

Draw Near To God

“Our prayer is that this season will be a time of healing, humbling and transformation as we allow God to cleanse and heal us before lifting us up and empowering us to step out for Him and share the good news.”

This will involve us in:

- Submitting to God
- Humbling ourselves in the sight of the Lord
- Setting time aside to hear God's plans and purposes for our lives



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Building Firm
Foundations in 2010



**“Together, Committed
To Growth, Rooted in
Jesus, Fruitful in
Mission and Service.”**

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Our main overall objective for 2010 is to develop deep, firm foundations, both individually, and as a united family, in our relationship with Jesus.

This will serve as a strong platform from which we can all be encouraged to share the love of Jesus with one person, and invite them to come to church, over the next five years—doubling church attendance by 2015.

The Clergy, Church Wardens, and PCC are aware of our need to draw closer to God, deepen our relationship with Jesus, and pursue a personal revelation of, and encounter with, Him.

We know this will involve us all in putting aside our own personal desires, submitting fully to God, cleansing our hearts,

and humbling ourselves before Him, so that we can hear His plans and purposes for us as a church, and for our own individual lives.

As we go deeper in our personal relationship with Him, we believe we will be able to draw closer to each other, and then be more empowered to reach out to others in our community.

Our Theme

The theme for our foundation year will be based on 2 Chronicles 7:14 which says:

“...if my people will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

This emphasis on drawing closer to God as a community of believers will involve a significant reduction in all our activities for a short period of time as strong foundations are laid for future growth.

Time Out During Lent

With this in mind, we intend to have one

month during Lent when the majority of our events are closed to enable as many people as possible to take time out to draw closer to God in prayer, and seek His heart for themselves and our wider community.

24/7 Prayer Room

The 24/7 prayer room will be available during Lent as we are encouraged to submit to, and humble ourselves before, God, as well as pray for those around us who do not already know Jesus. The prayer room will be kept open throughout the year, but not for the full 24 hours.

Preaching During Lent

Our preaching from the Lectionary during Lent will inevitably raise such issues as:

- Submitting to God
- Resisting the devil
- Drawing near to God
- Cleansing our hands
- Lamenting and mourning
- Humbling ourselves in the sight of the Lord