

# Malvern Mashal 32

## Ablaze Conference Report

It was shortly after Fire from the Isles that we were invited to be involved in a prayer conference in Hastings on behalf of the south coast, Europe and Israel. We had a strong sense that the Lord was going to do something special through this, a feeling that was reinforced in the powerful and diligent times that local people spent preparing for it. A number of us had worked closely together in the past, which made for a profound love and unity at the core – Guy Rothwell, Richard Williamson, Julie Hall, Keith Entwistle, Sue Socci and others, which enabled us to merge in others from different streams and strands.



Representatives from Prayer Movements in Israel joined us, one of whom, is active as a journalist. Charlyne Boddie also joined us with her experience of working as a consultant to the American government, running her own television programs and with a wide ranging prophetic teaching ministry, as well as Brian Mills, with his long years of leading intercession conferences, based at the Ashburnham Prayer Centre.



Richard Williamson commented that we reached heights in worship and depths of musical intercession beyond anything he had experienced before. Godfrey Birtill was dynamically brilliant, and loved having live instruments weaving around him. (He seemed genuinely interested in exploring the possibility of using some these “posh” musicians in his next album)! Brian Mills, who led the first session, commented as he got up that he wished that the musicians didn’t have to sit down as he got up – so they didn’t! He was thrilled to have musicians playing in the Spirit as he spoke. There was no need for any

warms ups; we began from the very beginning to model the things we have been teaching and modelling for so many years: the weaving together of worship, intercession and teaching as a seamless garment rather than as a rigid set apart compartmentalization. It worked incredibly well and was both refreshing and powerful.

The numerous workshops all went well, and Guy Rothwell led us in explosive power in our prayers for Britain on the second night. Brian’s message for Europe was incredibly deep, taking us to profound depths of repentance concerning the many ‘isms’ that have ‘colonised’ Europe. All this is extremely difficult to record on paper, because it was the presence of the Lord that made the experience so profound. You look at a subject like Britain or Europe and think, “where on earth do you begin?” Well, God gave us many glorious openings and backed it with His power and presence.



## A change in the heavenly places and a mighty push to lift the veil from over Israel

I came to the meeting on Friday morning knowing that praying for Israel could easily lead to people getting bogged down in theology, politics and partisan attitudes, when what was needed was a very clear push in prayer at this very sensitive and strategic time for the nation.

As it turned out, something very significant happened in the heavenly places. I could feel “something heavenly” in the atmosphere as I drove into Hastings that morning. (We had already been hearing other reports: for example from the Beachy Head Mission, who work to save people from committing suicide. They commented that the atmosphere had changed very noticeably after we had prayed, and they were being clearly led in their efforts. We also had teams going out every afternoon evangelizing in the town).

David Hall saw a great army of angels in the town as he came to the meeting – and he knew that these were not “local” angelic forces, but ones who had been sent specifically to us from Israel. They stayed for the first hour or so as we prayed, and then, in a mighty explosion of praise, we saw them moving away to carry out the assignments that God has doubtless prepared for them to do back in their own land. It was an extraordinary experience.



At the same time that this was happening in Hastings, back near Hereford, Sally Mowbray clearly heard in her spirit what she can only describe as a wonderful heavenly roar. She was thrilled that, even so far away, God was sharing the remarkable thing that He was doing in Hastings!

Saturday morning brought us to a very high climax. There was a wonderful sense of the Lord’s power sweeping through amongst us. Many were profoundly touched as a result. I myself received a wonderful impartation of His love the moment the conference had finished.



I have used words such as “extraordinary” and “powerful” many times in this briefest of overviews, because I can’t think of any other way of putting it.

Someone had sent us a piece of (polished!) coal from the Welsh revival which we passed around and prayed over before finally burning. The Lord undoubtedly lit fires in many hearts during this week as well as in the situations we prayed for – may they break out in many places for His glory!

As always on such occasions, it was a joy to see old friends and to make new ones.

### Resources from Ablaze

We will probably be putting the recording of some of these evenings on the website shortly. Under <http://www.ruachministries.org/audioresources.htm>

If you would like to order any of the CDs of the workshops (please see page 2 of the Timetable section of our Website for titles

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or the evening sessions, these can be ordered from Angy Scarlett, who administered Ablaze for £3 each plus p&p. Whole boxed set £40.

Please contact [michael.scarlett3@homecall.co.uk](mailto:michael.scarlett3@homecall.co.uk) to order, & check p&p. Orders must be re-

ceived before 30/11/09. CDs will be sent out on receipt of correct cheque payment (made payable to "Ablaze"), sent to Mrs ART Scarlett, 19 St James Rd, Bexhill-on-Sea, E. Sussex. TN40 2DE.

## Challenges

Many of the leaders had experienced unusual 'incidents' on their way to Hastings. Incredibly, one person actually had their car firebombed in the West Country the night before driving down; even their rental car then developed a flat tyre! My own journey took just under thirty hours due to a breakdown which necessitated a hotel stop over. The RAC were not optimistic that they would be able to solve the problem over the weekend, but I woke up on Sunday morning and heard the Lord say very clearly, "This is not difficult for Me."

Sure enough, the problem was sorted and I arrived just in time to preach to the joint churches in Bexhill-on-Sea (the town next to Hastings) on the Sunday night, which went delightfully well. I stayed in a lovely retreat house there (called Servants with Jesus) which is on land devoted by King Offa to the "service of the praise of God" in 782. Sussex was the last country to be evangelised, and the land is still in Christian hands. (It was a joy to minister briefly to the sisters who are part of this community on Monday).

Back home, our son Tim went down with a vicious flu bug with a temperature which remained above 40 degrees for five days. He was so poorly that he wasn't even able to lift his hand to his mouth. Ros was up with him for two nights and had to spoon feed him. This of course put her badly off the pace with her own work.

Ros asked me to delay coming home to give the infection more chance to die down, so I stayed with dear friends in Bristol. We had a memorable walk to the William Tyndale monument on the edge of the Cotswolds. This is something like 119 steps high, and was built to commemorate his life, and the translation of the Bible into English – for which he was burned at the stake, of course, – a sobering reminder of how much our spiritual freedom has already cost us.

During our walk, Roger and Angie asked us all to hold a ten minute period of silence, and then report back on what the Lord had said to us. It took over twenty minutes to share all the Lord had shown us – including lovely insights shared by their nine and twelve year olds. Perhaps this is a model other families could try!

## Catholic Intercessory Conference 23-25 October

I would be most grateful for prayer for this weekend. With Derek Williams, I am co-leading the first gathering of a Catholic Intercessory Network set up by Fiona Hendy for the National Catholic Charismatic Renewal.

There are still be one or two last minute places available to attend this residential conference for those who would like to join us. Please contact House of the Open Door, 01386-852084. Please pray for both the event itself this weekend, and for the initiative itself as it rolls out wider across the country. May the Lord do something special through it!

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