

Knowle Green Church

The Voice



Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the men of old received divine approval. By faith we understand that the world was created by the word of God

**Hebrews 11 vs 1-3a
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December 2014 - February 2015

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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.

**DO YOU
SERIOUSLY
THINK GOD
CAN'T USE YOU?**

Abraham was too old ... Genesis 17:17

Jacob was a liar ... Genesis 27:19

Moses had a stutter ... Exodus 4:10

Rahab was a prostitute ... Joshua 2:1

David was a murderer ... 2 Samuel 11:15

Elijah was suicidal ... 1 Kings 19:4

Peter denied Christ ... Matthew 26:68-70

The Samaritan woman was
divorced ... John 4:16-18

Lazarus was dead ... John 11:14

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 1st 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
Friday	9.30am-11.00am	First Fruits	Weekly

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	Deacons Meeting	1 st Tuesday of the month
Wednesday	9.00am 2.00pm-4.00pm	Finance Group Prayer for Israel	As required 1 st Wednesday of the month
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	7.00am-6.00pm 7.30pm-9.00pm	Day of Prayer and fasting Prayer Meeting	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

Life in a Confusing World

The United Kingdom politically is on the verge of indifference/paralyses. UKIP is on the rise! The Conservative party is battling to stop MP's defecting! Labour is alleged to have betrayed the working class! The Liberal party is nearing political oblivion!

"History repeats itself. It has to. No one listens." Steve Tunner

A tree with no roots will fall. Profound and yet ever so true. As a Nation we once shared a common belief, common values; common principles and common law. It is becoming like it was in the days of Babel, **"They all did what was right in their own eyes"** ([Judges 17.6](#)) No common belief system; No common values; No common principles and No common law. Having a definitive point of reference is like having a Plum line which distinguishes the agreed acceptable norm and the unacceptable. Scripture is not a book of theory, but a living and active testimony of men and women whose relationship with God enabled them to overcome every kind of human difficulty.

Scripture affirms this position: 'Jesus **Christ is the same Yesterday, Today and Forever**'. ([Heb 13;8](#)). He is Consistent, Dependable, Unshakeable and Trustworthy. His universal principle is ever the same. His yardstick (Statues/Commandments) is no respecter of the wise, the unwise; the learned, unlearned; the individual or group; the wealthy or poor; the high ranking or the low. He is class-less; race-less; creed--less, colour-less; church-less and culture-less. The rules, terms and conditions apply to all regardless. He is absolute truth, absolute justice and absolute righteousness. No shades of grey. His love is unconditional. **For God so loved the World that He gave his ONLY SON... Not to condemn it but to SAVE it.** ([John 3:16-17](#))

Being a Christian and choosing to remain in the faith is becoming an increasingly difficult decision to maintain because of the pressure to blend and compromise. Pressure which is being exerted from all quarters. Every day we are confronted with a different reality – the evil and suffering brought on by a world living without God. God desires to dialogue with us about the hard issues that affect us, therefore remain strong in the Lord. God has never let down any Nation, people group or individual who has truly sought Him.

This year we are reminded and are about to commemorate the 100 years anniversary of the 1st World War. Mankind vowed **"Least we forget. Never again."** **"History repeats itself. It has to. No one listens."** Man's will and passion to dominate and conquer is just as raw and as strong as ever. We are intent on fighting. Defence spending and budgets globally are on the rise again. There is no room or allowance made for weaknesses.

The hardest thing to do is the voluntary submission of ones own will. It is a struggle as we interpret submission as weakness, loss of control and Inferiority. God chooses the weak things of this world. God's statues never change. They are consistent, have withstood the test of time and will do for generations to come. Consider this:-

The Law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

The statues of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart.

The Commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

The ordinances of the Lord are sure and altogether righteous

By them your servant is warned; keeping them there is great reward.

Who can discern his errors?

[Psalm 19:7 - 12](#)

J. R. Miller Christian author said, **"None of us come into the world saints. The grace of God can take the most unlovely life and change it into beauty. Saintliness is impossible to none, where the grace of God is allowed to work freely and thoroughly"** 'The House of God ought to and by far is the best place in the world in which we grow into Christ-likeness, where all the influences should be inspiring and helpful, where the weak are strengthened, the vulnerable are protected and the ethos ever loving. We should never allow ourselves to be defeated in any experience that may come to us. With Christ to help us, we need never fail, but may ever be more than conquerors.' **Many a good man fails in a worldly sense, and yet in the moral and spiritual realm he is more than a conqueror. There is no real failure but in sin. Faithfulness to Christ is victory, even when all is lost.'** **"Not my will Thy Will be done!"**



God bless you and your household this Christmas time as we remember the Word who became flesh and dwelt amongst us as a baby. The Lord Jesus Christ truly is the Light of the World, the Peace for the World and Joy to the World.

God Bless

Pastor Chris

(Pastor Chris.)

HOLIDAY AT HOME

Next year is our annual Holiday at Home to the Senior Citizens in our community and surrounding area. The emphasis of the modern Church approach is towards the young which is right. It is also right that the young learn to serve and seek to serve their elders hence the Holiday at Home. We encourage you to join us and help us serve this gracious and precious group of people. To find out more speak to Pastor Chris

The Holiday at Home will be held on Wednesday and Thursday the 4th and 5th of March 2015.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Questions usually asked pertaining this annual outreach event:-

Is it a necessary event? Is it spiritual? Is it outreach? The whole motivation is fourfold:-

- Reconnects us with the local and wider community
- It affords us a visible Christian presence in the community, opportunity to share our faith and make known the love of Christ via literature distribution; friendship evangelism; be a sign post and remind others of the real reason behind the Christmas celebration.
- The Church community working together and relationships renewed
- Allows us to dispose of unwanted domestic clutter and generates extra finance.

Scripture calls the body of Christ to go out into the world. Out of the Church closet and reach out to the wider community.

Please come and join us;

Date: Saturday, 29th November 2014

Time: 11.00am

Venue: **Knowle Green Village Hall**

Date	Deacon's	Reader	Coffee
Dec 7th	Robin Clark Joss Daune	Ruth Woods	Barbara Sutcliffe Kath Bowyer
Dec 14th	Tony Jackson Michael Redmayne	Maureen Grimshaw	Jane Maher Ellen Saunders
Dec 21st	Jean Procter Margaret Mellor	Nativity	Barbara Waring Mel Gilday
Dec 28th	Sue Catlow Colin Procter	Robin Clark	Tom & Margaret Mellor
Jan 4th	Tony Jackson Michael Redmayne	Margaret Mellor	Barbara Sutcliffe Kath Bowyer
Jan 11th	Robin Clark Joss Daune	Debbie Mills	Michael & Elaine Redmayne
Jan 18th	Ruth Woods Jean Hoole	Tom Mellor	Tony & Pat Jackson
Jan 25th	Sue Catlow Colin Procter	Tony Jackson	Jane Maher Ellen Saunders
Feb 1st	Jean Procter Margaret Mellor	Ken Saunders	Barbara Waring Mel Gilday
Feb 8th	Tony Jackson Michael Redmayne	Richard Grimshaw	Tom & Margaret Mellor
Feb 15th	Robin Clark Joss Daune	Colin Procter	Tony & Pat Jackson
Feb 22nd	Ruth Woods Jean Hoole	Steve Gilday	Jean & Colin Procter
March 1st	Sue Catlow Colin Procter	Barbara Sutcliffe	Ruth Woods Jean Hoole

Deadline for articles for the next issue of Voice is: **Sunday 25th January 2015**
Please pass articles to Pastor Chris
or email them to:
andrew.aco012000@gmail.com

Prayer for Israel

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

The next meetings will take place on:

3rd December

7th January

4th February



DIY (Church Premises)

D = Do **I**=Initiate **Y**= Your bit

Are you reasonably fit? Are you reasonably able? Do you have reasonable skills? Are you willing? If the answer is yes then your Church needs your help. Why not offer some practical help with your time? **"No work done for the Lord is work done in vain"**
Val Greeve – Ex Director of Manchester City Mission If interested speak to Pastor Chris.

2nd Sunday of the Month

Time: 6.30pm

Offers an opportunity to invite a friend to hear the gospel and share our life stories. It is informal. The service commences with worship.

Ace Space Dates

Time : 10:00am—3:00pm

Thursday 4th December 2014

Thursday 15th January 2015

Thursday 19th February 2015



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!

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

Monday 1st December 2014

Monday, 15th December 2014 – This is our Winter Party when the girls will host their mother, grandmother or significant female/guest. Starts 6.30pm – 8.30pm.

12th, January 2015

26th, January 2015

9th February 2015

23rd February 2015

IT (Information Technology)

We need help in this field. The job entails operating the projection system and the recording of the message on a Sunday morning. It will require one Sunday a month of your time. You will be part of a team and are not expected to be by yourself.

Charis Ministries Prayer Meeting

When: 1st Thursday of every month

Where: 1 Sunnyside Ave, Wilpshire,
Nr. Blackburn

Time: 7:30pm

Tel. 01254 240893



Biker Breakfast

Thank you for your love, support and involvement. Also for your encouragement shown to our non Christian biker friends. They truly appreciate the hospitality, the goodwill and the servant heart of the entire team and so did Big Phil now with the Lord. He never realised how much he was loved and appreciated by all. Thank you Team for seeing us through another hectic successful season and never once did you complained. May you be blessed and enjoy your well earned rest. The bikers donated a bench in memory of Big Phil which is positioned outside the Sunday school building. The biker breakfast was able to cover its running cost as well as make a profit some of which will be reinvested to replace breakages, upgrade utensils, enough to kick start 2015 breakfast and the remainder to our local CMA (Christian Motorcyclist Association) branch to purchase more Bibles and to support the Ministry.



Charis Ceilidh

Date; Friday 6th, February 2015

Time: 7.00pm

Come and join us for a report back on the work of Charis (Mel and Mandy) in Mozambique, with food and a barn dance.

Tickets £10.00 per adult ticket

Children (14 years and under) free

Raising funds for the Charis land in Vilanculos.

This will provide:

- accommodation for missionaries and visitors.
- temporary refuge for individuals in crisis.
- bible and life-skills training.
- a place for prayer and healing.

See Julie for tickets.



The DVD Library is now Open!

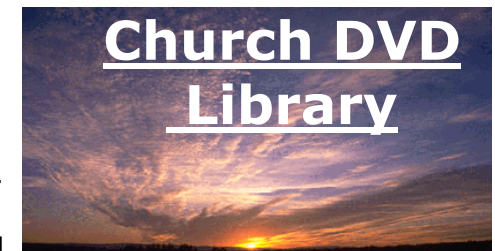
We have a growing number of DVDS now in the church bookcase.

Please ask Jean Hoole or Pastor Chris 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 or Pastor Chris.





Boys Club

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When: Every other Monday

Time: 6.30pm-8.00pm

Age Group: 6-16 year olds

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

Upcoming meetings in 2015 are:

- 19th January 2015
- 2nd February 2015
- 16th February 2015
- 2nd March 2015

Why not dare to be different?

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.

Date :- 7th February 2015

Time :- 9.00am

Speaker :- TBC

Thursday Fellowship Dates

- 18th December (party), *not on last Thursday,*
- 29th Jan 2015
- 26th Feb 2015
- 26th March 2015

Preaching Plan December 2014 to February 2015

December 2014

- 7 Pastor Chris
- 14 Pastor Chris
- 21 am Nativity Service
- 21 pm Carol Service
- 28 TBC

January 2015

- 3 Robin Clark
- 11 Pastor Chris
- 18 Mel and Mandy
- 25 Pastor Chris

February 2015

- 1 Pastor Chris
- 8 Pastor Chris
- 15 Penny McDonald
- 22 Diane Daune



Annual Seniors Lunch

Date: Friday, 16th January 2015

Time: 12.noon arrival to eat at 12.30pm

Venue: Knowle Green Church Sunday school building

Invitations will be sent out. If you know of anyone who would benefit from this luncheon please pass on details to Julie. If you would like to help please let Julie know.

CAPERNWRAJ STUDENTS

Introduction weekend (Evangelistic Opportunity)

Date: Friday 30th January 2015 – Sunday 1st February 2015

Activities: Students are coming to familiarise themselves with the Church community, the area and discuss the 10 day outreach programme. Please get involved.

NATIVITY SERVICE

Date: Sunday, 21st December 2014

Time: 11.00am

CAROL SERVICE

Date: Sunday, 21st December 2014

Time: 6.30pm

(Minces pies and punch served afterwards)

In lieu of Christmas cards monies received will go to Charis Ministry.

Christmas Day Family Service

Date: Thursday, 25th December 2014

Time: 11.00am – 11.30am

New Year's Eve Fellowship and Prayer

All are welcome. Please feel free to bring a friend.

Date: Wednesday, 31st December 2014

Time: 7.00pm to midnight (Please bring a plate to share supper together). We will meet in the Sunday school building.

End of Month Day of Prayer and Fasting Prayer Meeting

Prayer and Fasting for 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!

Food for thought

"I expect to pass through life but once. If, therefore, there can be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do to any fellow being, let me do it now, for I shall not pass this way again."

William Pen

Are you a fan of Jesus or a follower?

A steering committee is a group of four people trying to park a car.

"We have a strange illusion that time cancels sins, but mere time does nothing either to the fact or the guilt of sin. The guilt is washed out, not by time, but by repentance and the blood of Jesus Christ."

C.S. Lewis

"It is not the critic who counts, nor the man who points out where the strong man stumbled, or where a doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man in the arena whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs and who comes up short again and again, who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause. The man who at best knows the triumph of high achievement and who at worst, if he fails, fails while daring greatly, so that his place will never be with those cold timid souls who never knew victory or defeat." Teddy Roosevelt

The spirit of all praying is the submission of the whole life to the will of God.

It is never easy to grow better.

We begin to live only when we begin to love, and we begin to love only when self dies and we live to bless others.

If we could see our loved ones on heaven's shore, we would not be content to stay here to finish our work.

We are not to anticipate trial. God wants us to take the days as they come.

Keep on intimate and familiar terms all the time with Christ.

We must train ourselves persistently – it is a matter of training and habit largely to look toward the light.