



# Seeds of Joy



*What's on this week* **9<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

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

1<sup>st</sup> Edition

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| <b>Sunday</b>    | 9 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>Good News Meeting</b><br>Refreshments afterwards   | 6:30 pm                                |
| <b>Monday</b>    | 10 <sup>th</sup> | The pastor, Martin Speed, is available in the church office<br><b>The Toddler Group</b>   | 9am - 12 noon<br>1.30 pm               |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 11 <sup>th</sup> | The pastor, Martin Speed, is available in the church office<br><b>Prayer, Share and Bible Study</b>   | 9am - 12 noon<br>7.30 pm               |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 12 <sup>th</sup> | 'Needles & Natter' - meeting at Ruth Speed's<br><b>Treasures</b><br><b>Tearfund, Bolton Area prayer meeting</b><br>at 41 Central Drive, BL5 3DS - All Welcome | 10 am-12 noon<br>6 pm -7.15 pm<br>8 pm |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 13 <sup>th</sup> | <b>'Full of Beans' Coffee Shop</b><br><b>Fellowship at Ryelands Court</b>   | 10am-12.30pm<br>7.30 pm                |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 16 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Breaking of Bread Service &amp; SonSeekers</b><br><b>Good News Meeting</b><br>Refreshments afterwards  | 10.30 am<br>6:30 pm                    |

## Advance Notices

**Next Church Business Meeting Thursday 27th Sept at 7 pm**

**Sunday 30th Sept at 6.30 pm - Pie & Peas Supper and Quiz**  
with Jim Boswell sharing his dramatic testimony - *see Margaret for tickets*

**Harvest Family and Friend Service Sunday 7th October at 10.30 am**  
- Please give tins of food for Urban Outreach- **All Welcome**

*Rotas Information correct as of 6<sup>th</sup> Sept - please check the noticeboard for late changes*

|                       | Welcoming                      | Refreshments Sun pm                      | Serving Communion                      | Crèche                                |
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| <b>Today</b>          | am & pm<br>Veronica Waterworth | Michael & Veronica                       | Enid & Joan Hulse                      | Facilities available in the rear hall |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept | am & pm<br>Jim Townson         | Sam & Stacy<br>Crowther                  | Barbara Heald &<br>Veronica Waterworth |                                       |
| <b>Cleaning</b>       |                                |  |  |                                       |
| <b>This Week</b>      | Joan Hulse & Barbara Heald     | 17 <sup>th</sup> - 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept | Karen & John Higson                    |                                       |

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**Profit from a Prophet: Part 2 - Jeremiah - Standing against the Flow**

*If I say, "I will not mention him (God), or speak any more in his name," there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.*

**Jeremiah 20:9 ESV\***

This week we shall consider one of the aspects of the ministry of Jeremiah the prophet which is very relevant today. He was called by God to speak out against the ungodliness and disobedience of his fellow countryman who in general refused to accept this message. He had to speak out against the prevailing attitude of the time and in doing so proclaim God's judgement against his own nation. Being blunt, his message was so unpopular that he provoked the authorities of that time to take steps to shut him up. As a result, he was lonely, ignored, unappreciated, ridiculed, threatened, imprisoned and tortured. Yet, even though he was driven to tears, depression and pain, he continued in the prophetic task God had given him.

Although he felt like quitting, his response was to refuse to do so and stated that even if he chose not to remember God, or even to speak in his name, then his heart would become like a burning fire and rage until the prophetic uncomfortable message burst forth. He remembered the Lord was with him as an awesome champion and eventually his persecutors would stumble, not prevail and suffer an everlasting disgrace that would not be forgotten (Jeremiah 20:9-11).

During these days as our nation chooses to follow a predominantly godless path, as it exalts the wisdom of people above that of our Lord God, let us be like Jeremiah. He continued to serve the Lord God in spite of the opposition and spoke out for his God aware of God's protective power and that any difficulty he endured was but a momentary affliction when compared with the eternal weight of glory which awaited him, as it is for us (2 Corinthians 4:17,18). Nothing is too difficult for the Creator and Sustainer to accomplish through us. (Jeremiah 32:17,27)

*\* ESV is the English Standard Version of the Bible*

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