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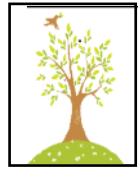
Ash's Letter

Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" And immediately the leprosy left him.- Luke 5: 13

As we come into May, we will continue in our weekly study of Luke on Sunday's and once again I'm really enjoying looking at the life of Jesus and seeking to learn from him and also to be like him. I remember some time ago now, looking at the Nooma DVDs and being really struck by the session called Dust, in which Rob Bell explained the way that first century disciples had a saying that they wanted to 'walk in the dust of their rabbi'. In other words, they wanted to walk so closely in his footsteps and be like him that they would be covered in the dust that he kicked up as he walked along. Surely that is a good goal for us all, as we study the life of Jesus together.

As we have been progressing through Luke, I have been struck afresh by the way that so many things were happening as Jesus went about his life and ministry. Firstly, it is wonderful to look at the way that Jesus ministered to individuals. Story after story emphasises the fact that Jesus loved people and was willing to bring transformation. I'm sure you can recall numerous incidences where Jesus brought physical healing, or a word that challenged and brought emotional and spiritual breakthrough. Let us remember too that we can minister to people in the power of the Holy Spirit and should constantly be on the lookout for those God given opportunities to speak words of life into individuals and families around us.

It is interesting to note too that as Jesus ministered, whether that be to individuals or sometimes to vast crowds that other things were taking place too. Jesus was well aware that even as he brought life to individuals, it had an impact in many other lives around the edge of the story. Think about the friends and families of the people who were miraculously healed, it is hard to ignore someone who was blind suddenly being able to see, it challenges and awes and makes people question as to the source of the miracle. That is equally true for the observers and the onlookers. No wonder Jesus caused such a stir wherever he went.



Let's pray that Ackworth Community Church might cause a stir as we seek to minister as Jesus ministered. There were also those who opposed Jesus vehemently. Sometimes the Jewish leaders and teachers of the law were offended and challenged and jealous of the impact that Jesus was having. Jesus deliberately chose to heal on the Sabbath, or call out hypocrisy or challenge wrong thinking and cause a different type of a stir. Also, the powers of darkness were mightily opposed to life and the works of Jesus and sought to try to derail it at every opportunity (unsuccessfully it must be added). So don't be surprised when the works of God run up against opposition and backlash.

Finally, I've been struck at the way that Jesus set out to train and teach his disciples how to follow in his footsteps. Each story has this little caveat of Jesus intentionally showing his disciples how to act and what to say in each situation that presented itself. It is wonderful to think that Jesus worked and still works with his disciples in such a deliberate way.

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

15th May - May

16th May - Andrew

23rd May - Alison

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



Would you like to serve as a Trustee?

Tony will be resigning as a trustee of the Church when he moves onto pastures new. We are therefore looking for someone to join Brenda and myself as trustees to ensure the continued management and administration of the Church, so that we fulfil our charitable status in meeting the legal and financial requirements of the Charities Commission.

If anyone would like to serve God in this way, please let me know.

Many thanks,
Alyn

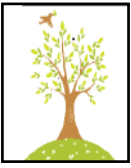
Bishop Ken Clarke

We're looking forward to the visit of Bishop Ken Clarke
on Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th May at Ackworth
Community Church.

On Saturday Ken will share at a meeting starting at 4pm.

Sunday Morning Service 10.30 with Bishop Ken Clarke

As always I'm sure it will be wonderful to have Ken with us and to hear what is on God's heart for us. Please be warmly invited to join us on the Saturday & Sunday; We'd love to have you join us.



The Fathers Love Letter

My Child,

You may not know me, but I know everything about you. Psalm 139:1

I know when you sit down and when you rise up. Psalm 139:2

I am familiar with all your ways. Psalm 139:3

Even the very hairs on your head are numbered. Matthew 10:29-31

For you were made in my image. Genesis 1:27

In me you live and move and have your being. Acts 17:28

For you are my offspring. Acts 17:28

I knew you even before you were conceived. Jeremiah 1:4-5

I chose you when I planned creation. Ephesians 1:11-12

You were not a mistake, for all your days are written in my book.
Psalm 139:15-16

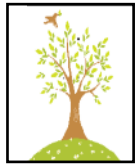
I determined the exact time of your birth and where you would live.
Acts 17:26

You are fearfully and wonderfully made. Psalm 139:14

I knit you together in your mother's womb. Psalm 139:13

And brought you forth on the day you were born. Psalm 71:6

I have been misrepresented by those who don't know me. John 8:41-44



I am not distant and angry, but am the complete expression of love.
1 John 4:16

And it is my desire to lavish my love on you. 1 John 3:1

Simply because you are my child and I am your Father. 1 John 3:1

I offer you more than your earthly father ever could. Matthew 7:11

For I am the perfect father. Matthew 5:48

Every good gift that you receive comes from my hand. James 1:17

For I am your provider and I meet all your needs. Matthew 6:31-33

My plan for your future has always been filled with hope. Jeremiah
29:11

Because I love you with an everlasting love. Jeremiah 31:3

My thoughts toward you are countless as the sand on the seashore.
Psalm 139:17-18

And I rejoice over you with singing. Zephaniah 3:17

I will never stop doing good to you. Jeremiah 32:40

For you are my treasured possession. Exodus 19:5

I desire to establish you with all my heart and all my soul. Jeremiah
32:41

And I want to show you great and marvelous things. Jeremiah 33:3

If you seek me with all your heart, you will find me. Deuteronomy 4:29



Delight in me and I will give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:4

For it is I who gave you those desires. Philippians 2:13

I am able to do more for you than you could possibly imagine. Ephesians 3:20

For I am your greatest encourager. 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

I am also the Father who comforts you in all your troubles. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

When you are brokenhearted, I am close to you. Psalm 34:18

As a shepherd carries a lamb, I have carried you close to my heart. Isaiah 40:11

One day I will wipe away every tear from your eyes. Revelation 21:3-4

And I'll take away all the pain you have suffered on this earth.
Revelation 21:3-4

I am your Father, and I love you even as I love my son, Jesus. John 17:23

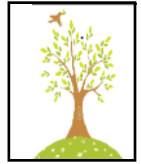
For in Jesus, my love for you is revealed. John 17:26

He is the exact representation of my being. Hebrews 1:3

He came to demonstrate that I am for you, not against you. Romans 8:31

And to tell you that I am not counting your sins. 2 Corinthians 5:18-19

Jesus died so that you and I could be reconciled. 2 Corinthians 5:18-19



If you receive the gift of my son Jesus, you receive me. 1 John 2:23

And nothing will ever separate you from my love again. Romans 8:38-39

Come home and I'll throw the biggest party heaven has ever seen.
Luke 15:7

I have always been Father, and will always be Father. Ephesians 3:14-15

My question is...Will you be my child? John 1:12-13

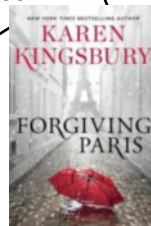
I am waiting for you. Luke 15:11-32

Love, Your Dad.

Almighty God



Book Review by:	www.eden. co.uk
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The Lady's Mine

£9.99

When Kathryn Walsh arrives in tiny Calvada, a mining town nestled in the Sierra Nevadas, falling in love is the farthest thing from her mind. Banished from Boston by her wealthy stepfather, she has come to claim an inheritance from the uncle she never knew: a defunct newspaper office on a main street overflowing with brothels and saloons, and a seemingly worthless mine. Moved by the oppression of the local miners and their families, Kathryn decides to relaunch her uncle's newspaper—and then finds herself in the middle of a maelstrom, pitted against Calvada's most powerful men. But Kathryn intends to continue to say—and publish—whatever she pleases, especially when she knows she's right.

Matthias Beck, owner of a local saloon and hotel, has a special interest in the new lady in town. He instantly recognizes C. T. Walsh's same tenacity in the beautiful and outspoken redhead—and knows all too well how dangerous that family trait can be. While Kathryn may be right about Calvada's problems, her righteousness could also get her killed. But when the handsome hotelier keeps finding himself on the same side of the issues as the opinionated Miss Walsh, Matthias's restless search for purpose becomes all about answering the call of his heart...

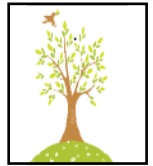


Forgiving Paris

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In Indiana, Ashley Baxter Blake and her husband are about to take an anniversary trip to Paris, where a French gallery will show her paintings. But Ashley is hesitant. More than two decades ago, she made her most grievous mistake in Paris. She has never forgiven herself for what happened there, and she still harbors secrets that she's afraid will come to light. Just before the trip, Ashley gets a call from her niece. Jessie explains that her boyfriend's mother remembers working at a bakery with an American named Ashley. "Could that be you?"

When Alice and Ashley meet, a flood of memories comes for both women, taking Ashley back to a reckless affair and an unexpected pregnancy and Alice to the night she nearly ended it all. Can this reunion bring healing and closure? Maybe it is finally time for Ashley to forgive herself...and Paris.



Coming Events for May

Sunday 1st May

10.30am Sunday morning Members meeting.

Saturday 14th May & Sunday 15th May

A weekend with Bishop Ken Clarke. Saturday 4pm, Sunday morning service followed by bring & share lunch and prayer.

Monday 16th May

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



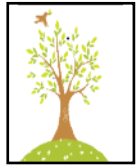
The Information Exchange

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 receiving them.



Coming Events for June

Sunday 12th June

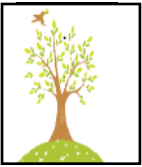
Morning service online (**No in person meeting**) due to Tony & Jilly's wedding.

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.



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 3rd May & Tuesday 17th May - 7.30pm.

Old Post Alpha

Meet on Tuesday 10th May & Tuesday 24th May - 7.30pm.

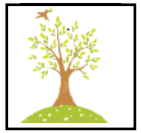
Thursday Lunch Group led by Denise

Meet on Thursday 5th May, Thursday 12th May, Thursday 19th & Thursday 26th May, Midday at John & Lilian's.

Thursday Evening Group led by Alyn (on Zoom)

Meet on Thursday 5th May, Thursday 12th May, Thursday 19th & Thursday 26th May, at 8pm.

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



Worship, Preaching, Projection, Music and Children's Rota

Date	Time	Theme	Worship	Preaching	Projection	Music	Sunday School	Creche
1-May	10.30am	Members Meeting	Ash	Ash	Lisa	Worship Group	No Sunday School	No Creche
8-May	10.30am	Luke 9	Sue	Ash	Lisa	Worship Group	Sunday School Di / Holly	Creche Sue G
15-May	10.30am	Free Topic	Ash	Ken & Helen Clarke	Lisa	Worship Group	No Sunday School	No Creche Youth
22-May	10.30am	Luke 10	Sue	Ash	Lisa	Worship Group	Sunday School Di	Creche Youth
29-May	10.30am	Luke 11	Tony	Tony	Lisa	Worship Group	Sunday School Carole	Creche Val

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 Neill, Sue, Grace & Hope
2 Julian & Valerie	3 Stan & Moirra	4 Neil & Eileen	5 Brenda Joan B	6 Andy, Sue & Rachel	7 Brian & Linda	8 John & Lilian
9 Kevin & Jeanie	10 Adrian, Anne & Family	11 Brian & Sheila	12 Derek, Catherine & Family	13 May Dot	14 Bishop Ken & Helen	15 Julian & Caroline
16 Andrew, Kimberley, Hannah & Joanna	17 Owen & Vickie	18 Denise Lisa	19 Ash, Di. Joel, Holly & Ceryws	20 David & Janet	21 Dayo, Anu, Shalom & Shekinah	22 Matt, Cheryl, Oscar & Georgina
23 Somesh & Jasmine	24 Tony & Family	25 Joan A James	26 Kate & Family	27 Alyn & Carole	28 Jacquie Vera	29 Jeff & Kath
30 Anne- Marie & Alison	31 Elders					