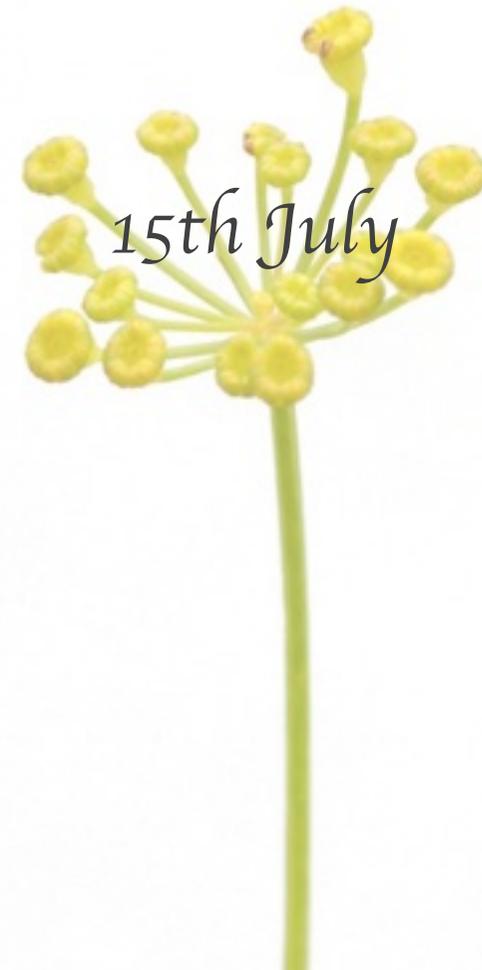


ECB NOTICE BOARD

15th July	10:30am	Informal Worship Ephesians 1:11-23 & 3:14-21 Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Katie J. Reader: Sue White Prayers: Mark Verman
	7pm	Evening Service (Café open from 6:30) Phillipians: Inextinguishable blaze Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Josh Lees
16th July	3:10pm	After-school club
17th July	9am	Church Prayer Meeting
	10am	Rock of Ages Café
	7pm	Prayers
18th July	10am	Oasis small group
	7:30pm	CAP money course
20th July	7pm	Prayers
21st July	9:30am	Cherish
	10-12am	Holiday Club Training
	10-12:30am	Re-Love
22nd July	10:30am	Communion John 6:25-59 Leader: Erika Biscoe Preacher: Ian Biscoe Reader: Lisa Verman Prayers: Libby Brown
	7pm	Evening Service (Café open from 6:30) Philippians: A Death-Defying Leap of faith Leader: Roger Winson Preacher: Chris Hunt



From our contributing writer....

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. (Proverbs 3: V5, 6)

The above verse is one of the most significant in the Bible for me, indeed you could call it one of my signature verses. In preparing to write this article I found myself reflecting on this verse and two words in particular, 'in' and 'acknowledge'.

My reflections on 'in' were about how this word is used to describe fundamental aspects of the Christian experience. We talk about being 'in Christ', being 'in the spirit', being 'rooted in the vine'.

The word 'in' emphasizes that in a general sense we are not separate from God but are in relationship with him. It also emphasizes a need for a living active expression of that relationship, a need for it to be expressed in each active moment, in the now.

How is this done? It is done through the outworking of our

'acknowledgement' of him. Acknowledgement means more than accepting God is there. It is about the inner workings of his teaching, through the Spirit, causing us to understand the world around us differently. It causes us to react to people and events in a different way. Over time that inner change becomes reflected in our external behaviour.

The fact we are being taught to be 'in' implies that there is the possibility that we may conduct part of our lives separate from him. The emphasis on acknowledging God 'in all our ways' implies that we may trust in God in certain areas of our life but exclude him in other areas.

This exclusion may be conscious or unconscious.

My own journey has been one of constant discovery. I have discovered I have an amazing capacity to lie to myself. I have discovered that issues in my life that I thought of as behavioural problems were really the symptoms of deeper issues within me that required God's mercy, healing, and grace. I have come to see that the real work of Grace that God does in our lives is the healing and

and grace. I have come to see that the real work of Grace that God does in our lives is the healing and restoration of the inner man. So, acknowledgement is not just about our external ways, it is about the inner man. It is about acknowledging our inner self, our hurts, our woes, before God. We then find that it is not just our external paths he makes straight, but our internal ones as well.

Blessings, James

~Notices~

Re-Love

Saturday 21st July 10:30am

Bring your household items along and swap them out for something you like, and why not enjoy some cake and a cup of tea while you're there?

Heads Up For Holiday Club!

Volunteering? Training is held @ ECB 10-12am this Sat 21st July! Please note that this year Ground Breakers Holiday club will take place between Monday 30th July until Friday 3rd August, with a Family Celebration in evening on Wed 1st August @ Bure Park school. Places are filling up quickly so book asap! Also, please let lan know if you can volunteer in any way.

Garden Talk!

Coming up:

4 August Garden Talk- venue TBA

1 Sept at St. Edburg's,

13 October Harvest Celebration

For more info from Jo Morey or Debbie Winson.

**deadline for notices entries 7pm Wednesdays!!*

