



Christmas Services

(Remembering The Lord's Birth)

Nativity Family Service

Sunday 18th December 2016. Time: 11.00am

No early morning Service

Carols by Candlelight Service

Sunday 18th December 2016. Time: 6.30pm

Christmas Day Morning

25th December 2016. Time 11.00am – 11.30am

There is no New Years Eve Fellowship this year.

Laughter is Good Medicine

(Proverb 17:22)

What happened to the frog who stopped on a double-yellow line?

He was toad away.

What do you call someone who used to like farm machinery?

An ex-tractor fan.

Passenger: Why has the train stopped?

Guard: We've hit a cow, madam.

Passenger: Oh dear, was it on the track?

Guard: No, we had to chase it over a field

Why did the environment conscious lighthouse keeper get the sack?

He kept turning the light off at night.

What did the traffic light say to the car?

Don't look, I'm changing.

Love Caleb

KNOWLE GREEN CHURCH



THE VOICE

Therefore there is now no condemnation [no guilty verdict, no punishment] for those who are in Christ Jesus [who believe in Him as personal Lord and Saviour].

**Romans 8 v 1
Amplified Bible**

Nov 2016 - Jan 2017

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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	Holy Communion and time of Open Worship	Weekly (not the 1st Sunday of the month)
	11.00am -12noon	Family Service	Weekly
Monday	6.30pm-8.00pm	Life of Faith Girls Group	Alternate Weeks
	6.30pm-8.00pm	Boys Club	Alternate Weeks
Tuesday	9.00am-10.00am	Prayer Meeting	Weekly
	7.30pm-9.30pm	House Group @ the Manse	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	Family Communion Service	1 st Sunday in the month
	2.30pm-3.30pm	Agape Fellowship Meeting	1 st Sunday in the month
	6:30pm-7:30pm	Gospel Service	2nd Sunday in the month
Tuesday	7.30pm-9.00pm	Deacons Meeting	1 st Tuesday of the month
	1.30pm-3.30pm	Prayer for Israel	2nd Tuesday of the month
Wednesday	9.00am	Finance Group	Usually last week of the month (or as required)
Thursday	10.00am-3.00pm	ACE Home School Support/Fellowship Group	Usually 3 rd week of the month
	2.00pm-3.30pm	Thursday Fellowship (All Ages)	Usually last Thursday of the month
	7.30pm-9.00pm	Building Committee	Quarterly
Friday	6.30pm-7.30pm	Pray for Persecuted Church	1st Friday of the month
	7.00am-6.00pm	Day of Prayer and fasting Prayer meeting	Last Friday of the month
	7.30pm-9.00pm		
Saturday	9.00am-12noon	Bikers Breakfast - Last Saturday of the month	Monthly (Mar-Oct)
	9.00am-10.30am	Men's Breakfast	Quarterly

SEE NOTICE BOARD FOR OTHER ACTIVITIES

“Then the Word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time.” (Jonah 3:1)

I am lost for words in the way and manner the United States of America presidential election is being conducted. The primary focus of each candidate seems to centre on the opponents frailty, failings, mistakes, personality and very little substance on policy details and their vision for the future. The thrust of the debate is centred on finance, the economy and very little on social welfare and the morality in the state of the nation. This takes me back on reflection to the story of Jonah, **“Then the Word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time.” (Jonah 3:1)**

Jonah had wilfully disobeyed God’s call to preach in Nineveh. God gave him another chance. We need to remember three things about second chances; **God’s will** is going to be accomplished with us or without us; God intended to warn Nineveh, and **Nineveh would be warned**, whether Jonah or some other person was God’s agent; Jonah’s disobedience deserved **God’s discipline**, not His rejection! God gave Jonah a **second chance**. God also gives you and me a second chance. God graciously gives us many opportunities to respond to His guidance. So often it is the case that He has to prompt us because, like Jonah, we refuse to heed to His calling. We excuse ourselves and then go into the blame culture.

When Jonah eventually responded to God’s calling he went and preached as instructed. (Jonah 3:1-10) The Bible says the **‘Assyrians repented.’** This did not go down well with Jonah. Jonah, upset and angry, cried! **“Now, O Lord, take away my life,”** Jonah asked God to let him die (4:1-4). God used a vine as an object lesson to teach Jonah a lesson in values. God is a God of compassion. He does not judge us as our sins deserve. He is slow to anger and abounding in love. He remembers we are but dust. **“Jonah was very happy about the vine”.** (Jonah 4:5-6) As he sat on a distant hill overlooking Nineveh, to wallowed in self-pity and waited to see what would happen to the city. As he sat a vine sprang from the ground and grew large enough to provide

shade. Jonah was happy for more than the shade. Such a little thing. Jonah was pleased that here in the desert was something green and living and he was comforted by its presence. He was sullen and angry about Nineveh’s repentance. The issue with Nineveh was that, **“Nineveh has more than a 120,000 people who cannot tell their right hand from their left, and many cattle (wealth) as well. Should I not be concern about that great city?” (Jonah 4:11).**

Jonah’s mission was a simple one. Go to Nineveh, to a thriving cosmopolitan city teeming with human beings. Thousands of lives were at stake. When God places a calling on our lives it is to be done HIS WAY and not as we think it ought to be. Like many of us, Jonah thought God should do as he wanted him to. Isn’t such a reaction all too typical? We have it all figured out, and are sure that God would solve this way, and another that way, we sulk or become angry. What we should do in such a case is thank God that He didn’t do it our way! Our idea of how things should be is limited by our lack of knowledge, our inexperience in the things of God- and often by our lack of love and care. God not only knows what is best, He loves always. Thanking God even when His decisions do not reflect our first choice is a sign of spiritual maturity.

When Jonah was out of fellowship with the Lord, God used him to save, a ship load. But when Jonah was back in fellowship, and went on to Nineveh, God used him to save a whole city! Ask God to make us a BIG Blessing. He can use us more if we stay in fellowship with Him. Always aim to serve God wholeheartedly, and enjoy His calling.

“There is more joy in Jesus in 24 hours than there is in the world in 365 days. I have tried them both.” R A Torrey



God Bless

Pastor Chris

(Pastor Chris.)

Church Parking Arrangements

Please refrain from parking on the kerb side along the entrance into the Church car park. Doing so obscures the visibility of drivers as well as poses a real risk of an accident. We all have permission to use the Village Hall Car Park. Please park your car at the bottom of the car park away from the Village Hall building Entrance. Village Hall users have priority use of the car park and its facilities. Thank you for your cooperation. **Please consider those less able with disabilities for Church Car parking.**

Children in Church

A little boy was attending his first wedding. After the service, his cousin asked him, "How many women can a man marry?" "Sixteen" the boy responded. His cousin was amazed that he had an answer so quickly; "How do you know that" "Easy" the little boy said "All you have to do is add it up, like the Pastor said, 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer 4 poorer."

Remembrance Day Service

There is no 9.45am Devotion Service due to pre-remembrance service at 10.50am by the Cenotaph outside Knowle Green Church. All are welcome in this act of Remembrance when wreaths will be laid to commemorate those who gave their lives for us. We remember also all those who have lost loved ones in current conflicts. Our service will then continue in the Church. We will commence at 10.50am prompt in order to hold a 2 minutes silence at 11.00am. Everyone is welcome.

Details

Date: Sunday, 13th November 2016

Time: 10.50am Meeting by the Cenotaph

Date	Deacon's	Reader	Coffee
November 6th	Joss Daune Sue Catlow	Margaret Mellor	Barbara Waring Mel Gilday
November 13th	Tony Jackson Margaret Mellor	Isaac Okpoti	Michael & Elaine Redmayne
November 20th	Jean Procter Michael Redmayne	Debbie Mills	Tom & Margaret Mellor
November 27th	Robin Clark Colin Procter	Maureen Grimshaw	Tony & Pat Jackson
December 4th	Jean Hoole Margaret Mellor	Colin Procter	Brian & Audrey Wynne
December 11th	Sue Catlow Jean Procter	Tony Jackson	Jane Maher Ellen Saunders
December 18th	Joss Daune Michael Redmayne	Barbara Sutcliffe	Barbara Waring Mel Gilday
December 25th	Tony Jackson Colin Procter		
January 1st	Robin Clark Jean Procter	Steve Gilday	Barbara Sutcliffe Kath Bowyer
January 8th	Margaret Mellor Jean Hoole	Jean Procter	Michael & Elaine Redmayne
January 15th	Sue Catlow Michael Redmayne	Ken Saunders	Tony & Pat Jackson
January 22nd	Colin Procter Joss Daune	Mick Cooke	Brian & Audrey Wynne
January 29th	Robin Clark Jean Hoole	Michael Redmayne	Tom & Margaret Mellor
February 5th	Tony Jackson Michael Redmayne	Tom Mellor	Jane Maher Ellen Saunders

Deadline for articles for the next issue of Voice is:
Sunday 15th January 2017

Please pass articles to Pastor Chris

or email them to:
andrew.aco012000@gmail.com

Charis Ministries Prayer Meeting

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



Food 4 Thought

'If Jesus is our rock shouldn't we be a little boulder?'
"God only deals with two people Jesus and Adam"
"Your misery can become your ministry"

Ian Huxham - CMFI Conference 2016

ACE SPACE Annual Party

Date: Thursday 8th December 2016

Time: 12.00am – 3.30pm

There are at least 8 Christian home School families who are regular in attendance at our **ACE Space** each month, between us that is approximately 30 children. This 'space' and time gives opportunity for teaching, crafts, fellowship, prayer, worship, visiting speakers and missionaries, Mothers and Fathers listening and helping one another and for the children to form friendships which we pray will last for eternity. All the families look forward to this time each month which we are regularly told is such a blessing and for some the only fellowship they have. Thank you to the Church body who have allowed and facilitated this much needed meeting each month.

Love and thanks from the Home Schoolers.

Ace Space Dates

Thursday 17 th	November	2016
Thursday 8 th	December	2016
Thursday 19 th	January	2017

Prayer for Israel

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

The next meetings will take place on:

8th November 2016

10th December 2016

13th January 2017



Hosting Israeli Travellers—(HIT)

In New Zealand we have seen a number of Israeli Jews come to faith in Yeshua (Jesus) from the love and sharing of the HIT hosts. If you have a spare room in your home and would be willing to be a HIT host here in the UK please speak to Maureen Grimshaw for more details.

On Friday 4th November at 7:30 pm there is to be an evening with **Pastor Yacov Dolinsky and his wife Ruth**

Pastor Yacov is the pastor of a congregation of believers in Nazareth Illit (Upper Nazareth)

All are welcome to this meeting. We are not all able to visit Israel so the Lord has sent us a Pastor from Israel what a privilege.

You have real delight in your eyes
when we worship you oh God
Like a child with pleasure and pure delight
In seeing a steam train or a bus
But your pure delight is in us
And for this we thank you
Praise you and worship you.
Only you because
Only you oh Lord are worthy
You made us for your pleasure
And we delight in you
Pleasure, pleasure Praise
Is your delight

Anne Rowland



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 / 2017

November - 14th & 28rd

December - 12th

January - 16th & 30th

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

13th November Joss Daune
11th December Robin Clark
8th January No evening service

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:

6th November 2016 - Andrew Rowland
4th December 2016 - John/Brenda Rogers
1st January 2017 - No Service

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 December 2016

Time:- 9.00am

Venue:- Sunday School

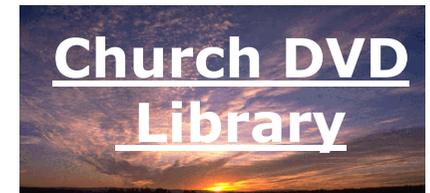
The DVD Library is now Open!

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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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: Wii; Xbox; Computer; Blackberry.

Upcoming meetings in 2016 are:

November - 7th & 21st
December - 5th & 19th
January - 9th No Club & 23rd

Preaching Plan Nov 2016 to Jan 2017

Nov 2016

6 Pastor Chris
13 Pastor Chris
20 Robin Clark
27 James Bovenizer

Dec 2016

4 Pastor Chris
11 Pastor Chris
18 Sunday School
25 Pastor Chris (Short Service)

Jan 2017

1 Robin Clark
8 Pastor Chris
15 Pastor Chris
22 Testimony Time
29 Andrew Rowland



GIFT AID AND GIVING—Tom Mellor

Under the government's GIFT AID scheme every contribution, however small, can benefit the church, provided that the giver is a tax payer. The giver must pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax the church reclaims on the donation in the appropriate tax year.

If you do not pay tax you should not gift aid.

You can boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate. Members of the fellowship who are not part of this scheme, pay tax, and wish to enhance their giving, by enabling the church to claim back the tax paid, would sign a gift aid declaration and be given a personal reference number.

To maintain confidentiality, the church has sealable gift aid envelopes on the church pews into which gift aid givers place their offering and write their personal number on the back, together with the date. This number is known only to the church treasurer who has to satisfy HMRC requirements that all donations can be traced back to the giver, if required.

Occasional visitors to church wishing to gift aid an offering/donation would need to complete their name and address details on the back of the gift aid envelope, thereby acknowledging their wish to gift aid.

Any questions concerning gift aid can be answered by visiting the Gov.UK website (<https://www.gov.uk/donating-to-charity/gift-aid>).

Autumn Fayre

Where: Knowle Green Village Hall

Time: 11.00am - 2.00pm

Date: Saturday, 26th November 2016

This is an opportunity for the Church to work together, invite family, friends and neighbours and to reach out to the community. If you are able to help please see Julie **a.s.a.p.** There will be stalls, bargains, lunches served, music with a guest singer Miss Georgina Thompson. The Village Hall will be available to set up stalls on the Friday, 6.00pm. Bric a brac; good as new etc. items can now be dropped off in the Sunday School. Cakes, Jam for sale on the day would be appreciated. It is a great day outing with friends and family

Church Prayer Bulletin

'Pray without ceasing' (1 Thess 5:17)

We are truly blessed that we do have a varied number of prayer meetings taking place throughout each month. The prayer times are set which makes it easier and allows you to plan for the day. Each prayer group has a definitive focus and is in-depth. You are not expected to be attending all. It would be excellent if you are able to do so. We would however encourage you to support at least one. **'Encourage each other as long as it is called today'.**

Date	Prayer	Venue & Time
Weekly on a Tuesday	Church	Sunday School 9.00am – 10.00am
8th November 2016 13th December 2016 10th January 2017	Prayer For Israel (PFI)	Cabin 1.30pm – 3.30pm
Every 2 weeks on a Friday	Intercessors for Britain	See Maureen Grimshaw Or Robin Clark For details
4th November 2016 2nd December 2016 6th January 2017	Persecuted Church	Sunday School 6.30pm – 7.30pm
3rd November 2016 1st December 2016 5th January 2017	Charis (Mission)	1 Sunnyside Ave, Wilpshire. 7.30pm – 9.30pm
Last Friday of the Month Day of Prayer and Fasting		
25th November 2016 30th December 2016 27th January 2017	Church	Sunday School 7.30pm – 9.00pm

East Lancs Ladies Day

Date: Saturday 12th November 2016

This Conference Day is to be held on the 12th November 2016. Registration forms are in the Sunday School and must be sent a booking **payment by the 31st October 2016.** Anyone needing transport for this event please see Julie, we would love as many ladies as possible to attend and enjoy the day together.

SENIOR'S ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Our Lunch this year will fall on Friday the 27th January 2017 God willing and subject to weather conditions at the time.

Church Weekly Notices

Please make use of the Weekly Notices Sheets. Take a copy home with you. It is purposed and made available to keep you posted with up-to-date events/activities. Take it home and use as an aid memoir for meetings.

Biker Breakfast

Biker breakfast has now finished for the winter, but the bikers still need your prayers. Please pray for the team that prepare the breakfasts.

Thursday Fellowship Christmas Party

Thursday: 15th December 2016

Time: 2.00pm – 4.00pm

The Shoe Box Appeal

The shoe box appeal is upon us. Leaflets are available in the Sunday School giving full details of the shoe box appeal. Please leave your wrapped Boxes in the Sunday School, they will be collected on Saturday the **12th November 2016.** See Julie or Debbie Mills for any queries.