



# ACRE MILL BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER : DECEMBER 2017



	Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm
3 Dec	Tim Doggart	David Clegg <i>Communion</i>
10 Dec	Stephen Crook <i>Communion</i>	Advent Praise
17 Dec	David Clegg & Rev David Parkin	Choir Musical <i>'O, Holy Night'</i>
24 Dec	Sunday School and CBC	Carol Service
25 Dec	Peter Webb & Family <i>Christmas Day</i>	No Service
31 Dec	Terry HJ	No Service
7 Jan	Rev John Prior <i>Bible Text Sunday Communion</i>	Celebration and Supper <i>Decorations</i>
14 Jan	Peter Webb <i>Series 1</i>	Songs of Praise
21 Jan	David Clegg <i>Series 2</i>	Terry HJ Communion
28 Jan	Philip Bowden <i>Series 3</i>	Our Daily Bread <i>Videos and Reflections</i>

	Christmas Breaks	
	Last	Resume
Toddlers	12 Dec	9 Jan
Midweek	13 Dec	10 Jan
Rubicon	21 Dec	4 Jan
CBC	21 Dec	11 Jan
Choir	13 Dec	11 Jan <b>AGM</b>
Drop In	22 Dec	12 Jan

On Monday 27 November 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 7 **January** which will be a celebration and supper.



Stacksteads Countryside Park Group invites us to the switching on of the **Christmas Lights** at School Street on Sunday 10 December at 5pm.

Friday 22 December. **Carols Round The Tree** at Toll Bar. 7.00pm - with Stacksteads Band, our Choir, Baked Potatoes and a visit from Santa.

The first of the **Baptism Enquirers' Meetings** will be held on Tuesday 10 January at 7.00

## November notes

The CBC leaders thank everyone who helped at the **CBC Bonfire**. It was the biggest bonfire we have ever had and the best-ever attended - we lost count around the 200 mark!

The ladies had **a great time** at their meal on 18 November and send their thanks to the organisers. They say it was just as good(or even better) than the men's meal and the extra cost was well worth it!



Ann Bowden reports that she has now exceeded her target of for donations to **Rosendale Hospice** from the sale of her handmade cards.. Just a reminder that Sam Morris from the Hospice will be with us at the evening service on 26 November to give us an update on their work.

**Deacons' Elections** At the Church Meeting Terry Haslam-Jones and Peter Webb were re-elected as **Deacons** to serve for the next three years.

Saturday 16 December. **Church Christmas Party**. 5.00pm. - 8.00pm. Everyone is welcome. Pie and Peas Supper again this year -don't forget to sign up for your choice of pie!

In late January we are hoping to organise another **Family Bowling Night** and will let you know when details are finalised.

### Please Pray For

- Rossendale Hospice
- Everyone waiting for hospital treatment, appointments, tests and results
- Our Deacons and leaders of organisations
- The distribution of the 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
- A safer and more peaceful World
- The Bethany Family in Tanzania
- The people of Stacksteads at Christmas



### Give Thanks for

- Our Catering Team, brewers and washers up
- Families who come to Toddler Group
- Christmas events and everyone who works hard to make Christmas a special time.
- Messages from the Bible and those who bring them to us each week.
- Problems prayed for and answered
- People with creative and technical talents
- Leaders of CBC and Sunday School



Today (and next Thursday) we are presenting all our children with **an Advent Calendar** and a special Christmas Booklet.

### Reminder of Christmas Dates

Decorations Evening : Monday 27 November.

Christmas Party : Saturday, 16 Dec 5.00-8.00pm

Christmas Musical : Sunday, 17 Dec 7.00pm

Toll Bar Carols : Friday, 22 Dec 7.00pm

CBC/SS Morning Service : Sunday, 24 Dec 10.30am

Carols by Candlelight : Sunday 24 Dec 6.00pm.

Christmas Day Service : Monday 25 December 10.30am



**The Evening Service** on 14 January is a 'Songs of Praise' service and Peter is asking everyone **to suggest** a favorite hymn to be included. Maybe you might even like to say briefly why it's one of your favourites?

### January Bible Series.

Starting on 14 January, we are again having a series of services on a special Bible Theme.. In this five-part series, we will be looking at **some of the parables** mentioned in Matthew's Gospel

Samantha would like to thank everyone who supported the **McMillan Big Brew** on 11 November. The final amount raised will be over £350 and will be matched by Morrisons to bring the total to around £700.



### Flowers for December



3 December : The Bracewell Family will be providing the Poinsettias again in memory of Mr Ronnie Piper.

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 2017.

### Birthday Corner

**Lucy Amelia Metcalf** who had her birthday on 22 November. **Abigail and Isabelle Sinkinson** will be eight years old on 22nd Dec and Noah Webb will be



THREE on Boxing Day! Happy Birthday to all who have a birthday in December - including Kim Chadwick, Philip Webb, Ben Bracewell and **Gladys**, who celebrates her 92nd .

### Proposed Deacons and Church Meeting Dates 2018

Deacons	Church
Tues 9 Jan	Wed 17 Jan
Tues 27 Feb	Wed 7 Mar (AGM)
Tues 24 April	Wed 2 May
Tues 5 Jun	Wed 13 Jun
Tues 4 Sep	Wed 12 Sep
Tues 30 Oct	Wed 7 Nov

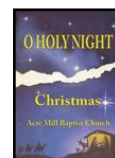
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**The Offering** on Christmas Day will be for **Tear Fund** and there will be envelopes under the tree if you wish to make a donation to **Cancer Research**.



**The Church Tithe** for 2017 will be donated as follows : Magdalene Project £100, Vision £100, Tear Fund £350, BMS £550, Home Mission Fund £670, Bacup Family Centre £100, Interserve £100,

**Christmas Musical** The choir present the Musical 'O, Holy Night' on 17 December at 7.00pm. Please support the choir and invite someone along if you can.



**Posters** for the musical are ready and this year's Christmas leaflets will be here next week so, if you can help, please take some and note where you have delivered them to 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.

### Church Text for 2018

*"The LORD your God will be with you wherever you go"*  
Joshua 1:9