a student – a bonus!) and the walks on Saturday afternoons. I was always very inspired (and still am) listening to the Christian dental missionaries who served



God abroad. When it came to my elective in 4th year, it was through CDF that I got to know Mathew and Latha George and their work at Emmanuel Hospital, Bihar, India. CDF kindly contributed some funds towards this. I spent four weeks at the dental department of Emmanuel Hospital and did more extractions there than my five years of dental school.

At university, I felt like a minority in many ways; racially, culturally, spiritually - and even more so doing a course that was less popular amongst my Malaysian peers. However, God knew, and He provided the prayer group and CDF. Indeed, He knew Sheffield was the right place for me.

After graduation, I journeyed through job hunts, post-grad exams, relocations, marriage, having children...etc. Often it was easy to compartmentalise life and God. The pressures of UDAs and targets in general practice can be demoralising and there were decisions I made, which, looking back, I could have reflected Jesus better. Reading the CDF newsletters always reminds me that I am a Christian dentist. The newsletters somehow always come through my letter box at just the right moments! Fellowshiping with other Christians at CDF regional group meetings and conferences are also timely reminders. One of my jobs was at a practice owned by a CDF member – it is good to mention CDF on your CV! When the pandemic first started, I felt vulnerable with all the changes at my workplace with alteration in remuneration and uncertainty about remote working arrangements. Praying and talking with other Christians dentists encouraged me.

Due to various reasons, I stopped attending the family conferences for a few years. I finally decided to attend (with some trepidation) with my children in tow at the conference just before the pandemic. I surprised myself at how much I missed and needed to be amongst fellow Christians in dentistry. It was wonderful to reunite with friends, many of them with



CDF student group celebrating the author's birthday with a cake

young children in tow too. My two children have been asking me ever since when the next conference is. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience - running through endless corridors, the delicious food, wonderful Bible-based teachings and the chance to stay up late! I needn't have worried if they would be bored.

We are in 2022 and I have lived in the UK for more years than the country of my birth and childhood, Malaysia. I now call

the UK my home and as I reflect on my journey since that September of 1997, I can see how God has been so faithful. He provided and cared for me. I am so grateful for my friends at Sheffield Dental School prayer group, many are current CDF members. I am thankful to other dental professionals from CDF who have advised, encouraged and supported me. To everyone who has been part of my journey, I am really thankful for all of you. I give God all the glory.

Recently, I have been reading biographies of well-known Christians such as Corrie Ten Boom, Brother Andrew and Billy Graham. Their stories prompted me to think about my own life. In writing this article, my aim is to testify about God's goodness and it is summed up well by the following poem, a favourite of Corrie Ten Boom:

My life is but a weaving
Between my God and me.
I cannot choose the colours

He weaveth steadily.

Of't times He weaveth sorrow;
And I in foolish pride
Forget He sees the upper
And I the underside.

Not 'til the loom is silent
And the shuttles cease to fly
Will God unroll the canvas
And reveal the reason why.

The dark threads are as needful
In the weaver's skillful hand,
As the threads of gold and silver
In the pattern He has planned

He knows, He loves, He cares;
Nothing this truth can dim.
He gives the very best to those
Who leave the choice to Him.

Anon

Angeline Nga

Snapshots

A new feature looking at the difference Jesus makes to our work in dentistry. Colin Silcox kindly agreed to be interviewed for this edition.

What is your job description? I'm an associate GDP in a mixed practice in sunny Dawlish, Devon. I am just coming to the end of my first year as an Educational Supervisor for a Foundation Dentist.

What does your surgery window look out on? A courtyard with an empty pallet left over from one of our larger PPE deliveries... Not the best view Dawlish has to offer!!

What are some of the things you enjoy about your work and what are some of the challenges? I have really enjoyed having a Foundation Dentist in the practice; it keeps me on my toes but it's been great to help a new colleague settle into "real world" practice. The biggest challenge for me at the moment is the workload of catching up "post" COVID; it feels like everyone coming for an exam

needs some treatment and we're booked a long way further ahead than I'd like.

How does your Christian faith impact your work day-to-day? I hope it influences the way in which I treat patients and colleagues; trying to remember that Jesus taught, "as you did to the least of these, my brothers, you did to me".

Do you have a particular Bible verse or song that God has been using to speak to you recently? Our homegroup is studying Philippians at the moment, and this verse, "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves" (Phil. 2:3) is a useful reminder, both in church and professional life.

How can we pray for you and others in your particular area of dentistry? Like most of the profession COVID has been a stressful and tiring few years for general practitioners. Prayers for strength to continue in love and humility would be welcome.

Position Vacant

Pastoral Care Coordinator Role on CDF Council

This role will become vacant at the CDF AGM in October 2022, and is suited to someone who can empathise and come alongside those who need to chat, and who can coordinate the established pastoral care team. Mental health first aid training can be provided.

The profile of the pastoral care scheme is little known outside of CDF but is also open to those in the profession who are not members. For a full job description contact CDF admin (cdfadmin@cdf-uk.org) or Karen Paterson, the current pastoral care coordinator, for more details.

Dentaid Boxes

People living in remote communities in Papua New Guinea are receiving outreach dental care after two portable surgeries were delivered by the dental charity Dentaid. The mobile dental surgeries, which can be operated without access to running water or electricity, fit into a wheelie bin and are being used by local dentists to provide care at an army barracks and the remote Enga Province in Papua New Guinea's remote western highlands.



The boxes were funded through an online appeal and generous donations from a Dentaid supporter and Freedom Church in Romsey, Hampshire. They were transported by a couple from Freedom Church who moved to Papua New Guinea in 2021 to work with Mission Aviation Fellowship.

Inside each box is a fully adjustable, portable dental chair, pressure cooker for sterilising instruments, boxes of dental instruments and materials, and oral health education resources. One box will be used at Moem Barracks so a dentist can provide dental care for the soldiers and wider community who have no other access to treatment, and the other is flown into the mountainous Enga region, an area unreachable by road, which is home to 350,000 people who live in small hamlets often carved out of thick forest on isolated hilltops.

“My dental assistant and I were excited to unpack the dental materials and equipment that seemed so thoughtfully and strategically arranged in the box and we were most eager to work the chair into

position,” said Dr. Camy Thomas, dentist with Enga Baptist Health Services. “Previously we didn’t even have plastic chairs to use as patient chairs when we would go for the bush medical and dental camps. The place that presented itself with a unique challenge was a village called Yambaitok, a short flight from the Base hospital, where we did a clinic in 2019. This village had no plastic chair of any kind in any house to sit upon nor a suitable shaded roof to arrange the makeshift clinic. There was a hand-carved wooden stool that the villagers could offer, and since it was a low stool we propped it over some flat wooden logs and had the bark of a tree as a backrest and secured a cushion made of gauze sheets wrapped in a plastic sheet.”

For Dr Thomas and her team returning to the region earlier this year with the DentaidBox, it made a huge difference. “I couldn’t stop praising God as we set up the chair under the market welcome gate made of palm leaf and grass roof,” she said. “Our medical and dental team fly out on fortnightly patrols to our nine aid posts in the district in MAF planes. After the clinic we did dental education and brushing activity and the instruments were sterilized in the pressure cooker on a wooden flame in the cook house over a



fireplace made of logs in the pastor’s house ready for day two of the camp. We were very grateful for the timer that helped us keep time and the oven gloves which seemed like a luxury to have in a place like that. The DentaidBox is thoughtfully and comprehensibly put together and is a blessing to the patient and dental team. On behalf of our team here at Kompam District hospital, I’d like to thank the Dentaid UK team and MAF for partnering with us and making it possible to bring healthcare to some of the most isolated populations in our world.”

Dentaid is now fundraising to provide more DentaidBoxes for dentists working in Uganda, Zambia and Cameroon. Each one requires £2500 to cover the cost of construction and shipping. The charity has recently sent boxes to projects in South Africa, Malawi and Uganda where they are being used to provide outreach care for farming communities, areas with high rates of HIV and regions with no permanent dental facilities. “A DentaidBox is a fantastic project for a church, community, individual or business to fund,” says Dentaid Overseas and Volunteering Manager Jacqueline James. “It enables a local dentist to offer regular, sustainable care and we always pass on the photos and feedback to show the difference it’s making.” To find out more about sponsoring a DentaidBox please email jac@dentaid.org

Regional Meetings

East and West Midlands Regional Group Get-Together



The East and West Midlands regional groups combined together in March for a walk at Great Haywood, near the Shugborough Hall National Trust property in Staffordshire. We enjoyed a walk in the adjacent park, following the canal to a lovely shop and café where we chatted over lunch. We were eight plus two dogs and enjoyed each other's company, catching up after two years of not being able to meet up due to COVID. It is always precious times to chat about dentistry and the rest of life too, as well as enjoying the wildlife and scenery along the way.

The East and West Midlands covers a large geographic area and folks were keen to travel to meet up. Next time, depending on who is available, we hope to meet up more in the East Midlands patch to accommodate those further East. If you would like to know more about future regional meetings, or you have suggestions of where to meet up, then please get in touch with either Nevien Markos (via cdfadmin@cdf-uk.org) for the West Midlands area or myself, Karen Paterson, for the East Midlands.

Karen Paterson

CDF South Wales Regional Meeting

Geoff Roberts organised a lunchtime regional meeting on Saturday 7th May at the home of Ann and Brian Ritter in Cardiff. Ten people came and several others were unable to attend due to prior commitments. Bryan Webber, with backup from his wife, Linda, gave an informative talk about the treatment he'd recently received for throat cancer together with the side effects of the treatment.

Linda is a nurse and so was able to deal with the problems caused by the

treatment. It was a very informal meeting and due to COVID everyone brought their own lunch, but this did not inhibit extensive discussion about the present state of dentistry and the problems both in the dental school and in general practice. It was also a good opportunity to renew old friendships as well as meeting new people. Three of the people at the meeting - a technician, lecturer and a general practitioner - had had no previous



contact with CDF. We are hoping to continue with regular meetings in the future so please get in touch with Geoff (via cdfadmin@cdf-uk.org) if you'd like to join us.

Brian Ritter

South-West Regional Day Out

A chilly day back in January saw a few hardy SW members well wrapped up to meet at Knightshayes, a National Trust property near Tiverton. As we strolled and chatted around the gardens (highly recommended), we realised just how much we had missed seeing one another "in the flesh". After catching up on what we had been up to through lockdown and putting the world to rights, we warmed up in the café with a hot drink and cake. We all enjoyed this simple event, and agreed to do a repeat when the weather was a little kinder. Killerton House near Exeter will be our next venue in May when we



hope a few more members will be able to join us. Please contact Malcolm Prideaux (via cdfadmin@cdf-uk.org) for details of future gatherings.

Malcolm Prideaux

We Meet Again! The SW Regional Group May gathering

Following a very chilly and exhilarating day back in January, the hardy few agreed to get together again in spring. One of the advantages of living in the SW is the number of wonderful gardens and historic houses to visit. This time we met at a lovely National Trust property just outside Exeter called Killerton House – well worth a visit. Fourteen of us met up on a pleasant mild and dry Saturday afternoon for a stroll around the lovely formal gardens where many spring flowers were in bloom. We didn't go into the house, having enjoyed the gardens so much they were closing as we got to the front door, but that will be for another day. We finished with a cup of tea and cake at the NT shop and café which was where we



took our photo. The afternoon flew by as we shared memories and experiences over the COVID lockdowns, some sad, some happy. Although it had taken most of us between one and three hours to travel to Killerton House, we agreed that it was definitely worthwhile. Our next meeting will be in September, probably a BBQ at our home in Plymouth, when we hope that a few younger members will be able to join us (as well as any other 'mature' members, of course!) For more details, please get in touch with Malcolm Prideaux.

Malcolm Prideaux

An Interview with Karen Paterson, CDF President-Elect



When did you first become involved with CDF?

I first became involved with CDF as a dental student at Newcastle Dental school in 1983. It

was good to know other dental students who were Christians too.

How did you become a Christian?

I became a Christian at about the age of 14 through the influence of friends and my older brother. We had a lively Christian Union at school and in RE we studied Run Baby Run, taught by a lovely Christian RE teacher. One day I realised that I had made a commitment to Jesus Christ. It was a process, a journey, a bit like walking across the Alps from Switzerland to Italy and not knowing at what point you crossed the border but just realising that you had at some point made that decision.

Tell me about your dental career.

I had decided that I wanted to be a dentist when I was choosing my 'O' levels, aged 14. My Careers Advice Officer advised me at the time that "girls didn't do dentistry and to stick to my secretarial skills". Despite this negative attitude, it spurred me on and made me all the more determined. I had a growing sense that this was a calling on my life by God to serve Him in and through dentistry. As I became a student at Newcastle and got involved with CDF, I felt called to serve the Lord overseas once qualified. So in 1991, after a year as House officer, 2 years SHO in Maxfac, and my Fellowship in Dental Surgery, my husband and I moved to Malawi in Africa for three years where I taught dental therapist students and started the Blantyre Christian Dental Fellowship with them. On our return to the UK in 1994 I joined a practice as a Foundation Dentist, entered onto the Oral Surgery specialist list and practiced as a

GDP for 14 years before moving into specialist Oral Surgery practice in 2009, working on multiple Minor Oral Surgery contracts. I also had the pleasure of teaching Oral Surgery to students and post-graduates at Charles Clifford Dental School in Sheffield and for Health Education England.

God has always opened doors in my career and closed some too in His timing, even working through the trauma of an occupational injury which took me out of work for 15 months. But in all these things God has worked for the good, according to His purposes. Following my calling to serve God through my dentistry, I have had the pleasure, privilege and adventure of working in India, Malawi, Tanzania with Bridge2Aid, Greece to treat Syrian refugees, and Kenya with Smile Train. As always, God blessed me through these opportunities in caring for others, using my God-given gifts to His glory. In all my work, whether overseas or in this country as a GDP, in teaching and in specialist Oral Surgery practice, my work has been my frontline and an opportunity to show the love of God to those who are in pain or frightened or just need someone who listens and explains, and also to the wonderful staff I have worked with.

Where are you working now?

Following personal and family health issues I retired from dentistry in December 2021 after 33 wonderful years. Adjusting to no longer working in dentistry was hard at first as so much of

my identity was wrapped up in my work and calling. God reminded me that we are all more than our careers, and that our identities are in Him ultimately. My involvement in dentistry is now centred around CDF, and those non-clinical people skills are never wasted.

Tell me about your family.

I am married to Mike, who has also recently retired. We have three grown up boys who we still love to spend time with, and a grandchild on the way. Our large extended families also bring us delight and take up some of our time.

Where do you worship?

Mike and I worship at New Life Baptist Church in Nottingham, where we have for many decades. I am also part of the church leadership team, with particular responsibility for looking after small groups as well as leading one, and also taking the lead on justice and overseas issues.

You are now President-Elect, how did you decide to take this up and what do you bring to CDF?

The call to become President-Elect came at a time when I was struggling with having retired, and so I was uncertain as to whether this was right for me, and my initial thoughts were to say "no", feeling unworthy and ill-prepared. Prince Thomas reassured me of my gifting and the potential he and the trustees saw in me, encouraging me of God's anointing in the role of President-Elect. CDF has always been a part of my dentistry journey, supporting and encouraging me through my dental elective to India, our three years in Malawi teaching, and through conferences and regional group meetings. It was through contacts in CDF that I was able to go to Tanzania with Bridge2Aid and Kenya with Smile Train, and so I have so much to be thankful to CDF for; this is now an opportunity for me to encourage and serve others in CDF, from students to



Treating Syrian refugees in Greece



With the Smile Train team in Kenya

retirees like myself, giving something back to the Fellowship. I believe I can draw on my experiences in my career and in life to serve CDF, and with wonderful past presidents and a strong CDF council to work alongside me, together with God, we can rise to the challenges that CDF faces in this post-COVID era.

As President-Elect, where do you see God taking CDF over the next three years?

I have been on council as Pastoral Care Coordinator for the past ten years so I have the advantage of knowing the workings of CDF and CDF council

already. In the next three years as President I hope to be able to live out the values and purposes of CDF and encourage others in CDF to do the same.

To provide an active Christian influence in the dental profession by:

- Uniting and equipping Christian dentists to live out their Christian faith in life and work.
- Encouraging and supporting dental students and dental care professionals in their training and those who have recently qualified.
- Offering practical and spiritual support to our Mission Partners throughout the world, helping to meet specific needs.

How to do this in the new post-COVID dental landscape, where social media is the new preferred platform for dental students and young dentists, and how to extend our welcome to all DCPs in the dental profession, whilst many in dentistry are still recovering from the stresses of the pandemic and facing the

new ever-increasing patient demand for dental care; these are just some of the challenges we face.

So what do you see happening in CDF?

As CDF, we would want to:

1. Reach out to our membership and the wider dental profession with our pastoral care scheme for those that need it.
2. Reach out to the wider dental profession who may be unaware of CDF, especially to students, young dentists and DCPs.
3. Partner with other organisations to raise the awareness of CDF in the dental profession, and to seek to actively influence with godly values the dental profession.
4. In CDF we are blessed by many experienced dentists and even though some are now retired, we hope to encourage them to see that God still has a purpose for them and to utilise the wealth of experience in helping to mentor and encourage younger dentists.

CDF Treasurer Vacancy

Maureen Richards has served on the CDF Council as Secretary and then as Treasurer for nearly ten years, and now feels that it is time to step down and let someone new take on this role. Is this something you could do? Have a read through of the job description below and prayerfully consider it.

1. Present a financial statement to the council meetings (now over Zoom so no travelling involved!). This is usually done in May and before the AGM in October.
2. The treasurer is a Trustee of CDF. Present annual accounts and financial statements to the Trustees and submit these to the Charity Commission on an annual basis.
3. Pay invoices and expenses. Most of these are already set up for payment by BACS. Payments

require a second person to authorise and this is the President or Secretary. These are sent by email from the CDF Treasurer email account.

4. Keep a record of income and expenditure and monitor the bank account. Karen Silcox keeps all our financial information on Quickbooks which the Treasurer has access to. Statements are posted to the Treasurer and there is internet banking with CAF bank.
5. Karen helps with the annual reports and annual financial reports needed for the AGM, Trustees and Independent Examiner.
6. Review the level of annual subscription each year.
7. Ensure regular payments to our Mission Partners.

8. Review the Administrator pay with the Council members at the May council meeting.
9. Conference:
 - i. Supervise the conference collection and have available Gift Aid forms and envelopes for donations.
 - ii. Count the collection and Gift Aid to be added, and announce the total at the conference.
 - iii. Bank the money and distribute to the Mission Partners as agreed by council.
10. Insurance: renew and amend as necessary on a yearly basis.

Maureen (treasurer@cdf-uk.org) and Karen Silcox (cdfadmin@cdf-uk.org) are happy to chat further and answer any questions about the role.

A Final View From My Chair



I can't quite believe that I have been editor of Three-in-One for eight years. It has been such a joy to do and has given me the opportunity to get to

know so many people. I want to give a huge thank you to all those people who have written articles for me – whether coerced or freely volunteered!

There haven't been a huge number of changes while I've been editor although we have changed from lithographic to digital printing. Did anyone spot that? I know that Maureen the treasurer did as it saved a lot of money.

CDF is such a joyful group to be part of. I had been a member since I was a student but only had a personal connection when I was faced with having to give up clinical work as the MS became rather too tricky to ignore. When you have to start using hand controls to drive your car because

you can't feel your feet, maybe you shouldn't be driving a high-speed handpiece in someone's mouth. At that point I contacted the CDF pastoral care scheme who were fabulous. This was why I found the courage to come along to my first conference. It was a decision which I never regretted. It was a weekend of talking about two of my favourite topics – Jesus and teeth! It also introduced me to a whole network of new friends. If you haven't tried a CDF conference can I encourage you to give it a try? It is a great way to spend a weekend.

A year or so later I was in the position of deciding to leave the dental register and acknowledge that my dental career was over. I was sat cancelling all the subscriptions associated with dentistry and couldn't decide what to do about my CDF subscription. It was then that I received an email asking me to consider becoming editor of Three-in-One. It was an answer to a prayer I hadn't realised I'd been praying! As you can guess I didn't cancel my subscription.

I am really excited to hand over to Naomi Wilson as the new editor. She is going to be fantastic in the role and bring a fresh set of eyes to Three-in-One. I'm sure she will introduce herself properly but she is a dentist and has also been one of CDF's Mission Partners too. I know that you will all be as supportive to her as you have been to me and keep the articles rolling in.

So, what will I be doing to keep myself entertained now I won't be hounding CDF members to write articles? I have recently taken over the role of PCC Secretary for my Church. I am rapidly learning that the Church of England is a behemoth similar to the NHS with lots of paperwork but fewer clinical audits so I am feeling quite at home already. I am also looking forward to seeing people at conference who won't now have to avoid me in case I am after an article or get that hunted look in their eyes when they end up sitting next to me at dinner. At least I think that was why people avoided me...

Tracey Dalby



CDF Platinum Jubilee Residential Conference 4th - 6th November 2022

High Leigh Conference Centre, Hertfordshire

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Face 2 Face at last! From students to retired dentists - and everyone in between - we invite every member of the dental team and their families to celebrate with us.

Join us for a weekend of worship, fun and fellowship catching up with old friends and making new ones – it's time to reconnect



and give thanks for 70 years of CDF.

Dr. Ruth Perrin will speak over four sessions on "Finding God in Liminal Places", encouraging us to seek God afresh through the Bible and explore how we can grow as disciples in times of uncertainty. Dr. Rebecca John, Consultant in Paediatric Dentistry at Bristol Dental School will deliver the CPD-certified clinical lecture on "Acute Management of Dental Injuries in Children and Young Adults". We also have a dedicated programme for children, updates from our

Mission Partners, a chance to engage with the work of CDF and non-dental activities! There's plenty of downtime to make new friends and reconnect, and to enjoy the surroundings.

The CDF conference bursary fund subsidises families, clergy, Mission Partners and students, and the Christian Conference Trust (who

own High Leigh and Hayes) have bursaries available too. To enquire about

bursaries, or anything at all relating to conference, please don't hesitate to contact me in confidence and I'll do my best to help.

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