

# Baptismal Service

We are hosting an outdoor Baptismal Service here in September 2016. Have you been baptised? This is your opportunity to get baptised. Please come and speak to Pastor Chris if you are interested. Jesus said to his disciples 'Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.' (Matt. 28:19) .

**Baptism Date: Sunday 4th September 2016**

**Time: Immediately after the morning service**

A Jacob's join will ensue following the baptism. Please bring a plate of food, Enough for yourself and another. Anyone interested please speak to Pastor Chris. The baptism Service will take place outside the Sunday School Building. It is also a wonderful and a blessed occasion to witness a believer's baptism and a young person who has chosen and decided to follow the Lord in obedience to His Word.

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## God is Light

Like a cooling drink on a hot, hot day,  
Or like warmth when the snow is falling;  
GOD is light in the darkness.  
Friendliness and love from His followers  
Wherever we are, show He is real.  
When we are hurting He soothes us;  
We find Him when we worship Him,  
But also in the quiet places no one knows about.

Anne Rowland

# Knowle Green Church



The Voice

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.

Ephesians 1 vs 3 & 4  
NRSV

**August - October 2016**

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# Knowle Green Congregational Church

Clitheroe Road, Knowle Green, Longridge. PR3 2YQ

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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

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

## Regular Monthly/Quarterly Schedule of Meetings/Activities

<b>Sunday</b>	11.00am-1200 noon 2.30pm-3.30pm 6:30pm-7:30pm	<b>Family Communion Service</b> <b>Agape Fellowship Meeting</b> <b>Gospel Service</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in the month 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in the month 2nd Sunday in the month
<b>Tuesday</b>	7.30pm-9.00pm  1.30pm—3.30pm	<b>Deacons Meeting</b>  <b>Prayer for Israel</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month 2nd Tuesday of the month
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.00am	<b>Finance Group</b>	Usually last week of the month (or as required)
<b>Thursday</b>	10.00am-3.00pm  2.00pm-3.30pm  7.30pm-9.00pm	ACE Home School Support/Fellowship Group <b>Thursday Fellowship (All Ages)</b>  Building Committee	Usually 3 <sup>rd</sup> week of the month Usually last Thursday of the month Quarterly
<b>Friday</b>	7.00am-6.00pm  7.30pm-9.00pm	<b>Day of Prayer and fasting</b> <b>Prayer Meeting</b>	Last Friday of the month
<b>Saturday</b>	9.00am-12noon  9.00am-10.30am	<b>Bikers Breakfast - Last Saturday of the month</b> <b>Men's Breakfast</b>	Monthly ( <b>Mar-Oct</b> ) Quarterly

SEE NOTICE BOARD FOR OTHER ACTIVITIES

## **"To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven:"**

(Ecclesiastes 3:1)

What has your year been like so far? The answer to this question I would guess varies from one household to another. Some have and are battling with persistent health issues; unemployment; getting married; moving home; financial challenges; promotion in the work place etc. It is a cocktail of good news and disappointment. Whatever the experience we can still praise God in the midst of the storm.

Someone said **"if you are on your knees you cannot fall."** The best place to be for all of us always is on our knees. The most dangerous place is when we become confident in ourselves, our resolve and in our own ability.

The difference between God and man is that man often leaves you when your trouble comes. God, however says He will be **"ever present and He will be your help in times of trouble,"** no matter what the circumstance.

**"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."** (Ps. 46:1)

When God pours out His blessing on us, we need to remain humble. When we are at the zenith of life, it is easy to fall down. The best place to be is in the **second place**. The person in front of the queue is usually in a very precarious position. When we think we are ahead, that is when we need to be most on our guard.

Whatever our lot we always have to get into the habit and habitually **'Count our blessings, name then one by one and see what the Lord has done'** if we are not already doing so. Choosing to count our blessings is ever so helpful in very difficult times because it not only reminds us of God's faithfulness but also speaks of His goodness and mercy. It strengthens our faith and lifts us out of our despair. We always think ours is the worst until we are exposed to another's situation.

The Bible tells us quite clearly that without faith we cannot please God. What is faith you may ask! **Faith is believing** in something you have not seen, trusting that what God has promised He will do. Our part is to make sure that we have done everything He expects of us – the possible – and **He will do** the impossible.

Taking our eyes off Jesus will leave us disillusion. **'Guard what has been entrusted to you.'** (1 Tim 6:20)

The road of discouragement and disillusionment is a gradual process. It starts with:-

1. Taking our eyes off the 'Author and finisher of our faith; The Lord Jesus Christ.'
2. Feeling inadequate, not good enough, cannot be bothered. A feeling of despair.
3. Pointing the finger at others. Apportioning blame. "It is all their fault".
4. Withdrawal from fellowship. The Kingdom suffers then Self interest (I, Me, Mine) takes over.
5. Denial sets in leading to a spirit of justification and self righteousness.
6. In due course we become the kind of Christian who has no need of fellowship with other believers. The Bible speaks of this **'Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching'**. (Heb.10:25)

Jesus Himself experienced many discouraging situations and disappointments yet **He learned obedience through suffering.** **'There is no such thing as spiritual growth with maturity without trials, hardship, difficulties and suffering'** **"I have tested you in the furnace of suffering."** (Isaiah 48:10). A poem called "In His Footsteps" speaks of a man walking in difficult territory. At one stage he could see only one set of footprints in the sand and he cried out, "Lord, where were You when the going was tough?" The Lord said, "Those are my footprints. I was carrying you."

Do not lose sight of Him. Remain humble; let Him ever be your source of strength. If you are going through a storm. Remember, **'I will never leave you nor forsake you.'** (Hebrews 13:5).

Of late I have been drawn to Psalm 42 – 44. It contains a wealth of advice in counsel rather than ideas. The principles are of abiding values. They strengthen and sustain when we are filled with doubts and buffeted by a storm. We can observe that even when problems and difficulties beset us the psalms provide us with the answers we need in our personal walk with the Lord. Be encouraged in the Lord, **'why are you downcast, O my soul?' 'Why so disturbed within me?' 'Put your hope in God for I will yet praise Him, my Saviour and my God.'**

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**"Awake my soul and sing of Christ who died for you."**

Are you despairing? Feeling downcast? The Lord says that He will revive you according to His written Word (Ps 119:25). **'My soul is downcast within me; therefore I will remember you.'** (Ps. 42: 6). My friends, let us remember Jesus

*God Bless*

*Pastor Chris*

*(Pastor Chris.)*

## **CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE**

At the Morning Service on Sunday, 21st August, there will be a special service

'Celebration of Marriage', taken by Pastor Chris. We requested this as we were married at Knowle Green 25 years ago. We wanted to share this with the church and give thanks for all our marriages, as marriage is a design of God.

As a result of this, there will be extra people in church. All the church is invited for tea, coffee and cakes after the service, while family and friends leave for lunch at the Village Hall.

Robin and Joan Clark

## **Prayer for Israel**

We meet to pray for Israel in the cabin on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month from 1.30pm—3.30pm.

The next meetings will take place on:

**9th August 2016**

**13th September 2016**

**11th October 2016**



## **"Race for Life"**

Deb and I jogged (or rather Deb jogged and I walk/jogged) the Race for Life in Preston's Avenham Park on the 19th June and through the generosity of our friends have raised together over £1000 for Cancer Research. It was so emotional and humbling seeing all those joggers/walkers, each with their own sad stories. Together we are certainly making a difference though as we heard recently of a certain type of currently terminal cancer that, through research and testing, they are close to finding a cure for. Deb and I were jogging in memory of friends and family who have gone to be with the Lord, including our own pastor Jeff Jones and wife Margaret, a long standing church member and friend Norman Haworth, our Mum's sister Agnes and my friend Pete, who also suffered with the awful disease.

We also give thanks to God for the members of our congregation, who have also been touched by the dreaded disease themselves, but have bravely fought it and survived and long may that continue.

**God bless,  
Sue and Debs xx**



## **Manchester to Blackpool (60 mile) sponsored bicycle ride**

On Sunday 10th of July Andrew & Jonathan began the bike ride at 8:00am outside the Imperial War Museum in Manchester.

By Preston Andrew could cycle no further and went to get the car whilst Jonathan continued on to Blackpool.

Jonathan completed the whole ride at 4:15pm (approx.).

To date we have raised and paid in £241 to the Charis account which will go to build two emergency homes in Mozambique.



## Charis Ministries Prayer Meeting

**When:** 1st Thursday of every month

**Where:** 1 Sunnyside Ave, Wilpshire,  
Nr. Blackburn

**Hosts:** Jack & Kath Welch

**Time:** 7:30pm

**Tel.** 01254 240893



### Food 4 Thought

"Truth is hard if it is not softened by love, and love is soft if it is not strengthened by truth." John Stott

"Don't take anyone for granted. God doesn't" – unknown

"The Church is to be a life-transforming community where people grow and become more like their loving Lord." - unknown

"People who speak only when there is something negative to say or to disapprove are not effective. People need to hear positive words of appreciation and love." - Alexander Strauch.

"When facing conflict, be Spirit-controlled, not out of control." - Alexandra Strauch

"What a man rejoices in is a fair test of his character." W. Graham Scroogie

### End of Month Day of Prayer and Fasting

A number of us will be away at the Worcester Camp from Friday 29th July. Instead of meeting as we usually would for the evening prayers on the Church premises, we advise that you still set aside the day for the usual prayer and fasting then meet at Jos and

Diane Daune's home to pray. Here are a number of items to pray for.

The Biker's breakfast; Thursday fellowship; PFI; Health; Revival; Evangelism; this is not an exhaustive list.

72 Douglas Lane, Grimsargh.

Date	Deacon's	Reader	Coffee
<b>August 7th</b>	Michael Redmayne Margaret Mellor	Isaac Okpoti	Ruth Woods Jean Hoole
<b>August 14th</b>	Robin Clark Jean Hoole	Colin Procter	Tony & Pat Jackson
<b>August 21st</b>	Sue Catlow Colin Procter	Maureen Grimshaw	Barbara Sutcliffe Kath Bowyer
<b>August 28th</b>	Jos Daune Jean Procter	Tony Jackson	Tom & Margaret Mellor
<b>September 4th</b>	Tony Jackson Robin Clark	Barbara Sutcliffe	Jane Maher Ellen Saunders
<b>September 11th</b>	Jean Hoole Michael Redmayne	Steve Gilday	Barbara Waring Mel Gilday
<b>September 18th</b>	Sue Catlow Colin Procter	Jean Procter	Michael & Elaine Redmayne
<b>September 25th</b>	Jos Daune Margaret Mellor	Ken Saunders	Tony & Pat Jackson
<b>October 2nd</b>	Colin Procter Jean Procter	Tom Mellor	Ruth Woods Jean Hoole
<b>October 9th</b>	Jean Hoole Sue Catlow	Michael Redmayne	Brian & Audrey Wynne
<b>October 16th</b>	Jos Daune Robin Clark	Mick Cooke	Barbara Sutcliffe Kath Bowyer
<b>October 23rd</b>	Margaret Mellor Tony Jackson	Ruth Woods	Jane Maher Ellen Saunders
<b>October 30th</b>	Michael Redmayne Jean Procter	Andrew Rowland	Tom & Margaret Mellor
<b>November 6th</b>	Jos Daune Sue Catlow	Margaret Mellor	Barbara Waring Mel Gilday

**Deadline for articles for the next issue of The Voice is: Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

Please pass articles to Pastor Chris or email them to: [andrew.aco012000@gmail.com](mailto:andrew.aco012000@gmail.com)



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**

**September - 19<sup>th</sup>**

**October - 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Meetings start at 6:30pm and ends at 8:00pm**

### **Every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

14th August Andrew Rowland

11th September Robin Clark

9th October Testimonies (Come and share what the Lord has done)

### **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:

7th August Jos Daunne

4th September John Rogers

2nd October Andy Talbot

### **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.

**Date:- 10th September 2016**

**Time:- 9.00am**

**Venue:- Sunday School**

### **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**





## Boys Club

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Congregational  
Church,



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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:**

**September - 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**October - 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**November - 7<sup>th</sup>**

## Preaching Plan August to October 2016

### **August 2016**

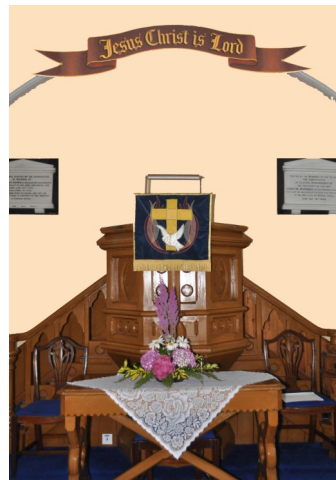
7th Pastor Chris  
14th Nigel Grimsargh  
21st Pastor Chris (marriage celebration)  
28th Bible Week Service

### **September 2016**

4th Pastor Chris  
11th Harvest – Robin Clark  
18th Penny McDonald  
25th Colin Lenoury

### **October 2016**

2nd Pastor Chris  
9th Steve Cowles  
16th Pastor Chris  
23rd David Cornall  
30th Rachel Lawrence



## General Notice

If you are interested in Baptism, joining a House group, Church membership or further serving God in some way here at Knowle Green Church, please see Pastor Chris

## The Workmen are few

Are you Fit? Are you able? Are you available? Have you time to spare? Looking to serve? "No work done for the Lord is work done in vain." **'You have been faithful in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things'.** (Matt 25:23) There is always plenty to do. All that is required is your willingness and availability.

## Building Committee Meeting

Building committee meeting 8th September, 7.30pm. Items for the agenda are to be given to Pastor Chris.

## Finance Meeting

TBC arranged with Finance Committee.

## Laughter is Good Medicine

### **Proverb 17:22**

How does an Eskimo build his house? Igloos it together  
What do you do if you've lost a vicar? Contact missing parsons.  
Teacher: What does 'coincidence' mean?  
Pupil: That's funny; I was just going to ask you that.  
What's Robin Hood's favourite radio programme? The Archers  
What do you call really expensive Velcro? A rip-off.

## Knowle Green Church

Knowle Green Church is a friendly Church,  
 Nearly everyone knows your name and uses it.  
 It doesn't matter how you feel, everyone is friendly.  
 It doesn't matter if it's Sunday or at House Group,  
 Auntie Anne is what Caleb calls me.  
 It's a Church built on friendliness,  
 whether it's Boys Club on Monday or Girls Club.  
 House Group on Tuesdays the whole family and friends are there.  
 Mr Jump sheared his lambs on Friday,  
 They were dragging their coats around.  
 Come on Fridays when the Persecuted Church is prayed for.  
 Come to Knowle Green and see what life's like there,  
 It's the friendliest Church around.  
 Everyone is welcome if they feel called to come.

Anne Rowland

## Church Meeting—7:30pm

Tuesday 6th September 2016. If you are in charge of an area please come prepared with a brief report for the work you are involved in. You will be amazed at the events and activities we are involved in on a personal level as well as corporately.

## Biker Breakfast

Saturday, 30th August, 24th September, 29th October. Please remember the bikers in your prayers.



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

Hebrews 12:2

2016 Speakers

**DUNCAN HUNTER**

Evangelist Outreach UK

**JOHN HEYS**

Christian Prison Resourcing Ministries

**NICK COWAN**

Head of Science in a State School

**PAMELA STEWART**

Evangelist, Passionately Restoring

Scripture Ministries

**Date: August 23rd to August 28th**

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



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**RVFBW 23<sup>rd</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> Aug 2016 Let us look to Jesus the author and finisher of our faith**

<b>Wednesday 24th</b> to <b>Friday 26th</b> 10:00am to 12:15pm 5 - 11 years old <b>Holiday Bible Club</b>		<b>Wednesday 24th</b> 8:30 to 9:00 Team Devotions All are welcome to attend	<b>Thursday 25th</b> 8:30 to 9:00 Team Devotions All are welcome to attend	<b>Friday 26th</b> 8:30 to 9:00 Team Devotions All are welcome to attend	<b>Saturday 27th</b> <b>Free Time</b>	<b>Sunday 28th</b> <b>FAMILY WORSHIP</b> <b>Holiday Bible Club Special</b> 11:00am <b>Leave for Home</b>
<b>Wednesday 24th</b> 10:00am to 11:00am Seminar Duncan Hunter	<b>Thursday 25th</b> 10:00am to 11:00am Seminar John Heys	<b>Friday 26th</b> 10:00am to 11:00am Seminar Pamela Stewart	<b>Friday 26th</b> 11:15am to 12:00pm Seminar Nick Cowan	<b>Friday 26th</b> 11:15am to 12:00pm Seminar Pamela Stewart	<b>Saturday 27th</b> 7:30pm to 10:00pm <b>FAMILY CEILIDH EVENING</b> <b>ALL are invited</b>	
<b>Tuesday 23rd</b> 2:00 pm to 5:00pm Arrival & Registration	<b>Wednesday 24th</b> 1:00pm to 2:30pm <b>CAFE</b> 3:00pm to 4:40pm <b>Swimming</b>	<b>Thursday 25th</b> 1:00pm to 2:30pm <b>CAFE</b> 3:00pm to 4:40pm <b>Swimming</b>	<b>Friday 26th</b> 1:00pm to 4:40pm <b>BBQ</b> Campsite	<b>Saturday 27th</b> 7:30pm to 9:00pm Evening Rally <b>BRIAN CLARK</b>	<b>Sunday 28th</b> 7:30pm to 9:00pm Evening Rally <b>KETH &amp; JENNY RABY</b>	