

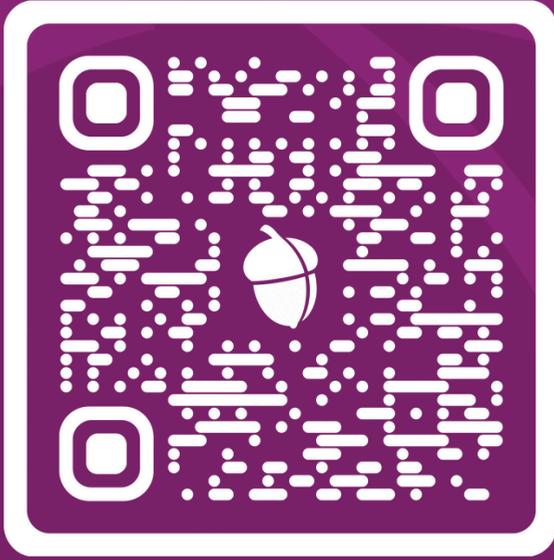


Acorn

Christian Healing Foundation

“Bringing healing and wholeness to people
across the UK and around the world”





**Bringing Healing and
Wholeness to people
everywhere.**



acorn
wholeness for all

Navigation

Sections	Page Number
ABOUT	1
VALUES	2
CHRISTIAN HEALING ACADEMY	4
CHRISTIAN HEALING HUBS	5
TRAINING ACADEMY	8
DOWNLOADS	9
DIGITAL RESOURCES	11
SUPPORT	12



About Acorn

Acorn Christian Healing Foundation exists to bring transformation through Christ's love and care. We are engaged in sharing and promoting the healing presence of Christ. Acorn seeks to retain the vision of its founder the Rt Rev. Morris Maddocks, Bishop in the Church of England. We are actively working and praying for health and wholeness in the Church, and in the world, through Healing, Listening, and Reconciliation.

Acorn equips and resources others to do the same. Working in the UK and overseas, Acorn provides all people, regardless of their circumstances, background, or life choices, with the opportunity to experience the healing and "shalom" that is at the heart of the Christian message.

Our Vision

Healing & Wholeness for all.

Our Mission

To encourage, equip and resource local churches and Christians from all walks of life to become agents of God's healing, reconciliation and care in their homes, churches, workplaces and communities.

Basis of Faith

Acorn holds to the Nicene Creed as its basis of faith.

Acorn is directed by a Board of Trustees who all actively seek the healing heart of God. We are privileged to have a Trustee board with a depth of experience in healing and wholeness that contribute to Acorn's ministry.

The day to day operations of Acorn happen through a small staff team and a fantastic group of volunteers across the UK and beyond.





Our Values

God

We believe that LOVE is the essence of God's being and that blessing is God's default position. God's first response to all of creation was blessing and restoration.

We are to be a ministry of blessing and generosity.

We believe that compassion is the hallmark of the ministry of Jesus. Knowing God's deep love for the world, Jesus, God's son, is drawn to act, speak, feed, heal and teach and ultimately give his life for the world.

We are to serve sacrificially on behalf of Jesus Christ.

We believe that God's word, and words, are true, bringing light and life to the whole person.

We, therefore, speak the truth in love with one another and with grace and compassion. We believe we can only speak truth that heals when we do so in love.

Humanity

Every person is unique and made in the image of God. **We will identify and enhance the image and work of God in every person. We will not try and make anyone into a copy of ourselves.**

Every person has worth derived from the value placed upon them by God, and demonstrated by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. **We will regard every person, regardless of the situation they find themselves in or the background from which they come, as of immense value to God and therefore to us.**

Every person is created with the need to experience God's 'life encompassing' shalom. **We will live as a channel of God's healing grace to all we encounter.**



Acorn Values

Ministry

Wholeness is healing from God that touches every part of his creation and, therefore, our lives.

We will serve the whole person, but we will not assume the place of God in another person's life or journey.

Every person is the focus of God's grace, which forms the manner in which he interacts with humanity.

We will treat every person with dignity and respect.

Transformation is possible for everyone.

We live as people of hope because of the resurrection; therefore, we believe that anything can change.

Community

Relationship - reflects the reality that exists between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We will maintain transparent and emotionally healthy relationships.

Responsibility - We all share in the responsibility for the quality of our own life.

We will not transfer on to others issues that we need to deal with ourselves.

Redemptive – failure does not exclude us from relationship or community.

We accept that God offers everyone the gift of beginning again.

Human Sexuality

It is Acorn's policy, in keeping with its values, to be inclusive of all. In this light, we serve every individual where we meet them on their discipleship journey. We are very aware of the levels of debate, anxiety and pain which accompany the current consideration of the issue of Human Sexuality, both inside and outside the church, and within society in general. As a Christian Foundation, with its roots and practice within the Anglican Church, Acorn serves all in the name of Christ.



The Acorn Healing Academy is an opportunity to begin a **journey of discovery in the Christian Healing Ministry**. Each month we open up a particular theme related to Healing which will equip you to put in to practice the commission given to Jesus' disciples to be agents of His Kingdom coming on earth - spirit, mind and body.

You will have the chance to listen to Biblically framed teaching, discuss with others and share in the learning process. You will be able to put it into practice what you are learning and receive ministry yourself - all online or in an in-person group that gathers with you.

For those with some Healing ministry experience, the Acorn Healing Academy will give you the opportunity to refresh your understanding and perhaps see things in a clearer way as you join in discussion with seasoned Acorn leaders and place healing issues within a modern context of contemporary realities.

What is the purpose of the Academy? - to change the way people and the church think about the Healing Ministry and to equip Jesus' 'today disciples' with the tools of the Kingdom of God. Come and join us - we are looking forward to meeting you.



Topics we explore together this year:

- Foundations of Healing
- Healing in Crisis
- Healing the Wounded Church
- Mental Health & Christian Healing
- Healing Through Listening
- Healing for a Digital Generation
- Trauma Informed Ministry
- The Body and Healing
- Forgiveness and Inner Healing
- Healing & Justice
- Walking in the Spirit

**Topics subject to change*

We are absolutely passionate about training more 'Prayer Ministers' and we would be so thrilled to have you and your church join with us.

**Topics subject to change*

WHEN?

Once a month for three hours on Zoom, both in person and online. The Christian Healing Academy is a year long program, which can be started at any point in the year.



Healing Hubs

“Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.” (Matthew 11:28)

What is An Acorn Christian Healing Hub?

Healing Hubs are a **safe place where you can receive prayer for healing**, either for yourself or for someone else. Some Hubs will include worship, some creative spaces, and others simply a quiet space to just be and receive. Often the Hubs will serve as places to watch a live event and which is sometimes followed by prayer ministry with your local Hub Coordinators.

Each Hub is run by **Healing Hub Coordinators** and their team of Acorn Volunteers, all of whom have experienced Acorn ministry training and have following rigorous background and safeguarding checks. If you choose to pop by a Hub, you will be in good hands!

Acorn sees many different people through its ministry as they come with a wide variety of needs. Some come at a time when they already have life threatening conditions or circumstances for which there is no further medical treatment; and we are asked to pray! You may too find yourself in similar positions of prayer.

Having journeyed over the years with many in this circumstance, we are aware that when the 'church' begins to pray it begins, as it were, with an 'empty' bowl. A critical need arises, and in faith, and deep compassion, a congregation begins to seek God, and if you will permit a pastoral rather than theological observation, with the intention of filling up the 'bowl'. It has much to do with our experience of God's presence and power in answering our prayer 'Your Kingdom come, Your will be done' as we grapple with the 'now and not yet' of Christ's reign.

So, in this light, we've considered would it not be better to keep the bowl 'full', so that in times of need it took but a little 'refilling' to cause the bowl to overflow, in terms of praying for healing for others. It is in this light that a 'bowl' strategy (Healing Hubs) first came into being as a natural progression of Acorn's established ministry of praying for, and equipping 100s through the Christian Healing Ministry. At this critical time, the Christian church in all her varieties needs to rediscover not only its conviction concerning the Christian Healing Ministry, but also its confidence in it.

We are praying for the growth of Healing Hubs and the utilization of our Digital Healing Hub which responds to requests from around the world. We hope that Acorn will be a widely utilized resource and that a Healing Hub will never be too far away.

How Do I Start a Healing Hub?



Initial Stages

If you're interested in starting an Acorn Christian Healing Hub, let's start with a friendly conversation between you (and any team you already have), and Acorn, where we get to know each other and decide if Coordinating an Acorn Christian Healing Hub is something you want to do. If you are ready to get started we will then chat with you about your chosen location/venue, Hub formats, team recruitment, and training. We can help you advertise your Christian Healing Hub with customized branded materials and begin to direct people to you if they are in need of prayer.

If you don't want to coordinate a Healing Hub and want to join a current team, just let us know and we will go through similar stages of conversation and connect you with the right people. The best thing to do first is come to the Acorn Christian Healing Academy to get a taste of Acorn and then set up either an in person visit for a chat or a zoom call.

What Are the Requirements?

Acorn Christian Healing Hubs are run completely by Acorn Volunteers. To become a volunteer for Acorn you will need to:

- Complete a short application form
- Complete a Self Disclosure Form
- Provide two references who can speak into your competency in Christian ministry
- Complete the Acorn Christian Healing Academy (you can start your Hub prior to finishing the full annual cycle)
- Complete the Acorn Listening Academy (one day on Zoom or in person)
- You will be able to start ministering with your Hub usually after about six months of training and preparation. This gives time for personal discipleship issues to be journeyed through and planning to take place. However, we do suggest meeting as a Healing Hub team during this period to pray with one another.
- As a Healing Hub Coordinator you will be required to attend bi-monthly Coordinator meetings on Zoom for one hour which can be refreshing and encouraging.



What else do I need to know about starting a Healing Hub?

What Is Acorn's Involvement?

As a Coordinator of an Acorn Christian Healing Hub, you and your team will be supervised and supported by Acorn's leadership team. It is important to us that you enjoy your involvement, so we are always here to answer your questions, help you get set up, and walk alongside you as a support. This includes:

- Regular in-person visits to your Healing Hub for bespoke training and support
- Online supervision when required
- Regular Healing Hub Coordinator Meetings online
- Advertising Support, Customized Publicity Materials, & Connection through the Acorn web site and all online resources.
- Administrative support for efficient running of the Hub and help dealing with local churches and councils to secure free space for the Hub and other initiatives.

Your Healing Hub will operate under and within Acorn's insurance policy, meaning that you are protected professionally and legally.

As a Healing Hub Coordinator you will receive a Coordinator Handbook (please request one if you are interested) and we will be with you every step of the way.



To find your local Healing Hub visit www.acornchristian.org

To join an Acorn Christian Healing Hub contact info@acornchristian.org

Academy Models and Teaching Resources

 AcornLounge

 Acorn
Christian Listening Academy

 ACORN
CHRISTIAN HEALING
ACADEMY

TRAINING FOR THOSE WHO MINISTER CHRISTIAN HEALING TO OTHERS

Ministry and Skills for the Journey of Christian Healing

Acorn Training is ideal for anyone wanting to develop their knowledge, understanding of healing, listening, & reconciliation.

The **Christian Healing Academy** is our main training platform for Acorn Christian Healing Hub teams, but is also suitable for anyone with an interest in Christian Healing. The Academy videos remain available online as a resource for all. The Academy is almost always the first Saturday of the month on Zoom from 10am-1pm and you can register online to receive all information and resources and links. The Thursday following each Academy we host the **Acorn Lounge** for a more relaxed exploration of the subject/topic of the Academy. The Acorn Lounge usually lasts no longer than an hour on Zoom and provides Biblically grounded discussion, and exploration. The Acorn Lounge is an ideal place to explore the Christian Healing ministry in a relaxed conversational friendly atmosphere.

The **Acorn Listening Academy** is an intensive one day program which will provide basic skills for listening well in both informal and formal settings. The Listening Academy will enable you to develop the skills you need to connect with others, bringing healing and wholeness into their lives. The Acorn Listening Academy runs from 10am - 3pm on Zoom but is also offered in person regularly and can be modified for a corporate or small church setting. Please see our website for upcoming dates or to book a listening academy yourself.

The **Acorn Reconciliation Academy** serves as an intentional resource to bridge the many gaps that divide people. This short program is rooted in family system theory and a firm belief that with God, all can be truly reconciled. The material can equip those who find themselves dealing with division in their church, their family, at work, or at home. Contact us to find out more or to book.

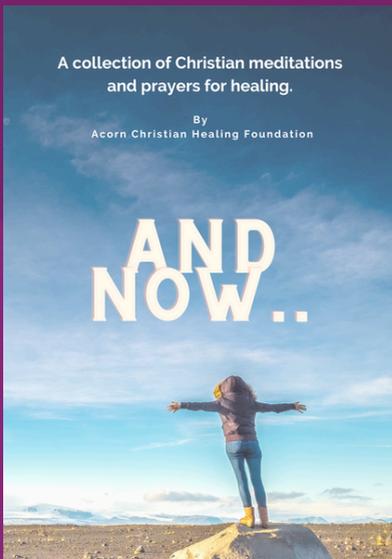
Acorn Digital Downloads

DIGITAL DOWNLOADS



'And Now..'

A collection of Christian meditations and prayers for healing.



Heroes of Faith

Throughout the history of the Church there have always been those who carried a conviction about the healing ministry of Jesus. With that conviction, came a calling to fulfil the commission of Christ to proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give'. (Matt 10)

All started out with good hearts and good intent. They lived and ministered often contrary to their culture, both inside and outside the church yet saw miracles and healings that would amaze and give rise to whole communities praising God. Most finished well, some did not. But all were caught by a simple conviction that what Jesus began in his ministry, the church was to continue in each generation.

So here, in the Heroes of Faith Series One, we will look at some of the men and women, God took hold of, and who took hold of God, that the commission of Jesus to the first disciples would be answered in our day, as well as theirs.

Suitable for small groups and individuals, each download lasts approximately 30 minutes and packs in content that will provoke questions and discussion on the Christian Healing ministry.

Further Free Resources

COFFEEPODS



A series of engaging topical conversations exploring Christian healing and contemporary events in a 30 minute format with handy “shorts” and “reels” for our social media. Just the right size for a long or short coffee-break. These podcasts are usually published on Wednesday morning each week. Plug yourself in, pick up your mug of coffee, and let’s go.



ACORN CHRISTIAN LIVE

A regular YouTube stream that offers you a resource to use with your Healing Hub, small group, or just for you.

Join us as we share in a reflection together on Christian healing, followed by prayer for one another. Acorn Christian Live is a great resource to grow and take part in the healing ministry of Jesus. You can now find a 2 minute version with no sound (ideal for Healing Hubs in public spaces); Acorn Christian Live.



HEALING PSALMS

Healing Psalms were formed during the 2020 lockdown, and take us on a worshipful journey through Scripture. A beautiful way reflect on Scripture and allow God to minister to you, the Healing Psalms are available to download from wherever you get your music. Sheet music is also available via Acorn’s website.

Healing Psalms 1

Wes & Mary Sutton
Songs for Worship & Ministry

ACORN YOUTUBE

Acorn maintains and organizes a collection of videos which include Academy recordings past and present, as well as other videos that can be a resource for those seeking a greater understanding of healing ministry.



ACORN SOCIAL MEDIA

Acorn makes regular use of Facebook, Instagram, & X to share news, event notices, short form content, and regular encouragement to our subscribers. We have a busy WhatsApp community and pray for others on a daily basis.

Are you called to support Acorn?



Ministry skills for the journey of Christian Healing.

Through training, service and resources we provide a safe and effective Christian context in which people can experience personal and community wholeness, through exploring the essential elements of Healing.

Established in 1983 by Bishop Morris Maddocks, Acorn has been at the forefront of providing people, regardless of their circumstances, background or life choices, with the opportunity to experience the 'shalom' - a life-encompassing peace - that is at the heart of the Christian message. Shalom impacts every area of a person's life - relationships, physical and spiritual wellbeing and emotional wholeness.

Acorn remains engaged in, and committed to being a transformative agent in today's multifaceted society. Our training events are divided into three Academies:

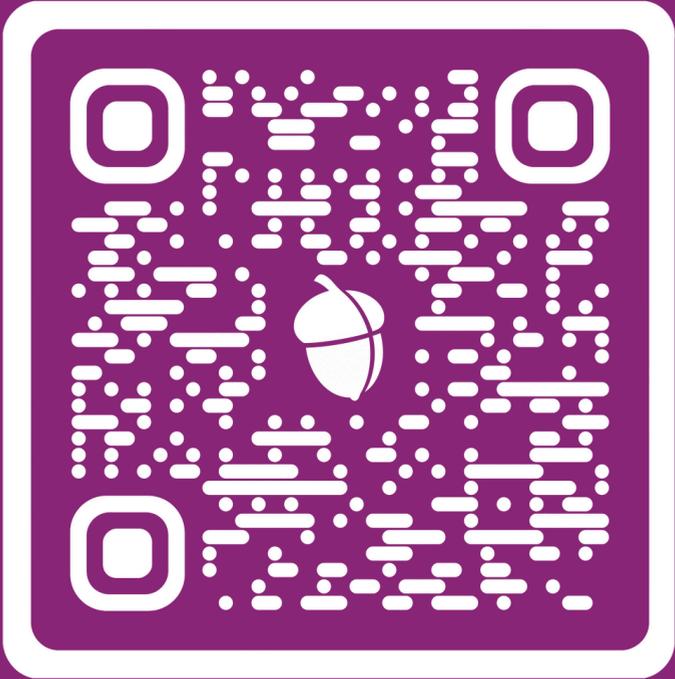
- Ministry Academy (events where guests can receive ministry for healing)
- Training Academy (training in Christian healing)
- Healing Academy (preparing you for Healing Hubs)

Your support and contributions help bring healing and wholeness into the lives of others. The generosity extended through donations of individuals and organisations enables us to produce, develop, and deliver resources for the Christian healing ministry across the UK and the world, including:

- Running events for churches, individuals, and organisations in ministry and skills for the journey of Christian healing, and equipping them to minister to others well.
- Training groups to start Acorn Healing Hubs within their communities, places that can be safe and sacred places for healing prayer.
- Provide online resources for people to be a part of a wider community and experience our training and ministry at little or no cost.
- Development of our ministry and resources so that they are available via multiple access points to a global audience.
- Ministering to those in need: body, mind, and spirit.
- Supporting the general running costs of Acorn.

Acorn do not charge for many events, training, and resources, which means that your ongoing support really does make a difference. You can choose to support Acorn with a one-off gift or a regular giving. We invite people to remember Acorn in their estate planning and consider leaving a legacy gift to continue this ministry.

Thank you for joining us in being beacons of healing and wholeness.





acorn

wholeness for all

Website: acornchristian.org

E-mail: info@acornchristian.org

