



Acre Mill Baptist Church

Newsletter : April 2014



Services	Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm
6 April Lunch	Rev John Prior	Alan Scholes <i>Communion</i>
13 April <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Shirley Cormack <i>Family Service</i>	Choir Musical 'Redemption'
18 April <i>Good Friday</i>	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Communion</i>	
20 April <i>Easter Day</i>	David Isherwood	Communion and Celebration
27 April <i>Ladies' Sunday</i>	Di Isherwood	Acre Mill Ladies
4 May	G Skilling	No Service May Day Weekend
11 May Lunch	Stephen Crook <i>Family Service</i>	Peter Webb
18 May	Ken Bowden <i>Communion</i>	Ben Bracewell
25 May	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Family Service</i>	No Service

Coming Up

See back page for our full **Easter Programme**



Good Friday Walk
12.30pm on Friday, 18 April - after the morning service.

Toddlers, CE, and Midweek have no meetings on the weeks commencing 7 and 14 April. The choir will have a rehearsal on Thursday 10 April but not on the 17th. Everything back to normal w/c 21 April.

Rubicon and the Drop In will continue over Easter without a break except for Good Friday

The next **Deacons' Meeting** is on Tues 29 April and the next **Church Meeting** is on Wed 7 May.

We have arranged another **bowling evening** on 6 June - cost and arrangements same as last time. Forms are now available in the Fellowship Room

March

Thanks go to everyone who helped at the **Spring Clean** last week. Don't forget that offers of help with cleaning, maintenance or gardening at any time are always very welcome.

The little cow has now received over £65 for the '**Send a Cow Project**' and sends her thanks to everyone.

We are making good progress with the **WW1 Memorial** and have found the base of a cup with the full names of the men inscribed which is now on display near the WW2 memorial. Please have a look at the file with the research and tell us if **you know anything** about the families of these men.

The **Easter Leaflets** are now ready for distribution and help getting these out to our neighbours would be much appreciated. There is a list of streets in the fellowship room - please let us know where you have delivered by signing. There are a number of spares, so please take some to **give to friends and family** who live outside the area.



Palm Sunday Musical.

The choir will present the musical '**Redemption - the Power of the Cross**' on Palm Sunday at 7.00pm. **Posters** to advertise the musical

will be available so please take one (or more) if you can deliver to local churches, places and organisations. To avoid duplication, please sign the **list in the Fellowship Room** to let us know if you have taken one and where it will be displayed

We are hoping to replace **three of the windows** on the West side of the church this year. They are on the side that gets the worst weather and are well past their best!

Ladies' Meetings

Our first speaker of the year was **Mrs Carol Gooder** and the message she brought us was based on "Memories" encouraging us to "remember the past - but don't live in it, and to look forward to the future"

The following speaker was **Mr Colin Crawforth**, a volunteer worker for International Aid Trust, the Christian charity to which we send our shoeboxes every Christmas. He brought us many slides of the service, support and work they do in lots of countries.



Once again we are taking up the **Shoebbox Appeal** and anyone wishing to join in can be provided with a shoebox and particulars. Also, as a one-off over the next 2 Sundays (30th March & 6th April), we are responding to the IAT appeal for clothing for the people in need in the countries they serve, and there **will be a container** in church for any contributions for which we pass on their thanks.

Next Meetings:

1st April - Margaret Kerr

15th April - Alison, from Homestart

29th April - Joan Nolan (an American Holiday)

Please Pray For

- Everyone facing or recovering from hospital treatment or illness.
- The Leprosy Mission and BMS
- The Easter leaflet - that it will have an impact.
- Rossendale Hospice
- The community organisations of our town
- Young people facing unemployment
- Our Easter Services
- All the Churches of Rossendale

Give Thanks For:

- Average Offerings of £320 pw so far in 2014
- Christian Teachers in local schools
- Answered prayers for healing
- Beautiful Spring weather (to come!)
- Easter Hope and our Church Family
- The young people and children of our Church
- Opportunities to share our faith
- Generous giving
- Everyone in the visiting programme
- More children at CBC



Your used postage stamps can help to transform lives around the world. The BMS Stamp Bureau raises over £12,000 each year for the work of **BMS WORLD**

MISSION. Please let **Christine Clegg** have your used postage stamps; she will parcel them up and forward them to BMS World Mission.



Flowers for April

6 April : Vacant

13 April : Peter & Christine in memory of Allan and Betty Webb

20 April : Vacant

27 April : Miriam Kelly in memory of her mother

Birthday Corner

Happy Birthday to all who have birthdays in April especially **Raiah Codd(6)** and **Rosy Bracewell(9)** on the 5th and to **Jack Clegg(11)** on the 19th.. Also celebrating birthdays are **Brenda Murray** on 17th April, **Jean Cormack** on the 30th and **Collette** on the 28th.



Good Friday Walk

After the service on **Good Friday** morning we will have a packed lunch at church (brew provided). Then we travel by car to **Hollingworth Lake** (lifts available if needed). There will be just one walk round the lake this year but there are some additional detours if anyone is feeling energetic. Suitable clothes and footwear, please.



Church Contact List We are updating our list of **contact details** and will be giving out



forms if you wish to be included. This is completely **voluntary** and all data kept by the church is confidential and controlled by the Data Protection Act.

Forms will be available this morning and a supply will be kept in the Fellowship Room.

Daniel and Terry are taking part in the Great Manchester Run (10k) on 18 May. Daniel is



running for Parkinson's UK and Terry for the British Heart Foundation. They will be **telling you more** about this soon and how you can support them.

Easter Programme

Palm Sunday : 10.30am Shirley Cormack

Family Service

7.00pm 'Redemption'

Good Friday : 10.15am Bacup Fellowship of Churches Service, St James' Square, Bacup

11.00 am Terry HJ, Communion

12.30pm (approx) Good Friday Walk

Easter Day : 10.30am David Isherwood

6.00pm Communion and Easter Praise



How are you doing with the 40 generous acts in Lent? www.40acts.org.uk/