

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**

Oct 2017 - Dec 2017

www.knowlegreencc.com

Knowle Green Congregational Church

Clitheroe Road, Knowle Green, Longridge. PR3 2YQ

Tel: 01254 878394

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 1 st 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	Family Communion Service Agape Fellowship Meeting	1 st Sunday in the month 1 st Sunday in the month
Tuesday	7.30pm-9.00pm 1.30pm—3.30pm	Deacons Meeting Prayer for Israel	1 st Tuesday of the month 2nd Tuesday of the month
Wednesday	9.00am	Finance Group	Usually last week of the month (or as required)
Thursday	10.00am-3.00pm 2.00pm-3.30pm 7.30pm-9.00pm	ACE Home School Support/Fellowship Group Thursday Fellowship (All Ages) Building Committee	Usually 3 rd week of the month Usually last Thursday of the month Quarterly
Friday	6.30pm—7.30pm 7.00am-6.00pm 7.30pm-9.00pm	Pray for Persecuted Church Day of Prayer and fasting Prayer meeting	1 st Friday of the month 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

Date	Deacon's	Reader	Coffee
October 1st	Joss Daune TBA	Jean Procter	Jane Maher Ellen Saunders
October 8th	Jean Procter Michael Redmayne	Andrew Rowland	Barbara Waring A. N. Other
October 15th	Sue Catlow Joss Daune	Mick Cook	Tom & Margaret Mellor
October 22nd	Tom Mellor Colin Procter	Isaac Okpoti	Tony & Pat Jackson
October 29th	Jean Hoole Jean Procter	Tom Mellor	Michael & Elaine Redmayne
November 5th	Robin Clark Michael Redmayne	Colin Procter	Brian & Audrey Wynne
November 12th	Joss Daune Tony Jackson	Debbie Mills	Barbara Sutcliffe Kath Bowyer
November 19th	Tom Mellor Jean Hoole	Barbara Sutcliffe	Jane Maher Ellen Saunders
November 26th	Colin Procter Jean Procter	Maureen Grimshaw	Barbara Waring A. N. Other
December 3rd	Sue Catlow Michael Redmayne	Joss Daune	Tony & Pat Jackson
December 10th	Robin Clark Tony Jackson	Ken Saunders	Tom & Margaret Mellor
December 17th	Joss Daune Tom Mellor	Jean Procter	Michael & Elaine Redmayne
December 24th	Jean Hoole Colin Procter	Andrew Rowland	Brian & Audrey Wynne
December 31st	Jean Procter Michael Redmayne	Mick Cook	Barbara Sutcliffe Kath Bowyer

Deadline for articles for the next issue of Voice is:
Sunday 17th December 2017

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

Building Bridges

Once upon a time, there were two brothers. Their father had a large farm and when he became too old to work, he called his sons to him. "I am too old to work anymore," he said. "I will divide my farm in half and give each of you one half. I know that you will always work together and will be good friends."

When the brothers first started farming on their adjoining farms, they were the best of friends and would share everything together. Then, one day there was an argument between the two brothers and they stopped speaking to one another. For many years, not a word was spoken between them.

One day, one of the brothers was at his house when a carpenter came to his door and said, "I would like to do some work. Do you have any work that I can do?" The brother thought for a moment and then replied, "I would like for you to build a fence on my property. Build it down near the stream there that separates my farm from my brother's. I don't want to see my brother any more and I would like for you to build a high fence there please. I'm going into town and I'll be back this evening."

When he came back that evening, he was shocked to see that the carpenter had not followed his instructions. Instead of building a high fence there, he had built a bridge over the stream. The man walked down to take a look at the bridge, and as he did, his brother walked toward him from the other side. His brother said, "After all the terrible things I've done to you over the years, I can't believe that you would build a bridge and welcome me back." He reached out to his brother and gave him a big hug.

The brother then walked back up to his farmhouse to talk to the carpenter. "Can you stay?" he asked. "I have more work for you to do." The carpenter answered, "I'm sorry but I can't stay. I have to go, for I have many other bridges to build."

Sometimes you and I have a disagreement with our brothers and sisters in Christ. When that happens, we often build a fence between ourselves and them. We stop talking to them. We don't want to see them. We don't want to be around them. That isn't what Jesus wants us to do. Instead of fences, he wants us to build a bridge of love between us.

Dear Father, we know it is your desire for us to live together in peace and harmony. Help us to love one another. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

"...That he who loveth God love his brother also". (1 John 4:21 KJV)



Charles Dickens' famous book *Bleak House*, there is a memorable character called Mrs Jellyby, who badly neglects her many children. Mrs Jellyby is a committed Christian and feels a great burden for missions in Africa. All her time, attention and money are focused on Africa, leaving her husband, children and needy neighbours uncared for. She feels no responsibility for those close to her but focuses primarily on the needs of those far, far away with whom she had no previous connection.

Today the Christian Church is under great pressure. According to the Pew Foundation, Christians are now persecuted in more countries than any other religion on the face of the earth. In some parts of the world, a further tragedy is unfolding. For alongside persecution there is now growing famine and deprivation caused either by climate change or by man-made conflicts.

The Christians in these areas cry out for help, but all too often their cries go unheard. Most Christian relief agencies and mission agencies in the West say their calling is to help everyone, irrespective of their religion. In fact, one major evangelical agency commissioned a report last year on Christians in the Middle East which concluded that they were in no greater need than Muslims. Apparently they did not recognise the attempted genocide of Christians by the Islamic State group and the anti-Christian hostility, threats and violence that have become commonplace in recent years. Others argue that it is unfair to discriminate in favour of Christians. Others again hold that it is a good witness for Christians to help non-Christians, in obedience to the Biblical command to love your neighbour as yourself. One way or another, Christians find themselves at the back of the queue.

What all of this illustrates is that modern Western Christianity has no concept of what it means to be a Christian family, where our giving should start. It has come to be a religion devoid of brotherly or sisterly responsibility. We love the world but we cannot stand our own. In Islam there is the concept of the *umma*, meaning the worldwide community or nation of Muslims. The Arabic word *umma* may be derived from the word for "mother"; certainly there is a very strong intrinsic identity with and concern for fellow Muslims, as if all come from one womb. The compulsory alms-giving, called *zakat*, which is one of the five duties of Islam, is only used to help fellow Muslims.

Christianity rightly teaches (succinctly summarised in Galatians 6:10) that we are to do good to all but especially to the household of faith, i.e. the worldwide community of Christians, the Body of Christ. After our loyalty to God, our next loyalty must be to our Christian family. When we read passages like Matthew 25:31-46 about the sheep and the goats, we may want to stretch the interpretation of Jesus' parable to make it an affirmation of those who help the whole world. But close analysis and reference to other Bible passages show that Jesus is commending those who help their fellow Christians.

Jesus' last commandment to His disciples was that they should love one another as He had loved them. This love for our Christian family would be a witness to the world (John 13:34-35). His disciple John reminds us of the commandment in these words, "And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also." (1 John 4:21 KJV) And this must be a love that is shown in practical ways. "But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" (1 John 3:17 KJV)

**AFTER OUR LOYALTY
TO GOD, OUR NEXT
LOYALTY MUST BE
TO OUR CHRISTIAN
FAMILY**

The Age of Rebellion or Compromise!

What is the Reformation? *The Reformation is the instigation of that which **went off the rails**.* The established Church had compromised itself and was out of step with Scripture. In turn it had become morally corrupt.

Why was there a Reformation? *'To restore the truth which had been lost through compromise and the abuse of the Word of God'.*

Martin Luther in particular was angered by the sale of 'indulgences', a practice that offered release from 'purgatory' in exchange for the gifts to the Church. On 31 October 1517, Luther nailed 95 theses to the door of Wittenberg Castle Church.

There were many complaints and abuses that called for reform. Those who were responsible for the material welfare of the people were content to preserve the status quo, because it served their own enrichment and religious or political advantage. The yoke of religious oppression lay heavily on the populace of Europe.

It is 500 years this October since the Reformation. We still have much to learn from its narrative ...

Were history to judge our generation, version of Christianity, I wonder what prognosis it would arrive at?

Luther rebelled against the Papacy and in 1521 the Pope had him excommunicated. The heart of Luther's Theology is **THE FIVE "SOLAS"**:-

Sola Scriptura, Sola Gratia, Sola Fide, Solus Christus, Soli Dea Gloria

'The Centrality of the Word of God, The authority of Scripture alone, Salvation by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone and For the glory of God alone (The Reformation, The Christian Institute). The Reformation in essence was the beginning of the revival of the Christian Church since Pentecost. The ***'Putting to right that which has been compromised'***. Martin Luther is one many people identify with. His one primary conviction and concern was his personal spiritual state and then the sale of the 'indulgences' in exchange for gifts to the Church.

A precursor to the Reformation was one John Wycliffe. He declared till his dying day that ***"the only head of the Church is Christ"***. He rejected Purgatory, pilgrimages, worship of saints and veneration of relics, as being unscriptural. He also had disillusionment with Rome.

John Huss was born a poor peasant, yet he became by sheer ability Rector of Prague University. The clergy turned on him only when he attacked their own covetousness, sloth and luxury. The teachings of Wycliffe made a great impact on Huss and others. The Germans avenged themselves by charging him with heresy. He was duly imprisoned. His defence was drowned with ***"Recant, Recant!"*** After 7 months of brutality and suffering he was put on trial. He declared ***'he would retract nothing unless it was contrary to God's Word'***. In 1445 he was burned by the civil authorities. He follows the other Reformers such as John Calvin, John Wycliffe; Crammer, John Knox, William Tyndale and many more.

The threat today is that of unbelief, the rejection of the core belief of Christianity, including the deity of Christ. ***"Our faith involves no withdrawal from the battle of this world; our Lord Himself, with His stupendous mission, lived in the midst of life's throng and press"*** J. Gresham Machen . The most dangerous threat to the Gospel comes from within the Church. We need to be alert more than ever in this ***'Age of Compromise'*** In the last days there will be a great *'falling way'*, as declared in the Scriptures, 'Therefore guard truth with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding'. ***"His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who has called us by his own glory and goodness. For this reason make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness knowledge; and to knowledge self control; and to self control perseverance; and to perseverance godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness love. For if you keep these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3,5-8) NIV***



Happy 500 years Anniversary Reformers,

God Bless

Pastor Chris

(Pastor Chris.)

Bible Wordsearch

Wordsearch 264

Matt 13:44-58

The Kingdom of Heaven

S H O R E M S H C O M I N G V
J U D A S F I I P N W S G F A
D E Z A M A S R O E L N R J L
S R E T S I S D A E S H E Y U
J W O P M T E T G C E O B R E
A E Y O E H T N E A L A J A T
M R N R S O A H V E S E S M E
E H T I E O P E G K T L S O H
S T N G K H N L E U R H P V P
O I S H I D C T E A A O U E O
F S R O N R S A E U T C L D R
I U E U G O R P E S T A L R P
E S W S D N I K E T F I E R Y
L E O E O O S G N I H T D R N
D J P G M H T H W I S D O M G

FAITH AMAZED
FIELD ANGELS
FIERY BASKETS
GREAT CAUGHT
HONOR COMING
HOUSE FINISHED
JAMES HEAVEN
JESUS JOSEPH
JUDAS KINGDOM
KINDS MIRACLES
MARY MOVED
SHORE OWNER
SIMON PEARLS
TEETH PEOPLE
THINGS POWERS
THREW PROPHET
VALUE PULLED
WISDOM SISTERS
TEACHER

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

Solution can be found further on in the magazine

The DVD Library is now Open!

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

Please ask Jean or Isaac for details. DVD's can be borrowed for up to 2 weeks and they include great teaching DVDs/CDs. 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 or Isaac Okpoti.

Church DVD Library



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 2017/18 are:

- October** - 2nd & 16th (30th ½ Term. No meeting)
- November** - 6th & 20th
- December** - 4th & 18th—Winter Party – Kidz Church/Girls/Boys.
- January** - 15th

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

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 October - Joss Daune
- 5th November - Robin Clark
- 3rd December - Andrew Rowland
- 5th January - Pastor Chris



Boys Club

Knowle Green
Congregational
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 2017/18 are:

October - 9th & 23rd 1/2 Term. No meeting

November - 13th & 27th

December - 11th & 18th—Winter Party – Kidz Church/Girls/Boys.

January - 8th

Why not dare to be different?

Christmas Dates

Nativity Family Service 11.00am

Sunday, 17th December 2017

Carols by Candle-light 6.30pm

Sunday, 17th December 2017

(mince pies and punch served afterwards)

Family Service 11.00am

Sunday 24th December

Christmas Day Morning 11.00am – 11.30am

Monday 25th December

Service 11.00am

Sunday 31st December 2017

New Years Eve Fellowship 7.00pm

7.00pm – Midnight (Bring and share supper, Games/Quizz/
Family time. Bring in New year with Worship, Praise and Prayer)

Carol Singing - To be advised. See Jos and Michael Redmayne

Preaching Plan October 2017 to December 2017

October 2017

1st Pastor Chris

8th Pastor Chris

15th N Tanner (youth for Christ)

22nd Rob Channing

29th Colin Purcell (CMA)

November 2017

5th Pastor Chris

12th Pastor Chris

19th Brian Grist

26th Penny Mc Donald

December 2017

3rd Pastor Chris

10th Teen Challenge

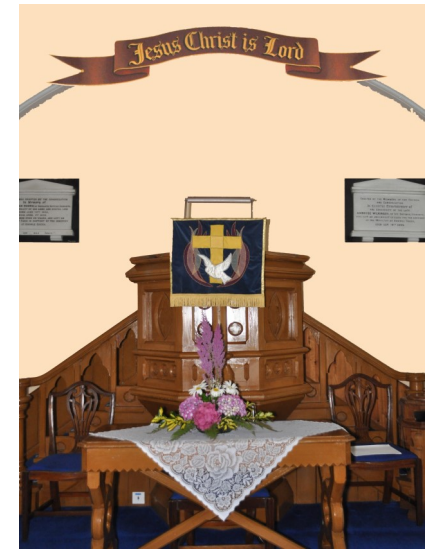
17th Nativity Family service

17th Carols by candlelight 6:30pm.

24th Pastor Chris

25th Pastor Chris (11:00—11:30)

31st Pastor Chris (Testimonies)



Winter Fair 2017

Saturday, 2nd December 2017.

Venue: Knowle Green Village Hall

11.00 Am – Open Doors till 2.00pm.

If you require a stall please let Julie know. Refreshments will be available for lunch.

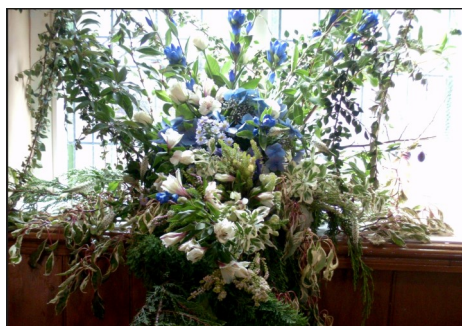
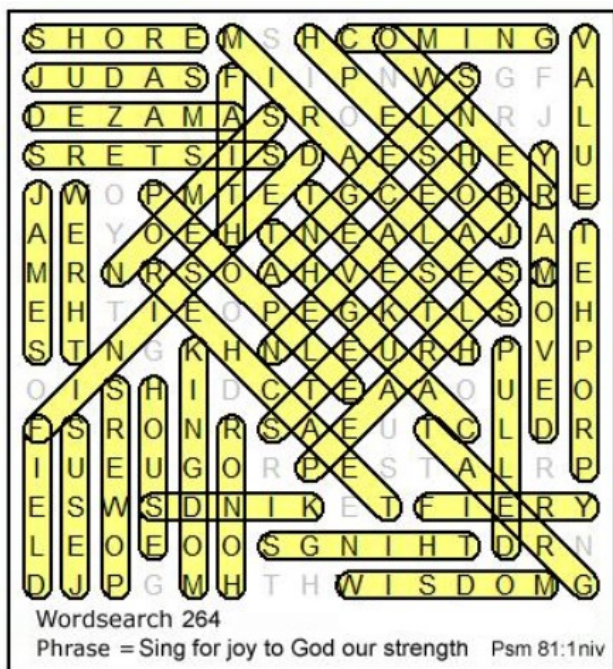
Capernwray Students

Our overseas visitors will be visiting us again.

Outreach Preliminary Weekend 26 – 28 January 2018

10 Day Outreach 23rd February – 4th March

This is a partnership for Church and students to engage in Ministry together. We require accommodation, meals, and workers while the students are with us. If you are able to assist please speak to Chris



Advance Notice 2018

The Knitted Bible Exhibition Dates for your Diary

24th October 2018 – 4th November 2018

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:

10th October 2017

14th November 2017

12th December 2017



Charis Ministries Prayer Meeting

When: 1st Thursday of every month

Where: 1 Sunnyside Ave, Wilpshire, Nr. Blackburn

Time: 7:30pm



Tel. 01254 240893

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/www.charismozambique.org/>



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.

INDELIBLY MARKED

The way we recognise brands is really important. I once came out of Oxford Circus tube station looking for Marks and Spencer. Even though I didn't know which way to turn, I could see a green glow in the distance. I was so certain it was the M&S green that I went towards it. I was right.

.....

Did You know the idea of a logo appears in the Bible?

Writing to the Christians of Ephesus, Paul said that when they became Christians they were branded with the Holy Spirit. In the marketplace of Ephesus, when customers bought animals or grain, the goods were marked indelibly to identify their new owner. When he returned at the end of the day, there was no doubt to whom they belonged.

It's true of you too. You are indelibly marked with a logo. The Holy Spirit is your invisible tattoo. Ever since you became a Christian, the Holy Spirit has been the sign that you belong to God, no one else can take you away. It's with Him that you are going home.

Your brand is a wonderful thing. Wouldn't it be hilarious if all Christians had a green glow like Marks and Spencer? Your logo is invisible, of course. But wouldn't it be great if Christians were so recognisable by their love for others that people could recognise them as men and women of the Holy Spirit, even if they just glimpsed them from a distance...

Excerpts from an article by Peter Graystone (Church Army National Projects Officer for the South).

"Satan trembles, when he sees the weakest saint upon his knees." *(in prayer)*

William Cowper (1731 – 1800) English poet and hymnodist

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:- 9th December 2017

Time:- 9.00am

Venue:- Sunday School

Remembrance Sunday



November 12th

10.45am – We gather around the Cenotaph outside the Church

11.00am – Family Service in the Church

Film Night

Saturday 18th November

Time: 7.00pm start

The choice of film is always age appropriate, content appropriate and is devoid of inappropriate language etc. The films are selected to encourage, bless and inspire. Everyone is welcome.

Thursday Fellowship

Thursday fellowship Always is the last **Thursday of the month. 2.00pm start. All welcome. Please see Jos, Chris or Julie for transport.**

Dates for 2017

26th October

30th November

21st December

Speaker

Jos Daune

TBA

Party

2018

Friday, 26th January 12.00noon - Seniors Lunch