



You can explore the LyCiG prayer and Luke's exciting account of life in the early church that is recorded for us in Acts 2.38-47 in Andrew Roberts' book 'Holy Habits'

IN SEPTEMBER OUR MORNING SERVICES ARE AT 10.30AM

September 23rd HC+ Growing in service...
Acts 2.38-47 & Luke 10.25-37

September 30th MP Growing in Spirit...
Acts 2.38-47 & Matthew 25.14-30

FROM OCTOBER OUR MORNING SERVICES WILL BE MOVING TO 10.00AM

October 14th HC Growing in Numbers...
Acts 2.38-47 & Mark 4.1-20

October 28th HC+ From a Vision... to a Plan...
Acts 2.38-47 & Matthew 13.31-33

November 4th AP Wisdom in action...
Acts 2.38-47 & Luke 6.46-49

November 25th HC+ God of Mission.
Acts 2.38-47 & Luke 15.1-7

**December 2nd AP Advent Sunday
Powerful witness...**
Acts 2.38-47 & Luke 8.16-18

AP - All Age Parade
HC - Holy Communion
MP - Morning Praise

As we seek to be leading our church into growth, the National LyCiG team offer 12 areas of opportunity that can help a church to grow...

Encourage a culture of Growth

Be praying for Growth

Find leaders who encourage growth

Create a Growth Plan

Get into Inviting People

Be a Welcoming Church

Plan Proclamation Events

(Events that speak about the Good News of Jesus)

Run Regular Enquirers' Groups

(Help people to find out more about the Good News of Jesus and what this means for their lives)

Equip people to live as disciples

(People whose lives look like Jesus')

Foster a Family Culture with
a Commitment to Children
& Young People

Improve the Feel &

Accessibility of Worship

Find Ongoing Support and Help

Can you help us to discern the wisdom that will help you and us together to respond to these opportunities? Wise actions that will then—as we have been praying together, help our church to be growing in numbers, commitment and service? If you would like to share your suggestions please do let us know.

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**Week 5
Wisdom in action...**

*God of Mission
Who alone brings growth
to your Church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give
Vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions,
And power to our witness.
Help our church to
grow in numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to
our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*



**Church of the
Holy Redeemer**

'A Place to Connect'

Finding, exploring, sharing and
celebrating together God's love
as seen in Jesus Christ.

Acts 2.38-47 (NRSV)

³⁸ Peter said..., “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. ⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

POINTS TO PONDER: Wisdom is less about what you know and more about how you live in response to this. Many have offered their thoughts on what this means, for example:

The fool wonders, the wise man asks.
Benjamin Disraeli

Knowledge speaks, but wisdom listens.
Jimi Hendrix

Where there is shouting, there is no true knowledge. *Leonardo da Vinci*

Wisdom consists of the anticipation of consequences. *Norman Cousins*

Turn your wounds into wisdom. *Oprah Winfrey*

There’s a beauty to wisdom and experience that cannot be faked. It’s impossible to be mature without having lived. *Amy Grant*

From <http://wisdomquotes.com/words-of-wisdom/>

The Bible gives us a range of wisdom literature including Job and Ecclesiastes but the book of Proverbs is where most of us will turn when wondering about wisdom for living well. This is in part because it is tried and tested wisdom with Solomon (the wise King) being the most likely candidate for much of what it offers—see Proverbs 10.1 & 25.1. The Bible’s wisdom reflects that of many of the cultures of its time—such as that of Egypt, which suggests that there is something universal about the way in which life speaks to us and gives us particular ways of looking at this, based on our experience of living it. This is true today of course as we can find here ancient wisdom that keeps speaking to us still—if **you have time, explore proverbs Chapter 10-22.**

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction. Prov 1.7

Key to the Bible’s view of wisdom is that it is all about learning how to live wisely. Proverbs suggests that this is about seeing God working through wisdom, with it serving to help us let God be God and live learning what it means then to know Him, serve Him and Love Him.

Before we ask how we can be wise in our actions at Holy Redeemer? consider how you have grown in wisdom and what you would offer Solomon to be included in his Proverbs for today.

Think about the wisdom that can serve to guide yourself and others in:

Family life and relationships...

Caring for yourself...

Work, Professional life and Business...

In daily life and living...

Making choices and decisions...

Growing up...

And what other areas would you include?