



What's on this week 13th May 2018

A warm welcome as you meet with us today...

Sunday	13 th	Good News Meeting - Speaker: Alan Taylor Refreshments afterwards	6.30 pm
Monday	14 th	The pastor, Martin Speed, is available in the church office 9am - 12 noon The Toddler Group	1.30 pm
Tuesday	15 th	The pastor, Martin Speed, is available in the church office 9am - 12 noon House Groups - details overleaf	
Wednesday	16 th	'Needles & Natter' - meeting at Ruth Speed's Treasures	10 am-12 noon 6 pm - 7.15 pm
Thursday	17 th	'Full of Beans' Coffee Shop	10am-12.30pm
Sunday	20 th	Family and Friend Celebration Buffet afterwards to celebrate David Strood's 80th Birthday Breaking of Bread Service Refreshments afterwards	10.30 am 6.30 pm

Advance Notices

Next Half Night of Prayer will be on Friday 8th June at 8 pm

The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. James 5:16

Sunday 1st July at 4.30 pm - Great Good News Barbecue

Sunday 8th July David Katende (Uganda) will be with us

**Sunday 30th Sept - Hot Pot Supper and Quiz
with Jim Boswell sharing his dramatic testimony**

Rotas Information correct as of 11th May 2018

	Welcoming	Refreshments Sun pm	Serving Communion	Crèche
Today	am & pm Jim Townson	Sheila & Michael	Funsho & Adeola Aribisala	Facilities available in the rear hall
20 th May	am Lauraine pm Amanda	Michael & Veronica	Enid Brooks & Joan Hulse	
Cleaning				
This Week	Joan & Barbara	21 st - 26 th May	John & Karen Higson	
<i>Please note there is a new rota on the noticeboard for Serving Communion</i>				

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What is the Lord Jesus Christ to you? - 1. Saviour

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.

Matthew 1:21 NIV

In this new series we shall briefly consider some of the titles and descriptions given to the Lord Jesus Christ. This first one, Saviour, is taken from the meaning of his name Jesus which means 'the Lord saves'. The title provides an indication of one of his most important works which is that of Salvation. Without him we would be lost, separated from the God who loves us and desires our love, eventually separated from all hope, joy, peace and happiness. Without him as Saviour there would be no good news, no purpose, no destiny and no fellowship with our creator. The reality is that we would have nothing of lasting value.

It makes you wonder how people cope without knowing him, but that is because the enemy blinds them to the truth by the temptations and indulgences of this life. How can you know what you are missing if you have never experienced it. Thus we have the challenge of reaching unbelievers. How can we awaken people to the Spiritual realities if they are blinded by materialism to be satisfied with what they have, unable to take the risk of swallowing pride and stepping out into what is unknown to them and outside their experience.

The answer is that the Holy Spirit can awaken them from their stupor to provide a glimpse of the wonders of heaven, the love of God in Christ and the fullness of life in Christ.

Here is a challenge, to once a week share, if only briefly, with someone outside of Christ about the wonder of knowing him and experiencing his saving life and then, afterwards, praying for the Holy Spirit to break through in that person's life to reveal the reality of a risen Saviour. Of course, we could up the stakes and make it a daily challenge instead of a weekly one. **The question is, are you up for it?**

Situations Vacant

There are a number of jobs and ministries in the church urgently needing to be filled.

Among them are

Catering Coordinator and Luncheon Club Administrator

Please pray over this situation and see Martin Speed if interested

House Groups Tuesday 15th May

Leading	Hosts and Address	Time
Martin is overseeing	Ruth Speed, 232 Bolton Road, Westhoughton BL5 3EF	1.30 pm
Funsho Aribisala	Funsho & Adeola, 21 Marsham Road, Daisy Hill, BL5 2GX	7.30 pm
Michael Waterworth	41 Central Drive, Westhoughton, BL5 3DS	7.30 pm



If you would prefer a copy of 'Seeds of Joy' in black and white or enlarged or both, please see Michael Waterworth

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