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I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust." Psalms 91:2

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Stand Firm in the Faith

*-- Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.
1 Corinthians 16:13 (ESV)*

Have you ever walked on a surface that wasn't solid? Think about different types of uncertain terrain to navigate. Walking through a foam pit is nearly impossible. Trying to make your way through a thick forest is difficult. Wearing crocs or sandals when it is wet is a dangerous proposition. All of these are examples of not having solid footing.

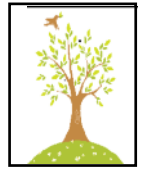
Some people live their lives, from a spiritual standpoint, on shaky footing. Couple this reality with the fact that we live in a turbulent world with obstacles, winds of afflictions and troubles, and our own personal weaknesses. It is not easy to stand solidly in this world.

Our passage today is a command given by the apostle Paul to the church in Corinth. He tells them to be watchful, and "stand firm in the faith." That phrase to stand firm in the faith gets to the heart of our devotion today. To stand firm means to be steady and sure. We are to stand firm in the faith. This means we are not wavering, stumbling, or easily moved. Our feet are planted on a foundation that can hold us. Where do we find this foundation?

We find it in the Word of God, in the gospel of Christ, in the help of the Holy Spirit, and in community with the church. It is in the Scriptures that our lives find a sure foundation. We do not build our lives on sand, but on the rock of God's Word. Only then can we stand secure when the winds and waves crash upon us. We find this foundation in the gospel of Christ.

Our hope is secure. We anchor ourselves to the truth that Jesus has reconciled us to the Father and made us heirs of eternal promises. We find this firm foundation through the Holy Spirit's power to sustain us.

This keeps us steady in the faith. We stand firm in the faith by remaining in fellowship with the church. We do not try to stand alone, but lock arms with other brothers and sisters of the faith. There we find help, encouragement, and strength.



Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand. – Isaiah 41:10

God is in control even in the storm. And he is present with you in the raging fire. He tells us in his word – “When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned, the flames will not set you ablaze.” – Isaiah 43:2

God is not through with you yet. Irrespective of the challenges and crisis in your life right now, know that God still has so much he wants to do in and through your life.

Walk closely with God in this difficult season. As you walk with him, you will experience him in ways you have never known. He is a comforter and deliverer. He will fight your battles and give you peace. Do not give up now.

Father, I pray for this difficult season right now. I ask that you strengthen us with grace and comfort us with your love. May we know and experience you in new ways in this season. Open our eyes to see hope and let your words come alive in us by your spirit right now. Help us to stand firm in faith and never give up.
Amen!

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, 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: Ash, Alyn, Carole, Brenda, Denise, Jacquie & Dot

Birthday Celebrations

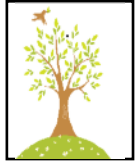
23rd July - Hope

23rd July - Lilian

24th July - Di

27th July - Anne-Marie

A Very Happy Birthday From Everyone At
Ackworth Community Church



Shout to the Lord

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power and majesty, praise to the
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mountains bow down and the seas
will roar
at the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your
hands,
forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand,
nothing compares to the promise I
have in You.

My Jesus, My Savior,
Lord, there is none like You;
All of my days
I want to praise
the wonders of Your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter,
Tower of refuge and strength;
let every breath, all that I am
never cease to worship You.

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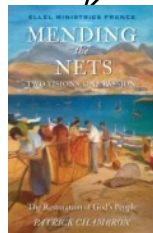
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Summer Reading

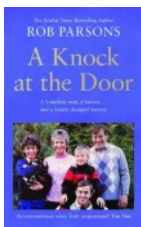


Mending the Nets: Two Visions, One Passion. £2.00

The Restoration of God's People.

Patrick Chambon, Director of Ellet Ministries in France and Regional Director for Western Europe, shares his personal testimony of how God guided him and his wife, Valerie, to bring the Christian healing ministry into France, through the complementary visions of two men, Pierre Truschel in France and Peter Horrobin in England. Patrick describes how God chose a church in St-Laurent-du-Pont, The Christian Fellowship, to come into partnership with Ellet Ministries, in order to carry the vision of Luke 9:11 - to welcome, teach and heal - for God's people in France.

This book shows how God used everyday circumstances in Patrick's life so that he was well equipped for this special work that the Lord had purposed for him. Patrick also shares the many occasions when the Lord miraculously opened exactly the right doors for him and provided the necessary finances just when they were needed.

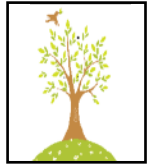


A Knock at the Door

£18.42

Christmas 1975 and Queen's Bohemian Rhapsody is riding high in the charts. In a residential street just outside Cardiff a loud knocking breaks the stillness of the evening. When Rob Parsons, a young lawyer, opens his door, he finds a homeless man standing before him, clutching a bag of belongings and a frozen chicken. Rob and his wife Dianne invite Ronnie Lockwood into their home, cook his chicken and offer him shelter for the night. What happens next is an astonishing story of human kindness, self-learning, incredible pain, unbelievable hope and the sheer power of love to change a life.

A Knock at the Door is the true story of this homeless man who entered the home of a young couple, became a dustman and lived as part of their family for over forty-five years until his death. But this is not just Ronnie's story – it is also that of the young couple and their children.



Coming Events for July

Wednesday 9th July

Toddler Group breaks up for the Summer Holiday.

Sunday 20th July

Church Meal, TBC

Monday 21st July

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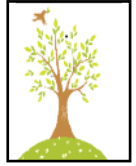


The Information Exchange

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.



Coming Events for August

Monday 25th August

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Small Group Meetings

Do get involved in a mid-week group and let us know which one you're hoping to be part of.

Thursday Lunch Group led by Denise .

Meet on Thursday 3rd July, Thursday 10th July, Thursday 17th July, & Thursday 24th July at Lilian's Midday. Series on Gospel of John.

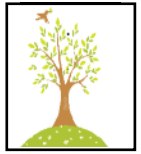
Thursday Evening Group led by Alyn (Zoom 8pm)

No meetings during July/ August.

Ackworth Harmony led by Sue & Cheryl

Meet on Thursday 3rd July, Thursday 10th July, Thursday 17th July, & Thursday 24th July 7.15pm – 7.30pm Coffee/Tea, then 7.30-8.30pm singing at The Community Centre.

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
6-July	10.30am	Simply Jesus / Communion	Sue	Sue	Lisa	No Sunday School	No Creche
13-July	10.30am	Encountering Jesus - John the Baptist	Sue	Ash	Lisa	Di	Holly
20-July	10.30am	Worship & Testimony	Sue	Sue	Lisa	Carole	Val
27-July	10.30am	Encountering Jesus - Zacchaeus	Ash	Denise	Joel	Ash	Jacque

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