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## Season 2 Episode 74 - Interview with Veronica Jenkins

Hannah Macintyre: Hello and welcome to Mediumship Matters! I'm your host, Hannah Macintyre, and today, I have a very special guest, Veronica Jenkins. Veronica is well known in the spiritualist community, particularly for her incredible work during lockdown, organizing information and supporting mediums and churches.

Veronica, welcome!

Veronica Jenkins: Hi, Hannah! It's great to be here.

### Discovering Spiritualism & Mediumship

Hannah: So, tell us, how did your journey into spiritualism and mediumship begin?

Veronica: I got involved in my early 20s when I started attending a spiritualist church in West Bridgford, Nottingham. Before that, I had some experiences sensing spirit, but I didn't fully understand what it was. My great-grandmother was also a medium—though more of the 'local lady on the street' variety rather than church-based.

I quickly became involved with the church community and even served as president for a couple of years. Later, I moved to the West Midlands and continued supporting spiritualist churches there. However, as life got busy with my career and raising children, my involvement lessened—until lockdown happened, and everything changed.

### The Impact of Lockdown on Spiritualist Churches

Hannah: Lockdown really seemed to have reignited your involvement. What happened?

Veronica: I retired just as lockdown started, and while many people had a quiet period, I found myself busier than ever! With churches closing and people unable to attend services in person, I saw a real need for organization and communication.

I started compiling lists of churches offering online services, making it easier for people to stay connected. Initially, there were only a few events happening, but that quickly grew. Today, even post-lockdown, we have more spiritualist events happening online than ever before—sometimes 47 in a single day!

### Bringing Organization to the Spiritualist Community

Hannah: What inspired you to start your spiritualist directories?

Veronica: I've always been a very organized person (former headteacher here!), and I love a good list! Years ago, I had already compiled a database of spiritualist churches, and during lockdown, I realized how vital it was to bring everything together.

People needed one central place to find services and events, so I published my Spiritualist Venues Directory and Spiritualist Mediums Directory on Amazon. The directories help mediums and churches connect and allow people to find spiritualist services more easily.

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## The Future of Spiritualist Churches

Hannah: Some churches are thriving, while others are struggling. What do you think the biggest challenges are?

Veronica: It's a mix. Some churches are attracting bigger audiences than ever, while others are barely filling seats. A big factor is publicity—churches that invest in local advertising and outreach are seeing better attendance. Others may be struggling due to parking issues or a lack of visibility.

Churches need to adapt to changing times, embrace online opportunities, and actively promote their services. The demand for spiritualism is still there—it's just about reaching people in the right way.

## Spiritualist Churches vs. Christian Spiritualist Churches

Hannah: For those new to this, what's the difference between a spiritualist church and a Christian spiritualist church?

Veronica: Great question! Here's a simple breakdown:

- Christian Churches focus solely on the worship of God and Jesus Christ.
- Spiritualist Churches focus on evidential mediumship, healing, and philosophy—centred around proving life after death.
- Christian Spiritualist Churches blend both traditions. They incorporate Christian teachings but also practice mediumship.

What's important to remember is that spiritualism is inclusive—you can be a Christian spiritualist, a Sikh spiritualist, or even a Muslim spiritualist. It's all about belief in the continuation of life after death and the communication between the living and spirit.

## The Structure of a Spiritualist Church Service

Hannah: So, what actually happens in a spiritualist church service?

Veronica: The structure is similar to traditional church services but with a mediumship demonstration included. A typical service includes:

- Opening prayer
- Healing prayer (may be at the beginning, middle, or end)
- Philosophy segment (similar to a sermon)
- Hymns or uplifting music to raise the energy
- Mediumship demonstration
- Closing prayer
- And of course, tea and biscuits after! 🍵🍪

## Training as a Medium in Spiritualist Churches

Hannah: Did you develop your mediumship through spiritualist churches?

Veronica: Yes! Back then, you had to be invited to join a development circle—it wasn't open to just anyone. I was fortunate to train under Pat Hunt, who was taught by Gordon Higginson himself! It was a very structured process, focusing first on psychic abilities before moving into mediumship.

Development wasn't rushed—it took years. You didn't just wake up one day and decide to do readings! The goal was to be skilled enough to serve on the platform at a church, delivering strong, evidential messages.

## The Role of Mediums & Church Bookings

Hannah: You also help churches with booking mediums, right?

Veronica: Yes! Booking mediums can be a logistical nightmare for churches. Since I already had all these contacts, I started helping churches schedule their services. I now manage bookings for several churches and even spiritual psychics TV.

If any other churches need help with organizing their schedules, I'm always happy to assist!

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What Makes a Good Medium?

Hannah: In your opinion, what makes a good evidential medium?

Veronica: A good medium must be:

- Honest & Trustworthy
- Able to make a strong spirit connection
- Focused on providing specific, personal evidence (not just vague messages!)
- Trained in sustaining energy throughout a demonstration

Spiritualism isn't about psychic readings—it's about proof of life after death. A good medium delivers messages that make it clear who's communicating from spirit.

Final Thoughts & Future Plans

Hannah: So, what's next for you?

Veronica: Right now, I'm focusing on updating my 2023 directories and expanding my website to support more churches. I also offer free web pages for churches that don't have an online presence.

After that, I may explore teaching, but for now, I'm consolidating everything I've built so far.

Conclusion

Hannah: Veronica, thank you so much for sharing your incredible insights! Your work has made such a difference in the spiritualist community, and I know many listeners will find this episode helpful.

For those interested, you can find Veronica's Spiritualist Directories on Amazon by searching "Spiritualist Venues Directory" or "Spiritualist Mediums Directory."

And to all my listeners—thank you for tuning in! If you enjoyed this episode, don't forget to leave a review and share it with fellow spiritual seekers.

Until next time—keep shining your light! ✨