

Sunday 18th December 2016

THIS MORNING

John-James McGregor

is the director of the **children's Nativity** and after the performance he will be sharing about the true meaning of Christmas

Welcome!

Welcome to everyone! A special warm welcome if you are visiting us for the first time. We hope you have a great morning and meet with God.

Visitors

You are invited to a drink and a cake after the church service at the **back of the hall**. We would love to know you and be in touch!

Youth This Morning

The youth will be staying in this morning.

Christmas Day Meeting

Christmas Day Sunday – We shall have a shorter meeting **next Sunday** than usual **10:30am – 11:30am**. Please feel free to bring along family and friends. Merry Christmas!

Church updates

Do you receive church emails during the week? If you don't, either we don't have your email or we hold an **incorrect email address** for you. Please provide Dave with your email address or email office@gracechurch.org.uk and request to be included on church mailing list. We desire to keep you informed of all church developments at all times.

A Miracle in Town

This is the morning we have been waiting for – the **children's nativity!** Seat back, relax and enjoy the singing and the re-living of the story of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Prayer Meeting

Tonight we shall be praying for the work of **Urban Outreach**. We would love to see everyone at the meeting particularly those of you who **work/volunteer** for Urban Outreach.

New Year's Eve Party

Saturday 31st Dec 7:30pm - We would love to see your **non-Christian friends**, neighbours and colleagues at our **New Year's Eve Party** here at the Grace Centre. There will be games, a quiz, **London fireworks on big screens**, gluten free and veggie curry available.

Moms Group

Thursday 19th January 10am – 11:30am - All moms you are invited to a time of **encouragement** and a chance to **chat** and **pray** for each other, here at the Grace Centre. For more info talk to **Beth**.

LifeGroups

We really want to serve you and LifeGroups provide a **great place** to do so. In **LifeGroups** we get to know you and you to know people in the church that little bit more. LifeGroups are also a **great opportunity** to worship, eat and discuss things together. We have a number of groups who meet during the week. Please speak to **Tuzzle & Yvonne** or **Keith & Sue** if you would like to be part of a **LifeGroup** in the new year.

1st January Service

Sunday 1st January 10am - We shall start the **New Year** as a church by **sharing communion** together. And **Rob** shall give the 2017 **first preach** – setting the tone! There shall be **no prayer meeting** in the evening.

Christmas Cards

Instead of buying Christmas cards for the **whole church** you will see some string in the main hall where you can write a **Christmas message** to the church and hang it. **Carole** has very kindly made some baubles that you can **decorate and write on**. The money that you would have spent on the Christmas cards you can donate to the **Zambia Streetlife Project**.

Christmas Dinner

Tuzzle and Yvonne have very kindly offered to host a Christmas Day dinner here at the **Grace Centre**. If you would like to join them please can you let **them or Dave know** so we know how many people to cater for. And if you can **bring something** like roast potatoes or helping out with the washing up **that would be great**.

Thank you

Thank you to **everyone** that helped out at the **Carol Service** on Sunday evening. It was a great evening and visitors commented on how **warm and friendly** we were.

CONNECT

Why not join us on Facebook www.facebook.com/gracechurchbolton Follow us on Twitter @thegracecentre

Church Office

We are open, as usual, in the New Year from **Tuesday, 3rd January**. However the office will be closed from this **Friday, 23rd December** to **Friday 30th December**. You have been an absolute great joy to serve the Lord with! Merry Christmas and a **blessed New Year** to you all.

Tithes & Offerings

Cheques are payable to **Bolton Family Church** - our former name. Many thanks for the **standing orders** and **bank transfers**.

Prayer & Fasting 2017

As a church we will be encouraging you all to join us in a week of **prayer** and **fasting** in January. You can see the dates and times on the church calendar, on the members area via the website.

Vision Morning

Sunday 8th January – That time again when we **reflect and look forward** to what the Lord wants his church to accomplish. This is a good opportunity for you to see **how you can get involved** with your church. The positive outcome of our **vision** relies on your participation.

Online Resources

You can find **previous sermons**, the church rota, the church calendar and notice sheets on the **church website**.

LifeGroup ON DUTY

This Week – **Sam's LG**

Next Week – **Merry Christmas!**

1st January – **Chris & Ali's LG**

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF OUR CHURCH?

To be a family on a mission: Serving God, one another and the community.

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

In addition to our Sunday morning meeting we meet midweek in homes in various locations, including a group for Youth

We also run Alpha, which is a great way of discovering more about the Christian faith. It provides clear Bible teaching in a friendly atmosphere - and with some lovely food!

You will be very welcome at any of these meetings.

WHAT IS THE VISION GOD HAS GIVEN US?

To be part of the Newfrontiers family of Churches, sharing in their worldwide vision and receiving apostolic and prophetic ministry. Within this we are part of the ChristCentral apostolic sphere.

To work with other Churches around Bolton in order to bring the gospel to our town.

To plant Churches and Life Groups totalling 1,000 people around Bolton. In January 2013 we planted Hope Church, Westhoughton and continue to work closely with them.

Grace Church
www.gracecentre.org.uk

ChristCentral
www.christcentralchurches.org

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December

25th - Christmas Service 10.30am
31st - New Year's Eve Party 7:30pm

January

1st - Bread & Wine 10am
7th - Healing on The Streets
8th - Vision Morning
19th - Moms' Group 10am
21st - Healing on The Streets

sunday morning at grace church

We hope that you feel at home, enjoy yourselves, and that you meet with God.

If you are a visitor or newcomer, feel free to visit our Welcome Table at the back of the hall for a brew, cake and a friendly chat.

Please also fill in a Next Step card so we can keep in touch, and take a information flyer that will tell you more about us.

Rough Guide

- 10.00 Welcome refreshments / Final rehearsal
- 10.30 Nativity time
- 11:30 Refreshments in lounge



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For further information, prayer, or other help: 01204 465 906

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