



*What's on this week* **8<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

*A warm welcome to you as you meet with us this morning....*

1<sup>st</sup> Edition

<b>Sunday</b>	8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Good News Meeting</b> Refreshments afterwards	6.30 pm
<b>Monday</b>	9 <sup>th</sup>	The pastor, Martin Speed, is available in the church office <b>Toddler Group</b>	9am - 12 noon 1.30 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	10 <sup>th</sup>	The pastor, Martin Speed, is available in the church office <b>Prayer, Share and Bible Study</b>	9am - 12 noon 7.30 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	11 <sup>th</sup>	'Needles & Natter' - meeting at Ruth Speed's <b>Treasures for Primary Schoolers aged 6 yrs and upwards</b> <b>Bolton Area Tearfund Prayer meeting</b> - see Michael for details	10 am-12 noon 6 pm 8 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Full of Beans' Coffee Shop</b> <b>Fellowship at Ryelands Court</b>	10am-12.30pm 7.30 pm
<b>Saturday</b>	14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Just Prayer</b> <b>Cyril Inspired Amble - Flitting through the Forest</b> <i>Meet in the Church Car Park at 11 am prompt</i>	8 am
<b>Sunday</b>	15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Breaking of Bread Service &amp; SonSeekers</b> Speaker: Stephen Kerry (Billinge Family Church) <b>Good News Meeting</b> Refreshments afterwards	10.30 am 6.30 pm

## Church Christmas Meal

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec at Sykeside Country House, Haslingden  
3 courses £26, 2 courses £22. Both options include mince pies and coffee  
Please give Margaret names with a £5 deposit per person by 15<sup>th</sup> Sept

## Rotas Information correct as of 29<sup>th</sup> August 2019

	Welcoming	Refreshments Sun pm	Serving Communion	Crèche
<b>Today</b>	There are insufficient in the team to form a rota	Sam & Stacey	Barbara & Lilian	Facilities available in the rear hall
15 <sup>th</sup> Sept		Michael & Veronica	Jim & Veronica	
<b>Cleaning</b>				
<b>This Week</b>	Les & Michael	16 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Joan Hulse & Barbara	

**'Few of you were wise in the world's eyes or powerful or wealthy when God called you.' 1 Corinthians 1:26 NLT**

Max Lucado writes: 'Edith Hayes was a spry eighty-year-old with thinning white hair, a wiry five-foot frame, and an unquenchable compassion for South Florida's cancer patients. I was fresh out of seminary in 1979 and sitting in an office of unpacked boxes when she walked in and introduced herself. "My name is Edith, and I help cancer patients." She extended her hand. I offered a chair. She politely declined. "Too busy. You'll see my team here at the church building every Tuesday morning. You're welcome to come, but if you do we'll put you to work." Her team, I came to learn, included a hundred or so silver-haired women who occupied themselves with the unglamorous concern of sore-seepage. They made cancer wounds their mission, stitching together truckloads of disposable pads each Tuesday, and then delivering them to patients throughout the week. Edith rented an alley apartment, lived on her late husband's pension, wore glasses that magnified her pupils, and ducked applause like artillery fire.'

Edith's story does away with the excuse, 'I'm too old to do something for God.' Noah was over six hundred years old when he came out of the ark and helped to start the human race all over again. If you're an older person, think about it this way: you're a walking repository of decades of wisdom and knowledge. So, before you leave this earth, endeavour to give to others what God has entrusted to you. Right now, somebody, somewhere, needs something you have, and if you ask God, He will show you who they are. When He does—get involved!

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### **Cyril Inspired Amble - "Flitting through the Forest"**

- Saturday 14th September, meet in the Church car park **at 11 am**
- This walk begins and ends in Chatburn near Clitheroe in the Forest of Bowland.
- Travel in shared transport to Chatburn to meet together in front of Hudson's Ice Cream shop (BB7 4AU) at about noon, parking on nearby streets and roads.
- The walk is about 4.5 miles in length.
- If you bring a dog please ensure you have a lead with you.
- Wear suitable clothing and footwear bearing in mind the weather and some of the paths may be muddy and slippy.
- Parts of the walk include crossing a busy road and using country roads, so please ensure suitable care is given to any children and dogs with you.
- Please bring a snack and a drink unless you aim to gorge yourself on ice cream.
- Expecting to return to Westhoughton by 5 pm.

*Please note anyone joining us on the walk does so at their own risk.*

*Volunteers are urgently needed for the welcome team and Sunday Evening Refreshments. Please see Martin or Alison if you can help.*

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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