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Ash's Letter

This is what the LORD says: "Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls. But you said, 'We will not walk in it.' - Jeremiah 6: 16

It has been interesting that throughout these lock down days that God has continued to speak to us and that is greatly re-assuring. If you think back through these past months we have reflected on how God shepherds his people and that great title given to Jesus, the good shepherd. We have remembered how God spoke to us in January, giving us an idea of what was to come in this strange year and we have also thought about the new things that God is doing (Isaiah 43: 18 & 19) as well as the verse above, which calls us back to ancient, well trodden paths of walking in faith. Let's reflect a bit further on this verse in the context of where we find ourselves now.

It's a familiar well used metaphor, as the verse calls us to stand at the crossroads and look. I remember a time when I was younger when we were travelling to a place well out in the countryside which was unfamiliar to us. It was in the days pre sat-navs and we were lost. To compound things it was dark and it was snowing heavily and we came to a crossroads. Thankfully, there was a signpost and I was able to get out of the car and to brush the snow of it and we were soon back on the right road. It feels at the moment that we stand at a crossroads, wondering when we might be able to resume worshipping together. We stand and look and wait for God's leading and direction and timing. God is faithful and will surely lead us at just the right time.

Another thing we can do is to ask where the good way is. Although we are separated at the moment due to the corona virus and unable to meet as we normally would, we can still join together in one heart and ask for the Lord to lead us. Our experience through the years at Ackworth Community Church is that God has led each step of the way and I'm sure we can be confident again that He will do the same at this juncture.



We are also reminded in this verse about our response when the Lord gives us the nod to move, it is to walk, it is to respond and take action and not to be stubborn or to do our own thing as the people of Israel did in this verse.

So in the meantime, we can stand and wait on the Lord, we can look, we can ask and we can walk in the ancient, well trodden, well proven paths. We have thousands of years of Biblical and church history to look back on and to learn from. We can see how God's people lived by faith, developed their relationship with God, dwelled in God's word, prayed individually and corporately, met together and loved and served one another and were filled with the Holy Spirit. These are the ancient well trodden paths that we can walk in too. And when the call comes again to join together we can be ready to go.

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, Tony, Neill, Alyn or Denise and they will arrange some appropriate help where possible.



Our Web Site

Our Sunday services are now online as well as the monthly news letter both are in the resources tab on the website.

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Birthday Celebrations

7th September - Holly

7th September - Dayo

13th September - Kevin

14th September - Shalom

28th September - Florence

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



Take My Life and Let It Be

Take My Life and Let It Be
Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in endless praise;
Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing,
Always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.
Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
Every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

Frances Ridley Havergal



When Your Plans and God's Plans Don't Match

*"My thoughts are not like your thoughts. Your ways are not like my ways."
Isaiah 55:8 (NCV)*

Life is full of interruptions. Sometimes we have big plans—for a career, family, or ministry—but God takes our lives in a different direction.

When our plans and God's plans don't match up, we often try to kick down the door. Then things get worse.

Just ask Jonah. He learned the hard way how to respond when God's plans and his plans didn't match. God told Jonah to warn the people of Nineveh that they needed to repent from their evil ways. But Jonah ran from God and ended up in the belly of a big fish, so God had to rescue him.

Jonah then did what God had said to do, but when the people of Nineveh repented and God didn't punish them, the prophet was extremely disappointed.

So God gave Jonah an object lesson. God caused a plant to grow large enough to give Jonah shade. Then he sent a worm to attack the plant and kill it. The next day, as the sun beat down on Jonah's head, he expressed his frustration to God.

And that's when God reminded Jonah of four truths to remember when God's plans differ from ours.

God can see things you can't. He can see the past and the present and the future all at the same time. He created time, so he is not subject to time.

God is good to you even when you're cranky. You may have been going the opposite direction from God, and he still covers you with shade. God cares about your comfort because that's the kind of God he is. He loves you even when you're unlovable.



God is in control of every detail of your life. Your plans don't fail randomly. God has a purpose in everything in your life. Jonah shows us that God uses both the big (a large fish) and the small (a worm) to direct our lives, but he is in control of it all.

God wants you to focus on what will last. Most of what worries you won't be around tomorrow. God wanted Jonah to care about the salvation of the people of Nineveh, not a plant that would die the next day. Above all else, focus on getting God's Word into your heart and bringing people into his family.

Just because your plans aren't turning out the way you want doesn't mean God isn't intimately involved in every step. Ask God to help you see his hand in your broken plans, and trust him in his goodness as he shows you the way forward.

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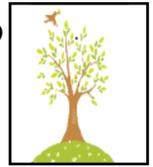
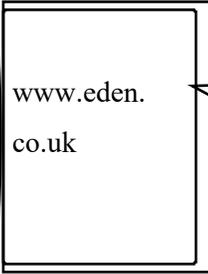
Healing Ministry Team

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, Catherine, Dot & Ash.

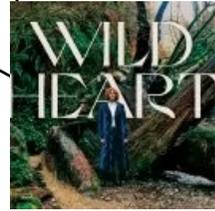


Film Quiz

1. How many James Bond films have there been?
2. Which airport is the opening scene of Love Actually set in?
3. Julia Roberts and Hugh Grant star in the iconic rom-com Notting Hill. But what are the occupations of the characters they play?
4. The famous adaptation of Price & Prejudice starring Keira Knightly was released in what year?
5. Who played The Queen in the 2006 film about Her Royal Majesty?
6. In which English city was The Full Monty filmed?
7. What does Tom Hanks compare life to in Forrest Gump?
8. What was the first feature-length animated movie ever released?
9. In Allo Allo, who owns a small café in France during World War II?
10. The first episode of Downton Abbey begins on the same day as which real historic event?
11. For which 1964 musical blockbuster did Julie Andrews win the Academy Award for Best Actress?
12. Who does Tom Cruise play in Top Gun?
13. In what 1976 thriller does Robert De Niro famously say “You talkin’ to me?”
14. How many films have Kate Winslet and Leonardo DiCaprio starred in together?
15. Alfred Pennyworth is the butler to which superhero?



Tell us what your Favourite CD is?



Wild Heart CD £8.94

Joyful, raw, honest, and intimate are words that perfectly describe 'Wild Heart', the brand new solo album from Kim Walker-Smith.

Recorded live at the Cascade Theatre in Redding, California, where previous albums such as 'Still Believe' and Jesus Culture's 'Consumed' were captured, 'Wild Heart' features 12 songs exploring themes of life, beginning again, and returning to our first love.

The title song 'Wild Heart' expresses the jubilant love of the Father running to meet the prodigal child; 'Protector' declares the faithful nature of a God who promises to never leave or forsake us, and Kim's personal favourite, 'You'll Always be' combines a sweet melody with a strong stance on who God is in her life.



The Very Best Of Hillsong Vol 2 £7.96

This definitive collection brings together the top songs from Hillsong worship titles from the past few years. Including the Grammy award-winning song "What a beautiful name" and current US number one worship song "Who You Say I Am".

This is a must have collection for every Hillsong fan. It's also a perfect choice for someone looking for a Praise & Worship album packed with church tested great worship songs.

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1. 26
 2. Heathrow Airport
 3. Julia Roberts plays an A-list actress. Hugh Grant plays a bookshop owner
 4. 2005
 5. Helen Mirren
 6. Sheffield
 7. A box of chocolates
 8. Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs
 9. Rene Artois
 10. The sinking of the Titanic
 11. Mary Poppins
 12. Maverick
 13. Taxi Driver
 14. Two (Titanic, Revolutionary Road)
 15. Batman



Pray About Everything

“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 (NIV)

I will never forget the day my mom told my sister, my brother and me that we were going to ask God for new trousers for my brother. He had hit one of those growth spurts that young boys often do and needed new trousers as part of his school uniform.

My mom was a widow raising three school-age children, and there was very little spare cash. So, after supper one night, she asked us to join her at her favourite chair by the fire for prayer. She explained that God knows everything we need and wants us to bring all our requests to Him.

I was fascinated by this new piece of information. I knew we asked God to bless our family every night. I knew when I messed up, I could ask God to forgive me, but I never imagined God cared about trousers! I had so many questions I wanted to ask.

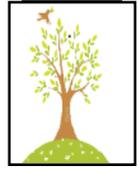
Does God keep spare trousers in heaven?
Do angels wear trousers?

Her prayer was a very simple one:

Father God, thank You for caring about our family. Thank You for telling us to pray about everything. You know Stuart needs new pants, so we ask You to help us, and we thank You in advance for always taking care of us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Mom went back to her normal evening chores, but I sat by the fire, wondering if we should put the fire out. Would God send them down the chimney or would they be delivered in the mail? This was new territory for me.

A couple of days later, one of mom's friends from church came over for coffee, and when she left, I noticed a brown paper package on the chair



where she'd been sitting. When Mom came back into the room, she opened it, and there, inside, were three brand-new pairs of trousers. They were the perfect size for my brother. I was amazed.

“Did you tell her you needed them?” I asked.

“No,” she said, “We told God, don't you remember?”

The greatest lesson I learned at my mother's knee was to pray about everything, as our key verse says: “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). We receive God's peace about our circumstances not when He answers our prayers in the way we want, but when we simply present our requests to Him, with thanksgiving.

My mother taught me there was nothing too big or too small to talk to God about. That practice of praying together became a lifelong connection with my mom. Her simple faith in the goodness of God and belief in the power of the Word of God is a legacy that lives with me today.

I don't know what concerns you are facing right now. You may be worried about your children, your finances, your health or your marriage. I want to remind you today that God cares about every single detail of your life. Nothing is too big. Nothing is too small. As you tell Him what you need, thank Him for loving you and receive His peace.

Heavenly Father, thank You for caring about my life. Thank You that I can talk to You about everything. I have lots of concerns so I'm bringing each one to You. Thank You for promising to give me Your peace. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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 Stan & Maira	2 Kevin & Jeanie	3 Kate & Jean L	4 Julian & Valerie	5 Tony & Family	6 Adrian,& Anne
7 David & Janet	8 Joan A James Vera	9 Owen & Vickie	10 Neil & Eileen	11 John & Lilian	12 Ash, Di, Joel & Cerwys	13 Julian, & Caroline
14 Alyn & Carole	15 David & Carol R	16 Dot Brenda Jean	17 Ann-Marie & Alison	18 Jacquie May Julie	19 Dayo, Anu, Shalom & Shekinah	20 Neill, Sue, Grace & Hope
21 Derek Catherine & Family	22 Somesh & Jasmine	23 Matt, Cheryl, Oscar & Georgina	24 Steven & Christina	25 Andy, Sue & Rachel	26 Brian & Linda	27 Andrew, Kimberley, Hannah & Joanna
28 Denise Joan B Lisa	29 Florence. Nick, Becky, Lycan & Archer	30 Elders				