



Ackworth Community Church News Letter

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Ash's Letter

Jeremiah 6: 16: 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."

One of the good things that has come out of these past months has been the opportunity to re-connect with old friends online as we've held our Sunday morning services via facebook live. A good number of our former members of Ackworth Community Church, who now live all over the country have been able to join with us on Sunday mornings and it has been a great joy to fellowship with them once again, albeit virtually.

It has got me thinking about this theme of re-connecting. We have thought a little over these past weeks about the verse from Jeremiah 6: 16: 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. This is a verse about re-connecting. Have you ever re-visited a place that was familiar to you from childhood? Have you stood and looked and remembered? Sometimes it's good to re-connect with people and places from way back. This verse from Jeremiah reminds us to re-connect with some of the ancient well trodden paths of walking with God, of prayer, worship, fellowship, reading his word, speaking of God to others and serving. Many of these things are perhaps familiar well trodden paths to you. If you've let some of them slip away perhaps it is a time to remember, to restore and to re-connect to them.

Also, I'm sure you're missing the fellowship of seeing each other week by week in church as I am. It seems such a long time ago now when we were able to join together to worship, study, pray and have a coffee. It is a reminder of how precious some of the ordinary things of life are and hopefully when we're able to return at some stage in the not too distant future, we'll appreciate all the more how good and pleasant is when brothers and sisters can dwell together in unity and sing the Lord's praises together. However, one of the things we're hoping to do over these coming weeks and months is to try and re-connect a little more.

As well as putting in a zoom meeting at the end of each Sunday morning service so that we can have a chat together and catch up, we're also hoping to



start up a midweek programme again. This will involve re-convening some of our midweek study groups, again on zoom and this will offer us the chance to study together and to re-connect.

I was also reminded of one more thing as I thought about this theme of re-connecting. My mind was drawn to the story of Ezra in the Bible. Ezra was living in Babylon when in the seventh year of Artaxerxes I, king of Persia (c. 457 BCE), the king sent him to Jerusalem to teach the laws of God to any who did not know them. Ezra led a large body of exiles back to Jerusalem and was able to re-connect the Jewish people there to the laws and the ways of the Lord. My prayer in these days is that our nation too might re-connect back with the Lord again.

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

8th October - Rachel

14th October - Joel

24th October - Jean L

27th October - Val

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



Praise God for the Harvest

Praise God for the harvest
 Of farm and of field
 Praise God for the people
 Who gather their yield
 The long hours of labour
 The skills of a team
 The patience of science
 The power of machine

Praise God for the harvest
 Of science and skill
 The urge to discover
 Create and fulfil
 For all new inventions
 That promise to gain
 A future more hopeful
 A world more humane

Praise God for the harvest
 That's sent from afar
 From market and harbour
 From tropical shore
 Foods packed and transported
 And planted and grown
 By God-given neighbours
 Unseen and unknown

Praise God for the harvest
 Of conflict and love
 For leaders and peoples
 Who struggle and serve
 To conquer oppression
 Earth's plenty increase
 And gather God's harvest
 Of justice and peace

Praise God for the harvest
 That comes from the ground
 By drill or by mineshaft
 By opencast mound
 For oil and for iron
 For tinsplate and coal
 Praise God who in love
 Has provided them all

Brian Arthur Wren



Treasure Hidden in a Field.

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it." - Matthew 13:44-46

What did Jesus mean when He said the kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field that when found should be re-hidden and then bought? Here's what He did not mean. Jesus did not mean that the gospel should be hidden and not shared, and He did not mean that the gospel could be bought.

The parable was meant to show the value of the gospel that it is in fact the most valuable thing you could ever possess. That if you found it, you would sell everything you owned so you could have it.

However, the gospel is so valuable that it can never be bought. You could never have enough fine things to sell or offer that would equal the value. But that's the beauty of the gospel! It is the most valuable thing in existence...but it's also free!

This means that God knowing your inferiority, your inability to come close to His standards, came down to earth as a humble baby, lived a perfect life on earth despite temptation, and died a sacrificial and substitutionary death even though He was innocent, just so you could receive the gift He offers.

What is the value of the gospel? It is like a field with the finest buried treasure; you'd be willing to sell everything you had – not just yard sale type things, but everything even the things you need to sustain your life – just so you could look upon it. The good news is that you don't have to, and even if you wanted to you couldn't.

The good news is that Jesus died and rose again, so that you could have the most valuable thing in the world for free. The gospel had a high price, one that you and I could never pay. There was only ever One who could pay it, and He finished that payment once and for all on the cross. He did this so that those He calls can accept His grace and become His children and heirs forever.



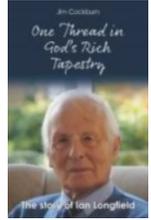
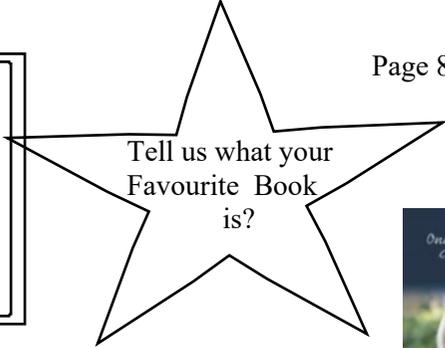
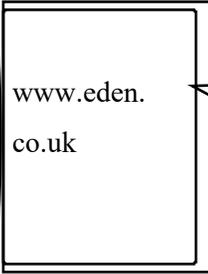
As believers, do we really treat the gospel like it's the most valuable thing we have? Do we speak of it to others like it's the most valuable thing they can have? And do our lives reflect that the grace of Jesus Christ is free, or do our actions show others that we are still trying to earn something?

Intersecting Faith and Life: Reflect on the joy of the gospel today and every day...the joy that it is given freely and can never be taken from you, and share this joy with everyone you know and meet.

www.crosswalk.com

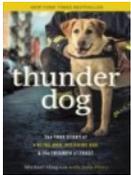
Healing Ministry Team

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.



One Thread in God's Rich Tapestry £9.93

Ian Longfield is a remarkable Christian man who has had a wonderful impact on the lives of so many people in the community in which he lived and worked, the post-war Longbenton council estate on the outskirts of Newcastle upon Tyne, England. He also had a major influence on the wider spiritual life of Tyneside. As the local medical doctor, he cared deeply for the medical needs of the families who lived on the estate and who came to his practice, and he and his wife Helen worked hard to meet these needs. He also cared deeply for their spiritual needs, praying that many would come to a living faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; prayers were answered through the establishment of Somervyl Chapel on the estate and the blessings that flowed from it. Ian's influence did, however, spread much wider than Longbenton, as he prayed continually for spiritual revival across the region. He longed to see people across Tyneside commit themselves to Christ and be changed by the working of his Holy Spirit. He also longed to see Bible-believing church leaders united in their vision for the Lord. In furthering this vision he worked very closely with church leaders in the region from a variety of denominations, some of whom would call themselves charismatic and some of whom would come from a more reformed tradition



Thunder Dog £10.96

With a busy day of meetings and an important presentation ahead, Michael slumped out of bed, headed to his home office, and started chipping away at his daunting workload. Roselle, shivering, took her normal spot at his feet and rode out the storm while he typed. By all indications it was going to be a normal day. A busy day, but normal nonetheless. Until they went into the office.

In 'Thunder Dog', follow Michael and his guide dog, Roselle, as their lives are changed forever by two explosions and 1,463 stairs. When the first plane struck Tower One, an enormous boom, frightening sounds, and muffled voices swept through Michael's office while shards of glass and burning scraps of paper fell outside the windows.

But in this harrowing story of trust and courage, discover how blindness and a bond between dog and man saved lives and brought hope during one of America's darkest days.



For Confidence, Plug in to God's Power

“There is nothing in us that allows us to claim that we are capable of doing this work. The capacity we have comes from God; it is he who made us capable of serving the new covenant.”

2 Corinthians 3:5-6 (GNT)

Success means just being who God made you to be. Knowing this should give you enormous confidence. But you might admit that you're not very confident most of the time. Maybe you're just flat out insecure. You may act like you're confident, but some things about you even you don't like.

Why are you lacking in confidence? There are two reasons.

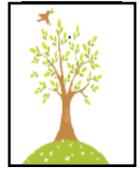
First, you're trying to be somebody that God didn't shape you to be. And that's scary, because you can't be anybody else.

“There is nothing in us that allows us to claim that we are capable of doing this work. The capacity we have comes from God; it is he who made us capable of serving the new covenant” (2 Corinthians 3:5-6 GNT).

You're only going to gain confidence when you discover your capacity—how God shaped you. That includes your spiritual gifts, heart, abilities, personality, and experiences.

The other reason you often lack confidence is that you depend on your own power instead of God's power. That's a guarantee for failure! Even though God has put a certain capacity in you, he hasn't made you able to do it all on your own. God never meant for you to go through life on your own power. He meant for you to depend on him.

A blender is designed to blend things, but it's worthless unless it's plugged in to power. If the blender just sits there and is never plugged in, it's useless. It can't fulfil its purpose.



God has given you capabilities, but they're worthless unless you're plugged in to his power through the Holy Spirit. With Christ, you have everything you need to live with confidence.

The Bible says in Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things [which He has called me to do] through Him who strengthens and empowers me [to fulfil His purpose—I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency; I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him who infuses me with inner strength and confident peace]" (AMP).

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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 Andy, Sue & Rachel	2 Dot Brenda Jean	3 David & Carol R	4 Somes & Jasmine
5 Ann- Marie & Alison	6 Neill, Sue, Grace & Hope	7 Andrew, Kimberley, Hannah & Joanna	8 Dayo, Anu, Shalom & Shekinah	9 Derek Catherine & Family	10 Denise Joan B	11 Alyn & Carole
12 Jacquie May Julie	13 Steven & Christina	14 Ash, Di, Joel & Cerwys	15 Brian & Linda	16 Adrian,& Anne	17 Neil & Eileen	18 John & Lilian
19 Matt, Cheryl, Oscar & Georgina	20 Tony & Family	21 Julian & Valerie	22 Florence. Nick, Becky, Lycan & Archer	23 Julian, & Caroline	24 Kate & Jean L	25 Joan A James
26 Kevin & Jeanie	27 Vera Lisa	28 David & Janet	29 Stan & Moiria	30 Owen & Vickie	31 Elders	