

# Mottram Evangelical Church

*... a people preparing for the coming King*

# INSIGHT

February 2015



**Mottram Evangelical Church**

and

**Hattersley Community Church**

are interdependent churches who seek to be evangelical in their understanding and charismatic in their experience. Together we live to glorify God, serve his church and reach his world.

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**On the cover** As the January Insight went to press before we had finished celebrating, we feature two events from Christmas. We have the Matinee Crew enjoying their afternoon at the Roman Lakes and Mrs S leading the Hyde and Stalybridge football supporters in a rendition of Silent Night.

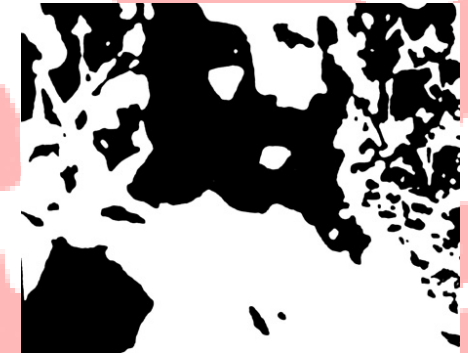


**Hattersley**  
COMMUNITY CHURCH

**Jim Solomon**

**Pastor, Hattersley Community Church**

# Knowing ALL of Jesus in 2015



**Hattersley Community Church's focus Bible verse for this year is taken from Philippians 3:10.**

It's about **knowing Jesus** in **both** the power of His resurrection **and** in the fellowship of His sufferings.

It's about knowing Jesus in the times of blessing and overflow as well as the times of opposition and oppression.

**It's tempting to try to know only half of Jesus (the bits we like or feel comfortable with!).**

Some focus so much on the power of the Holy Spirit that they are tempted to deny the reality of problems, illness, etc in their lives. Others know all too well how God can use times of suffering to shape their character that they lose faith that their situation can ever change. If we don't know Jesus in both His resurrection power and in the fellowship of His suffering then we'll never fully know Him. If we don't fully know Him then we will inevitably display an incomplete picture of Jesus to the outside world.

Jesus leads us through different seasons so that we get to know Him fully. At HCC we're sensing that Jesus is leading us through a season of knowing Him more in His resurrection power.

When Jesus left earth to return to heaven He left his disciples with these words:

*"you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you" (Acts 1:8)*

That was the promise and it resulted in an amazing release of power when the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the early church. Thousands were swept into the church in a single day; people were healed, set free and raised from the dead.

So what did the early church do to see the promise realised and what can we do if we want to know more of Jesus' power? The answer is found in Acts 1:14:

*"All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer"*

**Prayer is the key to releasing the power of God in the church.**

The Lord is seeking a church whose hearts are totally fixed upon Him. A church who, above all else, are devoted to seeking God. A church who are united in crying out for God's kingdom to come. This sort of praying church calls down heaven. It's through this sort of prayer that the church experiences resurrection power and the world is transformed. It's through this sort of prayer that we know God's power sustaining us in suffering and God's power in bringing miraculous releases.

This year may I encourage us all to pray. Pray by yourself, pray with your family but don't neglect the church prayer meeting. There is power when God's people purposefully come together in united, passionate prayer in Jesus' name. For those at HCC, we're holding monthly prayer meetings on Friday evenings from 7 to 11pm; please make an effort to attend.

**Whatever church you're from please devote yourself this year to passionately praying together so that we all come to know Jesus more fully and the world will see a clear picture of who Jesus really is.**

**Jim**

## The Message

Since God has assured us, "I'll never let you down, never walk off and leave you," we can boldly quote,

God is there ready to help;  
I'm fearless no matter what.  
Who or what can get to me?

Hebrews 13 v5 & 6  
**Gwen Taylor**

### ***Prayer before battle***

***"O Lord, Thou knowest how busy I must be this day.  
If I forget Thee, do not forget me."***

Jacob Astley, 1st Baron Astley of Reading (1579 – February 1652) was a Royalist commander in the English Civil War  
**Gwen Taylor**



*For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be  
quiet, until her righteousness goes  
forth as brightness, and her salvation  
as a burning torch. Isaiah 62:1*

#### **2015 Dates**

13th February  
13th March  
10th April  
8th May  
12th June  
10th July  
11th September  
9th October  
13th November  
11th December

A call to the whole of Hattersley Community Church to gather together in Jesus' name, to give thanks and to pray for spiritual breakthrough in our church, community and world.

**Second Friday of every month, 7-11pm  
@ Hattersley Baptist Church, Hattersley,  
SK14 3RB**



**As part of our regular weekly meeting for worship, teaching and fellowship at MEC, we want to make some time for prayer ministry for any member of the congregation who wishes to receive it.**

This prayer ministry can be for anything you want: for healing (physical, relational or emotional), to "seal" something that God has been speaking with you about, for a particular situation you may be facing, or any other reason!

If you would like to receive such prayer, please sit on the front row of seats near the band area at the end of the meeting, and someone from the prayer ministry team will come and pray with and for you. Please be sensitive to the fact that people will be praying in that area at the end of the meetings, and try to avoid making too much noise in that part of the building!

The members of the prayer ministry team have received some initial training and will continue to receive input to help them grow in their ability to listen to the Holy Spirit and pray in line with what he reveals. Over time, we would like to grow this aspect of the church's ministry of care to one another. If you would like to become part of this team, please let Liz Benstead know. You will need some training and there are some other requirements which you will need to satisfy, but we want to encourage many people to play a part in this aspect of church life!

**Martyn**

**Lovely Mottram Men's Breakfast  
Saturday 14th February, 8 to 9.45 am**

**Please let Martyn Catterall know if you intend to be there, so that we make enough toast**

**Mighty Longdendale Ladies Breakfast  
Saturday 21st February, 8 to 9.45 am**

**Please contact Liz Benstead by Thursday 19th February to book a breakfast.**

### Pastoral Support Team

One aspect of our vision and calling together as a church is to be "digging deeper", both in terms of putting down deep roots into Christ and also in authentic, and loving relationships with one another. Part of this involves practical and spiritual care for one another – and this is something that every one of us can be involved in! Just consider the "one another" commands in the NT to see the huge variety of ways in which we are called to work out our care for one another.

If you are in need of support, please remember that the first point of contact is your small group leader. The idea is not that the small group leaders do all the work of providing pastoral support, but that they ensure that practical and spiritual needs are cared for within the context of small groups. If you are not part of the small group network, you are denying yourself one of the richest and most enjoyable aspects of being part of the Body of Christ! See the separate article in Insight – and seriously consider becoming part of such a group.



However, we recognise that for a variety of reasons, not everyone is able to be part of these groups and that we need a support system to provide pastoral care. This is not something that one person can provide in a church the size of MEC – it needs a team of suitably "qualified" people and this is where the Pastoral Support Team comes in. This team of around 10 people is now being co-ordinated by Sue Lancashire, following the departure of Gill Barrett to

pastures new. If you need some help, do make your need known to Sue, and she will ensure that appropriate support is provided.

Should you wish to play a part in serving the church in this way, do let Sue or Liz be aware of this, and we will take steps to look for ways to make this possible. And do remember to pray for this team, that they will know God's power and presence in all they do to care for those in need.

### Prayer and Vision Evenings

We will continue to hold our prayer and vision evenings on the third Wednesday of each month (please note that this is a change from the pattern in 2014). On these evenings, our small group meetings will not meet and instead we will gather



as a church to consider together how to move forward with all that God is calling us to do for the next few years. We will also take the opportunity to pray together as a church community about the issues that are raised.

The next one of these evenings will be on Wednesday 18th February at 8 pm. Do come along and be prepared to participate in discussions with a few others about the issue in hand, and to pray through any matter that God impresses on our hearts on that occasion.

### Small Group Ministry

One of the values we share in MEC is the importance of every member of the church community playing their part in helping the whole body to grow up to full health and filled with love (Ephesians 4:16).

One of the key ways in which this will be achieved is by each member of the church community becoming part of a small group. It is in the context of small groups

that many of the foundations of faith are established in our lives. Indeed it is the goal of our small groups to encourage spiritual growth as the power of the gospel is allowed to transform us into ever-increasing Christlikeness.

The small groups of 8 – 15 people are places where the Bible is applied to our lives through mutual teaching and warning, where pastoral care can be given to one another lovingly and truthfully, where the work of the Spirit can be released into our lives for worship and witness and where deep and authentic relationships can be formed with others in the church.



If you would like to explore being part of a small group, please do not hesitate to contact Martyn Cooling or Liz Benstead and we will arrange for you to find out more about what these groups are all about!

**Martyn**

# Matinee Christmas Outing



**We rounded off our Monday Matinee Christmas celebrations with a trip to the beautiful Roman Lakes Tea Room in Marple, who were excited to put on an event especially for our Matinee friends.**



After winding round the 'pot holed' roads in our two packed minibuses, we were warmly greeted into the vintage tea rooms. With our mince pies and mulled wine we spent the afternoon enjoying the wonderful sounds of Barbershop Quartet 'Four in Accord'.



It was a lovely way to end the year and we received a 'thank you' card from one of our regulars who commented '*it was so great to visit the place where we spent so much time when we were younger*'.

**The Matinee Team**



# Silent Night at Hyde Football Club



2014 was the centenary of the start of the First World War. To mark the event and to remember the great sacrifice of so many a hundred years ago, Sports Chaplaincy UK linked up with Hope14 to hold Silent Night Carol Services in sports stadia across the UK.



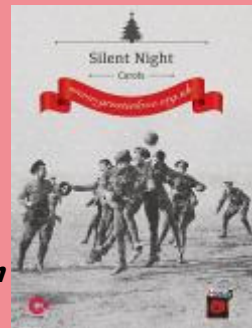
In my role as Chaplain of the club, I was given the opportunity to organise such an event at Hyde FC. This took place on Boxing Day immediately before Hyde FC's 3pm home game against Stalybridge Celtic

Thanks to all those who helped out and prayed for the Silent Night event. Attendance was 756 and we managed to hand out John's Gospels to virtually every fan plus staff.



Please continue to pray for fruit.

**Jim**



## 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)	9.30 am to 11.30 am	<b>Mums' Bible Study</b> MEC Susan Cooling 01457 238016
10.30 am	<b>Mottram Morning Worship</b> MEC, Stalybridge Road Martyn Cooling 01457 238016 martyn@mottramec.co.uk	10.00 am	<b>Men's Group</b> MEC 2nd Weds of month Paul Barlow 0161 366 8531
10.30 am	<b>Hattersley Morning Worship</b> Pinfold Primary School, Hattersley Jim Solomon 07985 029115	6.00 pm to 7.30 pm	<b>MEC/HCC Lads Cell</b> MEC (13 to 17's) Simon Davidson 07770 427313
<b>Monday</b>		8.00 pm to 10.00 pm	<b>Small Groups</b> Various locations. MEC Martyn Cooling 01457 238016
2.00 pm to 4.00 pm	<b>Mottram Monday Matinee</b> MEC Debs F 07446 893445	<b>Thursdays</b>	
7.00 pm to 8.30 pm	<b>Church Aloud</b> MEC Louise Lee 01457 762173	10.00 am to 12 noon	<b>MEC Womans' Prayer &amp; Bible Group.</b> MEC Susan Cooling 01457 238016
7.45 pm (2nd Mon of Month)	<b>Tearfund Prayer Meeting</b> Venue varies. Shirley Brierley 01457 764700	6.30 pm to 8.00 pm	<b>Kids 4 Christ</b> MEC (Junior school age) Jim Towell 0161 330 9058. jim@towells.info
<b>Tuesdays</b>		7.00 pm to 8.30 pm	<b>Lifecentre Youth Group</b> The Hub Rivkah 07990 747627
11.15 am to 12.45 pm	<b>Tuesday Café</b> MEC Linda Winson 01457 764225	7.00 pm to 9.00 pm	<b>Create Street Dance</b> The Hub Rivkah 07990 747627 (8-12y 7pm, 13y+ 8pm)
5.15 pm to 6.30 pm	<b>Rock Chicks</b> Meeting Place (10-14's) Sam Patterson 07870 984863	8.00 pm	<b>MEC Worship Group</b> MEC Susan Cooling 01457 238016
<b>Wednesdays</b>			
10.15 am to 11.30 am	<b>HCC Prayer</b> 4 Worthington Close, Hattersley. Sylvia Garry 0161 368 0952		

## Miscellany

**Hospitality required for two ladies and one gentleman.**

They are coming to the UK from Cape Town with Tim and Laura for the Message Proximity Conference in Sharston.

They will need accommodation from Tuesday 12th May until Tuesday 19th May.

It will be a great opportunity to support and get to know some key workers in the Eden Project in Salt River, South Africa. **Alan Smith**



### A Piece of Concrete Required

Does anyone have an unwanted 3' by 2' paving slab that the Smivvies can take off your hands?  
Thank you" **Alan and Jenny**

(I would think that if you had a paving slab on your hands you would be fairly well trapped and need rescuing! - Ed)



### United Service

We will all be meeting at Pinfold School on Sunday 15th February for our United Service which will include the dedication of the Davidson Family. All are welcome.



The March *Insight* Copy Deadline will be on Sunday 22nd February and the printed version should be ready to collect on Sunday 1st March.

**Stephen and Margaret**

**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 and Margaret Winfield**



# February Diary Dates



<b>Sun 1st</b>	HCC MEC MEC HCC	9.45 am 10.10 am 10.30 am 10.30 am	Hattersley Sunday Prayer Prayer 4 Church Mottram Morning Worship and Lord's Supper Hattersley Morning Worship	
<b>Mon 2nd</b>	MEC	7.00 pm	Christianity Explored: Session 3 	
<b>Wed 4th</b>	HCC MEC	7.30 pm various	Whole Church Bible Study (at HBC) MEC Small Group Meetings	
<b>Sun 8th</b>	HCC MEC MEC HCC MEC	9.45 am 10.10 am 10.30 am 10.30 am 4.30 pm	Hattersley Sunday Prayer Prayer 4 Church Mottram Morning Worship Hattersley Morning Worship Prayer 4 Youth	
<b>Mon 9th</b>	MEC	7.00 pm	Christianity Explored: Session 4 	
<b>Wed 11th</b>	MEC MEC	10.00 am various	MEC Men's Group MEC Small Group Meetings	
<b>Fri 13th</b>	HCC	7.00 pm	7-11 Prayer Night (at HBC to 11 pm)	
<b>Sat 14th</b>	MEC	8.00 am	Mottram Mighty Men's Breakfast	
<b>Sun 15th</b>	HCC UTD	9.45 am 10.30 am	Hattersley Sunday Prayer United Worship at HCC (Pinfold School) including the dedication of Family Davidson	
<b>Mon 16th</b>	MEC	7.00 pm	Christianity Explored: Session 5 	
<b>Tue 17th</b>	MEC	7.45 pm	Prayer 4 Prodigals	
<b>Wed 18th</b>	MEC	8.00 pm	MEC Prayer and Vision Evening	
<b>Sat 21st</b>	MEC	8.00 am	Lovely Longendale Ladies Breakfast	
<b>Sun 22nd</b>	HCC MEC MEC HCC	9.45 am 10.10 am 10.30 am 10.30 am	<b>March Insight Deadline</b> Hattersley Sunday Prayer Prayer 4 Church Mottram Morning Worship Hattersley Morning Worship and Lord's Supper	
<b>Wed 25th</b>	MEC	various	MEC Small Group Meetings	
<b>Sun 1st March</b>	HCC MEC MEC HCC	9.45 am 10.10 am 10.30 am 10.30 am	<b>March Insight</b> Hattersley Sunday Prayer Prayer 4 Church Mottram Morning Worship and Lord's Supper Hattersley All Age Worship	

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