



ACRE MILL BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER : DECEMBER 2018



	Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm
2 Dec	Paul Carter	David Clegg <i>Communion</i>
9 Dec	Rev Peter Heywood	Advent Praise
16 Dec	David Isherwood	Choir Musical 7.00 <i>'The Love of God'</i>
23 Dec	SS and CBC Musical <i>'The Nativity'</i>	Carol Service
25 Dec	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Christmas Day</i>	No Service
30 Dec	David Clegg <i>Communion</i>	No Service
6 Jan	Rev John Prior <i>Bible Text Sunday</i> Psalm 103	Celebration and Supper <i>Decorations</i>
13 Jan	Jason Heath and Peter Webb : Psalm 121	Terry Haslam-Jones
20 Jan	Rob Winterbottom Psalm 1 <i>Communion</i>	Songs of Praise
27 Jan	Philip Bowden Psalm 108	Our Daily Bread <i>Videos and Reflections</i>

	Christmas Breaks	
	Last	Resume
Toddlers	18 Dec	8 Jan
Midweek	28 Nov	16 Jan
Rubicon	19 Dec	9 Jan
CBC	20 Dec	10 Jan
Choir	13 Dec	10 Jan AGM
Drop In	21 Dec	11 Jan

Stacksteads Countryside Park Group invites us to the switching on of the Christmas Lights at School Street on Sunday 9 December at 5pm.

Friday 21 December. **Carols Round The Tree** at Toll Bar. 7.00pm - with Stacksteads Band, our Choir, Baked Potatoes and a visit from Santa.

Christmas Party : Saturday, 22 Dec 5.00-8.00pm

The decorations will be taken down after the evening service on **6 January** which will be a celebration and supper.

By popular demand, we have organised another **Family Bowling Night** at MFA Bowl Burnley on Friday 25 January from **7.00pm**. The cost will be £5 per person



November notes

The CBC leaders thank everyone who helped at the **CBC Bonfire**. This was a great success, as usual with around **150 people** from church and the local community enjoying the bonfire, fireworks and supper.

Thank you **for your great support** for the three evening services where we focused on charities that we support - Leprosy Mission MPS Society and MacMillan cancer care. Were able to make a donation of £200 to McMillan and are pleased to let you know that funds raised this year for Leprosy Mission are the highest for several years

On 31 December, the CBC are organising a **Watchnight Service** which will start at 11.30pm. **Everyone is welcome to the Service** and for refreshments from 11.00pm onwards.-

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Deacons' Elections At the Church Meeting Phil Bowden, Phil Web and Ben Bracewell were re-elected as **Deacons** to serve for the next three years. Please pray for the Deacons and their responsibilities as leaders of our fellowship. **Lady Deacons** are still urgently required!

We also need suggestions for our **Church Development Plan** - ideas for the future.

Saturday, 22 December. **Church Christmas Party**. 5.00pm. - 8.00pm. Everyone is welcome. This year we are having a **Jacob's Join** meal so please indicate what you can bring on the list in the Fellowship Room. **Anyone got ideas for new games?**

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Please Pray For

- Rossendale Hospice, MacMillan and MPS
- 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 Leprosy Mission, 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 really 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
- Opportunities to be involved in the local community
- Those who welcome us 'on the door' at services

The Evening Service on 20 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?



Bible Series.

Starting in January 2018, we are again having a series of services on a special Bible Theme... This time we are looking at the **Book of Psalms** with services based on a Psalm chosen by the person taking the service.



Acre Mill's Got Talent

On Saturday 9th March 2019 at 6.30pm, Louse is planning a **talent show** to raise awareness and, hopefully, some money for the Leprosy Mission.

The talent show will be for **primary school aged children**, to show off any ability they may have, anything from singing, dancing, comedy or sporty routines to the very unusual, they **may do anything as long as it's safe**. It will be in front of an audience so the child needs to be prepared to be brave.

More details and registration forms will be available soon!

Flowers for December



During December, the Bracewell Family will be providing the Poinsettias again in memory of Mr. Ronnie Piper and the church will be decorated for Christmas. Many thanks to everyone who has provided, arranged and distributed the flowers during 2018.

Birthday Corner

Abigail and Isabelle Sinkinson will be nine years old on 22nd Dec and Noah Webb will be FOUR 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 93rd.

Proposed Deacons and Church Meeting Dates 2019

Deacons	Church
Tues 8 Jan	Wed 16 Jan
Tues 26 Feb	Wed 6 Mar (AGM)
Tues 23 April	Wed 1 May
Tues 4 Jun	Wed 12 Jun
Tues 3 Sep	Wed 11 Sep
Tues 29 Oct	Wed 6 Nov

Please let us know if you notice any problems

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 2018 will be donated as follows :

Rossendale Hospice (£150), Magdalene Project (£100), Bacup Family Centre (£100), Tear Fund (£350), BMS (£550), HMF (£400), Interserve (£100)

Christmas Musical The choir present the Musical '**The Love of God At Christmas**' on 16 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 are here so, if you can help, please take some and note where you have delivered them to on the **list in the Fellowship Room**. Even if you can only deliver a few, it does help. If you don't live near church, please feel free to take some for family, friends and neighbours.

