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Ash's Letter

*He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.-
Luke 10:2*

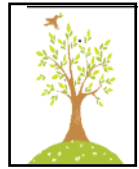
It was good to reflect recently in our members meeting on the Lord's faithfulness to us in this past year and also to look forward into the coming months and think about what the Lord might do amongst us.

You might remember that we reconvened meeting together again in July 2021 and while it is true to say that the path hasn't always been smooth, it has been good to re-establish our pattern of meeting together again on a weekly basis. The little picture that I used to illustrate the last year in the members meeting was of a building site and it feels to me as though this has been a year of re-building and bit by bit of putting things back in place that will facilitate worship and growth. Let's work together in this important process of re-building.

Then we started to think together about what 2022 might have in store for us. You may remember that there were four things that I asked us all to join together in praying for and so I thought I'd use this month's letter to remind us of what they were so that we can all be praying.

Firstly, I asked that we might pray that some of our friends might return to worshipping with us. I'm sure, if you were with us pre-pandemic, that you have noticed that for one reason or another, there are a number of people who were worshipping regularly who no longer do. While I think it unlikely that everyone will return, I am confident that there are a number of people who will. So let's pray together that over the coming months, God will draw back some of our friends, to worship with us and to help in the task of bringing in God's kingdom.

Secondly, I asked that we might also pray for our children and young people. It has been lovely recently to start running the Sunday school again



and my specific request for prayer is to ask that God might provide friends in Sunday School for our children and young people, that they might be able to encourage each other in their faith.

Thirdly, the prayer is that we will be blessed with some new families. Jesus told his disciples to ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field and that is what we pray. We pray that God will bring alongside us some folks who will be willing to get stuck in to the work of bringing in God's Kingdom in Ackworth as it is in heaven.

Finally, my request was that we pray that God would bring across our paths those who are hungry and thirsty for Him. I am convinced there are people around who are looking for something more and I am also convinced that we have something to offer them, the bread of life.

So let's join together as one in prayer to lift up these requests to God. As I think back the good thing is that we have prayed many of these prayers before and have seen God answer them.

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.



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.

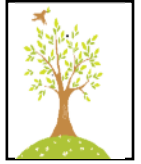
Birthday Celebrations

12th June - Eileen

18th June - Kimberley

29th June - Catherine

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



You're Always There for Me

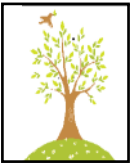
*When the world comes crashing in
And chaos rules my mind,
I turn my heart to you, Lord,
And pure, sweet peace I find.*

*You lift me out of trouble
You comfort me in pain;
You nourish, heal and cleanse me,
Like cool, refreshing rain.*

*In times of joy and bliss,
When things are going right,
You lift me even higher,
And fill me with delight.*

*You listen to my prayers;
You hear my every plea;
I'm safe because I know
You're always there for me.*

By Joanna Fuchs



Your Story Has Power

Mark Heather's parents split up when he was a child and he was brought up by his alcoholic mother who beat him. When he was fourteen years old, he stood up to her and said he would not accept the beatings any more. The next day she took her own life.

From that moment, he was placed in care and became, in his words, 'pretty nuts really' – getting into trouble with the police, involved in drugs, and spiralling into an increasingly self-destructive lifestyle.

Mark (now in his 30s) was invited by his girlfriend to Alpha at HTB. On the weekend away, he had a powerful encounter with God. He said, 'My group leader, Toby, prayed for me, for the Holy Spirit to come – and I knew that it was happening. The experience resulted in me crying uncontrollably.

'I ran to the pub down the road, grabbed a beer, wandered back and sat in the darkest corner outside that I could find. After sitting quietly, a total comfort enveloped me. I felt total love. I felt part of a family, which is something that I had no way of knowing until then.

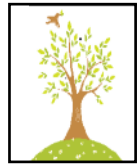
'Crying, I prayed for one more sign. I asked for Toby to come out the door. As I asked, Toby walked through that very door to look for me.

'God is real and he loves me unconditionally and he is gentle. The Holy Spirit saved me. The Alpha Weekend helped me find him. He knew where I was so when I got to the right place, he was waiting.'

Mark's personal story has had a powerful impact on many people's lives. Your story may not be as dramatic as Mark's, but everyone has a story. Whether you were brought up as a Christian or whether you have only been a Christian for a few hours, your story has power.

Proverbs 12:8-17

8 A person is praised according to their prudence,
and one with a warped mind is despised.



9 Better to be a nobody and yet have a servant
than pretend to be somebody and have no food.

10 The righteous care for the needs of their animals,
but the kindest acts of the wicked are cruel.

11 Those who work their land will have abundant food,
but those who chase fantasies have no sense.

12 The wicked desire the stronghold of evildoers,
but the root of the righteous endures.

13 Evildoers are trapped by their sinful talk,
and so the innocent escape trouble.

14 From the fruit of their lips people are filled with good things,
and the work of their hands brings them reward.

15 The way of fools seems right to them,
but the wise listen to advice.

16 Fools show their annoyance at once,
but the prudent overlook an insult.

17 An honest witness tells the truth,
but a false witness tells lies.

Tell your story authentically

The proverbs for today cover many different subjects, from taking care of animals (v.10) to overlooking insults rather than showing our annoyance at once: 'Fools have short fuses and explode all too quickly; the prudent quietly shrug off insults' (v.16, MSG).

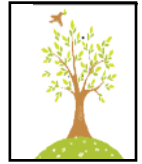


There is one proverb that is specifically on today's theme: 'A truthful witness gives honest testimony' (v.17a). This, of course, has implications for witnesses in court. But also, all of us are witnesses in the sense that we are all in a position to testify about Jesus.

Whether you are on a night out with friends or speaking at the front of a crowd of people in church or elsewhere, there is something very powerful about a person telling their story truthfully, honestly and vulnerably from the heart.

Lord, help me to tell my story from my heart, with honesty and authenticity.

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All My Days

All my days I will sing this song of gladness,
 Give my praise to the Fountain of delights;
 For in my helplessness You heard my cry,
 And waves of mercy poured down on my life.

I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer,
 I will sing of the blood that never fails;
 Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,
 Of death defeated and life without end.

Chorus
 Beautiful Saviour, Wonderful Counsellor,
 Clothed in majesty, Lord of history,
 You're the Way, the Truth, the Life.
 Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness,
 You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion
 And You reign, You reign over all.

I long to be where the praise is never-ending,
 Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades;
 Where countless worshippers will share one song,
 And cries of 'worthy' will honour the Lamb!

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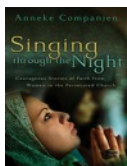


Highway 35: Meeting Disaster Head on with Hope £15.96

Motorcycle road trips across the United States were a lifelong dream, and now, with children grown up and a new work posting to Texas, it finally seemed within reach for Chris and Denise Arthey. But only a few hours down the road, on an arrow-straight stretch of Highway 35, devastation struck. A drunk driver veered across the carriageway and their Harley-Davidson was involved in a head-on collision. One medic commented after the air ambulances lifted off that “the motorcyclists may not make it”.

The Artheys did “make it”, and then some. Both lost their left leg above the knee, and Chris suffered serious head and internal injuries, but their survival was remarkable.

Even more remarkable is the story of their recovery. As Chris and Denise learned to cope with pain and a new reality, they simply refused to become physically held back, or to be frozen in anger and regret. They have gone on to lead extraordinarily full lives; returning to their vocations and taking another overseas posting to the Middle East.

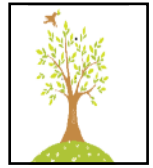


Singing Through the Night £12.99

In their darkest times they discovered the most beautiful songs.

There are many untold stories of the persecuted church--stories of women who bravely follow Christ at any cost. This stirring book reveals the lives of eleven women in nine different countries around the world. They have lost husbands, children, homes, jobs, or their very freedom and yet continue to praise and serve their Lord.

The lessons that these courageous women learned in tough times will help you persevere and endure whatever hardships come your way. Their stories will ignite your passion and gratitude for the basic right to worship God. May they inspire you, too, to sing through the night.



Coming Events for June

Sunday 12th June

Morning service **online (No in person meeting)** due to Tony & Jilly's wedding.

Monday 20th June

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

Saturday 26th June

Ackworth Gala - No Parade this year
Gala: Starts Midday on Carr Bridge Field.



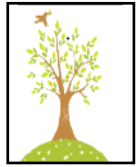
The Information Exchange

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, Canon, Lexmark, Dell) and Stamps. Lisa is collecting them, each item donated will raise money for a Charity.

I am not collecting CD's or DVD's anymore.
If you would like to take these items to a Charity shop they would gratefully receive them.



Coming Events for July

Monday 18th July

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 led by Ash (on Zoom)

New Post Alpha

Meet on Tuesday 7th June & Tuesday 21st June - 7.30pm.

Old Post Alpha

Meet on Tuesday 14th June & Tuesday 28th June - 7.30pm.

Thursday Lunch Group led by Denise

Meet on Thursday 2nd June, Thursday 9th June, Thursday 16th June, Thursday 23rd June & Thursday 30th June. Midday at John & Lilian's.

Thursday Evening Group led by Alyn (on Zoom)

Meet on Thursday 2nd June, Thursday 9th June, Thursday 16th June, Thursday 23rd June & Thursday 30th June. at 8pm.

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 |
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| | | 1 Adrian, Anne & Family | 2 Ash, Di. Joel, Holly & Ceryws | 3 May Dot | 4 Dayo, Anu, Shalom & Shekinah | 5 Jacquie Vera |
| 6 Julian & Caroline | 7 David & Janet | 8 Tony & Family | 9 Denise Lisa | 10 Jeff & Kath | 11 Julian & Valerie | 12 Alyn & Carole |
| 13 Brenda Joan B | 14 Kate & Family | 15 Neill, Sue, Grace & Hope | 16 Kevin & Jeanie | 17 Derek, Catherine & Family | 18 Joan A James | 19 Brian & Sheila |
| 20 John & Lilian | 21 Neil & Eileen | 22 Brian & Linda | 23 Stan & Moirra | 24 Matt, Cheryl, Oscar & Georgina | 25 Andy, Sue & Rachel | 26 Somesh & Jasmine |
| 27 Owen & Vickie | 28 Anne- Marie & Alison | 29 Andrew, Kimberley, Hannah & Joanna | 30 Elders | | | |