

**Mottram Evangelical Church**

*"...Behold, I have set before you an open door,  
which no one is able to shut. ..."* Revelation 3:8



# *Insight*

March 2013

**Hattersley**  
COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Isaiah 43:19 *See, I am doing a new thing!  
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?...*





## For Prayer

*"Forgive us our sins, just as we have forgiven those who have sinned against us, and don't let us yield to temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins." Mat 6:13-14*

- Pray that we will be a forgiving church: able to forgive others and ourselves, as Jesus forgave us our many sins. And where we get stuck on this: ask Jesus to help us.
- Pray that we will be a church that wants to bless and encourage each other: encourage our walk with God, encourage our marriages, encourage us as parents, encourage us as youth, encourage us in our mature years - who may have walked many years with Jesus and have gained a sound understanding of His voice and calling.
- Pray that HCC will flourish under God's pruning and be even more fruitful. Pray especially for Jim and Gemma.
- Pray for the state of our nation: we so need God's mercy and grace. Help us to be a people who stand for what is right and true and are not known for doing nothing.
- Give thanks for all those who serve us in the church: take time to think of them and thank our Father for them.
- Pray that we will become a people of prayer: where the battles as are really won - at our Lord's feet.

Ruth

## The Message

Make a careful explanation of who you are and the work you have been given and then sink yourself into that.

Don't be impressed with yourself.

Don't compare yourself with others.

Each of you must take responsibility for doing the creative best you can with your own life.

Galatians 6 v4 & 5  
'The Message'  
Gwen Taylor

***Let your days be mine to order.  
Where I lead obedient be.  
Let your own desires be nothing;  
Only seek to follow Me.***

Anon ***Gwen Taylor***

## Praying to be Fruitful

Following the recent pruning that God's been doing with Hattersley Community Church I mentioned in last month's edition, we are pressing on in prayer so that we bear much fruit.

*"every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit"*  
(John 15:2).

Please join us for as much as you can of the following to seek God together.

Jim

### PRAYER

### REGULAR

### WHOLE CHURCH

### GATHERINGS

**7-8 am Sundays**  
4 Worthington Close, Hattersley (Michael & Sylvia's)

**9:30-11 am Wednesdays**  
4 Worthington Close, Hattersley (Michael & Sylvia's)

**7-10 pm Wednesday**  
**13 Feb\* / 27 Feb / 13 Mar\***  
**27 Mar / 10 Apr\* / 24 Apr**  
(\* prayer with fasting)  
Hattersley Baptist Church, Melandra Crescent

"My house shall be called a house of prayer"



## Jigsaw - Coming Soon

**Have you ever wondered where you fit in the body of Christ, what role you could play in the church, or how you might contribute to the Kingdom of God?**

Would you like to get involved more, but don't know what, if anything, you have to offer?

Do you feel frustrated because there does not seem to be any place for your skills and abilities to be used.

**You are not alone!**

If this is you, look out for the Jigsaw Course which we shall begin to run in the church over the next few months. This course will take a few evenings to help you work out your unique shape in the Kingdom of God by looking at your passion(s), your spiritual gift(s), your personality type, your availability, your experience and your spiritual maturity to begin to describe possible "ministry" areas that you might consider!

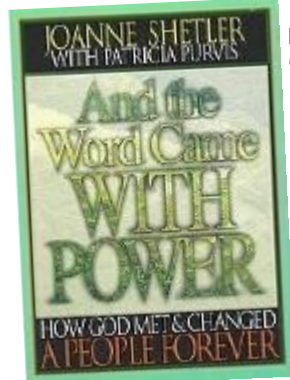
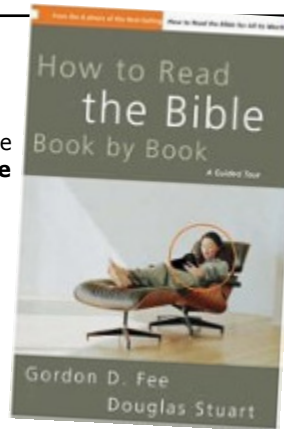
Martyn

# Worth a Read

**Do you find the Bible difficult to read? Are parts of it confusing and mysterious? Do you want to have a better grasp of the books of the Bible?**

One resource I have found both accessible and helpful in my study of the Scriptures is **"How to Read the Bible Book by Book"** by **Gordon Fee and Douglas Stuart**. This book is available in hardback, paperback and Kindle editions.

For each book, data is provided giving details of the author, the recipients, the date it was written and a brief summary of the emphasis and the contents. Following an overview of the book, specific advice is given as to how to approach the book (setting the historical scene and identifying the main issues and themes raised). Finally, the reader is "walked" through the book in sections to highlight the main sections of the book and the things to look out for.



**Does God still work today like we read in the New Testament? Can miracles still happen?**

To hear a modern account of the power of the Gospel, read this inspiring account of God's transformation of an entire northern Philippine tribe, the Balangao, through the faithful witness of a couple of ordinary ladies. **"And the Word Came with Power"** by **Joanne Shelter and Patricia Purvis** is available in paperback only.

This book is easy to read, fast paced and, to use a technical term, "unputdownable" as the Bible is taken seriously and hostile powers are broken by the power of God through prayer and simple obedience to the Scriptures.

**Do you want to be a more faithful and effective follower of Jesus Christ?**

Then hear about the Christian faith from a Chinese perspective from a man who spent the last 20 years of his remarkable life in prison, suffering for his faith in Communist China. **"Sit, Walk, Stand"** was first written in 1957 by **Watchman Nee** based on his sermons, and continues to be very influential today. It is available in paperback and Kindle edition.

This remarkable short book provides a summary of the believer's life based on Ephesians. It contains some significant insights into how a believer can face the challenges of living in this world from the position of being seated in another world!!

Read this book and take its message seriously and it is unlikely that you will be the same again.

*Martyn*



## Late LOUNGE

So the end of January saw the start of a 'new look' Friday night with our youth work. YPG is now solely for secondary school pupils aged 12-16, finishing at 9pm and from 9.30-11pm we now have the 'late lounge' for 16+'s. We knew God was leading us in this direction, but our question was.. 'how will the youth respond?'



Well... Within the third week of change, YPG had 53 young people in one evening! That's the most people we've ever had and is a huge encouragement and a real answer to prayer!

However, please continue to pray for us as a team that we will have God's equipping and wisdom to be able to responsibly manage such large numbers and that they will continue to come. Also, that there will still be the capacity to build meaningful relationships with the young people and opportunities to share the gospel with them.

Late Lounge has also been really encouraging the way the older youth are adapting to a more mature environment and week by week the numbers are growing. The room is transformed with the new décor and it's great to be able to focus on the older ones in such a relaxed way. Whether playing pool, cards, guitar or just having a 'brew' with them. Late Lounge is proving itself to be the perfect atmosphere to strengthen our relationships with the older youth and, God willing, spark up new ones as it grows.

**At MEC our Sunday morning youth have been spending the past weeks looking at evidence for the reliability of the bible, the claims it makes and Gods Big Plan to save His people (including us!).**

Whilst looking into the authenticity of the gospels I read how, when considering other ancient works of literature the New Testament seriously stands apart. I found the following results pretty mind blowing considering how the world doesn't seem to take issue with the reliability of the other works but will do its best to try to tear scripture apart.

Caesar - 10 copies found - 1000 year gap from originally written.

Tacitus - 20 copies - 1000 year gap

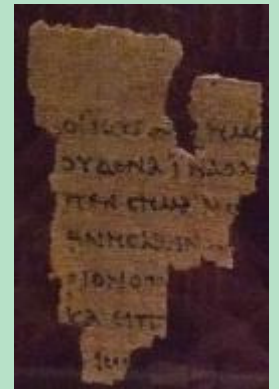
Plato - 7 copies - 1200 year gap

New Testament - over 5,000 copies - less than 100 to 300 year gap!

(And that's just the original Greek ones found. There are actually over 24,000 fragments and copies in different languages that have been found, that again stand apart in their closeness to when originally written in comparison to the other 'great' works).

We took the youth to see the oldest recorded fragment (verses from John's gospel) that lives in our very own John Rylands library in Manchester and dates to around 125AD.

So next time you pick up your bible remember that your holding the most reliable account of ancient history the world has ever known. But of course... You already knew that



**In January the 'one' youth service was held at Ashton Nazarene.** Instead of a guest speaker we had a guest panel and held a Q&A session. On the panel was Judy Parker, Eddie Inglis and some guy called Martyn Cooling. It was a fantastic evening and the crowd were extremely engaged as issues of sex, science and suffering were raised.

We also surprised Martyn with an 'I'm a celebrity' bush tucker trial with some of the youth. Needless to say he threw the tripe, lamb kidney and crickets down his throat like chocolate buttons. We'll get you one day Mr Cooling!

The next 'one' event will be held at Holy Trinity, Stalybridge on march 3rd.

*Debs*

## Mums' Bible Study

Thank you to all of you, who have asked about, prayed about, donated toys to and supported the Mum's Bible Study within the church. We have appreciated your prayers and been blessed by your care for us in lots of ways.

Last term we decided to look at various women in the Bible and spent time looking at the way their faith shaped and formed their decisions and how God was able to use them. This term we have been looking at what resources God has placed in our hands that we can use for the benefit of His kingdom in the various places we find ourselves. We are working our way through a course called "Jigsaw" which helps us to recognise the "shape" God has made us and our unique role in His Kingdom. It has been lovely to have the chance to share our hearts and God-given passions for a wide variety of issues and groups within our society.

We would like to say a big thank you to Dorothy Kelly and Katie Kay who have volunteered to mind the children whilst the mums have an hour to study around the Bible together. We have a core group of 6 mums and 11 children at present. It would be great if we could cover for weeks when Dorothy or Katie are not available. If you feel this may be something you want to do please talk to me or send me an email. We meet on Wednesdays during term time and your help would be needed from 1pm until 3pm.

On behalf of all the members of our group thank you again for your care and encouragement.

*Susan*



## Roger Carswell at The Hub



If you went to the outreach events at The HUB on the evenings of January 21st & 22nd you will have experienced and played a part in fulfilling the scriptural instructions of Paul to Timothy when he said,

*Preach the Word ... do the work of an evangelist ... discharge all the duties of your ministry.* 2 Timothy 4:2-5

If you didn't then you missed out on some serious fun and fellowship amongst believers and non-believers from churches within our local community and further afield ... all wrapped up in strong faith-filled testimonies by Robin Oake (whose son was killed on duty with Manchester Police) and John Mosey (whose daughter was killed in the Lockerbie plane bombing).

The gospel was proclaimed by evangelist Roger Carswell, and various church servants discharged their ministerial duties with friendship, coffee, tea - and cakes that did nothing for our waistlines and cholesterol levels. Faith was strengthened lives were recommitted to Christ and some were re-born!

**Should we do it again ?**

What a daft question ... OF COURSE WE SHOULD ... we are told to

*Preach the Word ... do the work of an evangelist ... discharge all the duties of your ministry.*

*Peter Copestake*



## Tim and Laura Tucker



Dear church family in Mottram and Hattersley,

Greetings from the sunshine in Pretoria. We got back to South Africa two weeks ago having spent a really great couple of months in England. The children were particularly pleased with the snow that we had for the last couple of weeks... and we did plenty of sledging and snowball fighting!

We just wanted to write to say what a blessing it was to us to be in Hattersley/Mottram for that week before Christmas. We were really encouraged by our time with you and enjoyed being involved in a number of church events. Our only regret is that the time was too short to spend good time with everyone... We had hoped to be able to return again once more later on in our visit - but the combination of the weather, some ill health with the kids, and a packed schedule made it impossible.

Please be in prayer for us as we push on in 2013. It will be a year of change for us and we will send out updates regarding this in due course. We thank God for His faithfulness to us and are humbled by the love and support you all continue to show us.

We really appreciate your ongoing prayers for our family and ministry. If you do not receive our updates, and would like to, then please email me and we'll add you to our prayer list: [timtucker@ais-africa.co.za](mailto:timtucker@ais-africa.co.za)

*Yours in Christ,  
Tim, Laura and Family*

*Late*  
**LOUNGE**



*Online*



*bonus*



**REAL LIVES** 



# What, Where, When and Who

*What happens in and around our Churches, When it happens, Where it takes place and Who to contact for more details and to volunteer.*

<b>Sundays</b>	(see Diary Dates for full details)	<b>Wednesdays</b>
10.30 am	<b>Mottram Morning Worship</b> MEC, Stalybridge Road Martyn Cooling 01457 238016 martyn@mottramec.co.uk	9.30 am <b>HCC Prayer</b> to 11.00 am 4 Worthington Close, Hattersley. Sylvia Garry 0161 368 0952
10.30 am	<b>Hattersley Morning Worship</b> Pinfold Primary School, Hattersley Jim Solomon 07985 029115	6.00 pm <b>MEC/HCC Lads Cell</b> to 7.30 pm MEC (13 to 17's) Simon Davidson 07770 427313 or Dave Kendrick 07510 599676
6.30 pm To 8.00 pm	<b>Ish (18-25's)</b> Debs F 07446 893445	8.00 pm <b>Small Groups</b> to 10.00 pm Various locations. HCC Jim Solomon 07985 029115, MEC Martyn Cooling 01457 238016
7.00 am To 8.00 am	<b>HCC Prayer</b> 4 Worthington Close, Hattersley. Michael Garry 0161 368 0952	8.00 pm <b>HCC Worship Group</b> MEC Via Jim Solomon 07985 029115
<b>Monday to Friday</b>		<b>Thursdays</b>
9.15 am to 12.15 pm School term	<b>Little Gems Pre-School</b> MEC Stella Taylor 01457 764113	10.00 am <b>MEC Womens Prayer &amp; Bible Group.</b> to 12 noon School term MEC Alison Fewster 01457 762676
<b>Mondays</b>		6.30 pm <b>Kids 4 Christ</b> to 8.00 pm School term MEC (Junior school age) Jim Towell 0161 330 9058. jim@towells.info
7.45 pm (2nd Mon of Month)	<b>Tearfund Prayer Meeting</b> Venue varies. Shirley Brierley 01457 764700	8.00 pm <b>MEC Worship Group</b> MEC Alan Kendrick 01457 853747
<b>Tuesdays</b>		<b>Fridays</b>
10.30 am to 12.30 pm School term	<b>Tuesday Caf�</b> MEC Janet Loader 01457 763759	6.30 pm <b>Young People's Group</b> to 8.00 pm School Term MEC (Secondary Age) Debs F 07446 893445
4.30 pm To 6.00 pm School Term	<b>The Girlee Crew</b> MEC Louise Lee 01457 762173	9.30 pm <b>Late Lounge</b> To 11.00 pm MEC (16 to 21 years) Debs F 07446 893445 Simon Davidson 07770 427313
9.00 pm to 10.00 pm	<b>Football Outreach</b> Ken Ward Centre, Hattersley. Dave Kendrick 07510 599676	

# Mission and Miscellany



## Prayer for FRANCE



I was a stranger and you welcomed me

**France Mission Trust** have linked into the **Women's World Day of Prayer on March 1st.**

The world day of prayer is focussing on France for 2013 and we have decided to join in. There will be a Prayer Meeting on Friday March 1st from 7.30 – 9pm (maybe at Alan and Jenny's).

**All are welcome, not just ladies!**

### Bric-a-brac Wanted and any items to sell

We are having a market stall again this month: so any articles for sale please give to Alan, Jenny or Ruth please. Last time we raised £300 towards Tanzania!

**Ruth and Tanzania (UK) Trust**

### Thank You

for your cards and messages, kind thoughts and flowers, but most of all your prayers



**Andrea**

### Insight

I hope you are enjoying the new colour printed version of Insight. We are delighted to offer it to you, but it does come at a cost. It will of course vary but on average it costs around 40p per copy and is totally funded via church funds. So please bear this in mind and only take printed copies when you need them.

### Online Bonus!

Have you viewed Insight online yet? View it via the MEC website or the PDF some of you will be finding it in your email inbox each month. It saves us money, so please only pick up a paper copy if you really need one.

Our online bonus this month are more Late Lounge pictures.

### 2013 Directory

Please note that the directory has some incorrect information:-

For James and Emma Allen it should be:-

James: james@allen-mail.com

Emma: emma@allen-mail.com

For Paul Barlow it should read:-

pwbbarlow@hotmail.co.uk

Please remember to notify me of any changes as and when they happen.

**Thanks, Martyn Catterall**

Rarely used **single bed available** – mattress and divan. **Alan and Jenny.**



### Articles for Insight—Sorry! We can't be everywhere!

If you have photos or reports on Mottram or Hattersley church events, please send them to us for including in **Insight**

**stephen\_winfield@btopenworld.com**

**4 Hall Drive, Mottram, SK14 6LH 01457 764753**

See the Diary Dates for the copy deadline.

**Stephen & Margaret Winfield**

# March Diary Dates

<b>Fri 1st</b>	MEC	7.30 pm	Mission Prayer France (venue T.B.C.)
<b>Sat 2nd</b>	MEC	10.00 am	Christianity Explored Away Day, Magdalene Centre
<b>Sun 3rd</b>	MEC	10.10 am	Mottram Sunday Prayer
	MEC	10.30 am	Mottram Morning Worship and Lord's Supper
	HCC	10.30 am	Hattersley Morning Worship
	MEC	4.30 pm	What If? Prayer
<b>Mon 4th</b>	MEC	7.00 pm	Christianity Explored Session 5
<b>Sun 10th</b>	MEC	10.10 am	Mottram Sunday Prayer
	MEC	10.30 am	Mottram Morning Worship
	HCC	10.30 am	Hattersley Morning Worship and Lord's Supper
	MEC	4.30 pm	Prayer 4 Youth
	MEC	7.00 pm	Broadbottom Prayer Action Group, Magdalene Centre
<b>Mon 11th</b>	MEC	7.00 pm	Christianity Explored Session 6
<b>Wed 13th</b>	HCC	7.00 pm	Whole Church Prayer Gathering with Fasting
<b>Sat 16th</b>	MEC	10.00 am	Shoiab Ebadi. An Afghani Christian with a story to tell.
<b>Sun 17th</b>			<b>April Insight Deadline</b>
	MEC	10.10 am	Mottram Morning Prayer
	MEC	10.30 am	Mottram Morning Worship and Lord's Supper
	HCC	10.30 am	Hattersley Morning Worship
	UTD	7.00 pm	Steakhouse
<b>Mon 18th</b>	MEC	7.00 pm	Christianity Explored Session 7
<b>Tue 19th</b>	MEC	7.45 pm	Prayer for Prodigals
<b>Sun 24th</b>	MEC	10.10 am	Mottram Morning Prayer
	MEC	10.30 am	Mottram Morning Worship
	HCC	10.30 am	Hattersley Morning Worship
<b>Wed 27th</b>	HCC	7.00 pm	Whole Church Prayer Gathering with Fasting
<b>Good Friday 29th</b>	MEC	10.30 am	Good Friday Service of Contemplation and Lord's Supper
	HCC	10.30 am	Good Friday Service and Lord's Supper
<b>Easter Sunday 31st</b>			<b>April Insight</b>
	MEC	10.10 am	Mottram Morning Prayer
	HCC	10.30 am	Mottram Easter Morning and Baptismal Service
			Hattersley All Age Easter Celebration

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