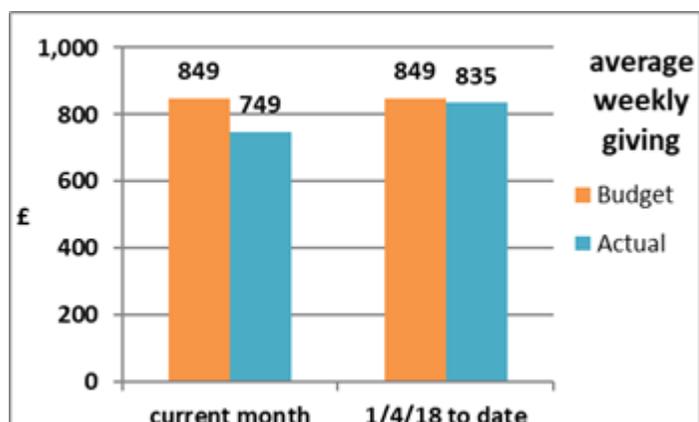


## Prayer Meeting

**Prayer meeting** is held on Tuesday between 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the lower hall.

## Average Weekly Giving

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# In The Know...

## Teaching Schedule: The Miracles of Christ

3rd Mar.	Jesus Heals a Boy With an Unclean Spirit Luke. 9:37-43	Graham Mercer
10th Mar.	Miraculous Temple Tax in a Fish's Mouth. Matt 17:	Paul Anderson-Walsh
17th Mar.	Jesus Heals a Blind, Mute Demoniac. Luke 11:14-23	Rian Francis
24th Mar.	Jesus Heals a Woman Who Had Been Crippled for 18 Years. Luke 13:10-17	Paul Anderson-Walsh
31st Mar.	Jesus Heals a Man With Dropsy on the Sabbath. Luke 14:1-6	Frank Irawo



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## Grace Notes: Love GROWS

We're continuing our unpacking of our model - Love G.R.O.W.S. Last month we reflected on G which is for grace. This month our focus is the "R" in the model and...

### R is for Recognition

Recognition begins by seeing others, our circumstances, and ourselves, the way God sees them. That, I venture to suggest, is the key to, well, just about everything. At its heart, grace is about acceptance. It's about non-judgement. And that requires a new perspective for most of us. Especially those of us who feel it's our duty to make things happen.

We can never be anyone other than whom God says we are, or be anywhere other than where God wants us to be. However, until we know who we are we'll forever be prone to trying to be who we think we should be. And until we know why we are here or there, we'll forever be trying to be somewhere else.

Of all my spiritual teenager lessons, this was among the most painful. It happened like this: I was in Philadelphia working on a corporate assignment. I was due to be away for two weeks and would be home in time for a very important social occasion. To my dismay, Hayley decided that she wouldn't be attending. Her reasoning for not wanting to come was sound, but to me it was devastating! So I purposed that during the two weeks I was away from home I would use the nights to intercede in order that God would change her mind!

On day-two of my intercession, sorry, interference, I got my answer – but it was not the answer that I had expected, or an answer I welcomed. The Lord simply said, "Paul, you teach everyone who they are in Christ, and yet when it comes to Hayley she is only free to be who you think she should be in Christ. Well my friend, I hate to disappoint you but she is going to be who I say she is and be where I want her to be, and you will have to come to recognise that where she is right now is my perfect place for her no matter how uncomfortable that is for you."

It didn't make it any easier, but it did at least help me to identify that Hayley hears from God too.

### Recognition gives rise to three things that are keys to enabling love to grow:

1. Humility – when we recognise the value of others and the validity of their views and perspectives we realise that none of us is as smart as all of us. In doing so, we develop a healthy sense of humility, which at its heart is the ability to listen with an open mind. An open mind is one that is willing to change if presented with better information.

## Grace Notes...

2. Respect is another by-product of recognition. As love grows, our self-respect and respect for others increases exponentially. As a spiritually mature person, the teenager knows that respect is so much more than tolerance or acceptance. Too often in the religious paradigm we tolerate the opinions of others, which is to say that we put up with them even though they're wrong – as are all who have views that differ from ours! In this context, tolerance is condescending and not consistent with the inclusive nature of love.
3. Consistency. As love grows we begin to recognise and rectify our inconsistencies. As spiritually and emotionally immature children we are likely to compare our weaknesses against other people's strengths, and in doing so wonder why we have poor self-esteem. Conversely, we may tend to judge others who do not live in our religious corner, comparing our best values with their worst practices. When love grows we will compare their best values with our best values and see how much we have in common, celebrating the strengths of other people and realising how together we are so much more.



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