



# Acre Mill Baptist Church

## Newsletter : February 2014



Sunday Services	Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm	Coming Up
2 Feb	Rob Winterbottom	David Clegg <i>Communion</i>	<p>Local schools have their half-term the week commencing Monday, 17 February so most of our regular meetings <b>are having a break</b>. There will be no Toddlers on 18 Feb or Midweek Meeting on 19 Feb and the Choir and CBC will have a rest on 20 Feb.</p> <p><b>Rubicon and Drop In</b> will be operating as usual during half-term and everything will be back to normal the following week.</p> <hr/> <p>Don't forget to bring a packed lunch on <b>9 February</b></p> <hr/> <p>Just an advance notice that <b>Easter</b> is later this year with Palm Sunday on 13 April and Easter Monday(Bank Holiday) on 21 April. Most local schools finish on 4 April and go back on 22 April. We hope to have a walk on Good Friday after the morning service as usual.</p>
9 Feb	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Family Service Lunch</i>	Ben Bracewell	
16 Feb	Tim Doggart <i>Communion</i>	No Service <i>(School Holidays)</i>	
23 Feb	Rev Marshall Goff	Annual Celebration 5.00pm	
2 March <i>Family Service</i>	David Clegg <i>Dedication</i>	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Communion</i>	
9 March	Philip & Jayne Webb <i>Family Service</i>	Peter Webb	
16 March	Rev Janice Trimble <i>Communion</i>	Songs of Praise <i>Choir</i>	
23 March	Jack Lancashire and David Clegg	Shirley Cormack	
30 March	Carol Gooder <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	Heather Birch	

### January

The first month of the year has been very wet and windy but mild and only a brief shower of snow so far. If we do have any snow, **updates about events** and access to church are posted on the website and Facebook page. Please let us know if you need transport to church **at any time** but especially in bad weather.

Everyone enjoyed the **bowling evening** on 24 January and we hope to have more family events in the Spring and Summer. Please let us know if you have any ideas.

It was a great pleasure to welcome **Stephen Clarkson** into membership recently. Stephen now lives in Stacksteads and has transferred from Sion Baptist Church, Higher Cloughfold. His **expert help** with the gardens is much appreciated.

On **2 March** we have a service of dedication for **Missy Webb**, which is to be conducted by David Clegg. Stephen and Cassie invite everyone to a buffet lunch at church afterwards.

### Church Meeting.

We reviewed our **Christmas and New Year** events and made notes for next year's planning. The meeting also received reports about finance and the maintenance and building work carried out in 2013.

We hope to **continue with building improvements** during 2014 and these will include the painting of the Sunday School room, refurbishing the CBC store room and replacing one of the windows.

Our **Toddler Group** is a busy and important part of our church and lots of work goes on 'behind the scenes' to make it so successful. The leaders would love to hear from anyone who could **help on Tuesday mornings**.

## Annual Celebration

The **Annual Celebration** will be held on 23 February at 6.00pm and will be preceded by a soup and roll meal at 5.00pm. It will be interesting to hear what all our organisations have been doing during 2013 and **what plans they have** for 2014.

## Please Pray For

- The work of The Fair Trade Foundation
- The Send a Cow Project
- Tear Fund
- The staff of the Northwest Region of the Baptist Union
- The Children's Mission in the summer of 2014
- Our Youth Club and Children's work leaders.
- The Ladies' Meeting.
- Local children and their families
- Hope for the future in our land

## Give Thanks For:

- Everyone who works in the Health Services
- Beautiful flower arrangements
- Warmer weather this winter
- Recovery from illness
- Visiting preachers from other churches.
- Faithful and dedicated people
- No roof leaks during the wet weather!



## CBC Meeting

The number of children coming to CBC has **increased recently** and we are following the theme of 'A Journey to God'. We are again hoping to have a **Children's Mission** in August and are just getting

some plans together for this.. We hope you will continue to support us as we try to **reach out** to the children in our local community.



Last year we raised £125 for the Send a Cow project .

and **the little cow** will be again available for donations starting in February. Every little helps. For more details, have a look at [www.sendacow.org.uk/home](http://www.sendacow.org.uk/home)

## THIS MONTH'S PUZZLE

What is the connection between a famous **Liverpool art gallery** and a book of the bible which has the same name as someone who **plays the keyboard** at our church? Answer on the noticeboard and website on Feb 9th.

## Flowers for February

**2 February** : Mrs. Mary Sweetman in memory of Mr. George Sweetman.

**9 February** : Yvonne Webb and Pamela Haslam-Jones in memory of their mother Mrs. Jessie Gallagher.

**16 February** : Shirley Cormack in memory of her mother.

**23 February** : Ann and Ken Bowden in memory of their parents.



**Ladies' Meetings** The Ladies are looking forward to the re-start of their meetings which will be on **Tuesday 4th MARCH** when Carol Gooder will be the speaker. If you are free on a Tuesday afternoon please come and join with us, **all ladies are welcome** . . . and let's hope that by then there is a sign of approaching springtime and better weather

## Birthday Corner



Amongst other birthdays will be those of **Leia Webb** who will be 4 years old on the 5<sup>th</sup> and **Ellie Ford** who will be 13 years old on the 6<sup>th</sup>. Happy Birthday to both these girls and to **John**

**Ingham** whose birthday is on 1<sup>st</sup> February.

**Finance** We were able to send gifts of £50 to **Tear Fund** and £35 to **Cancer Research** from our Christmas Collections. During 2013 we made a small surplus on the year and the average offerings were **£311 per week**. For 2014 we have set a budget that will need an average offering of at least **£305 per week**. Please consider giving a little more in 2014 and joining the Gift Aid Scheme if you pay income tax.

**The Choir** has just started rehearsals for the musical '**Redemption**' which will be presented on Palm Sunday at 7.00pm. This is quite a challenging piece and it would be great if you would come along and help us to sing it! **New members are always welcome.**



## Fair Trade Fortnight

**Fairtrade Fortnight** is 24 February to 9 March. The theme of Fairtrade Fortnight this year is the fair trading of **Bananas** and how issues of Fair

Trade affect us. We will be looking at the campaign at the evening service on 2 March and more details are at [foncho.fairtrade.org.uk/](http://foncho.fairtrade.org.uk/)