



ACRE MILL BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER : DECEMBER 2019



	Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm
1 Dec	Rev D Allen	David Clegg <i>Communion</i>
8 Dec	Rev David Livermore	Advent Praise
15 Dec	Rob Winterbottom	Choir Musical 7.00pm <i>'The Gift Goes On'</i>
22 Dec	SS and CBC Musical	Carol Service
25 Dec	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Christmas Day</i>	No Service
29 Dec	Phil Bowden <i>Communion</i>	No Service
5 Jan	Rev John Prior <i>Bible Text Sunday</i>	Celebration and Supper <i>Decorations</i>
12 Jan	Rev John Prior <i>Communion</i>	Bible Story Video Pt1
19 Jan	Peter Webb	Bible Story Video Pt 2
26 Jan	David Clegg	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Communion</i>

	Christmas Breaks	
	Last	Resume
Toddlers	10 Dec	7 Jan
Midweek	4 Dec	8 Jan
Rubicon	18 Dec	8 Jan
CBC	19 Dec	9 Jan
Choir	12 Dec	9 Jan AGM
Drop In	20 Dec	10 Jan

Stacksteads Countryside Park Group invites us to the switching on of the Christmas Lights at **School Street** on Sunday 1 Dec at 5pm.

Friday 20 December. **Carols Round The Tree** at Toll Bar. 7.00pm - with Stacksteads Band, our Choir, Baked Potatoes and a visit from Santa. 

Church Christmas Party : Saturday, 21 Dec 5.00-8.00pm. **Jacob's Join**

The decorations will be taken down after the evening service on **5 January** which will be a celebration and supper.

We are hoping to organise a **Family Bowling Night in January**. **Details to follow.**

November notes

The CBC leaders thank everyone who helped to make the **CBC Bonfire** a great event, as usual. **Over 150** people from church and the local community enjoyed the bonfire, fireworks and supper.

Cllr Barbara Ashworth, **Mayor of Rossendale**, sends her thanks to us for hosting her Remembrance Concert. This was a moving and memorable occasion with Stacksteads Band and the Rossendale Male Voice Choir providing music for the occasion. We used just about **every chair** in the building! (Don't tell H&S!)

It was a great pleasure to welcome the children of the **Bethany Project** again and a packed church enjoyed their fantastic singing. We heard some heart-rending life stories and it made us all realise the **needs of children** in other parts of the world. Collections on the night amounted to £100 and there are some forms in church if you would like to commit to some **regular support** for the Bethany Children.-

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Deacons' Elections Jason Heath was re-elected as a **Deacon** to serve for the next three years. Please pray for him and the other Deacons and their responsibilities as leaders of our fellowship. **Lady Deacons** are still urgently required.

We decided to dispose of the piano which is free to anyone who wants it. Offerings are on target at **£303 per week** and finances are in good shape at the moment. Please think about the Gift Aid Scheme

Saturday, 21 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 BMS, Leprosy Mission, Tear Fund and Cancer Research
- The upcoming General Election
- 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
- Those worried about family members



Give Thanks for

- Our Catering Team, brewers and washers up
- Families who come to Toddler Group
- Christmas events and everyone who works so 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

Bible Series



Starting in January 2020, we are again having a series of services on a special **Bible Theme**... This time we are looking at the Paul's Second

Letter to the **Thessalonians**

In October, we enjoyed the video about the **Life of Esther** and we hope to have something similar in January. More details to follow.

Church Text 2020

Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. When you go through deep waters I will be with you. For I am the Lord, your God.

Isaiah 43:1-3 (NLT)

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 2019.

Birthday Corner

Abigail and Isabelle Sinkinson have their birthday on 22nd Dec and Noah Webb will be FIVE 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 94th .

Proposed Deacons and Church Meeting Dates 2020

Deacons	Church
Tues 7 Jan	Wed 15 Jan
Tues 25 Feb	Wed 4 Mar (AGM)
Tues 21 April	Wed 29 April
Tues 2 Jun	Wed 10 Jun
Tues 1 Sep	Wed 9 Sep
Tues 20 Oct	Wed 4 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 ladies had a **great time** at their meal on 20 November and send their thanks to the organisers. They say it was just as good (or even better).

Christmas Musical The choir present the Musical '**The Gift Goes On**' on 15 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 soon be here. 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.

The church will be in use all day on Thursday 12 December for the **General Election** and our normal Thursday activities have been re-arranged. Please remember all our local candidates and voters **in your prayers** - that the outcome of the election will be good for our nation.