



Acre Mill Baptist Church

Newsletter : April 2015



Services	Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm
3 April <i>Good Friday</i>	David Clegg <i>Communion</i>	
5 April <i>Easter Day</i>	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Family Service</i>	Communion and Celebration
12 April <i>Lunch</i>	Philip Bowden (Series 5)	David Clegg
19 April	Rev Martin Gooder <i>Communion</i>	Philip Webb
26 April <i>Ladies' Sunday</i>	Rev Sandra Crawford <i>NW Baptist Association</i>	Friendship Group
3 May	John Prior - (Series 6)	No Service
10 May	S Cormack Dedication Service	Ben Bracewell
17 May <i>Lunch</i>	David Clegg <i>Communion</i>	Stacksteads Methodist Anniversary 6.15
24 May	Baptism Service	No Service
31 May	Terry Haslam-Jones (Series 7)	Vision

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

Good Friday Walk 
11.15 on 3 April - after the morning service.

Toddlers, CE, Choir and Midweek have no meetings on the weeks commencing 30 March and 6 April. They resume the week commencing 13 April. **Rubicon and the Drop In** will continue over Easter without a break.

Family Party Friday April 24 6.30pm

The next **Deacons' Meeting** is on Tuesday 28 April and the next **Church Meeting** is on Wed 6 May.
On 7 May, the church will be in use as a polling station.

March Notes



Congratulations to **Bethany, Katie, Miriam and Rachel** on their baptism on 22 March. It was a joyful and encouraging occasion as they gave their testimonies and witnessed to their faith and commitment. We pray that they will continue to grow in **faith and trust** as they serve God in the future.

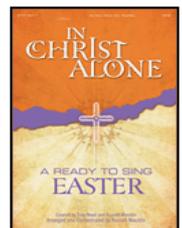
Another series of enquirers' classes will start after Easter with baptisms planned for **Whit Sunday, 24 May**. If you have been challenged and want to find more about baptism and discipleship, please come along. The meetings will be on Tuesday and/or Wednesday evenings.

About 1200 **Easter leaflets** have been distributed to homes near church - grateful thanks to everyone who helped. There are a number of leaflets left, so please take some to give to **friends and family** who live outside the area.

On 10 May, **Shirley Cormack** will be with us to lead the morning service which will include the dedication of **Noah Webb**.

Palm Sunday Musical.

At 7.00pm this evening the Choir presents the Easter Musical, '**In Christ Alone**' which tells the Easter story in song. Please come along and bring a friend (or several!). Thanks to everyone who took a poster for display



March Church Meeting

The **accounts** for 2014 were presented and approved with grateful thanks to John Chadwick our Independent Examiner. The annual review of the **Child Protection Policy** was carried out and **Jayne Webb** was appointed as our children's advocate. Everyone who works with children and vulnerable adults have current DBS checks.

Friendship Group



The Friendship Group held its **first meeting** of 2015 in March and it was encouraging to welcome some new friends. **Ben**

Bracewell read some dialect poems which were entertaining, funny and thought-provoking. Some of us even dared to try to read one or two as well! Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 14** at 2.00pm. when we will hear a talk about the origins of **our surnames**. Come along and find out what your surname means - bring a friend and enjoy a pleasant afternoon and a cuppa!

Easter Programme

Palm Sunday : 10.30am Peter Webb
7.00pm Musical - 'In Christ Alone'
Good Friday : 10.00 am David Clegg - Communion
11.15pm (approx) Good Friday Walk
Easter Day : 10.30am Terry HJ - Family Service
6.00pm Easter Praise and Communion

Please Pray For

- Everyone facing or recovering from hospital treatment
- Local and national political issues and the upcoming General Election
- The Leprosy Mission and BMS
- The Easter leaflet - that it will have an impact.
- Rossendale Hospice
- Contacts in the local community
- Young people looking for work
- The work of Vision
- The local Baptist Churches
- Grieving families



Give Thanks For:

- The four baptisms last month
- Average Offerings of £329 pw so far in 2015
- Generous giving
- Ministry in Music
- People with technical skills and knowledge
- Christian teachers in local schools
- Answered prayers for healing
- Beautiful Spring weather
- Easter Hope
- The Young People and Children of our Church



- **We are having** a Family party on Friday Evening, **24 April** from 6.30 to 8.30. There will be games and activities for the children and parents, and a quiz and quieter things for the more sedate! A supper will be provided.

Flowers for April

5 April : Easter Display
12 April : Peter & Christine in memory of Allan and Betty Webb
19 April : Vacant (Would anyone like this date?)
26 April : Miriam Kelly in memory of her Mum



Birthdays Happy Birthday to Jack Clegg whose birthday is on the 19th April. Also celebrating birthdays are Stephen Webb (10th), Sheila Bracewell (15th), Brenda Murray (17th), Miriam (27th), Jean Cormack (30th), and Collette on the 28th. Best Wishes to all of them and anyone with an April birthday.



Good Friday Walk

After the service on **Good Friday** morning (please note that this is at the earlier time of 10.00am) we will walk to Rawtenstall along the new **Greenway** and the **Irwell Valley Path**. This is an easy walk suitable for adults and children but is a bit muddy in places.



We will eat a packed lunch along the way and later be able to buy something to eat in Rawtenstall. There will be **lifts available** to get everyone back to Stacksteads afterwards. Please see Peter for details of the route and more information.

On 17 May we have been invited to join our friends at **Stacksteads Methodist Church** as they celebrate their anniversary, so there is no evening service at Acre Mill. Their service starts at 6.15pm



Congratulations to the children of CBC who have raised £35 for the Leprosy Mission '**Together we can climb Everest**' Project. A display is in the fellowship Room.



So far we have given £50 to this year's 'Send a Cow Project'. There is **still time** to feed the little cow before she goes off on her holidays!

At the last church meeting, it was decided to replace **TWO more windows** on the east side of the church. We are very grateful for some very generous donations which will now enable **all FOUR** windows to be replaced. Thank you so much! Also, thanks to John Curness for his advice and excellent workmanship.

