

ReSource Day Programmes

Over the last few years we have been building up a portfolio not just of publications but also of day programmes on topics of pressing importance to the spiritual life and growth of the church. Most of these days have been developed at the specific requests of churches or dioceses to meet the needs of their people; all are supported by linked ReSource publications, for which you will find full details on our [publications](#) page. If you would like to talk to us about hosting a day in your church or area on any of these topics please do get in touch with the [office](#).

1. 'Follow me' - Living and growing as disciples of Jesus

What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus? Discipleship is not about what you know but about who you are becoming – the New Testament models discipleship as apprenticeship in community. Does discipleship have to be about head knowledge, or can we embrace a more practical, holistic model?

Linked publications – the ReSource discipleship programmes *Rooted in Jesus* and *The God Who is There*; Alison Morgan's *The Word on the Wind*; *ReSource magazine issue 12*. See also our [discipleship](#) page.



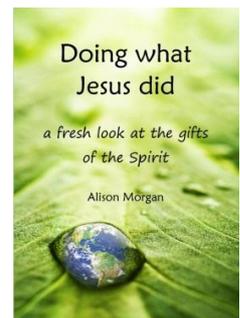
This material has been developed over a 2 year period for use in the Anglican dioceses of Carlisle, Liverpool, Oxford and Peterborough; for churches and church groupings in Chippenham, Bath, Langport and Dalwood; for conferences with New Wine, SOMA, On Fire, the York Centre for the Study of Discipleship Formation, the Vision in Action network and Rooted in Jesus.

2. Doing What Jesus Did – embracing the resources made available to us by the Holy Spirit

'The Holy Spirit was not given to make the Christian faith a little more like a trip to Alton Towers, but to help us carry the victory of the cross into the world' (Tom Wright). What does that mean in practice? How can we find and live out a gospel perspective on the gifts of the Spirit?

Linked publications – Alison Morgan's *Doing What Jesus Did*; *ReSource magazine issue 10*

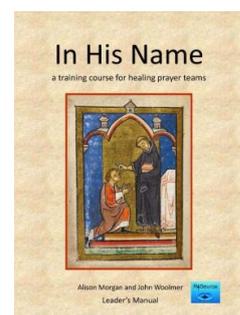
This material is based on *Doing What Jesus Did*, and has been used in the Dioceses of Hereford, Worcester, Rochester, Leicester, Peterborough and Liverpool, with the Pioneer network, and with churches and church groupings in Bath, Poole, Kettering and elsewhere.



3. I am the God who Heals – getting to grips with the healing ministry

God's first self definition is 'I am the LORD who heals you' (Exodus 15.26). What does that mean, and how do we open ourselves fully to healing work of God in our lives and ministries? We offer practical training sessions on prayer for healing and prayer ministry, healing days and teaching on the healing ministry.

Linked publications – *In His Name*, a training course for healing prayer teams, by Alison Morgan & John Woolmer; *Prayer Ministry – preparing for your prayer ministry appointment* and *Knowing God's Love*, [booklets](#) by Alison Morgan; *ReSource magazine issues 1,7, 10*.



This material is based on our experience running healing prayer teams, and enriched by our work with the Harnhill Centre for Christian Healing and our ministry with local churches and with church leaders here and in Africa. It has been used in the Dioceses of Salisbury, Worcester and Chichester, at St Mellitus Theological College, and with churches in Leicester, Kettering, Bexhill-on-Sea, Kirby Muxloe and Mansfield Baptist Church, among others.

4. Confidence in the Gospel

We live in a time of change and challenge. It is our conviction that we live in a culture characterised by increasing spiritual awareness; how confident can we be in the power of our ancient gospel, and what are the challenges and opportunities we face as we seek to share it?

Linked publications – Alison Morgan [The Wild Gospel](#) and [The Word on the Wind](#); *ReSource magazine issues 9, 14, 16.*

First developed for the Strategic Thinkers Forum, this material has been used in the Dioceses of Leicester, Wakefield, and the Deaneries of Stoke-on-Trent (Lichfield Diocese) and High Wycombe (Oxford Diocese), at Cliff College and at day conferences in Glastonbury and Kettering, as well as with local churches across the country.



5. Made new for mission

The Church has experienced an outflowing of the Holy Spirit in the last generation. We believe this is not simply an end in itself, but a means to an end – renewal is for mission. What options are available to help us think about the task of reaching out creatively and relevantly to our communities?

Linked publications – Alison Morgan [The Wild Gospel](#) and Grove booklet *Renewal – what is it and what is it for?*; *The God Who is There* discipleship programme; ReSource [booklets](#) *Decision, Stay Evangelism, A Vision for Your Church* (Roger Morgan), *Growing Healthy Churches, Praying for Mission*; and *ReSource magazine issues 4, 5, 6, 8, 11, 15, 20, 22*



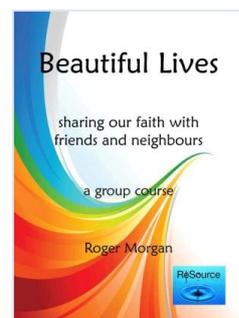
This material has been used at the Archbishops' Council and for ARM Wales; in the Archdeaconry of Stoke-on-Trent (Lichfield Diocese); with the East Midlands Baptists Association conference, for an Oxford Ministry Course retreat and in local churches and church groupings.

6. Living beautiful lives – sharing the good news with friends and neighbours

'Beauty of life causes strangers to join our ranks – we do not share great things, we live them', wrote Minucius Felix in the 3rd century. ReSource's course *Beautiful Lives*, by Roger Morgan, helps people to be who they are in the presence of others – and watch them coming to faith naturally. No techniques, no targets – just allowing God to work through us as we go about our daily lives.

Linked publications – [Beautiful Lives](#): *sharing our faith with friends and neighbours*; *ReSource magazine issues 10, 21, 25*

This popular material has been used with churches in Shropshire, London, Abingdon, Poole and Somerset. We also have a day or evening programme for PCCs which helps them to encourage the church into an outward looking focus.



7. The Language of Transformation

Story is the language of our world. How can we embrace story, our own stories and the stories of those whose lives have been changed by Christ, and reach out to others in a way that is convincing and authentic?

Linked [publications](#) – John Woolmer, *Encounters*; Alison Morgan, *The Word on the Wind*; *ReSource magazine issues 19, 11, 13*

This material has been used in the Dioceses of Wakefield and Leicester, and the Deanery of High Wycombe and Archdeaconry of Stoke-on-Trent.



8. Preaching and renewal

The task of preaching is one which easily becomes a weekly chore for busy people. And yet preaching gives us the opportunity to share the living word of God with a hungry audience. How can we make sure we are open to the surprising, poetic power of the word, and speak in ways that are as subversive and unpredictable as Jesus intended them to be?

Linked publications – Alison Morgan, *The Wild Gospel* and [The Word on the Wind](#); Alison Morgan & Martin Cavender, *Distilling Life, poems for reflection and meditation*; ReSource [booklet](#) *The Word of God - what does it mean?*



This material has been used in residential and day retreats in the Dioceses of Winchester and Exeter.

9. The Word of God – what does it mean?

It is so easy to shrink things, like clothes which have gone too many times through the washing machine. How can we make sure that we are not shrinking the Word of God, reducing it in scope and power to human dimensions? What is it, exactly, and what does it mean to speak it? An unconventional and powerful take on a conventional topic.

Linked publications – Alison Morgan, [The Word on the Wind](#); ReSource booklet *The Word of God - what does it mean?*



This material has been used in the Dioceses of Carlisle and Rochester, with the Pioneer Network and at Cliff College, with the Diocesan Missioners Conference, the Baptist Mainstream Conference and at New Wine; and in local churches and church groupings across the country.

10. Renewed by the Spirit

‘Renewal’ is an old word, often discarded now as being about what God did a generation ago. What is renewal when renewal isn’t new? Can we get a big picture understanding of spiritual renewal, and the ways in which God makes things new?

Linked publications – Alison Morgan, *Renewal what is and what is it for*; [Doing What Jesus Did](#); [Season of Renewal](#); ReSource [booklets](#) *New in Christ*; *Renewal in Scripture*; Felicity Lawson & John Finney, *Saints Alive Life in the Spirit*; Michael Mitton, *Saints at Prayer*; *ReSource magazine issue 3*



This material has been used in presentations at a General Synod lunch, and seminars and teaching days in the Dioceses of Newcastle, Bath & Wells, Hull, Salisbury and Leicester, and for retreats and retreat days for deaneries and local churches across the country.

11. Spirituality for mission

It is tempting to think that in order to lead people into mission we must load them with 'oughts'. In fact we can only offer to others what we have received ourselves – a living relationship with God. How do we make sure that when we talk about mission we are simply sharing with others what we ourselves have received, and not recruiting people to an institution or a series of events?



Linked publications – Roger Morgan, [Beautiful Lives](#); Michael Mitton, *Saints at Prayer*; ReSource [booklets](#) *Who do you say that I am?*; *The Word of God*; *Knowing God's Love*; *Fasting* (Keith Powell).

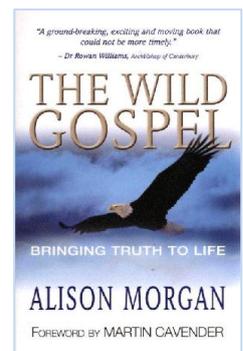
This material has been used with the Diocesan Missioners Conference, the Spiritconnect network and SOMA; for quiet days in Lichfield Cathedral and for the Church Army; and with deaneries and churches in Leicester, Oxford, London and Somerset, as well as at many church weekends.

12. Who do you say that I am? The unexpected Jesus

One of the secrets of the spiritual life is to engage with Jesus, not as a remote, fairy story figure but as the radical, wild, surprising figure he really was. This session helps us to step outside our preconceptions and engage with Jesus in new ways.

Linked publications – Alison Morgan, *The Wild Gospel*; *Who do you say that I am? The unexpected Jesus*

This material has been used at the Charismatic Leaders' Conference and Diocesan Missioners Conference, at New Wine, Cliff College and with many local churches.

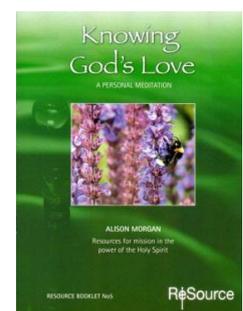


13. Renewed in God's love

It is often said that the secret of the spiritual life is to know that we are loved – not as a fact, but as an experienced reality. This session helps us to step aside from the demands of daily life and look at what it means that we are personally loved by God.

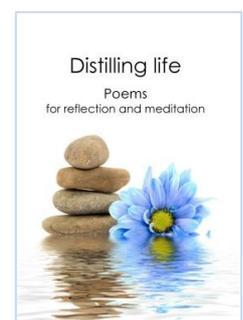
Linked publications – Alison Morgan, *Knowing God's Love*; *ReSource magazine issue 18*

This material has been used in the Diocese of Bath & Wells, at the Diocesan Missioners Conference, at quiet days in Lichfield Cathedral and for the Church Army, at the Carlisle Charismatic Leaders' retreat and with many local churches and church weekends.



14. Going deeper

Many people today lead busy lives which make it hard for us, even with the best intentions, to draw aside and spend time resting in the presence of God, opening up those parts which we keep resolutely locked away deep inside our souls. We have become increasingly convinced of the power of poetry to bring to the surface thoughts and feelings which we normally suppress. Time and again we have seen people, many of whom say they are not used to reading poetry, brought to a new place, a place of recognition and release, as they make the space to read some of the poems we have



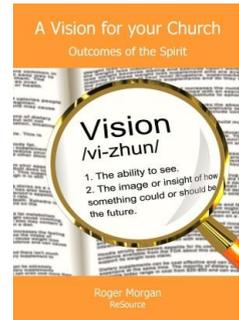
collected together in *Distilling Life – poems for reflection and meditation*. We are often invited to facilitate Quiet Days and Days of Prayer, and to read, to listen to music, to walk, to draw often enable busy people to reconnect with that part of themselves which daily life crowds out.

Linked publications – *Distilling life: poems for reflection and meditation*; ReSource booklets *Knowing God's Love, New in Christ, Praying with Creation*.

This material has been used in Winchester, Exeter and in Quiet Days and Days of Prayer in many local churches.

15. Growing Healthy Churches

For many years now it's been recognised that one simple way to improve the morale, life and ministry of the local church is to help it take a step back and assess itself under a number of headings. There are several tried and tested ways of doing this – ReSource has been working for many years now with Robert Warren's *Growing Healthy Churches* material which is still in wide use all over the country, and which we have recently reprinted. More recently we have published a booklet by Roger Morgan, former vicar and management consultant, called [A Vision for your Church](#) – *outcomes of the Spirit* which helps local churches ask questions of themselves as they consider their calling. We can facilitate a day or a weekend to help a church engage with these materials and pave the way for future growth.



Linked [publications](#) – *Growing Healthy Churches, A Vision for Your Church, Better Together – 3 sessions for developing PCCs*.

This material has been used all over the country first through Springboard and more recently through ReSource.