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Ash's Letter

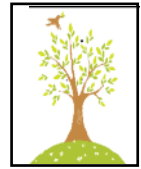
Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. – Philippians 4: 6 - 7

As I sit here writing this in early June, guess what? It's raining again! Over these past seven or eight months it seems that almost every week has contained rain and I'm waiting along with everyone else for a dry, sunny week as a signal that the seasons have finally changed and summer has arrived. Sometimes change is good and necessary and can bring real benefits. However, it's also true that sometimes change can be daunting and scary.

As you know, we're in the process at the moment of changing our senior leader at Ackworth Community Church. Hopefully, during the month of July, Michael will be joining me in the day to day running of the church, seeing how things work and learning about the wonders and the intricacies of things like the church store cupboard, which is a puzzle to behold. Please pray for Michael and Helen that they will quickly settle and start to feel at home amongst us in Ackworth. Also, pray that God will be giving them some keys that will be opening doorways of opportunities for us as a church.

I will still be around during July but at the same time I have now started my job search in earnest, looking for my own next doorway of opportunity to open up. Again please pray that God will quickly lead me and direct my path.

As I've said above change can be really good but it usually brings some apprehension and nerves. I was sharing recently in church about the way that God can speak to us in all sorts of ways; you may remember me telling the story of cleaning up and painting the front of our house after a leaky guttering caused it to get muddy. You may also recall how the whole process spoke to me about some of the things that God does in our lives, fixing leaky parts, cleaning us up and clothing us in Christ. Equally,



though I mentioned that God had spoken to me as I changed the calendar from May to June. Printed on the top of the days of June were the verses mentioned above from Philippians 4. These verses start with the words 'do not be anxious about anything' and that is an oft occurring thought in scripture. Remember Jesus famous word in John 14 where he states 'do not let your hearts be troubled' or again the words in Luke 12 where he asks the question 'which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? I'm sure you can think of other examples too. The theme of them all is not to worry because we have a heavenly Father, who is good and in control. I realise that this is easier said than done sometimes but they are good thoughts to hang onto in seasons of change. I think also that around these scriptures there are many helpful practical helps that teach us the art of trusting rather than worrying and hopefully, we'll be able to have a look a bit further at them over these coming weeks.

Ash.

Prayer and Pastoral Support

Just a reminder that should a need arise; there are a couple of means of support available. Firstly, there is prayer support, so if you contact Ash or any of the elders with a prayer request then they can circulate it to people through e-mail and word of mouth.

Also, there is pastoral support, so again you could contact Ash, Neill, Alyn or Denise and they will arrange some appropriate help where possible.



Healing Ministry Team

If you would like to receive ministry and prayer for healing, please contact Alyn or Carole who will arrange for members of the ministry team to come and wait on the Lord and pray with you. The healing ministry team are: Alyn and Carole, Brenda, Denise, Jacquie, Dot & Ash.

Birthday Celebrations

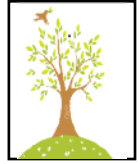
23rd July - Hope

23rd July - Lilian

24th July - Dot

27th July - Anne-Marie

**A Very Happy Birthday From Everyone At
Ackworth Community Church**



Yet Not I But Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer
 There is no more for heaven now to give
 He is my joy, my righteousness and
 freedom
 My steadfast love, my deep and bound-
 less peace.

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
 For my life is wholly bound to His
 Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing,
 "All is mine"
 Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
 For by my side, the Saviour, He will stay
 I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
 For in my need, His power is displayed.

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend
 me
 Through the deepest valley, He will lead
 Oh, the night has been won, and I shall
 overcome
 Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
 The future sure, the price it has been
 paid
 For Jesus bled and suffered for my
 pardon
 And He was raised to overthrow the
 grave.

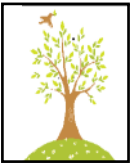
To this I hold, my sin has been
 defeated
 Jesus now and ever is my plea
 Oh, the chains are released, I can
 sing, "I am free"
 Yet not I, but through Christ in
 me.

With every breath, I long to fol-
 low Jesus
 For He has said that He will
 bring me home
 And day by day, I know He will
 renew me
 Until I stand with joy before the
 throne.

To this I hold, my hope is only
 Jesus
 All the glory evermore to Him
 When the race is complete, still
 my lips shall repeat
 "Yet not I, but through Christ in
 me". To this I hold, my hope is
 only Jesus.

When the race is complete, still my
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Michael Farren, Rich Thompson,
 Jonny Robinson

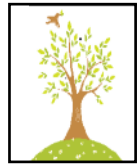


God's Eternal Generosity

In Daniel 2:23, we witness a moment of gratitude for God's eternal generosity. Daniel, faced with a challenging situation, turns to God for wisdom and power. God's response is quick and generous, providing not only the revelation of King Nebuchadnezzar's dream but also its interpretation. This act of divine generosity highlights a timeless truth: God always gives us whatever we need, whenever we need it.

Daniel's experience is a powerful reminder that our eternal God's resources are limitless, and his willingness to give us what we need is boundless. When we trust in God, we can be assured that he will provide exactly what we need at the right moment. Just as God granted Daniel wisdom and power in his time of need, God promises to meet our needs. Whether we seek wisdom, strength, comfort, or guidance, we can count on God's generosity. When we face complex decisions or challenging situations, God offers us the wisdom we need. Like Daniel, who received divine insight into the king's dream, we can receive clarity and understanding directly from God when we seek his guidance. In moments of weakness, God's strength sustains us. When we feel overwhelmed or incapable, we can rely on God's strength to carry us through. God's generous provision also includes comfort in challenging circumstances. When we are in pain, God is with us, giving us peace. We often need God's guidance, and when we ask for it, God leads us to find and fulfill his purposes for us. No matter what we need, we can trust that God will provide it in any situation.

God's timing is perfect. Daniel received the revelation at the precise moment it was needed. This teaches us to trust in God's timing, knowing that he is aware of our circumstances and will act at the right time. Often, we may feel anxious or impatient, wanting immediate answers or solutions. However, God sees the bigger picture and knows the best moment to intervene. God's delays are not denials. Instead, they're purposeful pauses that prepare us for what is to come. By waiting on God, we learn patience and develop deeper faith. Trusting in God's timing means believing that he knows what is best for us and that his provision will come at the most beneficial moment.



Experiencing God's generosity should fill us with awe and gratitude. Like Daniel, we should regularly thank and praise God for his gifts and pursue a deeper connection with him. God's eternal generosity helps us to recognize his constant presence and care, and it inspires us to live in a state of continual thankfulness. This will transform our perspective, allowing us to see glimpses of God in both the extraordinary and the everyday moments of our lives.

We can embrace the assurance that God will always provide for our needs. This means approaching God with our requests, trusting in God's timing, and being open to God's answers. When we experience God's provision, we should celebrate God's wonderful work by thanking and praising him as Daniel did. The more we do so, the more our faith can grow to rely on God's generosity at all times.

Dear God, I thank and praise you for your eternal generosity. You have always given me exactly what I need, whenever I need it. Your wisdom and power are treasures that I am deeply grateful for. Please help me to trust in your perfect timing and to rely on your provision in every situation. Fill my soul with awe as I witness your generosity in my life. Let this awe inspire me to live in a way that honors you and reflects your love to others. Thank you for being my source for everything I need. May my life be a continuous testimony of your goodness and faithfulness.

Amen.



Kindness

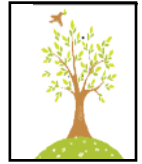
Steve Sjogren wrote a book called Conspiracy of Kindness. He started a church in Cincinnati, Ohio, that grew to an average attendance of over 7,000. Their motto is, **'Small things done with great love are changing the world.'** They carry out random acts of kindness like paying for a stranger's coffee or writing a 'thank you' note to a shop assistant.

Kindness is love in work clothes. Showing God's love in practical ways, they have discovered the power of kindness to effect positive change, both in their lives and in the lives of people around them. Unexpected kindness is the most powerful, least costly and most underrated agent of human change. When kindness is expressed, healthy relationships are created, community connections are nourished and people are inspired to pass on kindness.

God is kind. He loves you. Whatever your needs are today, you can cry out to him and he will be your help and deliverer.

David prays, 'God! Please hurry to my rescue! God, come quickly to my side!' (v.1, MSG). He goes on, 'Yet I am poor and needy; come quickly to me, O God. You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay' (v.5). As he cries out, he remembers God's kindness to him in the past.

*Thank you so much, Lord, for your kindness and love.
Today, I cry out for...*



'God Opened the Door for Breaking Down Barriers'!

So [Peter and Cornelius] talked together and went inside, where many others were assembled.

Peter told them, "You know it is against our laws for a Jewish man to enter a Gentile home like this or to associate with you. But God has shown me that I should no longer think of anyone as impure or unclean. So I came without objection as soon as I was sent for. Now tell me why you sent for me." Acts 10:27-29 NLT

Breaking down barriers between Jews and Gentiles was an enormous task in Peter's day. However, breaking down barriers had been revealed as God's plan since he first called Abraham centuries earlier (Genesis 12:1-3). Cornelius was the perfect initial case of a Gentile coming to Christ. So, through Peter's vision, angels, the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and Cornelius' messengers, God opened the door for Peter to go to Cornelius. Let's commit to pray for open doors — open for us to go and for hearts to be ready to hear — so we can better share the Good News of Jesus, today.

Dear Father, please open my heart and my eyes to the people around me who are seeking to know Jesus. Open the doors of their hearts to receive the message I long to share with them. Please, dear Father, send your Spirit afresh in my time so that I can be your instrument to take Jesus' grace to those who do not know him. I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.



Shades of Blue

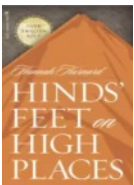
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In *Shades of Blue* Brad Cutler, twenty-eight, is a rising star at his New York ad agency, about to marry the girl of his dreams. Anyone would agree he has it all

But when memories of a high school girlfriend begin to torment him a lost innocence and one very difficult choice floods his conscience, he is no longer sure what the future will bring except for this: He must find his old love and make amends.

Haunted by the past and confused about the future, he turns to God seeking forgiveness and redemption.

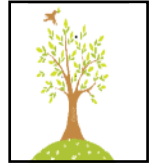
Shades of Blue takes Brad back to the shores of Holden Beach in search of his first love, three people must now work through the repercussions of a decision made long ago before any of them can look towards a new future.



Hinds Feet On High Places

£8.50

The Lord God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me walk upon mine high places. - Habakkuk 3:19 *Hind's Feet on High Places* is one of Hannah Hurnard's best known and best loved books: a beautiful allegory dramatizing the yearning of God's children to be led to new heights of love, joy, and victory. Follow Much-Afraid on her spiritual journey through difficult places with her two companions, Sorrow and Suffering. Learn how Much-Afraid overcomes her tormenting fears as she passes through many dangers and mounts at last to the High Places. There she gains a new name and returns to her valley of service, transformed by her union with the loving Shepherd. Included in this new edition of *Hinds' Feet on High Places* are two special sections: Hannah Hurnard's own, never-before-published account of the circumstances that led her to write *Hinds' Feet*, and a brief autobiography of the author's life as told in the book *Hearing Heart*.



Coming Events for July

Saturday 13th July

6 – 7pm Outreach Event hosted by Good News for Everyone at The Parish Rooms.

Monday 15th July

All articles for the News Letter must be received by Lisa.

Sunday 21st July

Picnic and games at the Park, 5pm Carr Bridge field.



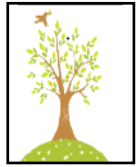
The Information Exchange

This is a place where you can request prayer for yourself or others, share your need /request for help, exchange surplus goods, or if you have some spare time, help someone with gardening, housework, shopping etc. You can use this section also if you want to say anything to the Church. Just ask Lisa to place your request.

Remember to Recycle

Please remember to recycle your empty Ink Cartridges. (HP, Cannon, Lexmark, Dell) and Stamps. Lisa is collecting them, each item donated will raise money for a Charity.

Anne-Marie's new email address is
amflanagan13@gmail.com



Coming Events for August

Monday 19th August

All articles for the News Letter must be received by Lisa.



Small Group Meetings

Do get involved in a mid-week group and let us know which one you're hoping to be part of.

Alpha Groups 7pm

New Post Alpha led by Ash
Meet on Tuesday 2nd July.

Old Post Alpha led by Ash
Meet on Tuesday 9th July.

Thursday Lunch Group led by Denise

Meet on Thursday 4th July, Thursday 11th July, Thursday 18th July & Thursday 25th July at Dot's house - Midday.

Thursday Evening Group led by Alyn (Zoom 8pm)

Meet on Thursday 4th July, Thursday 11th July, Thursday 18th July & Thursday 25th July.

Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting at 6pm, venue to be announced.

Prayer Diary

Please pray for each other.

If you would like to be on the prayer list please let Lisa know.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 Kevin & Jeanie	2 Ann	3 John & Lilian	4 Neil & Eileen	5 Michael & Helen	6 Brenda	7 Julian & Caroline
8 Joan A James	9 Brian & Linda	10 Dimytro, Natalia & Denys	11 Lisa	12 Anne- Marie & Alison	13 Matt, Cheryl, Oscar & Georgina	14 Jacquie
15 John & Pat	16 Denise	17 Julian & Valerie	18 Tony, Jilly & Family's	19 May	20 Alyn & Carole	21 Ash, Di. & Ceryws
22 Neill, Sue, Grace & Hope	23 Adrian, Anne & Family	24 Maryna	25 Joel & Holly	26 Stan & Moirra	27 Andrew, Kimber- ley, Hannah & Joanna	28 Amanda
29 Dot	30 Kevin & Jeanie	31 Elders				