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Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said,
streams of living water will flow from within him.
' John 7:37-9.

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Michael's Letter

'Whoever watches the wind will not plant; whoever looks at the clouds will not reap.' Eccl 11:4



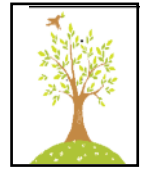
Whatever the weather...

So, we (Helen & I) just had a week's holiday and we'd booked to go to Sheringham, knowing that there are places of low light pollution in order to do some star gazing. When we saw the weather reports it was clear that we wouldn't be seeing anything but cloud, with wintry showers to greet us on arrival. That and some of the lovely restaurants were closed for the off season led us to reconsider our plans. The landlady we had booked with was accommodating (no pun intended) about our change of plan, so we didn't go.

The weather reports seemed to change so frequently from then on that it reinforced my view that the only reliable way to know the weather is to look out of the window.

I thought instead, we'd journey somewhere closer to home – so we had a few days in Lincoln. We haven't been there for years. The weather report really wasn't great but frankly, so what... we needed to get out somewhere and apart from a very raining couple of hours we were fine. We enjoyed the sight-seeing during the day, the art gallery and the Lincoln Lights in the evening. Real highlights for me were of course food related, a delicious meal at the Marco Pierre White Steak House and if you are looking for a hearty breakfast or lunch in Lincoln (sweet or savoury), you could do a lot worse than to visit Madame Waffle on the high street!





Yes, there were further patches of rain but they didn't dampen our spirits and our final day gave us sunshine, which was a particular blessing.

The moral of this tale? Throw caution to the wind! Not in all circumstances of course, but leaps of faith are sometimes necessary! In either case, worry less! Worry can be debilitating and we can easily find more things to worry about. Matt 6:33-34 reminds us to seek first His Kingdom and His way of doing right. He provides our need so we can take it one day at a time (I now have a song Lena Martell sang in the late 70s stuck in my head). You don't remember the song (or too young)? Here are some of the lyrics...

'One day at a time, sweet Jesus
That's all I'm asking from You
Just give me the strength to do every day
What I have to do'

So don't worry and cheer up, spring is on its way!

Every blessing
Michael



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, Michael, Helen, 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: Michael, Helen, Alyn, Carole, Brenda, Denise, Jacque, Dot & Ash.

Birthday Celebrations

14th March - Cheryl

16th March - Moira

21st March - Cerwys

29th March - Alyn

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



News from Dima, Natalia and Denys

Please pray for Dima, Natalia and Denys. When they moved to the USA they were granted 2 year visas, with the possibility of extending for a further two years. Since the Trump administration came to power, their visas have been downgraded to a probationary status, meaning that they could be told to leave the USA at anytime. This is very unsettling for them; it is hard for them to develop their online book store that they had just started and to plan for the future. Please pray that the Lord will provide for them and help them to plan for the future.

Alyn.

Summary from 'Waiting on God' on Sunday 15th January

During the prayer meeting the Lord spoke a number of confirmatory words on the same theme of a new season and being ready to serve.

A picture of two waves crashing onto the shore full of fish of every kind, size and colour. God's people were on the shore with nets ready to catch them.

Not being caught out by the season of winter, being comfortable, but being ready for a new season.

Hearing God's word and being obedient to it in service to Him.

Seasons – knowing when, how and being ready to serve.

The song 'Send the Rain' about being refreshed, rejuvenated, filled again with the Holy Spirit, ready for service

Many thanks Alyn.



Malawi Prayer Update.

Some good news from Malawi.

One of the churches in the Dedza district is experiencing such rapid growth they are having problems making enough bricks to expand the church building! The same church is running its discipleship course in the local village with people who don't attend the church, please pray that the people will become disciples!

5 new churches have been established in villages around the city of Lilongwe, please pray that new leaders will be appointed and that the new converts are truly rooted in Christ.

Please pray for Josiah, one of the leaders in the Lilongwe district, who is seeking the Lord about whether he should move to be involved in the leadership of the churches in the south of Malawi.

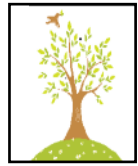
Please pray for David, a brother planting and leading churches in Mozambique, just across the border from Malawi.

Please pray for Jospeh, who is leading church plants in the Nchisi district

Please pray for rain. Like much of southern Africa, Malawi is experiencing severe drought, particularly in the south of the country. The people have planted seed three times, the first two plantings failed to germinate due to lack of rain, it is essential that there is enough rain for the third planting of seed to grow successfully. They need consistent rain through to the end of March for crops to succeed.

Julian is planning to visit Malawi this year and asks for prayer for the wisdom about when to schedule his trip.

Many thanks
Alyn



Verse of the Month..

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8

I'll let Rick Warren speak for me (well, partly) this month...

"The first tool God uses in changing us is the Bible... if you are serious about changing your life [I'm guessing that not everything is smooth sailing and running like clockwork, in the lives of anyone reading this]. You need to **read it, study it, memorise it, meditate on it** and **apply it**. When people tell me their faith is weak, I ask them, 'are you reading your Bible regularly?' 'Hmm, not really.' 'Are you studying the Bible?' 'Well, not exactly.' Are you memorising Scripture?' 'Hmm, no.' Well, how do you expect your faith to grow?"

Romans 10:7 tells us that *faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God...*" Rick Warren, *God's Power to Change Your Life*, Zondervan, 2006

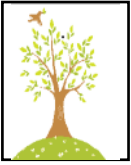
Here's the same verse, Romans 10:17 in the NIV, *Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.*

The verse this month, from Micah, is another very well-known one and a great one to meditate upon over the next month and of course to put into practice. If you are memorising all the Scriptures for each month, don't forget to keep going back and reviewing them and checking you still have them right. Our minds soon lapse and start filling in the gaps in our memory.

Certainly, I suggest you meditate on it. Read it prayerfully, mull it over, ponder it with a heart to receive what God has to say or show you. Perhaps you might reflect on what it means to 'walk humbly with your God'? Or to 'love mercy'. But it's for your journey... I'm sure you'll be blessed as you read it and I recommend at least once reading the preceding verses for context.

God's rich grace go with you.

Michael



Lend With Care

Lendwithcare brings together entrepreneurs in low-income countries with the people that have the power to help them - people like you. Run by CARE International UK, one of the world's leading poverty fighting organisations, Lendwithcare is a revolutionary way for you to help people to work their way out of poverty with dignity.

Here's how it works:

1) It starts with an idea

From launching a scrap recycling business to diversifying crops and everything in between, entrepreneurs living in low-income countries are bursting with ideas - all they need is a helping hand to get started.



2) The entrepreneur requests a loan

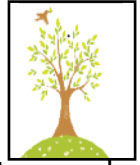
Entrepreneurs approach one of Lendwithcare's local development partners for a loan. If their plans to invest in their business show promise, their loan is approved and they'll have the go-ahead to get started.

3) You lend to an entrepreneur

The local partner adds the entrepreneur's profile to the Lendwithcare website where they will join other entrepreneurs from different locations across the globe. You can browse all entrepreneurs available for funding and choose which promising business idea you'd like to support.

4) The entrepreneur's business grows

After an entrepreneur receives their Lendwithcare funding, they will get to work starting or growing their small business. We try to keep all entrepreneur profiles updated so you can see how their business is progressing.



5) Your loan is repaid

Entrepreneurs pay back their loans in installments to local partners, who in turn transfer these repayments to CARE International. We then credit the repayment to your Lendwithcare account. Please note that most of the loans you choose to support will have been distributed in local currency. Repayments will be subject to currency exchange fluctuations.

6) You decide what happens next

When a loan is repaid, the vast majority of lenders will choose to make more loans, helping more low-income entrepreneurs to turn their hopes for a better future into reality. You can also withdraw the credit if you wish or make a donation to support Lendwithcare's operating costs and other important poverty fighting initiatives from CARE International UK.

Entrepreneurs

Dung has applied for a loan to purchase additional fish and shrimp for her fishmonger business. This will enable her to offer customers a plentiful supply at all times, and generate a more stable income that she can support her family.



Emmanuel is 31 years old and lives with his mother and siblings in a rural part of Rwanda. For about five years Emmanuel has been running an agro-veterinary pharmacy, which provides essential supplies to farmers in the region.

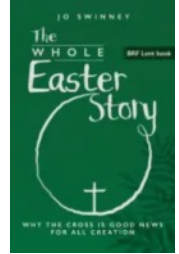
Although Emmanuel has been running his agro-veterinary pharmacy business for about five years, he is struggling to grow his business because he only has limited capital. The business provides essential supplies to farmers in the region, including a range of seeds, fertilisers, animal feed and healthcare products and Emmanuel has solid experience in veterinary science and agronomy.

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Book
Review
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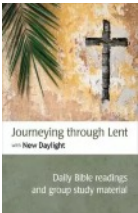


BRF Lent Book: The Whole Easter Story £8.79

Explore the profound meaning of Easter beyond personal spirituality.

There is no doubt that each of us has a place in the Easter story, but what happened on the cross is not just a story of me and Jesus. It is far deeper and wider than that.

In this Lenten journey, Jo Swinney explores the broader impact of the Easter story on God's relationship with creation. Through Bible readings, reflections and stories from A Rocha's global conservation efforts, discover how the cross transforms not just our own individual connection with Jesus, but also our relationships with each other and our world.

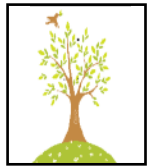


Journeying through Lent with New Daylight £3.99

Material by well-loved contributors from the New Daylight archive alongside specially written questions for group discussion. It encourages groups and individuals, whether existing readers of New Daylight or those who are new to using Bible reading notes, to share their experience and reflect together on the Lent journey as a church community. With contributions from:

Rachel Boulding - The sermon on the mount;
Helen Julian CSF - Feasting and fasting;
Stephen Cottrell - Jesus' wisdom in Luke;
Tony Horsfall - 1 Corinthians 13;
and Brother Ramon - From upper room to Easter Day

Praise for Lent with New Daylight: 'People are saying it's the best Lent book they've had and are asking for more! It brought them together across 7 small, rural churches and faith journeys were shared in a new way.'



Coming Events for March

Sunday 2nd March

Michael at 5 year Celebration of St Albans House (local Mission), Sheffield.

Wednesday 5th March

Lent begins. Sign up for the '40 Acts' Challenge. See Sue or Michael for details. www.stewardship.org.uk/40-acts-sign-up

Sundays 9th, 16th and 23rd
March and 6th April

The Lent Course, Paul and Karen (All Saints) and Michael will share in leading The Course. Held at 3.30pm at All Saints Church.

Monday 17th March

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

Sunday 23rd March

Church Meal after the Service.



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.

Alyn and Carole's contact details.

From 1st March we will no longer have a land line number, so please contact us on our mobile numbers:

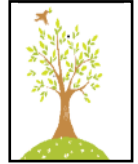
Carole - 07845 769204

Alyn - 07733 312166

New Church Contact List

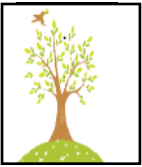
Lisa is preparing a new Church Contact List, if you are already on the list could you please check your details are correct.

If you have not been on the Church Contact List before and would like to be, please print clearly your name, address, telephone number, mobile number and email address.



Coming Events for April

- Saturday 5th April - 13th April Michael away.
- Sunday 6th April 3.30pm The Lent Course at All Saints Church.
- Wednesday 9th & 16th April Toddler Group Easter Holiday restarts Wednesday 23rd April.
- Monday 14th April All articles for the News Letter must be received by Lisa.
- Friday 18th April 12 noon Good Friday Out Reach with Churches Together at the Co-op car park.
- Friday 18th April Good Friday Evening Service. TBA
- Sunday 20th April 10.30am Easter Sunday Service Celebration in Church.



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

There will be no post alpha groups until further notice.

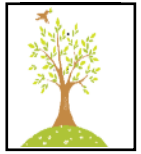
Thursday Lunch Group led by Denise

Meet on Thursday 6th March, Thursday 13th March, Thursday 20th March & Thursday 27th March at Dot's home at midday. Continuing series on the Gospel of John.

Thursday Evening Group led by Alyn (Zoom 8pm)

Meet on Thursday 6th March, Thursday 13th March Thursday 20th March & Thursday 27th March. Continuing series on Romans.

Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting at 6pm, at The Community Centre.



Worship, Preaching, Projection and Children's Rota.

| Date | Time | Theme | Worship | Preaching | Projection | Sunday School | Creche |
|----------|---------|--|---------|-------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| 2-March | 10.30am | Simply Jesus / Communion | Sue | Sue Michael Leading Communion | Lisa | No Sunday School | No Creche |
| 9-March | 10.30am | Praying on the Full armour of God Ephains 6 -17 Helmet of Salvation | Michael | Michael | Lisa | Di (Lord teach us to pray) | Holly |
| 16-March | 10.30am | Praying on the Full armour of God Ephains 6 -17b The Sword of the Spirit | Michael | Michael | Joel | Ash (The friend at midnight) | Jacquie |
| 23-March | 10.30am | Conclusion: Praying on the Full armour of God - Daily | Sue | Chris Thomas | Lisa | Carole (Arrest in the garden) | Val |
| 30-March | 10.30am | Mothers Day 2 Tim 1:1-5 Ex 1:15-21. | Michael | Michael | Joel | Ash (I don't know the man) | Cerwys |

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