



2016 Theme

5th RVFBW

**Let us look to Jesus,
the author and finisher
of our faith**

Hebrews 12:2

Date:- August 23rd 2016-August 28th 2016

**Aim: A family centred time of spiritual rest
and refreshment**



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Knowle Green Church



The Voice

In your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behaviour in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

**! Peter 3 vs 15 & 16
(NIV)**

May - July 2016

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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.

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.

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-7:30pm	Family Communion Service Agape Fellowship Meeting Gospel Service	1 st Sunday in the month 1 st Sunday in the month 2nd Sunday in the month
Tuesday	7.30pm-9.00pm 1.30pm—3.30pm	Deacons Meeting Prayer for Israel	1 st Tuesday of the month 1st Tuesday 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

When he saw the crowds, **He had compassion** on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

(Matthew 9:36-38 NIV)

*Jesus had compassion on the hungry multitude. He also had compassion on the multitude as "sheep having no shepherd". Again Jesus, **moved with compassion**, healed the sick (Matt 14:14). In Mark 1:41 Jesus was **moved with compassion** toward a leper and healed him. "Then Jesus turned to his disciples, and said, **I have compassion** on these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat; I do not want to send them away hungry, or they may collapse on the way" (Matt. 15:32).*

*Leaving Jericho, two blind men cried out to Jesus to have mercy on them, "So Jesus **had compassion** on them, touched their eyes; and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him" (Matt. 20:34).*

"Of all the emotions that surge through our souls, there is none finer than compassion. It identifies you with a person in need. You get underneath his load and help him bear it". (T.T. Crabtree)

The entire ministry of Jesus you will find is enveloped in compassion. Compassion is more than pity. Pity is feeling for someone in distress; compassion is **feeling plus action**. Compassion is love in action!

Cases of Compassion from the Bible.

Adoption

*Pharaoh's daughter had compassion on the baby Moses. When she saw the little boy lying in the bulrush basket, we read, "**Behold the baby wept.** And she had compassion on him, and said, This is one of the Hebrews' children" (Ex 2:6)*

Oppressed People

God had compassion on the oppressed Israelites. "But King Hazael of Syria oppressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz. And the Lord was gracious to them, and had compassion on them." (2 Kings 13:22-23)

Hungry People

Jesus had compassion on the hungry multitude. They had been without food for three days. (Matt. 15:32)

The word **Compassion** derives from two Latin words meaning **"with"** and **"suffer."** Literally it means to suffer with another – to put yourself in another's place. It means to suffer with another because of that other's misfortune or calamity. When we have compassion on another, we feel that person's pain or misfortune.

In the parable of the good Samaritan, the priest and the Levite both had pity on the beaten man, but the Samaritan had compassion. Compassion always engenders action. Compassion caused a despised Samaritan to demonstrate mercy for a Jew, his staunch enemy. Why? He was moved by the plight of suffering. The religious (priest and Levite) on the other hand lacked compassion but had pity.

A heart of Compassion takes away selfishness. It causes us to go out to "seek and to save that which is lost". **Compassion is an essential part of our Christian faith.**

We can moralize on the rights and wrong of society but Jesus calls us to have compassion for the weak, the destitute, the less able; the mentally ill; the broken-hearted; the vulnerable, the homeless, the harassed, etc. but **time waits for no man.**

"Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you? **The king will reply,** 'I tell you the truth, **whatever you did** for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.' (Matt 25:35-40).



May we all remember, ponder, meditate on and be thankful that **"There but for the Grace (unmerited favor) of God go I"**. My prayer is that our hearts are tender enough to be moved with compassion for the needy and the lost.

God Bless

Pastor Chris

Raising a Standard Family Bible Week 2016

At Top Barn, Holt Heath Worcester
Saturday 30th July—Friday 5th August (eve)



This event is organised in conjunction with the South Of Reading Christian Fellowship and will be led by men who have a vision to bless and encourage the wider body of Christ. The Bible Week will especially appeal to those who have a burden to see the raising of biblical standards in this country and in the Church, with a balance between the Word and the Spirit, the place of Israel and the return of Christ in the purposes of God.

This Bible, week which commenced in 2004, is a continuation of a burden which the late Derek Prince and others had that large segments of the Church, particularly the charismatic movement and the pentecostal movement had embraced much unbiblical and deceptive teaching. This has left many “disillusioned” saints looking for safety and security from divided Churches with little Biblical preaching and often seeking new pastures, creating what many are now calling the *REMNANT CHURCH. Like the remnant of Israel, only the Lord knows its true size.

The Bible Week is aimed at the whole Family of God and we welcome families, married couples and singles. All ages are catered for. Come as a Church or on your own and receive a welcome.

Speakers may include:

John Angliss - Senior Pastor, SORCF and travelling prophetic Bible teacher.
Mike Gomm - Teacher and member of SORCF. Main Bible Week administrator.
John Hayward - Pastor of Court Farm Evangelical Church, SE London.
Greg Husband - Assistant Pastor, New Life Church, Cirencester, Youth worker .
Chris Okpoti - Pastor of Knowle Green Congregational Church, Lancashire.
Nigel Thompson - (SORCF) - Travelling evangelist and deliverance ministry.

Date	Deacon's	Reader	Coffee
May 1st	Michael Redmayne Margaret Mellor	Colin Procter	Tony & Pat Jackson
May 8th	Robin Clark Jean Hoole	Maureen Grimshaw	Barbara Sutcliffe Kath Bowyer
May 15th	Colin Procter Sue Catlow	Tony Jackson	Jane Maher Ellen Saunders
May 22nd	Joss Daune Jean Procter	Barbara Sutcliffe	Tom & Margaret Mellor
May 29th	Margaret Mellor Tony Jackson	Steve Gilday	Barbara Waring Mel Gilday
June 5th	Jean Hoole Robin Clark	Jean Procter	Michael & Elaine Redmayne
June 12th	Colin Procter Sue Catlow	Ken Saunders	Ruth Woods Jean Hoole
June 19th	Joss Daune Jean Procter	Tom Mellor	Jane Maher Ellen Saunders
June 26th	Tony Jackson Margaret Mellor	Michael Redmayne	Brian and Audrey Wynne
July 3rd	Colin Procter Sue Catlow	Debbie Mills	Barbara Sutcliffe Kath Bowyer
July 10th	Joss Daune Margaret Mellor	Mick Cook	Jane Maher Ellen Saunders
July 17th	Jean Procter Tony Jackson	Ruth Woods	Barbara Waring Mel Gilday
July 24th	Michael Redmayne Robin Clark	Andrew Rowland	Tom & Margaret Mellor
July 31st	Colin Procter Jean Hoole	Margaret Mellor	Michael & Elaine Redmayne
August 7th	Joss Daune Jean Procter	Isaac Okpoti	Ruth Woods Jean Hoole

Ace Space Dates

Thursday 12th May 2016

Thursday 17th June 2016

Thursday 21st July 2016

Charis Ministries Prayer Meeting

When: 1st Thursday of every month
Where: 1 Sunnyside Ave, Wilpshire,
Nr. Blackburn
Time: 7:30pm
Tel. 01254 240893



Preaching Plan May to July 2016

May 2016

1st Pastor Chris
8th Pastor Chris
15th Gwyneth Jones
22nd Pastor Chris
29th Colin Parnell

June 2016

5th Pastor Chris
12th Pastor Chris
19th Robin Clarke
26th Brian Grist

July 2016

3rd Ian Huxham
10th Pastor Chris
17th Pastor Chris
24th Alan Marsden
31st TBA



Deadline for articles for the next issue of
Voice is: **Sunday 17th July 2016**

Please pass articles to **Pastor Chris**
or email them to:
andrew.aco012000@gmail.com

Prayer for Israel

We meet to pray for Israel in the
Sunday School normally on the 1st
Tuesday of every month from
1.30pm — 3.30pm.

The next meetings will take place on:

3rd May 2016

14th June 2016

5th July 2016



Special Meeting

On Thursday 12th May 2016 at 7.30pm we will be welcoming a
guest speaker.

For further details please contact Maureen Grimshaw (Tel. 01254
820481 or Mob. 07957 812476)

Maintenance Day

Thank you to all you who supported and helped at the
maintenance day on Saturday 16th of April.

End of Month Day of Prayer and Fasting Prayer Meeting

**Prayer and Fasting for the Mission, Church, Community,
Nation, Israel / Middle East, Outreach, local/Personal
needs.**

Time: 7:30pm – 9.00pm

**Venue: Knowle Green Sunday School Building The last
Friday each month.**

Please come and join us!

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



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 2016

May - 9th & 23rd

June - 13th & 27th

July - 9th (Saturday) Last club before Summer holidays

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

Every 2nd Sunday Evening Service 6.30pm – 7.30pm **Gospel/Testimony Service**

Is informally led from the front and takes place in the Sunday school building. Come and join us and be encouraged. We are ever eager and willing to hear testimony of the Lord at work. Come and share your experience of what the Lord is doing in your life.

Speakers

8th May	- Pastor Chris
12th June	- Robin Clark
10th July	- Andrew Rowland

Every 1st Sunday 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.

Agape Service 2.30pm—3.30pm

Speakers:

1st May	- Jos Daunn
5th June	- Pastor Chris
3rd July	- Nigel Grimshaw

With Thanks

Pastor Chris and Julie would like to say thank you to the deacons and membership of the Church for all your help and support with the work in the Manse. Your willingness and practical help has touched us deeply, that we see the Lord at work in and through your

The DVD Library is now Open!

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

Please ask Jean or Mel 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 / Mel Gilday



EASTER FLOWERS 2016



by
**Anne
Morrison**



Choshek Or - Darkness into Light

A walk through series of 4 installations part of the 'Look and See, Listen and Hear Series'

1. **'Choshek - The Darkness'** - inspired by the works of Luciano Berio's song cycle "Circles". Choshek will encompass you in its environment.,
2. **'Choice - The Gate'** - inspired by the works of Charles Ives - 'The Unanswered Question?'. 'Choice' is an interactive installation allowing space for audience participation.
3. **'Into Or'** - Contributors response to 'Choshek Or' on canvas accompanied by their stories.
4. **'Light as a feather'** - an interactive installation based on the weights and measurements of darkness and light typified by a soundscape influenced by the works of Danny Elfman combined with the sounds of Ghana and Uganda

Date: Friday 20th and Saturday 21st May 2016

Times: Open between the hours of 3:30pm - 9pm both days.

At: Knowle Green Congregational Church (Hall), Clitheroe Road, Knowle Green,

Longridge, Preston PR3 2YQ

Rebekah Okpoti ATCL, RNCM Cert, L3 Ed and training, Training Officer
143 Squadron (RAF/ATC), Arts award advisor/centre



Boys Club

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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 2016 are:

May	-	2nd	&	16th	(30th no club—half term)
June	-	6th	&	20th	(Wellies required)
July	-	4th		(Last club before Summer holidays)	

Biker Breakfast

The first Bikers breakfast of 2016 took place in March, around 100 bikers came for their brekkie and to meet up with old friends. Many Bikers Bibles were taken, pray that the Holy Spirit will speak to the Bikers who do not know Jesus as their Lord and saviour yet through these Bibles. Bikers breakfast is on the last Saturday of each month:- 28th May, 25th June, 30th July. Please remember the bikers in your prayers.

Men's Breakfast

This is a quarterly held event to encourage each other and get to know each other. Please do join us and invite a friend. We eat at 9.00am and finish at 11.00am. All men welcome.

Additional help is always appreciated with the cooking.

Please let Joss Daune know if you intend coming along.

Date:- 11th June 2016

Time:- 9.00am

Venue:- Sunday School

Ladies Day at Knowle Green

I was talking to ladies from Inglewhite who were sat on the row in front of me.

Julie led the proceedings – God was there from the beginning; the children performed their play again about twin brothers, it was well received. The ladies from all the places were good humoured and glad to be there. Julie had a list of all the places the ladies had come from and she made us stand up when she read our name and all the other ladies clapped.



The Knowle Green choir sang and everyone enjoyed them. Then the lady from Capernwray spoke, Laurie Thomas. She Brought a very moving and personal message from the Lord

All too soon it was tea time in the village hall and on my table was a couple from Morecambe.

There were plates of sandwiches, ham, egg, egg and tomato, Tuna. And a plate with sausages and lots of other good things on it. The puddings were appreciated 1 lady got me a plate of trifle and other things were apple pie, and flapjacks and other good things.

The final part of the day was the place it was going to be next year, they were having a debate with high tea (tea, sandwiches and cakes or just tea and biscuits and the ladies voted for what they wanted.

By Anne Rowland



Food for Thought

"How often do you contact your friends when you desire nothing from them?" *The Wackersberg connection*

'Do you have humility to support what you can't dominate?' *The Steward*

'Can you really expect our Lord 's optimum blessing on your life and work if His priority is not your priority? *Exponential*

'If you want a friend, be one' *(unknown)*

"A man who has friends must himself be friendly *(Prov.18:24a)*

NAMES OF ISRAEL'S FRESHWATER LAKE AND THEIR ETYMOLOGY

The lake has been called by different names throughout history, usually depending on the dominant settlement on its shores. With the changing fate of the towns the lake's name also changed.

LAKE or SEA of KINNERET The modern Hebrew name comes from the O.T. (Numbers 34 v 11) and (Joshua 13 v 27). The consensus is that the name derives from the Bronze and Iron age city of Kinneret, excavated at Tel el Oreimeh

LAKE OF GENNESARET All old and new testament writers use the term "sea" with the exception of Luke who calls it "the Lake of Gennesaret" (Luke 5 v 1)

SEA OF GALILEE, SEA OF TIBERIAS, and LAKE TIBERIAS In the new testament the term "Sea of Galilee" is used in the gospel of Matthew (4 v18) and (15 v 19), The gospel of Mark (1 v 16) and (7 v 31), and in the gospel of John (6 v 1) as "the sea of Galilee, which is the sea of Tiberias". The sea of Tiberias is also mentioned in Roman texts and the Jerusalem Talmud (after Roman Emperor Tiberias).

SEA OF MINYA In the earliest period of history the lake was known in Arabic as "Bahr al Minya", the sea of Minya, after the complex whose ruins are still visible at Khirbat al Minya. This is the name used by medieval Persian and Arab scholars.

In 1989 remains of a "hunter/gatherer" site were found under the water at the southern end of the lake. Remains of mud huts were found which are the oldest known buildings in the world.

Article from a friend of Tom Mellor's