

# Knowle Green Church

The Voice



**Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.**

**John 1:12-13  
NIV**

**SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2014**

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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.

## “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you”

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

History informs or shall I say is again reminding us of the fact that it is 100 years since the First World War. The phrase **‘Never Again’ and ‘least we forget’** continues to dominate every era with history ever repeating itself. What have we learnt? Not very much! Mankind it seems is incapable of establishing **‘Peace on Earth’**. War, rumours of War, threat of War continues to be a ‘thorn in the flesh’.

Christians are in a privileged position in that we are aware of the works of the parallel Kingdoms namely The Kingdom of God and the kingdom of darkness. The Atheistic and the humanist world are confident of and have the view that man without God is able to put the world right with the aid of Science and human reasoning. This view is the very opposite to that of Scripture. One of the signs of the end of the age is **‘Nations will rise up against Nations and kingdoms against Kingdoms. There will be famines and earth quakes in various places. All these are the beginnings of the birth pains’ (Matthew 24: 7-8)**. The phrase ‘Nation’ in the original interpretation is ‘Peoples group’. I.e. **‘Peoples group will rise up against peoples group’**. This is exactly what we find happening all over the world. The United Nation is increasingly becoming ideologically sectarian. Some argue it is disunited, ineffectual, a talk shop as is Europe. Each member state is looking to its own national interest.

The Good News: - God is still in charge and in control of World events and His Word to His children is do not worry. **‘Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own’ (Matt. 6:34)**. Again the inference here is the care of each day is enough to concern us. Thoughtful preparation for the future is not a rebuke, but fretting about it is condemned. Worry steals our peace, our time, saps us of our energy, we lose perspective and it can incapacitate us. **‘Who of you by worrying can add a single day to his life?’ (Matt. 6:27)**

A man in a village opened a tin which he had buried underground and in which he had stored his life savings. “What a treasure!” he thought. But the treasure was gone. White ants had entered the tin and there was nothing but “mud” A life’s work wasted! He was consumed with worry, his tomorrow had incapacitated him. Not only did he lose his peace; he lost his focus as well as his perspective. His decision to bury his life savings was flawed. Why? He had lost his faith in humanity, the institutions and trusted no one. He in turn lost his life savings and everything else in the process

Jesus instructs us not to be alarmed by events taking place around us. We are exhorted to **‘seek first the Kingdom of God in all circumstance and all these things will be added to you’**. Are you worried?

**“Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you”. So we say this with confidence “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. Hebrew 13:5 “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus”.** Philp 4; 6

Have a blessed summer and as we go into autumn and our Harvest season be thankful. Thanksgiving can release us, a grateful heart changes our perspective. Remember; count your blessings name them one by one. As you see how the Lord has answered prayers, moved in your life and other people’s lives our faith rises to a new level. We have faith to believe Jesus is alive, He is coming back, we will be with Him in glory. He will use us here on earth to bless, to prophesy, to speak into the lives of those around us with the gospel message. A message full of hope, full of faith and full of love.

The Lord bless you and keep you, and equip you for every good work.

God Bless you at this Harvest-time.

*God Bless*

*Pastor Chris*

*(Pastor Chris.)*



## The Letter Writing Bible Teacher

The centrality of the Bible through the war years shines through the story of **LILLIAN HAYMAN** who ran Bible classes in Brighton and later on, in Bournemouth. During the war Hayman became a committed letter-writer, staying in touch with her Bible class pupils – her ‘boys’ on the front line. Her duty was to encourage them in their faith and give them hope for the future.

One of them was Phillip Bryant, who served on HMS Queen Elizabeth. On 27th March 1915 he wrote to Mrs Hayman, ‘Sometimes when I have a difficult task on hand it is a great comfort to know you are in his hands, and honestly Mrs Hayman I ask God’s help in everything and I am sure it’s his supervision that takes me through the monotony and longing we are subjected to.’

Later that year he wrote to her, ‘I will always bless you for the way you have helped me to keep on the very Narrow Path we have to tread,’ adding that he felt ‘God’s presence in the boundless deep’.

An insight into the nature of Mrs Hayman’s Bible study classes comes in exercise books kept by Samuel Ching between 1915 and 1917.

Ching was 15 at the outbreak of the war. His Sunday afternoons during World War 1 were spent immersed in the teaching of the Bible and it’s application to the war. In June 1916 he studied ‘sowing and reaping’, quoting Psalm 126:5. He noted that ‘our soldiers and sailors are sowing in tears in order that Europe may reap in joy’.

Hayman continued her classes right through to her death in 1944, aged 80.

*Extract from August 2014 edition of Premier CHRISTIANITY magazine*

### **Thursday Fellowship Dates**

Commences at 2:00pm

25<sup>th</sup> September

30<sup>th</sup> October

27<sup>th</sup> November

18<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Party)

## Regular Weekly Fortnightly Schedule of Meetings/Activities

<b>Sunday</b>	9.45am –10.30am  11.00am –12noon	Holy Communion and time of Open Worship  Family Service	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</b> <b>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
<b>Friday</b>	9.30am-11.00am	First Fruits	Weekly

## Regular Monthly/Quarterly Schedule of Meetings/Activities

<b>Sunday</b>	11.00am-1200 noon  2.30pm-3.30pm	<b>Family Communion Service</b>  <b>Agape Fellowship Meeting</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in the month  1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in the month
<b>Tuesday</b>	7.30pm-9.00pm	<b>Deacons Meeting</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.00am  2.00pm-4.00pm	<b>Finance Group</b>  <b>Prayer for Israel</b>	Usually last week of the month (or as required)  1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month
<b>Thursday</b>	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 <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	Day of Prayer and fasting  Prayer Meeting	Last Friday of the month
<b>Saturday</b>	9.00am-12noon  9.00am-10.30am	<b>Bikers Breakfast</b> - Last Saturday of the month  <b>Men’s Breakfast</b>	Monthly ( <b>Mar-Oct</b> )  Quarterly

SEE NOTICE BOARD FOR OTHER ACTIVITIES

## Bible Word Search

All the words listed below are in the puzzle - left, right, up, down or diagonally. Find each word and put a line through it. When you have found all the words, write down the leftover letters in the correct order to form the mystery answer.

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

All thy heart, Among thieves,  
 Eternal life, Jericho, Jesus,  
 Kingdom of God, Lawyer stood  
 up, Levite, Lord thy God, Luke  
 Ten, Many prophets, Master,  
 Saw him, The other side, Thou  
 shalt live, Thou shalt love, Thy  
 strength, Took care, To the host,  
 What shall I do, When I come,  
 Who the son is, Will repay thee,  
 Wounded him

**‘He ..... gave some to be ..... Pastors....’** Ephesians 4:11 NKJV

If a Pastor is young he lacks experience; if he's grey-haired he's too old. If he has five kids he has too many; if he has none he's setting a bad example. If his wife sings in the choir she's being forward; if not, she's not dedicated enough. If he preaches from notes he's dry; if he's extemporaneous he's too shallow. If he spends too much time in his study he's neglecting his people; if he makes home visits he's not a good time manager. If he's attentive to the poor he's after public approval; if he attends to the wealthy he's ingratiating. If he suggests improvements he's a dictator; if he doesn't he has no vision. If he uses too many illustrations he neglects the Bible; if he doesn't use enough stories, he's unclear. If he speaks against the wrong he's legalistic; if he doesn't he's a compromiser. If he preaches for an hour he's windy; less than that, he has nothing to say. If he preaches the truth he's offensive; if he doesn't he's wishy-washy. If he fails to please everybody he's hurting the church; if he tries to please everybody he has no convictions. If he preaches tithing he's a money grabber; if not, he's failing to develop his people. If he receives a large salary he's mercenary; if he doesn't it proves he's not worth much. If he preaches on a regular basis, people get tired of hearing the same person; if he invites guest preachers he's shirking his responsibility. Wow! And you thought your pastor had an easy life! How'd you like to change places?

Date	Deacon's	Reader	Coffee
September 7 <sup>th</sup>	Robin Clark Joss Daune	Maureen Grimshaw	Ruth Woods Paul Knapton
September 14 <sup>th</sup>	Tony Jackson Michael Redmayne	Colin Procter	Barbara Sutcliffe Kath Bowyer
September 21 <sup>st</sup>	Sue Catlow Colin Procter	Ruth Woods	Tony & Pat Jackson
September 28 <sup>th</sup>	Ruth Woods Jean Hoole	Richard Grimshaw	Jane Maher Ellen Saunders
October 5 <sup>th</sup>	Annette Dickinson Margaret Mellor	Margaret Mellor	Michael & Elaine Redmayne
October 12 <sup>th</sup>	Robin Clark Joss Daune	Ken Saunders	Barbara Waring Mel Gilday
October 19 <sup>th</sup>	Tony Jackson Michael Redmayne	Diane Daune	Tom & Margaret Mellor
October 26 <sup>th</sup>	Sue Catlow Colin Procter	Tom Mellor	Ruth Woods Paul Knapton
November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ruth Woods Jean Hoole	Mel Gilday	Barbara Sutcliffe Kath Bowyer
November 9 <sup>th</sup>	Annette Dickinson Margaret Mellor	Joss Daune	Tony & Pat Jackson
November 16 <sup>th</sup>	Robin Clark Joss Daune	Debbie Mills	Jane Maher Ellen Saunders
November 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Tony Jackson Michael Redmayne	Maureen Grimshaw	Barbara Waring Mel Gilday
November 30 <sup>th</sup>	Sue Catlow Colin Procter	Colin Procter	Michael & Elaine Redmayne

**Help needed! Would you like to read God's word, or perhaps serve coffee after the Sunday morning service?**

**If so, please see Margaret Mellor and she will add you to the next rota.**

## Prayer for Israel

We meet to pray for Israel in the cabin on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month from 2.00pm—3.30pm.

The next meetings will take place on:

**3<sup>rd</sup> September 2014**

**1<sup>st</sup> October 2014**

**5<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

**3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014**

**7<sup>th</sup> January 2015**



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## 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.

**Next meeting will be in January 2015** (date to be confirmed)

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## 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.**



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 2014**

**September - 8th & 22nd**

**October - 6th & 20th**

**November - 3rd & 17th**

**December - 1st & 15th**

**January - 12th & 26th**

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

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## Agape Fellowship Meal

It is good to note attendance in number 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.

## Charis Ministries Prayer Meeting

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

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

**Time:** 7:30pm



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### First Fruits

Every Friday (Term time) 9.30am – 11.00am Toddler Group here at Knowle Green, Sunday School Building. Parents, Grandparents, Carers with under 5's welcome.



Saturday, 27th September and 25th October. Please remember the bikers in your prayers.

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### Choir—Start date

Last Friday in September (26th)

5:30pm—6:45pm

Any queries speak to Rebekah Okpoti

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### Ace Space Dates

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November

Thursday 4th December (This month very early due to Christmas)



Barbara Sutcliffe, President of Longridge Branch of the Ladies National Farmers Union (NFU) will be holding a Church service at Knowle Green Congregational Church on Sunday 31st August 2014 at 7:00pm followed by refreshments in the village hall

**All are Welcome**

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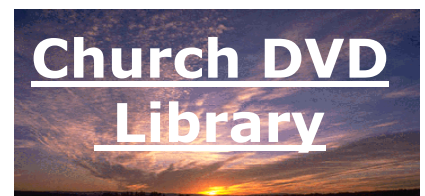
### The DVD Library is now Open!

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

Please ask Jean or Annette 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 or Annette.



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**Deadline for articles for the next issue of Voice is: Sunday 26th October 2014**  
**Please note: The Voice is published Quarterly NOT bi-monthly.**



## Boys Club

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**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 2014 are:**

**September - 15th & 29th**

**October - 13th & 27th**

**November - 10th & 24th**

**December - 8th & 22nd**

**January - 5th & 19th**

**Why not dare to be different?**

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## Friday night Youth Meetings

1st Friday in September (5th)

Home of Mel & Steve Gilday

3rd Friday in October (17th)

Home of Robin & Joan Clark

3rd Friday in November (21st)

Home of Joss & Diane Daune

1st Friday in December (5th)

Home of Chris & Julie Okpoti

## Preaching Plan September to November 2014

September

7 Pastor Chris

14 Harvest Robin Clark

21 Rachel Lawrence full time young peoples worker with WEC

28 Pastor Chris

October

5 Pastor Chris

12 Pastor Chris

19 James Boveniser of Faith Mission

26 David Cornall and family

November

2 Pastor Chris

9 Pastor Chris

16 Joan Clark

23 Alan Marsden of Barnoldswick

30 Testimony time lead by the Daunes

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### THANKSGIVING

I've been countin' up my blessin's, I've been summin up my woes,  
But I ain't got the conclusion some would naturally suppose:  
Why, I quit a-countin' my troubles 'fore I had half a score,  
While the more I count my blessin's, I keep a findin' more and more.  
There's been things that wasn't exactly as I thought they'd ought to be,  
An' I've often growled at Providence for not a-pettin' me!  
But I hadn't stopped to reckon what the other side had been - -  
How much o' good an' blessin' had been thickly crowded in.  
Fer there's been a rift o' sunshine after every shower o' tears,  
An' I found a load o' laughter scattered all along the years.  
If the thorns have pricked me sometimes, I've good reason to suppose  
Love has hid 'em often from me, 'neath the rapture of the rose!  
So I'm goin' to still be thankful fer the sunshine an' the rain,  
Fer the joy that's made me happy; fer the purgin' done by pain;  
Fer the love o' little children; fer the friends that have been true;  
Fer the guidin' hand that's led me every threatenin' danger through!

L. A. Tubbs

## Killer Hurricane

Peter Horrell, Texas, USA, 1967

Taken from the WEC book — *Beyond the Edge* (CLC Publications)

Everything was ready. Our equipment had been moved out of our trailers, and we were now settling into the dean's home to wait. No one was to be seen on the campus; all were behind closed doors and boarded windows, waiting. The campus property and personnel had been committed into the Lord's hands. This was His property, and we were His people. The time was five in the afternoon on September 19, 1967.

The hurricane was moving at ten miles an hour across the Gulf of Mexico straight toward the Rio Grande Valley in southeast Texas. Can you imagine an oval-shaped mass 100 miles wide and 250 miles long, spinning at 175 miles an hour at the centre? Beulah, the killer hurricane, had already claimed thirty-three lives and caused damage running into millions of dollars and was now heading directly toward us. In ten hours' time we of the Rio Grande Bible Institute and Language School could expect to be in the eye of the worst hurricane of the century.

Thousands of people had left their homes seeking shelter in school and churches which had been turned into refugee centers. Coastal towns evacuated.

As I lay down that evening wondering what to expect, the Spirit of God whispered Isaiah 26:3 to me: "You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast ..."

And then she struck. Winds tore through the campus with tremendous force. The whole building we were in shuddered and groaned under the pressure exerted upon it. All around us Beulah unleashed her fury.

After the storm had subsided and it was safe to venture outdoors, what a sight met our eyes! Most of the trees on the campus were down, yet not one building had been destroyed. A couple of cracked windows and one demolished carport was the only damage to property.

But in other areas it was a different story. The hurricane had ripped buildings apart, torn off roofs and blown in thousands of windows. Wind and flood damage reached billions of dollars.

What had happened? As this mighty destructive power was steadily moving toward us, a yet mightier power was also in operation – the power of prayer. God's people throughout the world were praying for the Christians of this Bible institute. As the hurricane neared the coast, it was stopped and for a couple of hours remained in the same position, gathering momentum in speed as if preparing for the kill. When it started to move again, it suddenly changed its course and moved northwest, away from us. The eye of Beulah had passed us by seventy miles! God had answered prayer.



Damage and Flooding in Brownsville, Texas from Hurricane Beulah.

### Extract from Texas State Historical Society

Hurricane Beulah, the third largest hurricane of the twentieth century, struck South Texas. It battered the state for two days. The storm hit Brownsville with winds estimated at 140 miles an hour, moved northwest across South Texas to the vicinity of Alice, then turned southwest, crossed the Rio Grande between Zapata and Laredo, and finally blew itself out in Mexico. Tornadoes spawned by Beulah did extensive damage to South Texas and northeast Mexico. On September 28, President Johnson declared twenty-four counties in South Texas a disaster area. Official estimates in these counties set the number of dead at 18, the injured or sick at 9,000, and the number of homes destroyed or heavily damaged at 3,000. Property damage was estimated at \$100 million, crop damage at \$50 million. Some 300,000 people were evacuated during the storm and subsequent flooding.