



# Acre Mill Baptist Church

## Newsletter : April 2017



	Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm
2 April	Rev John Prior	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Communion</i>
9 April <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Rob Winterbottom	Easter Musical 'Because he Lives' 7.00pm
14 April <i>Good Friday</i>	David Clegg <i>Communion</i>	
16 April <i>Easter Day</i>	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Family Service</i>	Communion and Easter Celebration
23 April <i>Communion</i>	Phil Bowden <i>Thessalonians Series 4</i>	'After Easter' Bible Study
30 April <i>Ladies' Sunday</i>	Jean Prior	No Service
7 May	Neil Hepworth	Stacksteads Methodists
14 May	Susan Weston	East Lancs Celebration
21 May <i>Lunch</i>		Terry Haslam-Jones
28 May	Peter Marland <i>Thessalonians Series 5</i>	No Service

**Coming Up**

Thursday morning March 30 - the choir are singing at Kay St 'Food For Thought' Service.

Palm Sunday is on 9 April and Easter Monday (Bank Holiday) on 17 April. **Most local schools** finish on 31 March and go back on 18 April. Most of our regular activities will be having break during this fortnight

**Rubicon** will continue without a break over Easter and the Drop In will meet on **7 April** but not on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

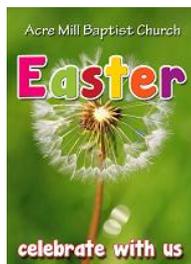
Our **Annual Carvery** at the Rose and Bowl is on 19 April at 6.00pm

The next **Deacons' Meeting** is on Tuesday 25 April and the next **Church Meeting** is on Wed 3 May.

On 4 May the church will be in use as a **polling station**.

It's great to welcome the family of **Presley Valentina Webb** to her dedication service today. Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy the buffet that the family has so kindly provided.

Tonight we are remembering and celebrating the role of **Mothers** in a special Mothering Sunday Service. It would be great if you could join us!



Over 1200 **Easter Leaflets** are ready for distribution to homes in Stacksteads. If you can help with the delivery, please sign the list of streets in the Fellowship Room so we know which addresses have been covered. The leaflets contain an Easter message, details of our Easter services and a list of weekly activities. **Please pray**

for the homes that receive one

### Church Annual General Meeting

The **accounts** for 2016 were presented and approved with grateful thanks to John Chadwick our Independent Examiner of accounts. The annual review of the **Child Protection Policy** was carried out.

We are planning another **Children's Mission** in August - more details to come.

Booking is still open for the **Family Carvery** on April 19<sup>th</sup> - Please see David for details

Many thanks for your donations to **Tear Fund** for their famine appeal which came to over £100. There is still time to give if you wish and there are envelopes at the back of church.

### Please Pray For

- Everyone recovering from hospital treatment
- Everyone affected by the attack in London
- Local and national political issues and the upcoming local Elections
- The Leprosy Mission and BMS
- The Easter leaflet - that it will be well received and have an impact.
- The work of Rossendale Hospice
- New contacts in the local community
- Young people looking for work
- The Baptist Churches of East Lancs



### Give Thanks For:

- Average Offerings of £332 pw so far in 2017
- A generous anonymous donation
- Ministry in Music
- People with technical skills and knowledge
- Christian teachers in local schools
- Answered prayers for healing
- Beautiful Spring weather
- Easter Hope -New Life, New Start
- The Young People and Children of our Church



**Family Orienteering** sessions at Stacksteads Riverside Park on 7 April 1.00-3.00pm. See Poster on the Noticeboard.

**In 2016** we were very pleased to receive **£3742** from HMRC as a result of the **Gift Aid Scheme**. The start of the new tax year is a good time to consider joining the scheme as we can reclaim 25% of everything that you give if you pay Income Tax.



Leaflets and envelopes are available with details and **David** will be very happy to tell you more! There are also some **spare envelopes** at the back of church for anyone who isn't able to join the Gift Aid scheme but would like to give a regular amount this way.

**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) and do our usual leisurely walk round the lake - hopefully finishing up at the Chip Shop! Suitable clothes and footwear, please.



### Flowers for April



2 April : Samantha Sproston in memory of her grandparents  
9 April : Peter & Christine in memory of Allan and Betty Webb  
17 April : Vacant  
23 April : Miriam Kelly in memory of her Mum

**Birthdays** Happy Birthday to Jack Clegg whose birthday is on the 19th April and Elliott Thomas whose birthday is the 14th. Also celebrating birthdays are Stephen Webb (10<sup>th</sup>), Sheila Bracewell (15<sup>th</sup>), Miriam (27<sup>th</sup>), Jean Cormack (30<sup>th</sup>), and Collette Banham on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Best Wishes to all of them and anyone with a birthday this month.

**On 7 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



**So far we have raised** £40 for this Easter's '**Send a Cow Project**'. Our target is £50. There is **still time** to feed the little cow on the piano before she goes off on her holidays!

**We are planning to have a** Family party on Friday Evening, **12 May** 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.



**Easter Musical** The choir are busy rehearsing for the Musical '**Because He Lives**' which will be presented on Palm Sunday at 7.00pm. **Posters** to advertise the musical are 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.

**On Sunday 14 May** at Kay St we are joining with other Baptist Churches in East Lancs for a **Gathering and Celebration**. The speaker is Nigel Wright who has been Principal of Spurgeon's College and President of the Baptist Union. The meeting **starts at 4.00pm** and there will be no Evening Service at Acre Mill. See poster for more details.