



# Healing Forum

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**"Christianity's success  
(and by that I mean  
popular and loved)  
has had  
everything to do  
with healing"**



**HEALING HISTORIES**  
with Prof. Amanda Porterfield

# The Plan

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1. About our vision
2. Our story
3. How we approach our work
4. Healing – Flourishing – Vocation
5. Everyday Healing Course
6. Linking into the academy
7. The GoHealth Community
8. Online Courses
9. Bespoke work
10. Special Offer



# GoHealth purpose and vision – How we do what we do

Equipping and  
inspiring churches  
and individual  
Christians to be  
healing presences in  
the world – for the  
benefit of all.

The Guild of Health and St Raphael  
WHY WE EXIST



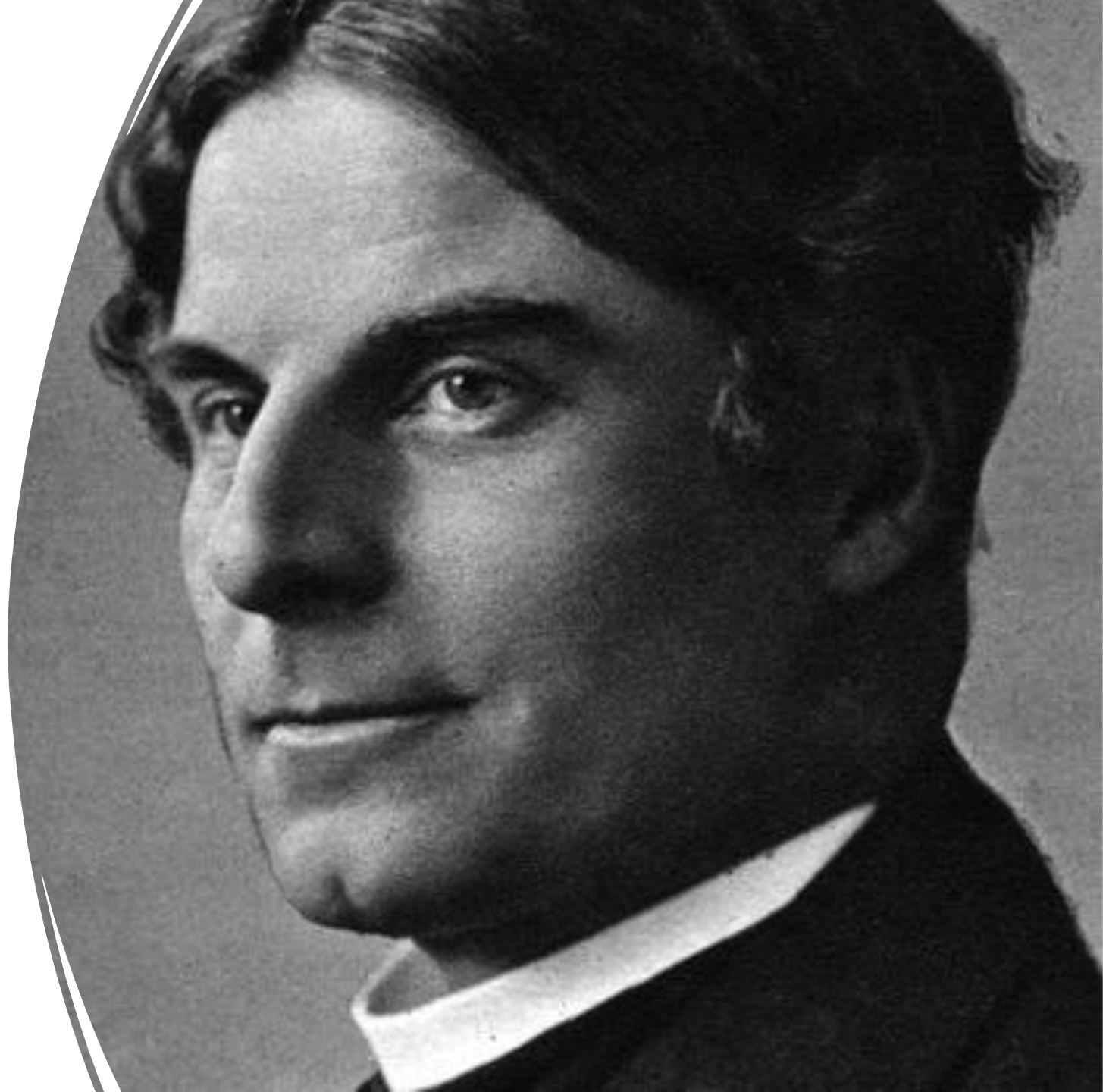
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# Our story

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'Our job is, through observation and with fair minds and friendly hearts, enlarge the area of agreement [between doctors and faith healers] and to seek after the truth"

Percy Dearmer





# Our story continues

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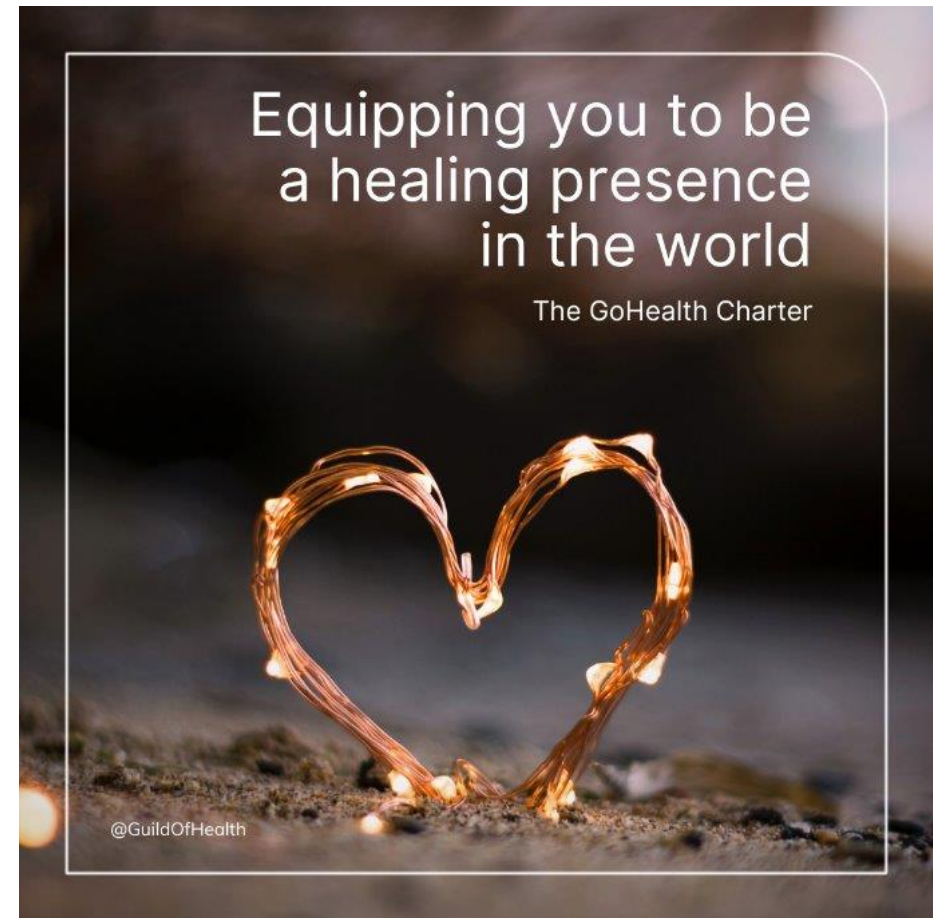
- Graham Fender Allison
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# What matters to us

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- We are all healers
- You are the expert in you
- We will walk alongside you in discernment
- Power of stories
- Person centred approach



# Principles for listening



- Creating a safe confidential space
- Practising appreciative inquiry
- Guided by God's wisdom through the Holy Spirit
- Honouring diversity
- Feeding back honestly & accurately without bias

Humility

Curiosity

Authenticity

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# Connecting together

Share a time when your faith has in some way contributed to a sense of healing or flourishing.





# The Traditional Healing Ministry

- The Holy Eucharist
- Anointing
- Laying on of hands
- Absolution
- Exorcism or Deliverance Ministry
- On going care
- Dying Well





# A theology of healing that is fit for purpose

1. A biblical word
2. Healing miracles of Jesus
3. What is health?



## 2. What is health?

“...a state of complete physical, mental and social wellbeing and not merely the absence of disease” WHO, 1948

“...a dynamic state of wellbeing of the individual and society, of physical, mental, spiritual, economical, political and social wellbeing – of being in harmony with each other, with the material environment and with God ” The World council of churches (1990)

“...is the strength to live, the strength to suffer, and the strength to die. Health is not a condition of my body, it is the power of my soul to cope with varying degrees of that body ” Jurgen Moltmann





# A theology of healing

Christian Healing does not necessarily mean 'getting better', but is an experience which leads to a holistic, positive change in self identity and an increase in wellbeing. It is a transformational experience, in which the ill/everyone are reconciled with their status as beloved children of God, when we resonant with God's love and find peace. Part of the transformation might be a sense that we see the world anew, that we have new vision, that we have new purpose; it is a life giving transformation which leads to a reframing of circumstance. Healing is about reconciliation and human flourishing.



Christian flourishing is less about the pursuit of health at all costs, and more about fulfilling the purpose of our life. Health is good, and Health is often needed to do a whole host of work. But Health needs to be placed in an eschatological perspective. Health is a penultimate goal, not an ultimate one

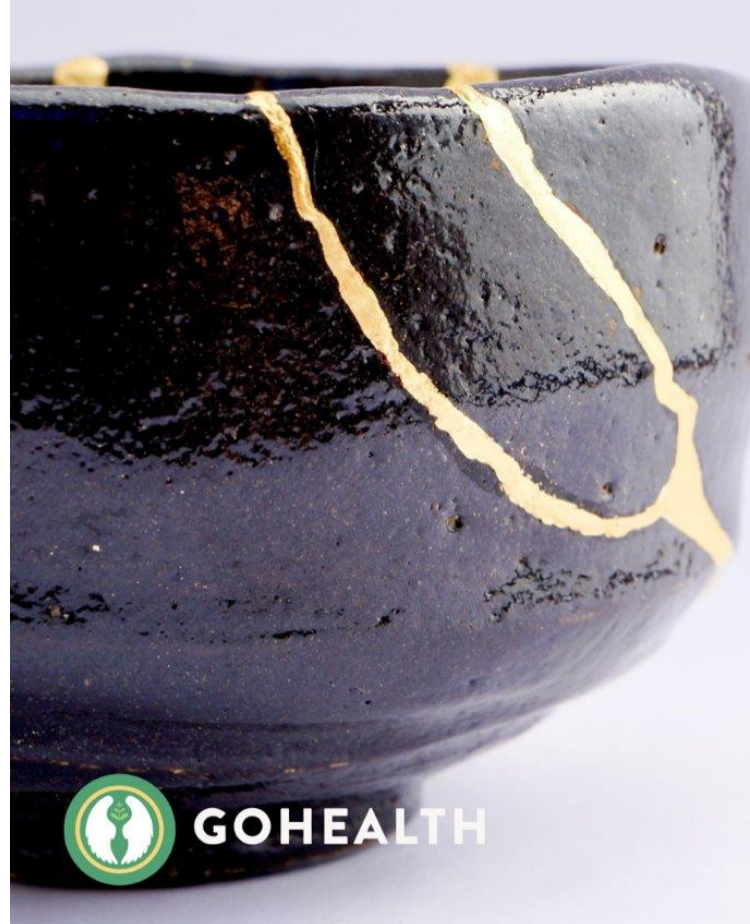
Dietrich Bonhoeffer



# Our world


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- Online, four 2hr session
- Wide and deep curriculum
- Workbook
- £50/£150
- 2024 dates:
  - 3,10,17,24 June
  - 9, 16, 23, 30 Sept
  - 5, 12, 19, 26 Nov




## EVERYDAY HEALING

**An Introduction  
to the  
Christian Tradition**



**GOHEALTH**





# Healthy Healing Hub Network

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- Courses and promotion
- A supportive community
- Ongoing training
- Special events

Tony Christie performs at dementia-friendly service



Tony Christie performed at Lichfield Cathedral during a dementia-friendly service

# The GoHealth Community

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- Weekly/Monthly resource bundles
- Specialist subjects
- Facebook Community
- Online self led courses
- Online gatherings
- Free journal\*
- £4 per month
- Translators of the academy



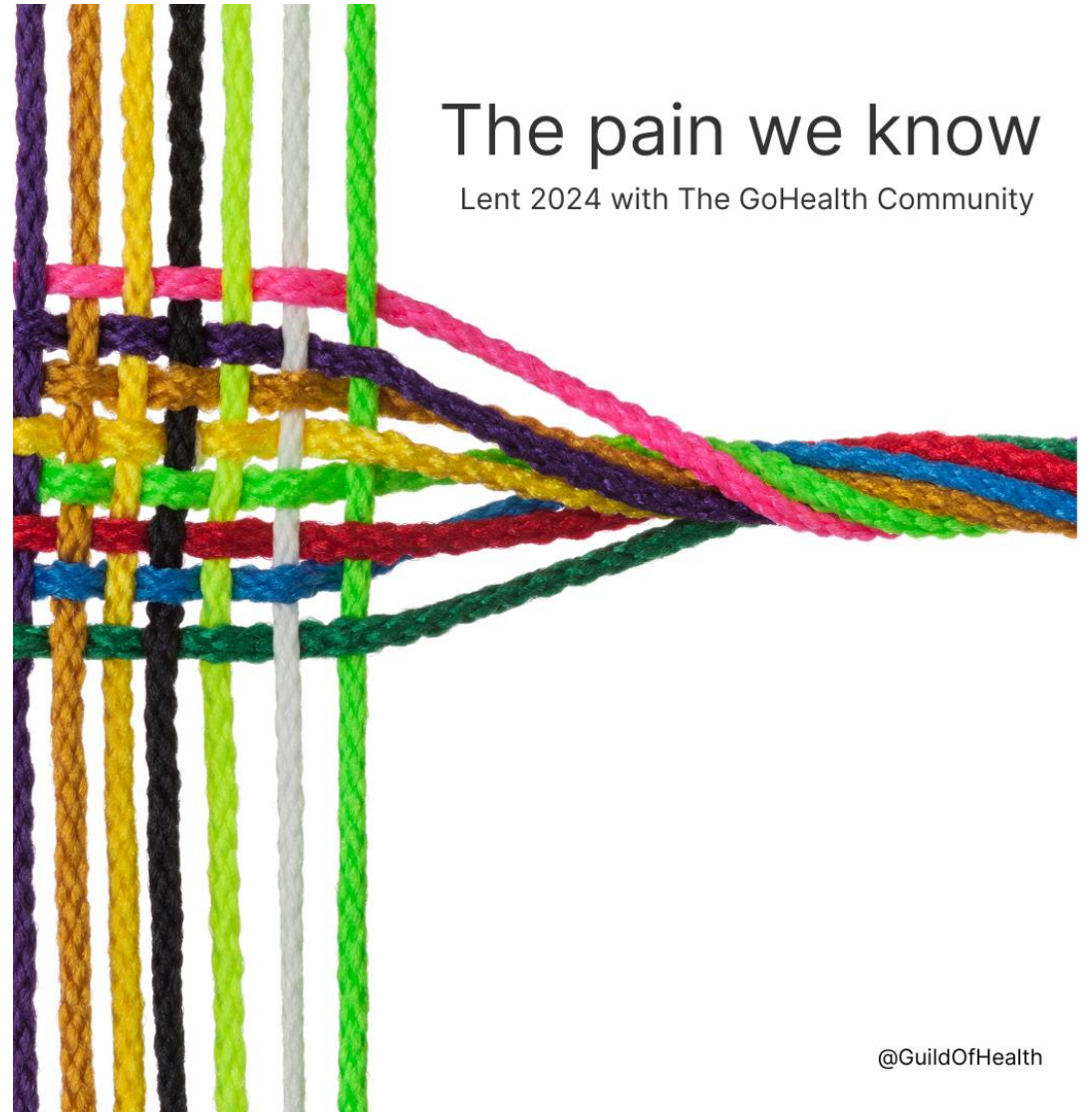


# BURN LIKE STARS

A GoHealth Guide to  
Avoid or Recover from  
Burnout.

## The pain we know

Lent 2024 with The GoHealth Community



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# Online Learning

- New courses every month
- Articulate platform
- Topics: Trauma, healing, mission
- £15 or free with GoHealth Community membership

The screenshot displays the GoHealth website's online learning section. At the top, the GoHealth logo is visible, along with user information: 'Hi Gillian', 'You are a Community + Chrim Member', and navigation links for 'PROFILE', 'SHARE', and 'DONATE'. A green navigation bar contains the text 'EXPLORE GOHEALTH' and a search icon. The main content area features a course titled 'Being Trauma Informed' with a progress bar indicating '15% COMPLETE'. A sidebar lists parts 1 through 8. The main content area shows a video player with a 'Step 1' overlay. The video content includes a text overlay: 'Take a moment to slow down a little' above an image of hands with colorful paint. Below this, a section titled 'How our brain responds to threat and shock' contains text explaining the use of Dr Dan Spiegel's hand model of the brain. At the bottom, a video frame shows a woman (Hilary) using the hand model, with numbered markers (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) overlaid on her hand.

GOHEALTH

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Being Trauma Informed

15% COMPLETE

Part 1  
Part 2  
Part 3  
Part 4  
Part 5  
Part 6  
Part 7  
Part 8

Step 1

Take a moment to slow down a little

How our brain responds to threat and shock

During the lecture, Hilary uses Dr Dan Spiegel's hand model of the brain to explain how the different areas of our brain behave when something awful happens, when we experience shock or when threats are detected.

Click on the numbered markers to read more about the interplay of each area.

# Bespoke

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- Coaching for courage – health mission coaching for clergy
- Curricula development
- Events:
  - to inspire congregations and wider community engagement
  - Clergy wellbeing
  - Healing ministry





# Special Offers

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- Join the GoHealth Community for £4 and get a free journal
- Book a place on the Everyday Healing Course in MAY ONLY and get 20% discount using this code:

**BathWellsEDH**





# Connecting together

What are you curious about?

What is sparking interest?

What are your questions?

What is next?

What do you need to deepen  
your vocation to be a healing  
presence?



Everyday healing course booked in May with 20% discount using this code.