

## April 2024

Dear Friends,

Here at Breathing Space we are celebrating Spring and the new growth that God has blessed us with both spiritually and physically.

Although Peter and Lois are physically far away, their presence has been very much appreciated as they continue to work closely with Breathing Space. We give thanks to God also for Chris and Grahame who so generously hosted in our first chapter since Peter and Lois journeyed to New Zealand.

As we turn the page we welcome Ellie who has been a friend of Breathing Space since 2017, was our artist in residence in August 2023. Ellie joins us to continue that role and as part of the team to provide a warm welcome when you visit.

We also welcome Chris Hitchcock volunteering as our garden advisor. Chris will be working alongside other garden volunteers and brings a wealth of experience having a background



with the National Trust. In conversation with him, he had some valuable words of wisdom which are, "Do what you can with the resources that you have". This doesn't only apply to gardening, but encourages us to do the best with the gifts that God gave us.

Chris is keen to share his extensive knowledge in the garden and we are planning hands-on workshops throughout the year: watch this space.

If you would like to join a small team working together to keep the garden

vibrant through every season, please contact Ellie, (use Breathing Space email).

Below are photos taken last week of the meadow and orchard – seeing the hand of our creator God encircling Breathing Space Gardens creates the atmosphere to come aside and rest a while.

Last week one of our visitors sighed: "Here is the place I really enter into rest and connect with God."



We look forward to welcoming you here at Breathing Space Coventry. During term time we are open Thursday, Friday and Saturdays, but please do enquire if you have a group and would like to come another day in the week and one of our team can welcome you. For enquiries, please email <u>breathingspacecoventry@gmail.com</u> or use our new landline phone number: 02475099426

We will be having our AGM on 29<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm. You are most welcome to come and share and celebrate in our journey so far. AGM reports will be on the website for you to read too.

Peace and Joy

From all at Breathing Space Coventry