Knowle Green

Church



Always live as God's holy people should, because God is the one who chose you, and he is holy. That is why the Scriptures say:

"I am the Holy God, and you must be Holy too."

1Peter 1:15,16

March - May 2013

Knowle Green Congregational Church

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Tel: 01254 878 394

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.

<u>`The God of Equal Opportunity'</u>

I pray this year will be a year of Personal and Corporate Spiritual growth. There is so much change going on at present. Increasingly our Political, Physical, Socio, Moral and Spiritual environment is becoming uncertain. We are living in very uncertain times. The more the reason we Christians have to be right with the Lord in our personal lives. It is God's Will, Heart and Desire to encourage us, bless us and enable us to fulfil that which he has planned for us. The question then arises. Why is it that some of us walk feeling as though defeated, are not achieving much and if we are, are still feeling somewhat lukewarm and dissatisfied?

God is no respecter of persons and has no favourites 'Blue Eyes'. *His love; His Grace ; His Commitment; His terms and condition* unto Salvation remains the same regardless. 'HE IS THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY AND FOREVER'. To an extent the onus as to whether we progress spiritually is very much dependent on us. 'God is The God of Equal Opportunity'.

God is infinitely impartial in His dealing with all men. He <u>cannot</u> <u>prefer one above another nor bless one above another</u> <u>when all meet the same terms and love Him with all their</u>

heart. The seeming preference of God between two men is based Scripturally upon the **attitude** and **disposition** of the men toward God and **conformity** to His plan. God it seems does not bless two men the same when <u>one is in obedience and the other is in</u> <u>rebellion.</u> God will bless the ones who conform more fully to His holiness. "**He will reward each person according to what he has done."** (Matthew 16:27) '**Since you call on the father <u>who</u> judges each man's work Impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear.'** (1 Peter 1:17)

If My people who are called by My name, **will humble** themselves and **pray** and **seek** my face and **turn** from their

wicked ways, then <u>will I hear, will forgive</u> their sin, <u>and will</u> <u>heal their land</u>'. (2 Chronicle 7:14) Proverbs Chapter 2 starts with 'My Son' and then follows with 8 great if's of blessings (v 1-4); 8 if and <u>when you receive</u> MY WORDS (v1) then follows 10 Rewards as the direct result of obedience.

You will understand the fear of the Lord (v5); Find the knowledge of God (v5); Receive wisdom from God (v6-7); Have security (v8); Receive the Knowledge of God (v6); Receive Protection(8); Have preservation(v8) Receive understanding in what is right and just and fair (v9); Wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul and Discretion will protect you, and understanding will guard you (v10-11)

Even though Jesus has done it (Paid the Price on the Cross) He still expects you and I to do The application bit. *The Working out of our Salvation on a daily basis with fear and trembling. 'If you'*:- Hide; Incline; Apply; Cry after; Lift up your voice; Seek; Search; <u>When</u> wisdom enters; <u>When knowledge</u> is pleasant then we read of <u>10 rewards for</u>

doing the above.

Why is God wanting to bless us? In order that we become a blessing to others and to share the Gospel of the Good News. The World is crying out and you and I are a part of Gods Solution. Let us make this year 2013 a year of personal ambition '**PUSH' (pray until something happens) in our personal lives, our walk with the Lord and our resolve to love and serve Him regardless of what befalls us.** This sets the tone for the Ribble Valley Bible Week. 'Be Holy for I AM Holy'.

Christian author J. I Packer beautifully scribes:-

The essential problem is " a self that has not learned to

die". But true surrender to Christ shrinks our inflated ego to its proper size in relation to him and our fellows, and imparts reality to our lives. You have books in your home on living the Christian life successfully. Do they even mention repentance, let alone make much of it as a vital lifelong discipline."

The Christian life he goes on to argue, "Christlikeness is a matter of both action and motivation, conduct and character, divine grace and human effort, obedience and creativity, submission and initiative, consecration to God and commitment to people, self-discipline and self giving, righteousness and love. It is a matter of <u>Spirit-led law</u> <u>keeping</u>, a walk, or course of life, in the Spirit that displays the fruit of the Spirit."

Forget Not the Reason and Purpose Why You Have been

Saved! If you have not accepted Jesus into your life Why not start the New Year with Jesus at the helm?

Have a Blessed 2013

God Bless

Pastor Chris.

Agape Fellowship Meal

It is good to note attendance in number continues to increase year after year 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, Maureen or Trish.



Theme: 'Be holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy'

(Leviticus 19:2)

August Tuesday 20th – Sunday 25th 2013

August 2012 we had our first ever Ribble Valley Family Bible Week. We were all tremendously blessed and it was well

received. It is a family orientated Bible week with inspirational Biblical teaching at the core. We have dedicated activities/meetings for children and young people. You will have ample opportunities for rest; fun; reflection; refreshment, quality Christian fellowship, attend seminars and explore the Ribble Valley (designated as an area of

natural outstanding beauty). You certainly will leave blessed and encouraged. The Camp offers facilities for Caravanning, Camping, B&B etc. This Camp is unique. We would

encourage you to come and join us this year. Please come with expectations of a living Word, a living Saviour and His power to change lives.

For further information contact: Pastor Chris on 01254 878394.

Holiday at Home

Many people enjoyed last years day out with us at Knowle Green **"Holiday at Home."** Look out for flyers and invites as we seek to extend this outreach to Senior's in our community.

We will be looking to work with the Capernwray students and will need many volunteers from the body to give their time and use their gifts to bless others and reach out with the love of Jesus.

2013 Holiday at home will be held over two days this year, Thursday and Friday the 7th and 8th March 2013. Please pray and should the Lord have something for you to input in any way please contact Julie Okpoti.

Teacher - What is the meaning of "Benign"?

Child - Benign is what you will be after you be eight

Easter Services

Good Friday – March 29th

- 9.45am Devotional/Communion Service
- **11.00am** Family Service at Knowle Green

Followed by United Service in Ribchester at 12noon (meet on the white Bull Car park)

2.00pm Good Friday walk (at the car park)

Join afterwards for light refreshments

Easter Sunday – 31st March

6.00am Sunrise Service at Jeffery Hill (at the car park)

Ladies Weekend's at Capernwray Hall

Short Weekend

Dates: Friday, 5th April – Sunday 7th April Speaker: Sue Gilmore Price: £93 Arrive: Friday after 4.00pm (Team introductions and Welcome Programme begins at 5.30pm Departure: Sunday after lunch Long Weekend Dates: Friday, 12th April – Tuesday 16th April Speaker: Sue Gilmore Price: £169 Arrive: Friday after 4.00pm (Team introductions and Welcome Programme begins at 5.30pm Departure: Tuesday after breakfast.

See Margaret Mellor or Julie Okpoti if you are interested in attending one of these weekends.

Special Thanks

Many thanks to Rebekah & Isaac for putting up the Christmas trees in the Church & Sunday school & making them look so beautiful for us all to enjoy. Also thanks to Rebekah & Julie for taking them down after Christmas.

Huge thanks to Ann Morris for her help to arrange the foliage, flowers & candles for the Christmas, & carol services. Ann picked the foliage in terrible weather conditions from her son's farm; everyone agreed how the result was quite lovely. So thank you Ann you are such a great support.

Is anyone interested in supporting Ann & myself on a flower rota? If so please see me (Jean Hoole)

Look out for details of a flower arranging session to be held nearer Easter time when we will be giving a few tips to anyone who is interested. Flower arranging can be a really joyful thing to do! In service to the Lord's work

In His Service

Jean Hoole (Flower Secretary)

How to become a **PREMIER** league HUSBAND

This is **'A MUST EVENT'** for all men either married or thinking of Marriage.

I have to confess a number of years ago I attended this seminar and it did myself and our marriage wonders. At the close of the seminar I purchased a car sticker amongst other books on sale for my rear Car window. The car sticker said **'I Love My Wife.'** It drew attention and I had many conversations with strangers over the years. One individual said to me **"You are a brave man to advertise your wife**." Radiant life Ministries have offered to host this one day event here at Knowle Green Church. You do not have to be married to come along. You will learn a lot and be challenged. Just because you sign up does not necessarily mean your marriage is failing, on the contrary it may make what's already good even better.

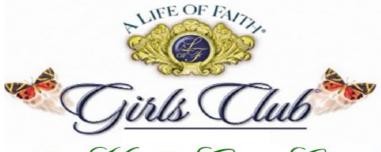
There is no charge for this event however a love offering will be taken to cover costs and support Radiant life Ministries. It is described as a very practical seminar with principles and dynamics for intimate relationships, **'that will have an Immediate effect on a marriage when and if they are personally applied**.'

The seminar includes a 17 page A4 size work book. The whole event requires 2 and a half hours allowing for a break between two one hour sessions. Numbers are restricted to 20 people maximum. To secure a place please speak to Pastor Chris.

Tea/coffee/Biscuits will be provided. Come prepared as we may go to the curry house afterwards. This is subject to interest on the day. The seminar will be over by tea time

Date: Saturday 16th March 2013

Time: 1.30pm start.



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A Life of Faith Girls Club exists to provide an encouraging and inspiring environment for mentoring young girls, primarily ages 6 to 14. 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 2013

Meetings start at 6:3	For more information contact:	
Monday 4th March	Monday 18th March	Annette Dickinson or Rebekah Okpoti
Monday 8th April	Monday 22nd April	
Monday 6 th May	Monday 20th May	Tel 01254 878394

Teacher - How are the main parts of the body categorized?

Child - The body is consisted into three parts - the brainium, the borax and the abdominal cavity. The brainium contains the brain, the borax contains the heart and lungs and the abdominal cavity contains the five bowels, A, E, I, O, and U.

PRAYER FOR ISRAEL

From this month (Feb. 2013) the meetings will be held on the 1st Wednesday of the month, instead of the 4th. This change will enable others to attend. All meetings will still be in the cabin from 13.30hrs to 15.30 hrs.

The next meetings are on:

Wednesday 6th February 2013 Wednesday 6th March Wednesday 3rd April

Knowing how to pray for Israel can be difficult, unless we listen to the people on the ground there. The Believers in Israel, like Lance Lambert, and all those who write for us in the "Prayer for Israel" prayer bulletin, can be trusted to give us the facts. Most of the media reports are biased against Israel, and we could be misled by them. We were blessed to have Lance with us on Sunday 2nd December. In his second address in the afternoon, he gave us a very good report on the Middle East situation and also about signs in the sun and moon, which will be seen on significant Jewish festivals (Feasts of the LORD) in 2014 and 2015. In Genesis 1:14 the LORD tells us that the "lights in the firmament of the heavens" are for "signs and seasons. Lance understands that such signs are from God for our learning, and are important. If you missed hearing Lance's address please consider ordering the CD from the "techy team).

We would also encourage you to read the article by Micky Yaron in the new Jan/Feb PFI Bulletin, available in the Sunday School or from us. The article starts at the bottom of page 15. Micky uses Ps.25 & Ps.27 to help us to pray with understanding for Israel following the recent war with Hamas (Gaza). At present there is a cease fire but it is unlikely to last.

Both of the above will help us to pray for Israel at this time.

We give thanks that this week it has been reported that Israel has had a good rainy season, following a very hot dry summer and autumn. At present they are forecasting snow for the mount Hermon region, pray that it will come. When the snow melts on Hermon it helps to raise the water level in the sea of Galilee, and provides water for the next hot summer months. Pray also that the rains will fall in the right catchment areas and not be wasted.

Thank you for standing with Israel

Richard & Maureen

Great opportunity to explore MISSION (global & local)!

Are you interested in learning more about God's mission and His purposes in the world...and your part in that Mission? We are planning to hold a **6 week short course on Mission** beginning on **Monday 22nd April and every alternate Monday ending July 1st.** We will be looking at: the missionary nature of God; mission in the way of Christ; Paul's mission and the early church; mission as cross-cultural witness to the world. The cost of the course will be £30 per person/£50 per couple and all proceeds go towards Mel and Mandy's mission in Mozambique.



Come and enjoy coffee and cakes in the Sunday School, funds in aid of Mel and Mandy and the work in Mozambique







Come and meet with the Capernwray students

for fellowship and to make new friends

All are welcome, why not bring a friend along with you.



KGC Ladies

 We will need a supply of homemade cakes and biscuits for this event.
If you can help please see Audrey Wynne







How deep the Father's love for us, How vast beyond all measure, That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure. How great the pain of searing loss— The Father turns His face away, As wounds which mar the chosen One Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross, My sin upon His shoulders; Ashamed I hear my mocking voice Call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held Him there Until it was accomplished; His dying breath has brought me life— I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, No gifts, no power, no wisdom; But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection. Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer, But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom. Having dealt with some of the *good old hymns* that have been loved for many a long year, I thought it would make a change to look at a more modern hymn and a more modern writer.

The writer is Stuart Townend because he has written many of hymns that the church is singing today. Choosing one of his hymns was much more difficult. One that we often sing at Knowle Green is his modern version of Psalm 23, The Lord's my shepherd, with the chorus, *And I will trust in you alone.* But hymns like 'In Christ alone,' and 'You're the word of God the

Father,' come from the same pen.

Stuart happens to be the cousin of my wife's best friend and was born in 1963 to a very godly

couple. He was the youngest of four boys who are all musical.

His father was ordained into the 'Church of the Nazarene,' but later became vicar of an Anglican Church in Sowerby Bridge, Yorkshire, sadly he was killed in a car accident when Stuart was only 22. Stuart began to play the piano when he was seven, and committed his life to Jesus when he was thirteen. At the age of eighteen, while helping to lead a children's camp, he had a profound experience of the Holy Spirit.

It was not till he was in his early twenties that he realised that he had a gift for writing hymns, both words and music. He also leads worship in the 'Church of Christ the King, in Brighton, when he is not away at some huge gathering of Christians, leading worship for them. He and his wife Caroline have three children.

His aim when writing a new hymn is to be Biblical, but he has also brought back into modern hymns, <u>rhyme</u>, as well as rhythm, something which seemed to be missing from many modern hymns and choruses.

His hymn, How deep the Father's love for us, was one of his first and still remains one of my favourites. I have left instructions that it is to be sung at my funeral. Whom it may concern, please take note!

Where is the Christ in Christmas?

The nation sighs—it's over!! The festive season's done, And we are really fed up With parties, food and fun

At last the Turkey's finished (Thank goodness we all sigh) Mince pies have all been eaten Empty wine bottles stacked nearby.

A New Year is upon us, The old one has gone past, Is it really over? Last year went by so fast!

So will this year be different? With New Year resolutions and such, By the time that it is February Will anyone care that much?

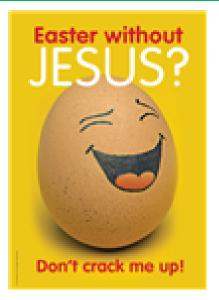
By Sheila Booth

The Christ Child came at Christmas From Heaven He was sent, But does anyone really bother? <u>Was</u> He evident?

We all had celebrations They went on for days and days, So when it was His birthday Did he really get the praise?

I think He was forgotten, Rejected and with scorn, Did anybody really care On the day that He was born?

Where is the Christ in Christmas? Who is this Son of Man? Who is the Saviour of the world He's the fruition of God's plan



Robin Clark

Food for thought

- Your preferred style of worship says more about your cultural background than your theology.
- There's a depth of worship we cannot experience until we learn to worship despite what it costs us. Only then is our commitment to God tested and proven.
- We do not make the Bible relevant it already is! But we do have to show its relevance.
- Character is never built in the classroom; it is built in the circumstances of life.
- "The first business to which I ought to attend every day, was to have my soul happy in the Lord. The first thing to be concern about was not how much I might serve the Lord, but how I might get my soul in a happy state, and how my inner man might be nourished." George Muller
- Mr Scientist smirkingly exclaimed, Father! Did God literally Create the World in Seven days? Father replied, "I wasn't present at the time of Creation to comment but if He said He did I believe Him". Jesus, the Bible says, literally rebuke the storm "Be still" and it obeyed Him instantaneously so why not God?
- Mrs Evolutionist remarked! Father, why has the human being suddenly stop 'evolving' from the monkey business? I'm still waiting for the Evolutionist to explain himself! He just keeps revolving around the subject.

Spiritual maturity is demonstrated more by behaviour than by beliefs.

Where there is no Spirit - There is a need for Religion.

Where the Spirit is - There is no room for Religion!

Aden Faulkner (Salford)

Popov Serguei

We have the pleasure in hosting Popov Serguei. Popov is a violinist. He was born in the former Soviet Union in the Republic of Georgia. He graduated from the Music Academy of Kishiner in Moldovia. Popov now resident in Finland and will be touring the United Kingdom shortly. His wife is also a professional Russian trained classical ballerina.

The family make yearly pilgrimage to Jerusalem to perform at the Christian celebration of the feast of Tabernacle. Popov comes **highly recommended** and a must for all music lovers. This is a family



event and we would encourage as many as possible to come and enjoy the

fellowship, the ministry and hear about the work of Ezra.

There is no charge for the event however a love offering will be taken on the evening in support of the work.

Date: Friday, 1st March, 2013

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Knowle Green Church

Some Worthwhile Organizations

Christian Organisations taking a stand on traditional Christian values. Worth following their web sites:

Christian Concern

www.christianconcern.com

Very much a social action organisation with direct links to Politicians across the board articulating Christian values and principles.

Christian Institute

www.christianinstitute.com

Is a legal action/Research organisation representing and fighting for Christians in the legal setting and also publishes sound Biblical material well worth reading.

Transworld Radio

www.twr.com

Is an international Christian broadcasting radio station. It operates from Altrincham, Sale. Greater Manchester. Access is via Dab (Digital) radio only. You will hear teaching, sermons, preaching you no longer hear from the pulpit. The teaching is solid (Biblically sound). It is inspired with speakers such as Billy Graham; Dr Tony Adams and Barry Magee and many Keswick Convention speakers. I would go as far as to say listening to this station will revolutionized your spiritual life. Why settle for (flaky stuff) when you can get solid food? Your only investment will be to purchase a Dab radio. An investment you will not regret. I have recommended the station to others and vouch for the impact it has had on their lives, marriage and Church life.

CALVARY WALK

The steps to Calvary can be dangerous, Visitors use them at their own risk. The Abbey (Monastery) Cannot take any responsibility for Accidents.

Capernwray Students

The students will be over for the preliminary weekend at the end of January and will be returning in the 1st week of March. They are such a blessing and an encouragement. In

the past some have wanted to support but have not been able to due to personal limitation. If you wish to support in any way i.e. invite them over for tea, provide a lunch or meet some of the cost to the Church etc. please speak to Pastor Chris.





Sunday

Mothering Sunday



An opportunity to show our appreciation to our biological and Spiritual mothers.



DEADLINE FOR May VOICE MAGAZINE

The deadline for the summer edition of Voice is Sunday, 14th April 2013. Any ideas, articles or thoughts for the magazine, please pass them on to Pastor Chris.

Men's Breakfast

This is a quarterly held event March, June, Sept and December. We have in the early years held it in January as well. The January calendar has become overcrowded; the next meeting will therefore be on Saturday, 16th March 2013.

This is the same day as the Men's seminar; breakfast starts at 9.00am and is over by 11.00am at the latest.

Come to be encouraged and also to encourage. Bring a friend with you.

It would also be good if you are able to stay on for the Premier league husband seminar but please do not feel obliged to do so.

Biker Breakfast

Restarts on the 30th March. We have had 2013 Calendar/Post cards made. The suggested figure for a Calendar is £2.00 and the post card 0.50 pence. The money raised will go to Charis Ministries to support Bento who is being led into the Pastoral Ministry in Mozambique. Bento is one of the young people who has been nurtured by Mel and Mandy and looks after the work of Charis ministry in their absence.

New dates are as follows:

March 30th; April 27th; May 25th; June 29th; July 27th; August 30th.

It is always on the last Saturday of the month 9.00am – 12.00noon.





Boys Club

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

Day: Every other Monday Time: 6.30pm-8.00pm Age Group: 8-16year olds

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

Why not dare to be different?

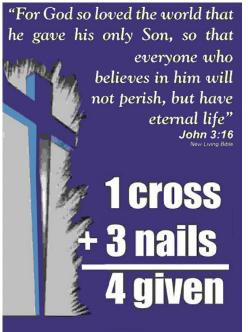
Church DVD Library

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

If you feel able to provide finance towards the purchase of DVD's for the Library, donate old DVD's; loan your DVD to the Church etc, any help, assistance will be greatly appreciated.

All DVD's will be secured in a locked cabinet and only accessible via Jean or Annette. We are looking for Inspirational DVD's, Teaching; Worship; True stories; Biographies, (Inspiring and motivational).

Rotas	Deacons	Reader	Coffee
March 1 st	Margaret Mellor	Richard Grimshaw	Brian & Audrey
	Annette Dickinson	Richard Ormsnaw	Wynne
March 10 th	Tony Jackson	Diane Daune	Jane Maher
	Michael Redmayne		Ellen Saunders
March 17 th	Jack Catlow	Margaret Mellor	Paul Knapton
	Sue Catlow	Margaret Menor	Ruth Woods
March 31 st	Jean Hoole	Colin Procter	Kath Bowyer
	Ruth Woods	Collin Procee	Barbara Sutcliffe
April 7 th	Joss Daune	Ruth Woods	Michael & Elaine
	Nigel Grimshaw		Redmayne
April 14 th	Annette Dickinson	Tom Mellor	Barbara Waring
	Margaret Mellor		Jean Hoole



Preaching Plan March to May 2013

March

- 3 Pastor Chris and Capernwray Students
- 10 Mothers Day Mrs Dorothy Kelsall of Bolton by Bowland and Holden Chapel
- 17 Pastor Chris
- 24 Palm Sunday Steve Coles Chaplain to Lancashire Police
- 31 Easter Sunday Pastor Chris

April

- 7 Pastor Chris
- 14 Pastor Chris
- 21 Revd. Brian Grist
- 28 Ann Lawrence Ellel Ministries

May

- 5 John Angliss
- 12 Pastor Chris
- 19 Whit Sunday Peter Wilkinson
- 26 Jos and Diane Daune



Charis Ministries Prayer Meeting

- When: 1st Thursday of every month
- Where: 1 Sunnyside Ave, Wilpshire, Nr. Blackburn

Time: 7:

: 7:30pm

Regular Weekly Fortnightly Schedule of Meetings/Activities

Sunday	9.45am -10.30am	Holy Communion and	Weekly (not the 1 st
		time of Open Worship	Sunday of the
			month)
	11.00am –12noon	Family Service	Weekly
Monday	6.30pm-8.30pm	Life of Faith Girls	Alternate Weeks
		Group	
	6.30pm-8.00pm	Boys Club	Alternate Weeks
Tuesday	9.00pm-10.00am	Prayer Meeting	Weekly
	7.30pm-9.30pm	House Group @ the	Weekly (not 1 st week
		Manse	of the month)
Wednesday	10.00am-12noon	Art Group (All ages)	Weekly
	7.30pm-9.00pm	House Group in	Fortnightly
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		Longridge	Meetings/Activities

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

Matthew 27:45 - 28:10

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lama sabach-thani?" that is, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "This man is calling Elijah." And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." And Jesus cried again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom; and the earth shook, and the rocks were split; the tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe, and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

There were also many women there, looking on from afar, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him; among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph took the body, and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock; and he rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb, and departed. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the sepulchre.

Next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, "Sir, we remember how that imposter said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' Therefore order the sepulchre to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last fraud will be worse than the first." Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can." So they went and made the sepulchre secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the sepulchre. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has risen, as he said. Come; see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.