

Knowle Green Church

The Voice



Moses told the people, "Don't be afraid. Just stand still and watch the Lord rescue you today...". "The Lord Himself will fight for you. Just stay calm."

Exodus 14:13a-14 (NLT)

June – August 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.

Jesus calms the storm

Luke 8:22- 25

Based on what is happening around us, everything tells me a storm is brewing on the horizon. It is also in keeping with the Scriptures. Are we prepared for the onslaught?

Jesus in this chapter is seen exercising His authority over the elements, over demonic powers, over disease, and even over death. All these **obey His word**; only man refuses. Jesus was asleep when the storm broke. Storms often arise when we least expect them. Seeing all that is going on around us today the best and the safest place to be is deeply rooted in Christ Jesus. In the midst of the storm the disciples panicked even though they had Jesus with them. When woken he said to the disciples, **"Where is your faith?"** They should not have worried. The disciples did not fully appreciate the authority of Jesus. Their understanding of Him was limited and so it can be with us when we are found in a 'personal storm.' The disciples were taken back by the fact that the elements **obeyed Him**. The Hymn writer Pricilla Jane Owens scribed:-

**Will your anchor hold in the storms of life?
Will your anchor hold in the straits of fear?
Will your anchor hold in the floods of death?
Will your eyes behold through the morning light?**

The disciples were no different from us. They had their doubts, questions, fears, moments of anxiety. In the storms of life, we often despair. Then when the Lord comes to our assistance, we are surprised at the display of His power. And we wonder why we did not trust Him. The disciples did not need to despair. **"Never will I forsake you" (Heb. 13:5).** The promises of God still stand today and are as true as ever. Amen! The reality of the Gospel is the fact that in Christ we have perfect security, perfect protection, and perfect peace. With Jesus in our lives the 'boat is absolutely safe'. **Where is your faith?** Jesus asked the disciples, **"If you seem to have lost your way, go back to the last time you knew the sharp, cutting edge of God's voice. Then obey"**.

'Great winds and storms help fruit-bearing trees. The storm loosens the earth around its roots so the tree is able to send its roots deeper into the earth where it receives fresh supplies of nourishment. But only much later will it be seen to produce better fruit'. (John Owen) Storms increase our reliance on God, Storms produce character, roundedness and maturity which would not be possible otherwise. Do not resist or despise the storms, instead allow the storm to run its course and see what the Lord does. **'He makes all things beautiful in its time'**. Jesus calms the storm. (Luke 8:22- 25)

I Pray you have a Peaceful, Restful and a Blessed Summer, when the Holy Spirit falls afresh as at the first Pentecost to enable, embolden, encourage and enfold you in the Love of God.



God Bless

Pastor Chris

(Pastor Chris.)

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

Pastor Chris

Prayer for Israel

There are some changes to dates and times of the meetings this quarter .

Meetings for the following 3 months will be changed to the first Tuesday of the month, at the new time 13.30 hrs. to 15.30 hrs.:

Tuesday 2 June

Tuesday 7 July

Tuesday 4 August



These changes are to fit in with regular attenders who have other commitments on Wednesdays. We hope these changes may also help others who find Wednesdays prevent them from joining us.

The Lord bless you,

Richard and Maureen Grimshaw



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

June - 1st; 15th & 29th

July - 13th Mums and Daughters Jewish Dance

Evening. Finish for Summer

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

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.



- 1/ There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Emmanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Loose all their guilty stains.
- 2/ The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day;
And there may I, as vile as he,
Wash all my sins away.
- 3/ Dear dying Lamb! Your precious blood
Shall never loose its power,
Till all the ransomed Church of God
Be saved to sin no more.
- 4/ E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream
Your flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die.
- 5/ Then in a nobler, sweeter song,
I'll sing Your power to save,
When this poor lisping, stammering tongue
Lies silent in the grave.

William Cowper who wrote this hymn was born in 1731 in Great Berkhamstead, Hertford. His mother's death when he was only six left a tragic scar of grief on his life. On top of that, when he was only ten, he was sent to boarding school where his suffering was added to by the cruelty of the older boys.

However, he survived and at eighteen he began to study law, and although he passed all the exams he never achieved much success in his profession. He felt unworthy to advise any of his clients and so never attracted much business. He later took a position as a clerk in the House of Lords but he began to be troubled with depression and attempted suicide several times. He also had two unhappy love affairs at that time, and began to feel that all the world was against him. He even spent a brief period in St Albans Asylum, but while there, a relative shared the gospel with him and he burst into tears saying, "It is the first time I have seen a ray of hope."

Cowper began to read his Bible and found that Jesus had done all that was necessary for him to be forgiven and receive the gift of eternal salvation. So thrilled was he with his new found faith that he began to set his experience down in verse, basing it on the words in Zechariah 13:1 "On that day, there shall be a fountain opened --- to cleans them from sin and uncleanness." This hymn was actually written in the asylum.

William Cowper wrote many hymns in his lifetime, in fact he joined with his great friend John Newton and between them they composed all the hymns of the 'Olney Hymns'. The great preacher, Charles Haddon Spurgeon was so taken by the words of this hymn that he left instructions that some of it's lines were to be inscribed on his tomb stone. They can be seen to this day in Norwood Cemetery, South London. They are:-

E'er since by faith I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

End of Month Day of Prayer and Fasting

Friday 26th June; Friday 31st July; Friday 28th August

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.

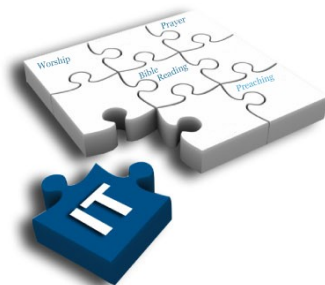
Venue: Sunday School building

Please come and join us!

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

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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

Food for Thought

"A photo shows one second of your life. It doesn't define who you are." Arsene Wenger (Arsenal's manager)

"Unbelievers may have a civil right to many things on earth. But they do not have a spiritual, sanctified right to a place in the house of God or any of the privileges of that house. The right of Christ is the right of the house of the Lord. The right of the saints is the right of servants of that house." John Owen

When Christ gives himself to the soul, then he loves that soul forever. He 'loves them to the end' (John 13:1). And when the soul gives itself to Christ 'they love him in sincerity.' Unknown

"Christ never called for the unity that compromises truth." David Sper

'Whoever has no rule over his own spirit is like a city broken down, without walls.' Prov. 25:28

VICE-VERSA: - 'People are made to be loved and things are made to be used. There is confusion in this world because people are being used and things are being loved.' Scunthorpe Congregational Church

Date	Deacon's	Reader	Coffee
June 7th	Robin Clark Joss Daune	Ruth Woods	Barbara Sutcliffe Kath Bowyer
June 14th	Tony Jackson Michael Redmayne	Mick Cook	Jane Maher Ellen Saunders
June 21st	Ruth Woods Jean Hoole	Maureen Grimshaw	Barbara Waring Mel Gilday
June 28th	Sue Catlow Colin Procter	Isaac Okpoti	Tom & Margaret Mellor
July 5th	Tony Jackson Michael Redmayne	Margaret Mellor	Ruth Woods Jean Hoole
July 12th	Jean Procter Margaret Mellor	Debbie Mills	Michael & Elaine Redmayne
July 19th	Ruth Woods Jean Hoole	Colin Procter	Tony & Pat Jackson
July 26th	Robin Clark Joss Daune	Tony Jackson	Barbara Sutcliffe Kath Bowyer
August 2nd	Sue Catlow Colin Procter	Steve Gilday	Jane Maher Ellen Saunders
May 9th	Jean Procter Margaret Mellor	Ken Saunders	Barbara Waring Mel Gilday
May 16th	Tony Jackson Michael Redmayne	Barbara Sutcliffe	Tom & Margaret Mellor
May 23rd	Robin Clark Joss Daune	Jean Procter	Michael & Elaine Redmayne
August 30th	Ruth Woods Jean Hoole	Richard Grimshaw	Tony & Pat Jackson
Sept 6th	Jean Procter Margaret Mellor	Tom Mellor	Barbara Sutcliffe Kath Bowyer

Deadline for articles for the next issue of Voice is: Sunday 26th July 2015

Please pass articles to Pastor Chris

or email them to:

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Blind Faith

I always had an extreme distaste for folks who belittled me for my faith. I don't mind if you don't agree with me or even if you think I'm stupid or naïve because I believe in God. But I never understood why some folks feel like they have to try to prove to a believer that there is no God.

They'd always use the same argument: "Well, can you see God? Have you ever heard God? Can you touch Him? Can you even smell or taste Him? No? Well, then how can you believe in something you can't see, hear, touch, taste or even smell?"

As I got a little older and more familiar with scripture I'd answer back with the passage from Hebrews 11:1 "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen" but that would just elicit the "Well of course the Bible would say that, It has to cover up it's lies somehow" retort. I didn't much like that either.

Then I discovered, from a science teacher no less, the perfect argument for the issue: Carbon Monoxide! I'd say, "You can't see carbon monoxide because it is colorless; you can't hear it if it's just inhabiting in an enclosed space; you can't smell it because it is odorless; can't taste it because it has none; and you can't feel it apart from any other gases in an enclosed space. But if I put you in that enclosed space, it will kill you in a matter of minutes even though you can't tell it's there. Would you like to disprove the existence of carbon monoxide with the same parameters you use to disprove the existence of God? Because I'll be happy to put you in an enclosed space with the former so that you might have the opportunity to meet the latter . . ."

Building Committee Meeting for 2015

Thursday 11th June;

Thursday 10th September; Thursday 10th December

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

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 1.30pm-3.30pm	Deacons Meeting Prayer for Israel	1 st Tuesday of the month 1st Wednesday of the month
Wednesday	9.00am	Finance Group	Usually last week of the month (or as required)
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

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



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.

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:
18th June 2015;
16th July 2015;

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 Cheerful Heart is Good Medicine (Prov. 17:22)

A five year old girl looked at the stars one night and exclaimed, 'God's home! All his lights are on!' God is always home. Call on him today! Cliff Smith

Married fifty years, the happy couple revealed their secrets for wedded bliss:

Him: 'Never be selfish. There is no "I" in the word "marriage"'

Her: 'Never correct your husband's spelling.!!'

I've had people asked me, 'If I were shipwrecked on a deserted island, and could only have one book, what would it be?' I always say, 'How to build a Boat'. Cliff Smith

Pity the Dalmatian. It can never play hide-and- seek. No matter where it hides, it's always spotted!

Jeanne's Jottings

Strawberries also have their little problems. For example, one strawberry said to the other, 'If we hadn't been in the same plot, we wouldn't be in this jam now.'

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.

Easter flower arrangement photo's



Courtesy of Jean Hoole

Preaching Plan June to August 2015

June 2015

- 7 Pastor Chris
- 14 Pastor Chris
- 21 Dr Lazarus Gill
- 28 Pastor Chris

July 2015

- 5 Pastor Chris
- 12 Pastor Chris
- 19 TBC
- 26 Penny McDonald

August 2015

- 2 Pastor Chris
- 9 Pastor Chris
- 16 NYC
- 23 Holiday Bible week family worship
- 30 Diane Daune



Biker Breakfast

Saturday 27th June; Saturday 25th July; Saturday 29th August; Please remember the bikers in your prayers.



BIKERS BREAKFAST AT KNOWLE GREEN

Just come in and see what we feed you, It's really good.

Praise Him.

There is a nice atmosphere And plenty of room to leave your bikes.

The atmosphere is really good

You will be welcome,

Your colleagues can come with you.

Wonderful God,

He will get you here safely.

Oh Praise His name,

He is wonderful.



You can have a drink of tea or coffee too

Just come as you are, park your bike outside

And enjoy yourself.



By Anne Rowland

**'Raising A Standard'
Family Bible Week
Top Barn, Holt Heath,
Worcester**



Bible Week 2015

"Who knows whether you are come to the Kingdom for such a time as this"

Esther 4 v. 14

Saturday 25th July—Friday 31st July

Now is the time for booking the time off work for your holiday in the Summer. Why not make it a series of HOLY DAYS with the Lord at Top Barn?

We have bookings coming in but at a rather slow pace so if you are planning to attend in the Summer, can you PLEASE let us know as we have to make appropriate decisions with regard to the site and facilities. Over the last few years quite a few people have booked in at the last minute and this always makes life challenging for us. Please do not be one of those this year. As we will surcharge bookings made after 31st May.

The majority of the major responsibilities are now covered and we are looking to build and extend the teams so that we have all areas of the Bible Week well covered. If you would like to help in any way, please let us know.

It is our desire that no-one should miss out because finance is an issue and all enquiries will be treated in absolute confidence. So please feel free to contact us.

For those who wish to hire tents and caravans our experience is that all now get taken very quickly.

If you have any questions please feel free to ring or to email us.

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Boys Club

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When: Every other Monday Time: 6.30pm- 8.00pm
Age Group: 6-16year olds

**Forget the gadgets: The PS4; The Xbox 1; The iPhone;
Computer games.**

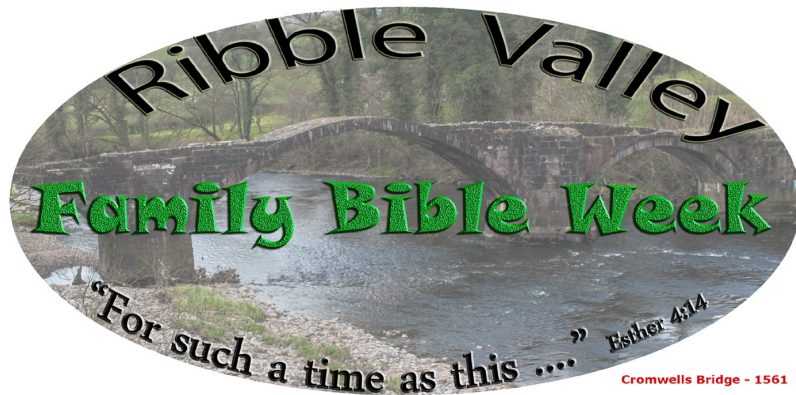
Upcoming meetings in 2015 are:

June - 8th; & 22nd

July - 6th & 20th

Why not dare to be different?





2015 Theme

Let us run with Endurance the race that is set before us

Speakers

Hebrews 12.1

DR ALEC PASSMORE
BRIAN JACKSON
NICK COWAN
BRIAN GRIST
DUNCAN HUNTER

Date: August 18th - August 23rd

Aim: A family centred time of spiritual rest and refreshment



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Running THE Race
Vivian Cheruiyot

2012 Olympic Games 5,000m Silver
2012 Olympic Games 10,000m Bronze
2012 Laureus World Sportswoman of the Year
2011 World 5,000m & 10,000m Champion
2011 World Cross Country Champion
2010 African 5,000m Champion
2010 Commonwealth 5,000m Champion

Without Jesus I would not be succeeding the way I am because without Him, I could not do anything

I love Him so much and I will live for Him the rest of my life - to the very last minute

Prayer for Israel Annual Convention (Moved from London)

COTONGREEN



The Coton Centre
Comberford Road, Tamworth, Staffordshire B79 9AA

Saturday 18th July 2015

10 am to 6 pm (Doors open 9:30 am) **Admission free**

Speakers to Include: Ofer Amitai from Israel, Keith Parker, Derek Rous & John Angliss



A freewill offering will be taken before the lunch break.

There is lots of Car Parking space at the Church, more than 200 spaces.

If it's a nice day – you can sit outside for lunch – if you are coming by car you might consider putting in picnic chairs / table as there is lots of grassed area.

If requested in advance, a crèche room is available for parents to look after their own children. Please note that child minding services ARE NOT available, so parents will have to stay with them at all times.

Nearest mainline station – Tamworth.

The fast train from London Euston takes one and a half hours, with no changes. We will be organising a frequent shuttle bus between the station and the venue (about 2 miles).

Please let us know by Friday 3rd July if you need a lift.

Enquiries: PFI Office 01952 604 207