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NEW Book
From J. John

Did you know that most people's anxiety is focused and preoccupied with 40% of things that will never happen, 30% of things relating to the past that can't be changed, 12% of things relating to other people's criticism, which is generally untrue, and 10% of things relating to health, which often gets worse with stress and negative thinking. Only 8% of the time do they worry about real concerns that will need to be faced. So, if only about 8% of all the issues in our lives really turn out to be 'something' why is it that we spend so much time worrying and being highly anxious and stressed about all the rest?

I read a story about Arthur Rank who decided to do all his worrying on one day each week. He chose Wednesdays. When anything happened that gave him anxiety and annoyed him, he would write it down, put it in his 'worry box' and forget about it until the following Wednesday. The interesting thing was that, on the following Wednesday when he opened his worry box, he found that most of the things that had disturbed him the past six days were no longer issues of concern. So it would have been useless to have worried about them in the first place.

Of course, there are important things going on in our lives that we do need to take seriously. However, if we spend most of our time worrying about the inconsequential, we won't have time to focus on matters of consequence. When we are so concerned about the things that we can't do anything about, we have a tendency to miss things which are really important and no time and energy left to deal with them.

The issue with worry and anxiety raises the issue of our faith and trust in God. Does God know? Does God care? Is our God sovereign? Can we trust God?

Did Jesus himself not say in Matthew 6:25-30: "I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn't life more than food, and your body more than clothing? Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren't you far more valuable to him than they are? Can all your worries add a single moment to your life? And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow. They don't work or make their clothing, yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith?"

I heard about a woman who couldn't sleep at night because she worried that her home would be burgled. One night her husband heard a noise in the house, so he went downstairs to investigate. When he got there, he found a burglar. He immediately said, "Come upstairs and meet my wife. She's been waiting 10 years to meet you."

A real burglar can steal from us once. Worry can steal from us night after night, for many years. Worry not only steals our sleep, it also steals our health and our ability to cope with life productively.

And what about people who constantly obsess about their weight? It's all very well being health-conscious, but should we think about food intake to such an extent that there's no room in our heads to think of anything else?

Elephants live longer than people, maybe because they never worry about trying to lose weight!

Maybe we should take the following verse like medication three times a day, morning, noon and night to remind us to renew our minds: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7.

May you know the Lord's SHALOM all around the compass and the clock.

Agapé



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to heaven

November sees the launch of J. John's latest book '26 Steps to Heaven'

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CONNECTIONS

J. John with Dr Oral Roberts and Dr R.T.kendall

We had a wonderful visit with Dr Oral Roberts. Dr Roberts ministered for 50 years to multitudes - he stands as a testimony and a witness to what can be accomplished when someone obeys God's call. We were inspired by our visit and sensed an impartation when he prayed for us.

J. John, Reinhard Bonnke and Michael John

Reinhard Bonnke is undoubtedly the most listened to evangelist in the world today - many of his meetings are attended by 1 Million+ He is truly an inspiration and it was an honour to dialogue with him and be motivated by his prayer for us.



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~ STAFF NEWS



~ WILL JACKSON

ASSISTANT TO J. JOHN

I've only just started here at the Philo Trust, having recently joined after doing a year worship internship at Holy Trinity Brompton. I'm really excited about this next season of the Philo's ministry and of my life as well! I feel so blessed with this job and to have the opportunity to travel with J. John and to see God working in different ways all around the globe is just such a privilege. We have three upcoming missions which are going to be amazing and it's great to be involved in this kind of Kingdom work!

~ ELMARIE SWANEPOEL

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

We welcome Elmarie Swanepoel who joins us as our Administrator. Elmarie brings with her an added difference to Philo. She has brought with her a new freshness to the team and has already been a true inspiration to everyone.



~ JAMIE COLMAN

TRUSTEE

Jamie retires as Chairman of the Philo Trust. He was a faithful Trustee for 17 years and steered the ministry of the Trust devotedly and wisely. Under his leadership the Trust has grown significantly and has been abundantly fruitful. We thank the Lord for his faithful commitment and service.

We also thank the Lord for all our Trustees who help to manage and grow the ministry and are delighted that Terry Baker is our new Chairman leading us into this next season.



JUST10 NORTH EAST

The present city of Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, which is located in the north east region of England, was first settled during Roman times when a fort called Pons Aelius was built on the banks of the Tyne River around 120 A.D. The name 'Newcastle' did not come into existence until 1080 A.D. when Robert Curthose (eldest son of William the Conqueror) built a castle there on his return from a raid into Scotland. Naturally, Robert called the building his "New Castle" and the name has remained ever since.

Newcastle has historically been known for its drunkenness and immorality. After the esteemed English preacher, John Wesley (founder of the Methodists) visited the city on May 27th, 1742, he recorded in his journal: "So much drunkenness, cursing and swearing even from the mouths of children I have never witnessed before in such a short time. Surely this place is ripe for Him who came not to call the righteous, but the sinners to repentance."

As it was in John Wesley's day, so it is today, Newcastle is one of England's largest cities, with a population of over a million people, the majority age group being 19-29. This city is known for its countless pubs and nightclubs and is rated one of Europe's top ten 'party towns' by many travel agencies. Within this city, there are whole areas set apart for lewd partying and drinking, a motto published by their city council is, "We work hard and we party hard!" The devastating effects of this outlook on life are clearly seen throughout the city since Newcastle is reported to have the highest crime rate in England, Britain's Home Office, reported that "incidents of violence against the person" - which include aggravated assault, rape and murder - "are the highest, with a rate of 236.5 per 1,000 residents." There is one assault for every four residents. There are many homeless (most of which are young people).

May John Wesley's words "Surely this place is ripe for Him who came not to call the righteous, but the sinners to repentance." become a reality during the two Just10 Missions in Tyneside and Teeside.

David Vardy
Chair Just10 North East
www.ne1online.org

JUST10 TESTIMONY ↗

I USED ONE OF THE STORIES
J. JOHN TOLD .. PEOPLE
RESPONDED FANTASTICAL

I just wanted to say a big Thank you to J. John for his ministry and his great stories. I attended his 'Bite Size' just10 Stroud, Gloucestershire recently.

I am a RC who teaches RE and has just taken up the position of Lay Chaplain in St Peter's High School in Gloucester - when doing the staff reflection on the first day back I used one of the stories J. John told .. people responded fantastically.. as he already knows they are a great way in to preaching the Gospel and getting people 'on board'.

If it is possible, pass on my thanks and prayers for his ministry. As he says "never underestimate a kind word" .. we all need kind words to affirm us.
Best wishes,

Mandy Baker

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For 10 years I have headed up a team responsible for operating NEW LIFE RADIO, an FM Radio Station broadcasting in Devon. For two weeks every summer the Christian message is made alive over the air waves and on the Internet. It is my aim to spread the good news of Jesus Christ by whatever means over the radio waves. Whether by the word preached, by Christian song, by testimony, by bible readings, I totally endorse St Paul's statement in 1 Corinthians 9 v 22 'I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.'

Having attended the J.John Mission in Devon last year, I was thrilled to hear the Gospel message being preached, making it so clearly relevant to the man in the street. At the end of the 10 week mission and only a few weeks before our 2006 broadcast I obtained the recordings and used all 10 of the weekly mission meetings as part of our programme. This year too we were pleased to be able to broadcast some of the messages. What happens when we as Christians hear the message preached such as in a mission? We see men and woman respond, we see prayers answered and then? We glorify God. God is lifted up and worshipped.

Mike Coles
New Life Radio
www.newliferadio.co.uk

JUST10 TESTIMONY ↗

"I went along to just10 last year mostly to please my Mum and secondly for the hog roast. I did believe in God but having suffered 3 miscarriages I lost my way and I started praying again and every Wednesday you said if anyone has any problems I will help you using God. I would stand and pray for a baby. Well in March I gave birth to Samuel weighing a healthy 8 pounds 12 oz and throughout my pregnancy I said it was thanks to you. I gave up hope of ever having any more children as I already have a son of 5. He was desperate for a brother or sister. He watched me lose a baby and it took him ages to get over the loss. Robert goes to a Church of England school and is very religious; his favourite story is the Easter story. When Samuel was born Robert told every one that he is a gift from God which is very true but I also add from J.John as well. So I just wanted to write to you and say thank you for Samuel and restoring my faith."

Liz Stone



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Christians in South-East Hertfordshire are thrilled that next spring (April-June) JJohn will be leading a 10 week "Just 10" mission in their area. This is very much JJohn's "home patch", and the initiative arose as a result of talks between JJohn and Gavin Collins, Vicar of Christ Church, Chorleywood and Rural Dean of Rickmansworth.

Gavin had originally contacted JJohn with a view to inviting him to speak at a one-off evangelistic event, and in one of those God-ordained "coincidences" Gavin's e-mail arrived at a time when JJohn had felt God challenging him from Jesus' commission to the disciples in Acts 1:8. - JJohn had felt God saying: "You are being my faithful servant in taking the Gospel to 'Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth', but what are you doing to take the Gospel to your 'Jerusalem?'" This challenge from God to minister on the doorstep coincided with a feeling amongst the churches of the area that they were being called to be more strategic and deliberate in taking the Gospel to their communities.

So, as well as the large-scale just10 missions next spring in Tyneside and Teesside, JJohn will be speaking on consecutive Sunday evenings at Christ Church, Chorleywood, with Christians from a dozen or more surrounding churches bringing friends and family to hear the vital news of God's relevance to their lives today.

"We are thrilled at this opportunity to work together as local churches in partnership with JJohn to declare the love of God and His relevance to the world today to so many of our friends, colleagues and neighbours. God may have challenged JJohn to reach out to his 'Jerusalem' in this way, but he is certainly calling us also to the privilege of being co-workers with him in this great opportunity to impact our communities with the Good News of Jesus."

Gavin Collins
Chair just10 Chorleywood

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Churches involved in just10 Chorleywood:

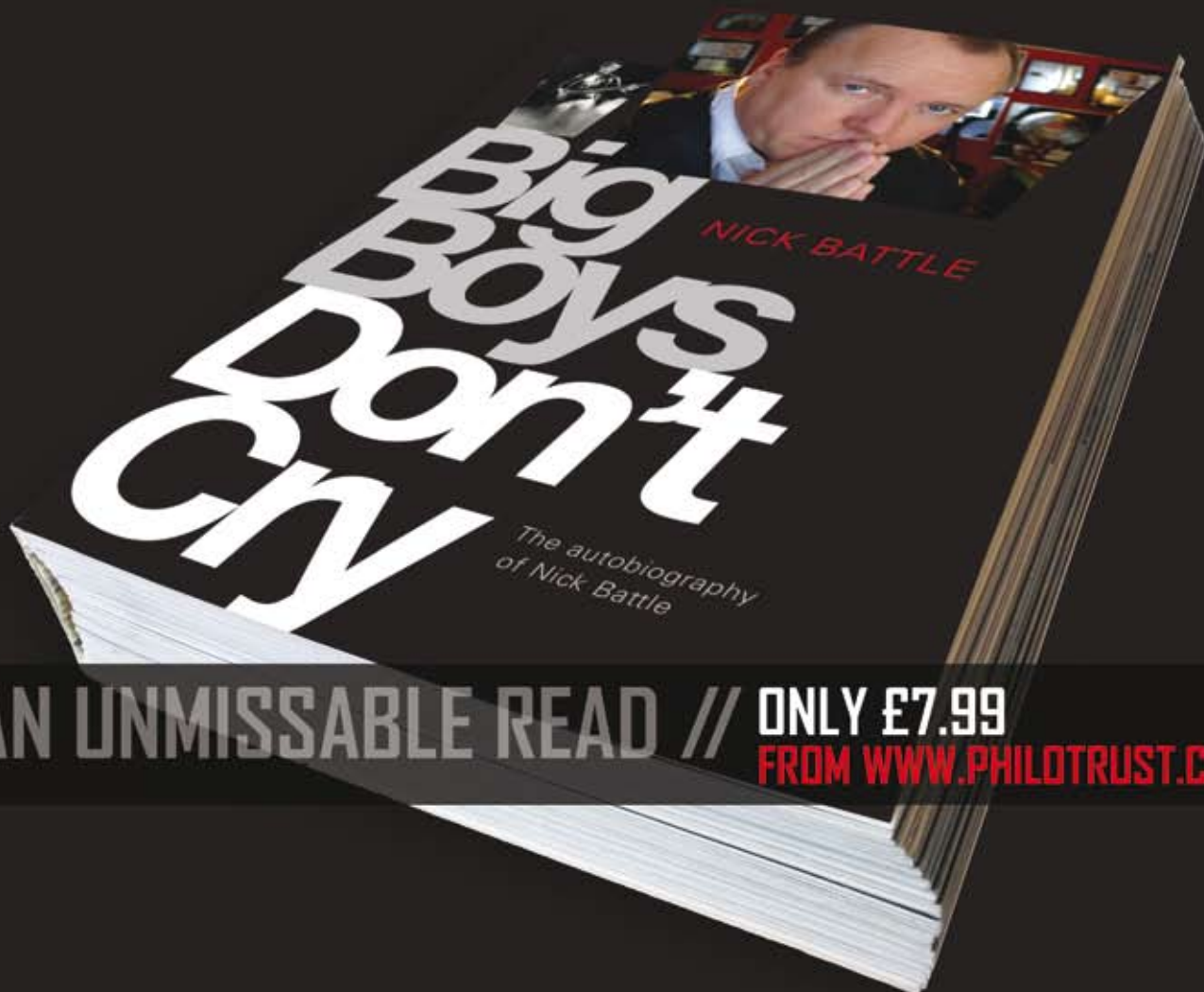
- All Saints Church, Croxley Green
- All Saints Church, Kings Langley
- Christ Church, Chorleywood
- Holy Cross Church, Sarratt
- St. John's, Herongate
- St. Lawrence Church, Bovingdon
- St. Mary the Virgin Church, Rickmansworth
- St. Oswald's Church, Croxley Green
- St. Paul's, Chipperfield
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Please could you pass on my thanks to him for all that he brought to the conference, especially giving up his holiday week with his family? We really appreciated his time and he did a women's session for us which I have had so much feedback from – he was funny! But mostly he brought value to the women there and it was definitely a God appointment. For me personally I was so blessed by his genuineness not only on the platform but also off stage, he wasn't at all intimidating but made me feel very relaxed. And my husband said he loved him because he is very English!! We get a lot of Australians here!! Not only that but so many people have commented to me about how they are stirred to Evangelise in a way that is very ordinary and 'do able' for them. Please say a huge thank you. Our conference just finished and I wanted to get this to you straight away before I get busy and forget!!

Siobhan Bullock

Assistant Director, Hope City Church, Sheffield

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HEALING *Conference*

Philo Trust is hosting a day conference on Healing, with our friends
Mike & Cindy Riches and worship led by **Tim Hughes**

Wednesday 16th January 2008

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10am to 4pm, at Watersmeet Theatre, Rickmansworth
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[book early to avoid disappointment]

'07 CAROL SERVICES

2nd December

SHADWELL CAROL SERVICE

6pm, at St Paul's Shadwell, 302 The Highway E1W 3DH

Host: St Paul's Shadwell

For more information please visit

www.stpaulsshadwell.org or call 020 7680 2772

4th December

WEMBLEY CAROL SERVICE

7.15pm, at Brent Town Hall, Forty Lane,

Wembley HA9 9HD

Host: Wembley Christian Centre

For more information call 020 8904 0050

5th December

BATH CAROL SERVICE

8pm, at The Forum, St James Parade,

Bath Christian Trust

Host: Bath City Church

For more information please visit

www.bathcitychurch.org.uk or call 01225 463556

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6th December

MALVERN CAROL SERVICE

at Malvern Priory, Church Street, Malvern WR14 2AY

Host: Churches Together

For more information please visit

www.greatmalvernpriory.org.uk or

e-mail office@greatmalvernpriory.org.uk

or call 01684 561020

9th December

HORSLEY CAROL SERVICE

7pm, at St Mary's Church, West Horsley, Surrey

Host: St Mary's Horsley

For more information please visit www.stmaryshorsley.org.uk

or call 01483 283783

11th–14th December

NEWCASTLE CAROL SERVICES

Tue 11th, 7.30pm, City Hall Newcastle, Northumberland Road, Newcastle

Upon Tyne NE1 8SF

Wed 12th, 7.30pm, Middlesbrough Town Hall, Albert Road, Middlesbrough, Cleveland TS1 1LP

Thu 13th, 7.30pm, St Johns Methodist Church, Ashbrooke Road, Sunderland, Tyne and Wear SR2 7HQ

Fri 14th, 7.30pm, Youth Carol Service, City Hall Newcastle, Northumberland Road, Newcastle Upon Tyne NE1 8SF

Details of these events will be available on the website www.ne1online.org or call 0191 3744774

Tickets will be on sale during November and December and can be obtained from the Durham Office - NE1, PO Box 333, Durham DH1 1FX.

16th December

BRACKNELL CAROL SERVICE

at The Kerith Centre, Church Rd, Bracknell RG12 1EH

Host: Bracknell Family Church

For more information please visit www.kerith.co.uk or

e-mail bfc@kerith.co.uk or call 01344 862699

23rd December

CHORLEYWOOD CAROL SERVICE

7pm, at Christ Church, The Common, Chorleywood, Herts WD3 5SG

Host: Christ Church Chorleywood

For more information please visit www.cccw.org.uk or call Sheila Bell on 01923 282149

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REV. NIGEL MUMFORD
Director The Oratory of Christ the Healer
www.ctkcenter.org



I have just spent the weekend with J. John and Killy. "Fasten your seatbelts" would have been a good word of knowledge before meeting them both, oh my goodness what a weekend it has been. As one of my fellow clergy put it, "He made me laugh so much the medicine went down easily." My sister Julie Sheldon introduced me to J. John a while ago by showing me a video of a conference he was leading. That afternoon we drove across London for Julie to speak at St. Andrews Church, Chorleywood. We got there early and went to someone's house for tea. My sister, in sibling love and fun, had me ring the door bell of the house where we were to have tea, the door opened and my eyes just about popped out of my head; J. John answered the door... my jaw dropped and for a change I was speechless... After a few seconds and after shaking his hand I said "Julie, you didn't tell me we were having tea with Killy and J. John!" She got me good that day!

I picked Canon J. John and Killy up at the Saratoga Springs train station in the Albany diocese last Friday, I took them to the Spiritual Life Center in Greenwich NY (www.ctkcenter.org) That afternoon my co-host and I interviewed him for a TV show called "The Forgotten Touch." The high energy and the Lords power was flowing...

That evening we had two hundred for dinner and the starting gun was fired... he was off... people were crying... with laughter... with love... the fruit was ready to be picked... revival released, the power of the Holy Spirit convicting and converting... how can I even put this into words... the joy of the Lord was filling hearts and souls... people were changing... he was addressing souls... I took a second to look around to see the radiance of the Glory of the Lord on two hundred faces. At the end of the two day conference I found myself massaging my cheeks as they hurt from laughing and smiling so much. I even had to lead a healing service last night and J. Johns enthusiasm has infected me, thanks be to God. Now that is evangelism. Personally, I have been so focused on healing that I have been forgetting that Luke 9:2 says Preach the Kingdom AND heal the sick. We have to do both... and I for one realize that Jesus healed to bring people into the Kingdom. I have been stretched spiritually and a part of me has been awakened, it is "Both and" when it comes to Kingdom ministry and Healing ministry. It is a question of balance and in how we bring people to know the Lord. I thank God for people like Canon J. John. Our diocese has had an awakening this past weekend.

One of our diocese clergy at the beginning of the conference asked me to keep an eye on his thirteen year old daughter. Not an easy thing to do when you are the MC for 200 people. That evening, J. John in his affect of loving generosity walked around with a \$100 bill that was now dirty and crumpled in his hand. I could see that the Spirit of the Sovereign Lord was upon him. He gave the \$100 to the thirteen year old! A Minister's kid with the biggest look of surprise and joy on her face. I thought to myself, her dad said "Look after her." God said, "I will do it." I feel that my soul has been spoken to.

I gave him a copy of my new book, he gave me five copies of his books... what a man of generosity.

Thank you J. John for your most powerful talks and for bringing people to know the Christ from the very core of their being. I thank the Lord Jesus for this divine appointment, transforming lives as we preach the Kingdom and heal the sick in His name.

Be well, do good works and for God's sake love one another.

FUTURE EVENTS

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HEALING CONFERENCE ONE

Wednesday 16th January 2008

Philo Trust is hosting a day conference on Healing, with our friends **Mike & Cindy Riches** and worship led by **Tim Hughes**

Mike & Cindy Riches, who are Directors of Jesus-Ministry International - a ministry they lead out of Destiny City Church (www.jesusministryintl.org).

"Jesus-Ministry International" is committed to the reformation of the Church (believers) to recover Jesus' mission for her to extend and do the ministry Jesus modelled in the gospels (John 20:21). Mike and Cindy's ministry also includes a heart and mission particularly geared for leaders so that the Church may be healthy, equipped, and filled with faith to carry out Jesus' ministry in power and compassion. It proclaims the gospel, releasing captives, giving sight to the blind, freeing the oppressed, and proclaiming that this is the age of God's grace.

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We are anticipating this conference to be very popular and encourage you to book in ASAP.

HEALING CONFERENCE TWO

Saturday 9th February 2008

Drs Mahesh and Bonnie Chavda, Canon Andrew White
and **J.John**

only £10 per person

10am to 4pm, at Christ Church, Chorleywood
(near Junction 18 of the M25)

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HEALING CONFERENCES

DAVE EDWARDS

From 1988 to 1995 Dave worked full time as JJohn's assistant, worship leader and singer. JJohn and Dave travelled thousands of miles together over those seven years, leading hundreds of meetings and working with many different churches and groups.

Dave is now on staff as 'worship co-ordinator' at St Andrew's Church, in Cullompton, Devon where his heart is to help build a worshipping, witnessing community; a people who's love for God overflows to make a difference in the lives of those around them.

Under the banner of 'The Asaph Worship Trust' Dave also travels further afield worship leading, singing and speaking. He has written numerous songs and has recorded two CDs; 'Melt me with Your love' and 'One Thing'.

Dave still leads worship and sings at many of JJohn's meetings and is passionate about people hearing the gospel and experiencing God's presence.

Having come to faith from a non-church background, Dave is very aware of how hard it can be for folk to come along to Christian events. His heart is to help people to feel as welcome and comfortable as possible whilst also being expectant as to how God can speak to them and meet with them.

"I love to work with JJohn because God has given him a wonderful gift to be able to communicate the gospel of Christ with humour, relevance and compassion. It has been a great privilege over the years to be able to see so many respond to God's invitation given through JJohn. Every person is so precious to God."

Dave is married to Nikki and they have 3 children; Samuel, Emily and Josh. Nikki herself came to faith at one of JJohn's missions in Beckenham, Kent in 1984.

"Nikki and I are so grateful to God for JJohn and Killy and for the great encouragement that they are to us. It is a joy and a privilege to be a Philo Trust associate."

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For more information about Dave Edwards go online to www.philotrust.com/associates

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PROFILES

DAVE EDWARDS
NICKI ROGERS

Nicki Rogers began her musical career at the age of 19 when she joined Schools evangelism band ShineMK. Touring schools in the UK, venues in the USA and Europe, Nicki found a great passion for communicating not just through speech, but through creativity, especially song!

In 2002 Authentic Media signed Nicki as a solo artist and she released her first album, "Colour Scheme," an album full of deep and sometimes emotional music. Including ballads as well as rocky tracks, 'Colour Scheme' tells some of Nicki's life stories and reflects her passion for God.

2004 saw the release of Nicki's second album 'Feeder Lane' a slightly more edgy album continuing the theme of Love, God and Life, progressing alongside Nicki's own life's journey.

Music and singing continued to be a passion for Nicki and she had the opportunity to travel to South Africa in 2006. Spending six weeks in Capetown gave her the chance to really think about life, and what was important. Although performing and creating music was still really central to

Nicki, she realised that so many people feel lost with their direction in life. "Sometimes life runs away with us, and we feel that life controls us, never mind God being in control! Taking a step back and reassessing is so good." Upon returning to the UK Nicki began training as a personal life coach. Coaching is a method of enabling others to realise their gifting and passions and start to live the life they really want to. Coaching gave Nicki another means of helping others experience freedom and life.

Moving to London this year, Nicki continues to pursue singing and writing music, and performs regularly. Alongside this she is passionate about helping others through coaching. "I love to see people come alive, and start to make the journey to their own personal mountain tops."

Nicki became an associate of the Philo Trust in 2004 after working alongside JJohn around venues in the UK. "JJohn never fails to encourage and inspire me! He is a real mentor and a true friend of God."

CONTACT INFO

For more information about Nicki Rogers go online to www.philotrust.com/associates

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NICKI ROGERS

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