

Knowle Green Church

The Voice



In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 1: 1—5 (NIV)

March - May 2015

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Knowle Green Congregational Church

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Knowle Green is an independent Church affiliated to the Congregational Federation. Our ultimate loyalty is to Christ Himself and to His Word. We seek in our dealings to be guided by the Holy Scriptures and aim to build a spiritual house worthy and fit for the Lord Jesus.

If you would like to know more about our fellowship here you are welcome to speak to our Pastor, who can be contacted at the Manse, or by telephone (see above) or speak to one of the Deacons on duty, who will be happy to provide more information.

Services are Open to all and you are invited to attend any or all.

9. 45am Devotional Service

This takes place every Sunday morning excluding the 1st Sunday in the month. This Service is facilitated by a Church member. It is Devotional in orientation, is an open Service and attendees are encouraged (optional) to take part through reading of Scripture; sharing of testimonies; choose a hymn/Worship song etc. This Service offers you the opportunity to be still; Seek God and listen to what God through the Holy Spirit is saying; to share; encourage ; bless and share in the Believers Breaking of Bread.

11.00am Family Service

This is a traditionally structured family Service. It is led from the front by the Pastor of the Church (1st and 2nd of the month) and invited speakers thereafter.

2.30pm Agape Fellowship Meeting (1st Sunday ONLY)

This is a 'MUST' for all. It takes place every 1st Sunday. We recognise the fact that increasingly Christians are becoming more isolated and marginalized hence this Service. It is more of a celebration/fellowship meeting. We share a meal (bring and share). This follows on after our usual tea/coffee recess. The gathering gives insight into the Church and the opportunity to meet Church members. We also recognise that we have a number who travel in and miss out on fellowship hence the need to be part of the family and enjoy each other's fellowship. Knowle Green remains unspoilt and is a designated 'Area of natural outstanding beauty'. On a good day take the opportunity to explore the Ribble Valley. If you have not come prepared (brought food with you) please do still join us. Your fellowship means a lot to us.

New addition to Our Services 6.30pm Gospel Evening Service

This takes place every 2nd Sunday evening. The service is Gospel in content, offers the opportunity and a different forum to bring / invite friends and neighbours. The Service includes sharing the Word, testimonies, time of worship and fellowship. Start time is 6.30pm. Now that the day light is extending do come and join us.

Visitors

If you are visiting, we welcome you to the service. We hope that you will be at home with us and experience the presence of God as we worship together. If this is your first visit, please sign in the visitors' Book in the foyer and we would love you to stay with us for coffee after the service. On Sunday mornings we warmly invite visitors to make use of our crèche, children and young people activities. Please ask for the group relevant to your child's age.

Prayer Challenge

Week beginning Monday 13th January – Friday 16th 2015 we had our annual week of prayer and fasting. It is always good to start the Year with a renewed determination in our relationship with God and to each other. The mode of fast was left to individuals to determine as each felt led and enabled by the Lord. It is a freedom we enjoy in Christ Jesus. By grace you have been saved and not by works. We met each evening from 7.30pm – 9.00pm for corporate prayer. We covered a range of areas of concern each evening namely The Church (Issues/needs/sick) in the fellowship; In-house activities (Thursday fellowship/Boys/Girls club/Bike Breakfast etc); Mission; PFI (Prayer for Israel) and The Persecuted Church. Attendance at the prayer meetings could always be better. We were encouraged in the range of age groups represented and we praise God for the small beginnings. The challenge and suggested goal is for all of us to encourage ourselves to participate in one of the Church prayer meetings. The Church which prays together stays together.

Here are some Scriptures I believe the Lord would have us consider and suggest for it to be an area to pray into in the course of the year.

“What do you want?” John 1:38

“Ask for whatever you want” 2 Chronicles 1:7

“Up until now you have asked nothing” John 16:24

“If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves, pray and seek my face. Then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14

The following story is very encouraging on the power of prayer. Prayer is our effective weapon.

‘May, 1940, the British Army faced destruction with their backs against the sea. Hitler’s forces seemed unstoppable. In Great Britain, King George VI called the nation to a day of prayer and returning to God, then followed the most amazing evacuation. The seas were reported to be “as still as a millpond” .

In addition to the navy’s fleet every tiny boat was pressed into service, crossing the English Channel to reach the soldiers trapped on the beaches of France. Both British and French armies were evacuated safely’. Praise God!

When a Nation, Society, Church, individual is prepared to humble themselves God is always willing to meet repentance with compassion.

1 Kings 18:43 Elijah prayed and then sent the servant to look over the sea again and again. He was not put off or discouraged by prayers returning empty, eventually the small cloud appeared. So it is for us also, eventually the blessing will come. Joseph Hall put it, “Good prayers never come weeping home. I am sure I shall receive, either what I ask for or what I should ask.” Let us therefore, seek “always to pray, and not to faint”. (Luke 18:1)

Let us make humility; prayer; seeking God; keeping a short account with repentance and service our personal quest this year. What do you want from the Lord? Have you sought His will for your life? Have you been very specific with the Lord as to your relationship? What is your heart attitude towards service?

The promise from God is:-

“If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves, pray and seek my face. Then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land”.

Dr Lloyds-Jones wife said of him, “No-one will ever understand my husband until they realise that he is first of all a man of prayer and then an evangelist.”

Let 2015 be a year of prayer and be earnest with the Lord.

God Bless

Pastor Chris

(Pastor Chris.)



Prayer for Israel

We meet to pray for Israel in the cabin on the 1st Wednesday of every month from 2.00pm—3.30pm.

The next meetings will take place on:

4th March 2015

1st April 2015

6th May 2015



Israel is holding a General Election on 10th March 2015. The present coalition government has been very difficult to hold together.

Please Pray for the Lord to give His people members of the Knesset (the Israeli government) who will work together according to the Lord's plan and purpose, as revealed in the scriptures, especially in the prophetic portions. We do believe that it is NOT GOD'S WILL for His land to be DIVIDED.

We also believe that Benjamin Netanyahu is still God's man for "such a time as this", and he is not in favour of dividing the Land.

The Word of God tell us to – "Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence."

1 Timothy 2: 1 – 2.

The Lord bless you,

Richard and Maureen Grimshaw

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, 13th June 2015

Time: 9.00am – 11.00am

Venue: Sunday School

Please invite a friend and join us. It offers the opportunity to fellowship and a time of sharing. If you are able to help with the cooking it would be most appreciated. If you intend coming please contact Jos Daune or Pastor Chris.



A Life of Faith Girls Club exists to provide an encouraging and inspiring environment for mentoring young girls, primarily ages 6 to 16. The objective of the Club is to help each club member develop a life of Faith.

We look at a range of issues including forgiveness, rejection, truthfulness, jealousy and more through using the historical fiction novels of Martha Finley. The main characters - Elsie Dinsmore, Millie Keith and Laylie Colbert serve as excellent role models to teach us faith and godly living as a lifestyle.

The evening sessions include dressing up, baking, drama, craft and the much-loved tea party!

Forthcoming Events in 2015

March - 9th & 23rd

April - There is no club on Easter Monday (6th) ; 20th

May - 4th & 18th

June - 1st; 15th & 29th

Meetings start at 6:30pm and end at 8:00pm

Agape Fellowship Meal

It is good to note attendance in numbers continues to increase month after month and we are thankful to God for the encouragement we can draw from the meeting and the messages we have received. We would encourage those who attend to please bring enough food for yourselves and another. If in doubt about what to bring please speak to: Julie or Maureen.

Alpha Course

We will be running the Alpha Course and have a number of people wanting to come on the course. The course explores basic Christianity and introduction to the Christian Faith. The course allows and offers a safe environment to raise/discuss issues arising from the DVD sessions. It also offers the opportunity to meet and make new friends. The course will run for 10 evenings including a day away. The evening comprises of a meal, a 20-25 minutes DVD and small group discussion. If interested please speak to Pastor Chris.







Date: Tuesday Evenings commencing 14th April 2015

Time: 6.30pm and finish by 9.00pm.

Kids Bible Wordsearch Animals in the Bible

Fit the words in the list into the diagram below reading forward, backward, up, down, diagonally, always in a straight line. Puzzle # 1

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Easter Services

Good Friday 3rd April 2015

11.00am Family Service at Knowle Green Church

Followed by:

Joint Service in Ribchester at 12.00 noon

(meet at Ribchester Playing fields).

2.00pm – Good Friday Community Walk

(Meet at Knowle Green Car Park) join us afterwards for light refreshments. Community walk is led by Mr Colin Procter. See Colin for further details. Always arrive wearing appropriate clothing.

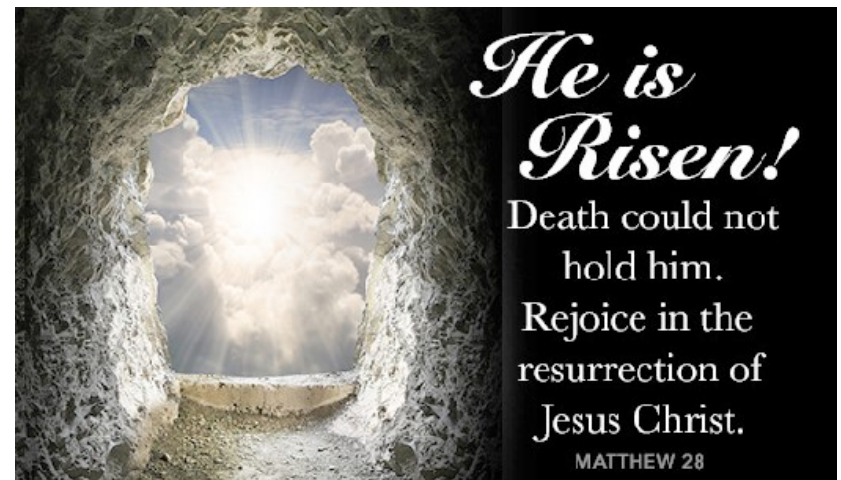
Easter Sunday - 5th April 2015

6.00am - Sunrise Service on Jeffrey Hill

(meet at the car park on Jeffrey Hill) Followed by breakfast at Knowle Green Church). Please come well wrapped up. It can get exceedingly cold.

Followed by breakfast at Knowle Green Church. All welcome

11.00am Family Worship and Holy Communion



Church Meeting

Date: 5th May 2015

Time: 7.30pm prompt

Venue: Knowle Green Sunday School Building

Please submit report in advance of the meeting. Leaders of each area of ministry are requested to submit their reports by Sunday 19 April 2015. It gives people time to read, digest and come prepared to ask questions. Many thanks.

End of Month Day of Prayer and Fasting Prayer Meeting

**Friday 27th February; Friday 27th March; Friday 24th April;
Friday 29th May**

Please consider these dates and earmark them in your diaries. We would dearly love to see you at the prayer meetings. Each date is dedicated to prayer and fasting. We meet in the Sunday school building for corporate prayer. Please fast, seek the Lord and pray as the Lord leads, guides and enables. Praying for Mission, The Church; Community: National/International Events; PFI; Personal needs. If the Lord gives a word or Scriptures please bring it to the prayer meeting to share.

Time: 7.30pm – 9.00pm.

Venue: Sunday School building

Please come and join us!

Remember there is a prayer meeting every Tuesday morning 9.00am to 10.00am all are welcome.

Building Committee Meeting for 2015

Thursday 12th March; Thursday 11th June;

Thursday 10th September; Thursday 10th December



Boys Club

Knowle Green Congregational Church, Clitheroe Road,
Knowle Green, Longridge. PR3 2YQ Tel: 01254 878394

When: Every other Monday Time: 6.30pm-8.00pm

Age Group: 6-16year olds

**Forget the gadgets: The Wii; The Xbox; Computer games;
The Blackberry.**

Upcoming meetings in 2015 are:

March - 2nd; 16th & 30th

April - 13th & 27th

May - 11th & 25th

Preaching Plan March to May 2015

March 2015

- 1 Pastor Chris
- 8 Pastor Chris
- 15 Mothering Sunday Joan Clark
- 22 Steve Cowles
- 29 Palm Sunday Barry Holden

April 2015

- 5 Easter Sunday Pastor Chris
- 12 Pastor Chris
- 19 Peter Wilkinson
- 26 Buster Violet

May 2015

- 3 Pastor Chris
- 10 Pastor Chris
- 17 David Earnshaw
- 24 Jos Daune



Capernwray Students 10 day Outreach

Capernwray students 10 day outreach commences Friday 27th February 2015 – Sunday 8th March 2015. If anyone could offer lunches in the Sunday school or have students over for an evening meal this would be very helpful. There will be a sign up sheet in the Sunday school.

Please pray for the Capernwray students that the Lord will bless them, use them in their willingness and availability and others will come to know the Lord Jesus Christ through their testimonies.



Alyse Marlett
USA



Rhianna Martin
Canada



Marie To
Mauritian

The DVD Library is now Open!

We have a growing number of DVDS now in the church bookcase.

Please ask Jean Hoole for details. DVD's can be borrowed for up to 2 weeks and they include great teaching DVDs/CDs by Derek Prince...Do have a look and we pray this resource will bless you

This is a **Ministry** with the aim of sharing the gospel; to encourage and bless through DVD's.

All DVD's will be secured in a locked cabinet and only accessible via Jean Hoole.



Charis Ministries Prayer Meeting

When: 1st Thursday of every month

Where: Jack & Kath Welch's
1 Sunnyside Ave, Wilpshire,
Nr. Blackburn

Time: 7:30pm

Tel. 01254 240893



Biker Breakfast

Saturday 28th March; Saturday 25th April; Saturday 30th May; Saturday 27th June Please remember the bikers in your prayers.



Ace Space Dates

(Christian Home Educators Gathering)

All TEACH Home schoolers are welcome to join us. We recently welcomed a new family to this group. We meet Thursday:

19th March 2015;

16th April 2015;

21st May 2015

Meet at 10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Holiday at Home Dates:-

Wednesday 4th March 2015 and Thursday 5th March 2015

Times 10:00 am to 3:00pm

If you are available to help on one / both or part of the holiday at home days please let Julie know.

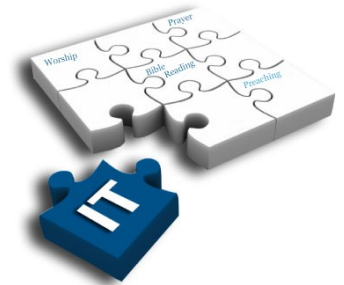
If you would like to invite a friend or neighbour please take the invites provided.

Date	Deacon's	Reader	Coffee
March 1st	Sue Catlow Colin Procter	Barbara Sutcliffe	Ruth Woods Jean Hoole
March 8th	Robin Clark Joss Daune	Ruth Woods	Barbara Sutcliffe Kath Bowyer
March 15th	Tony Jackson Michael Redmayne	Mick Cook	Jane Maher Ellen Saunders
March 22nd	Jean Procter Margaret Mellor	Maureen Grimshaw	Barbara Waring Mel Gilday
March 29th	Sue Catlow Colin Procter	Robin Clark	Tom & Margaret Mellor
April 5th	Tony Jackson Michael Redmayne	Margaret Mellor	Barbara Sutcliffe Kath Bowyer
April 12th	Robin Clark Joss Daune	Debbie Mills	Michael & Elaine Redmayne
April 19th	Ruth Woods Jean Hoole	Isaac Okpoti	Tony & Pat Jackson
April 26th	Sue Catlow Colin Procter	Tony Jackson	Jane Maher Ellen Saunders
May 3rd	Annette Dickinson Margaret Mellor	Ken Saunders	Barbara Waring Mel Gilday
May 10th	Tony Jackson Michael Redmayne	Richard Grimshaw	Tom & Margaret Mellor
May 17th	Robin Clark Joss Daune	Colin Procter	Tony & Pat Jackson
May 24th	Ruth Woods Jean Hoole	Steve Gilday	Jean & Colin Procter
May 31st	Sue Catlow Colin Procter	Barbara Sutcliffe	Ruth Woods Jean Hoole

Deadline for articles for the next issue of Voice is: Sunday 26th April 2015
Please pass articles to Pastor Chris
or email them to:
andrew.aco012000@gmail.com

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- Week 1 - Nigel Grimshaw
Week 2 - Steve and Mel Gilday
Week 3 - Isaac Okpoti
Week 4 - Ray Cookson
Week 5 - Colin Procter



Special Events :-

Nigel Grimshaw / Rebekah Okpoti / Thomas Entwistle

Senior Lunch

I was happy to receive an invite to the senior lunch in January. How everyone enjoyed a lovely afternoon and the food, was as good as ever and plenty too.

It is a lovely thought to invite the lonely and elderly to this event. The idea to have a trip down memory lane via the photo's brought back personal happy memories for me, happy days gone by with friends; made me think of my friend Iris Franklyn, and the times we did flowers together for special events and the most advent success ideas we dreamed up, like the time we did a waterfall depicting 'streams of living water' in the corner of the church.

Iris later went to live in Canada but it was her who persuaded me to start the church art group back in the 1980's and has only recently closed.

Kathleen's poem's also brought back memories of which, we seniors could relate to and laugh about.

We have a great fellowship here at Knowle Green.

Thanks to all the ladies who cooked and worked in the kitchen, also to those who brought people and took them home again.

Last but not least thanks to Chris and Julie for another happy event 'Come taste, see the Lord is good'

Jean Hoole

Regular Weekly Fortnightly Schedule of Meetings/Activities

Sunday	9.45am -10.30am 11.00am -12noon	Holy Communion and time of Open Worship Family Service	Weekly (not the 1st Sunday of the month) Weekly
Monday	6.30pm-8.00pm 6.30pm-8.00pm	Life of Faith Girls Group Boys Club	Alternate Weeks Alternate Weeks
Tuesday	9.00am-10.00am 7.30pm-9.30pm	Prayer Meeting House Group @ the Manse	Weekly Weekly (not 1 st week of the month)
Wednesday	7.30pm-9.00pm	House Group in Longridge	Fortnightly

Food for Thought

"It is more than likely that the times will get worse and worse and that there will be a great searching amongst us who are called Evangelical. We will be driven back to certain foundations and we may become a very small company"

Dr Lloyd-Jones

"When Christians abate their fervency in private devotions, God abates their peace. If you slack the strings of the violin, the music is spoiled; so if Christians are slack in duty, they spoil the sweet music of peace in their souls."

Unknown

"Prayer is nothing but the promise reversed, or God's Word formed into an argument, and restored by faith upon God again."

William Gurnard

"He who carves for himself often cuts his fingers; he who leaves God to carve for him, shall never have an empty plate."

Unknown

"Many are led into false ways by one false step of a good man."

Matthew Henry

"The Scripture is both the breeder and the feeder of grace. How is the convert born? But by "the word of truth" (James 1:8) How doth he grow? But by the "sincere milk of the Word" (1Peter 2:2

Thomas Watson

"There is a good woman there, a mother, perhaps, she says, "Well, I do not often go out-I keep house with my children, and seem to be doing no good. "Mother, do not say so, your position is a high, lofty, responsible one, and in training up children for the Lord, you are doing as much for His name as yon eloquently Apollo's, who was so valiantly preached the word."

Spurgeon

"Our prayer life determines the kind of Christians we are, and the way we serve our generation."

Dr Lloyd-Jones

Regular Monthly/Quarterly Schedule of Meetings/Activities

Sunday	11.00am-1200 noon 2.30pm-3.30pm 6.30pm-8.00pm	Family Communion Service Agape Fellowship Meeting Gospel Evening Service	1 st Sunday in the month 1 st Sunday in the month 2nd Sunday of the month
Tuesday	7.30pm-9.00pm	Deacons Meeting	1 st Tuesday of the month
Wednesday	9.00am 2.00pm-3.30pm	Finance Group Prayer for Israel	Usually last week of the month (or as required) 1 st Wednesday of the month
Thursday	10.00am-3.00pm 2.00pm-3.30pm 7.30pm-9.00pm	ACE Home School Support/Fellowship Group Thursday Fellowship (All Ages) Building Committee	Usually 3 rd week of the month Usually last Thursday of the month Quarterly
Friday	7.00am-6.00pm 7.30pm-9.00pm	Day of Prayer and fasting Prayer Meeting	Last Friday of the month
Saturday	9.00am-12noon 9.00am-10.30am	Bikers Breakfast - Last Saturday of the month Men's Breakfast	Monthly (Mar-Oct) Quarterly

SEE NOTICE BOARD FOR OTHER ACTIVITIES

1 CORINTHIANS 13

I AM patient WITH you because I LOVE you AND WANT to
FORGIVE you

I AM KIND to you because I LOVE you AND WANT to HELP you

I DO NOT ENVY your POSSESSIONS or your GIFTS because I
LOVE you AND WANT you to HAVE the BEST

I DO NOT boast about MY attainments because I LOVE you
AND WANT to HEAR about yours

I AM NOT PROUD because I LOVE you AND WANT to esteem
you BEFORE MYSELF

I AM NOT RUDE because I LOVE you AND care about your
FEELINGS

I AM NOT SELF-SEEKING because I LOVE you AND WANT to
MEET your NEED

I AM NOT easily ANGERED by you because I LOVE you to
OVERLOOK your OFFENCES

I DO NOT KEEP record OF your WRONGS because I LOVE
you, AND "LOVE covers a MULTITUDE OF SINS"