



ACRE MILL BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER : DECEMBER 2014



	Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm
7 Dec	Rev Mike Huck	Terry Haslam-Jones
14 Dec	Rev Neil Hepworth Communion	Choir Musical : 7.00pm. 'Come Let Us Worship The King'
21 Dec	Sunday School & CBC <i>Family Service</i>	Carol Service
25 Dec	Peter & Yvonne Webb <i>Christmas Day 10.30am</i>	
28 Dec	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Family Service</i>	No Evening Service
4 Jan	John Prior Bible Text Sunday	Celebration and Supper <i>Decorations</i>
11 Jan Lunch	Tim Doggart	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Communion</i>
18 Jan	Rev Sandra Crawford <i>Communion</i>	Valley Churches Service Details TBA
25 Jan	Stephen Crook <i>Family Service</i>	David Clegg

Christmas Breaks		
	Last	Resume
Toddlers	16 Dec	6 Jan
Midweek	10 Dec	7 Jan
CBC	18 Dec	8 Jan
Choir	18 Dec	15 Jan AGM
Youth Club	12 Dec	TBA

On Monday 1 December at 6.30pm we are **decorating the church** ready for Christmas and everyone is welcome to help. Mince pies afterwards. The decorations will be taken down after the evening service on **4 January** which will be a celebration and supper. 

Stacksteads Countryside Park Group invite us to the switching on of the **Christmas Lights** at School Street on Sunday 7 December at 5pm.

Friday 19 December. **Carols Round The Tree** at Toll Bar. 7.00pm - with Stacksteads Band, our Choir, Baked Potatoes and a visit from Santa.

Saturday 20 December. **Church Christmas Party**. 5.00pm. - 8.00pm. Everyone is welcome.

November

The CBC leaders are grateful to everyone who helped at the **Bonfire**. a record number came to enjoy the night and the catering team served over **150 hot dogs!** Thanks to everyone who helped and to **Morrison's** supermarket for donating groceries for the occasion.

On **Remembrance Sunday** we remembered all those affected by war, especially the ten young men of Acre Mill who lost their lives in World War 1. The new memorial was unveiled and it was good to have the families of some of those who lost their lives to share in our service. The **WW1 rolls of honour** are now on display in the Foyer.

It has been very encouraging that four people will be attending the **Enquirers Classes** which start in a couple of weeks. Final arrangements haven't been decided yet so, if you are interested to learn more about **Baptism and Church Membership**, there is still time to join. Please see one of the Deacons for more information.

Church Meeting

Terry and Peter were re-elected as **Deacons** to serve for the next three years. **Shirley** also came to the end of her term as Deacon and we send our grateful thanks for her faithful and valued ministry in this role over many years

Don't forget to bring some lunch to eat on **11 January** (Mince Pies not allowed!)

We **would really appreciate** help with brewing up and stewarding on Sunday Mornings. Things are getting serious!

Friendship Group

The Friendship Group met on Tuesday, 11 November and we had an enjoyable time showing **WW1 memorabilia** and sharing stories about our families in wartime.

We meet again on **Tuesday 9 December** at 2.00pm when **Ben Bracewell** will be reading some dialect poems and **Jean Naylor** will be showing us how to make a Christmas table decoration. The group is open to all ages - men and women, so please come along and invite someone. We then have a break in **January and February** and resume on the second Tuesday in March

Please Pray For

- Everyone waiting for hospital treatment, appointments, tests and results
- Our Deacons and Leaders
- Phil and Jayne and the Youth Club on Fridays
- The distribution of our Christmas leaflets
- All those who live alone, especially at Christmas.
- The work of Tear Fund and Cancer Research
- Safety for those travelling in the winter months
- The 2015 Summer Mission
- The planning of our Morning and Evening Services



Give Thanks for

- Our Catering Team and brewers and washers up
- New helpers at Toddler Group
- Christmas events and everyone who works hard to make Christmas a special and blessed time.
- Our families and friends
- Messages from the Bible and those who bring them to us each week.
- Problems prayed for and answered
- A warm and welcoming church building
- People with creative talents



Today (and next Thursday) we are presenting all our children with a **Real Advent Calendar** which tells the Christmas Story. These are on sale at Rawtenstall Tesco so please encourage them to keep stocking the calendars next year.

Carol Service On Sunday 21 December at 6.00pm, our **Carol Service** will be led by Terry this year. Mince Pies and coffee will be served afterwards. (note the 'n')



Following the successful **family events** that have been held this year we are hoping to have more in **2015**, including a ten-pin bowling evening sometime in Jan or Feb. More details to come.



Flowers for December

1 December : Shirley Cormack in memory of Ian.

For the rest of the month the church will be decorated for Christmas. Many thanks to everyone who has **provided, arranged and distributed** the flowers during 2014.

Birthday Corner

Abigail and Isabelle Sinkinson will be five years old on 22nd Dec. Happy Birthday to all who have a birthday in December (Not forgetting Philip Webb)



Proposed Deacons and Church Meeting Dates 2015

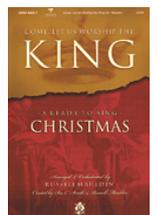
Deacons	Church
Tues 6 Jan	Wed 14 Jan
Tues 24 Feb	Wed 4 Mar (AGM)
Tues 28 April	Wed 6 May
Tues 9 Jun	Wed 17 Jun
Tues 8 Sep	Wed 16 Sep
Tues 20 Oct	Wed 11 Nov

The **Offering on Christmas Day** will be for Tear Fund and there will be envelopes under the tree if you wish to make a donation to **Cancer Research**.



The **Church Tithe** for 2014 will be donated as follows : Magdalene Project £100, Vision £100, Tear Fund £350, BMS £550, Home Mission Fund £640, Bacup Family Centre £100

Christmas Musical The choir present the Musical '**Come Let Us Worship The King**' on 14 December at 7.00pm. Please support the choir and invite someone along if you can.



Posters for the musical and this year's **Christmas leaflets** will soon be ready for distribution so, if you can help, please take some and mark which streets you have covered on the list in the Fellowship Room. If you don't live near church, please feel free to take some for family, friends and neighbours.

Rubicon will be meeting on Wednesdays and **Thursdays** at Acre Mill after the Christmas break. Our '**Shopping Drop In**' will also move to Thursday mornings, commencing 8 January. **Everyone is welcome** to come along and have a brew and a chat.

Our Daily Bread At the church meeting it was decided to order a supply of the '**Our Daily Bread**' Bible reading notes. These will be available shortly free of charge. See **Peter Webb** for more details