



Acre Mill Baptist Church

Newsletter : April 2018



	Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm
1 April <i>Easter Day</i>	Philip & Jayne Webb <i>Family Service</i>	Easter Celebrations
8 April	Ken Bowden	Café Church
15 April	Tim Doggart	Kids Make Music
22 April	Rob Winterbottom <i>Communion</i>	Memories of Billy Graham
29 April <i>Ladies Sunday</i>	Shirley and Jean Cormack	Pamela Haslam-Jones
6 May <i>Lunch</i>	Stephen Crook <i>Family Service</i>	No Service
13 May	Rev Glenn Scott	Stacksteads Methodists 6.15
20 May	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Pentecost</i>	Café Church
27 May	Pauline and Philip <i>Family Service</i>	No Service

Coming Up

Our regular activities are continuing with their Easter break next week (from Mon 2 April) but we are back to normal starting Monday 9 April.

Our **Annual Carvery** at the Rose and Bowl is on Wednesday 11 April at 6.00pm.

The next **Deacons' Meeting** is on Tuesday 24 April and the next **Church Meeting** is on Wed 2 May.

On 3 May the church will be in use as a **polling station**. CBC and Choir leaders will let everyone know of amended arrangements.

By popular request, there will be a Family Party on Friday, 29 June 6.00- 8.00. More info in next newsletter.

The family of **Doreen Chestney** send their grateful thanks to everyone for the love and support they felt at the service of celebration of Doreen's life - especially in view of the snowy weather and uncertainty about travel. Special thanks to **David Clegg** for organising the service and to the **catering team** for their usual splendid buffet!

The children had a great time at their **Stopover** (Sleepover?) last week and the leaders have just about recovered! But this was just a rehearsal for a **longer children's** event in August - more details to come.

Well done to the choir for their presentation of 'the Easter Musical, **'Hope, Alive in Me'** on Palm Sunday. This presented a big challenge to them as Easter was early, rehearsals were missed because of snow and several of the choir were stricken by various winter bugs! We know that the choir **always bring a sincere message** from their hearts and it was great to hear the meaning of Easter presented in such a vibrant and exciting way.

Church Annual General Meeting

The accounts for 2017 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 and **Jayne Webb** and **Terry Haslam-Jones** continue as our children's representatives. No changes to our church constitution were needed.

We also discussed our **data protection** arrangements and the need to keep personal data secure.

Louise is collecting used stamps as a fundraiser for **Leprosy Mission and BMS**. Leave at least 1 cm of envelope round the stamps and put them in the box in the Fellowship room. Also, don't forget the **Bring and Donate** book area. Thanks.

In 2017 we were very pleased to receive £6125 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.



The **Rossendale Male Voice Choir** send their thanks for allowing them to use the church for a rehearsal when their normal venue was unavailable. It was great to see our building filled

with their singing. The Male Voice Choir are always on the lookout for **new members**, so if you know anyone who may be interested, please see Terry or Martin.

The 'Our **Daily Bread**' Bible reading booklets continue to be very popular and you may not know that a **larger print version is available**. Please see Peter if you would like one.

Please Pray For

- Everyone recovering from hospital treatment
- Local, national and international political issues
- 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
- Young people about to take exams
- The 'Send a Cow' Organisation
- The older members of our fellowship



Give Thanks For:

- Ministry in music by our choir
- Our beautiful Rossendale Valley
- People with technical skills and knowledge
- Christian teachers in local schools
- Answered prayers for healing
- Spring weather (on the way!)
- Easter Hope -New Life, New Start
- The Young People and Children of our Church
- Freedom to celebrate Easter without fear
- Visiting Preachers from other Churches
- The life and witness of Rev Billy Graham

Flowers for April

1 April Joan Spencer in memory of Peter Spencer
8 April : Samantha Sproston in memory of her grandparents
15 April : Peter & Christine in memory of Allan and Betty Webb
22 April : Jayne Webb in memory of Elsie Ramsbottom whose birthday is 20 April
29 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 (10th), Sheila Bracewell (15th), Miriam (27th), Jean Cormack (30th), and Collette Banham on the 28th. Best Wishes to all of them and anyone with a birthday this month.

On 13 May we have been invited to **Stacksteads Methodist Church** as they celebrate their anniversary. There is **no evening service** at Acre Mill. The service starts at 6.15pm



So far we have raised £30 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!

The weather during the last few months has been very unpredictable and we have had more than our fair share of **snow**. We try to keep everyone informed although it's difficult sometimes when conditions change quickly. Information is on our **Facebook page and website** at www.acremill.org.uk.



It's great to have new **Bibles** in church and the old Bibles are available if anyone would like one or knows someone who needs one.

We are still in need of someone to represent Acre Mill on the Committee of the **Bacup Fellowship of Churches**. This only involves two meetings per year and is a very valued role in bringing together the local churches. Please see **Elizabeth** or one of the Deacons if you could help.

Don't forget to sign the list to express an interest in the **Beechwood Court weekend in 2019**. There is no commitment at this stage but the list will help in deciding if we can go ahead. The church has agreed to contribute 50% of the cost for children.