

Broken Lives Restored With Ellel Ministries

1. Is there any hope for an unwanted child, convicted criminal, who's homeless and a drug addict; described by a doctor as needing Psychiatric hospitalisation, and told 'you should be dead.'? John Robinson, male pastor of Ellel Ministries, Pierrepont in Surrey, says a resounding 'YES!'

Last weekend, published author, John Robinson shared the amazing story of how his life was restored from the pit of pain and rejection. Invited by Peter Chadwick, Christian Community Church Narberth, Ellel Ministries' led teaching seminars, presented by John Robinson, Pam Lucas, Assistant Director of Luke **Nine Eleven Training School** (NETS), and two Term 4 Diploma students, in Maenclochog_Village Hall. The Term 2 students provided personal ministry for those who requested it.

Ellel ministries was founded in the 70's by Peter Horrobin. As Peter restored an old car, he felt God say: 'Now go and restore people's lives.' Peter faithfully prayed, developing key Biblical teachings, such as love and forgiveness, into programmes for retreats. God continues to bless this vision in world wide Ellel Ministry centers.

John continued his story, on Sunday in Narberth's Bloomfield center, hosted by Christian Community Church, Narberth. With an alcoholic mother of 12 and a imprisoned father, John faced a hard life, experiencing some traumatic foster care. He felt rejected and completely hopeless. Despite loving care from Bernardo's, John never felt he truly belonged.

'**Nobody's Child**' isn't a negative book. It's a story of restoration, proof that no matter how bad things get, there is always hope in Jesus. Restoration's a long road. I've learned to forgive those who hurt me and have a new life. Christians demonstrated love, giving me a chance, believing that God would restore me.' said John Robinson.

Ian Lloyd, part of the leadership team at Ellel Pierrepont and manager of NETS programme, describes Ellel's as: 'A living bridge to a needy world. Ellel want to see that 'bridge' widen as we share Jesus' message with those feeling hopeless and hurt. Ellel Ministries are living examples of how God uses Christians to restore people's lives.'

Ellel Ministries offer retreats for people in need, including church leaders, running international courses and NETS training programmes. 'As people hear Biblical truths at Ellel, they realise, as these truths sink in, there begins the restoration.' says Ian Lloyd.

Ellel's John Robinson speaks to anyone who feels like 'nobody's child': 'The world may say you are nobody, but nobody is nobody's child. God says you're wonderfully & fearfully made. If you feel like nobody's child, you have got nothing to loose and everything to gain by, crying out to God saying: 'show me how much you love me.'

Ian Lloyd described how Ellel Ministries impact lives: 'Sometimes as people arrive you see them burdened with emotional baggage. After sharing the truth about Jesus' love and forgiveness, they see that there is hope. The Bible says God has plans for us, giving us a sense of purpose, with hope and a future. God can restore lives. They go away looking different, having laid aside long carried burdens, freed into a new life with a brighter future.' said Ian.

John Robinson's second book '**Somebody's Child**' shows: 'I now know I am somebody's child, God says we are his children, I have taken this on board. Even if our parents are gone or abandon us, we're all God's children. The immediate change was knowing that Jesus loves me and died on the cross for me, setting me free from things I have done wrong. But it doesn't end there, it's an ongoing process where God changes and restore me.' shared John.

'**Somebody's Child**' inspires people to take Jesus onto the streets, to hurting people. John has used his life experiences for the good of others. He continues this work with Ellel who believe: 'Jesus said 'I have come that you may have abundant life.' That's the message that we bring to Pembrokeshire. God doesn't just love us God is love, he wants to restore your life today.' says Ian Lloyd.

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Bloomfield Center seminar room.

