



Acre Mill Baptist Church

Newsletter : February 2015



| Sunday Services | Morning 10.30am | Evening 6.00pm |
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| 1 Feb | Rev Derek Allen | Focus on Leprosy Mission <i>World Leprosy Day</i> |
| 8 Feb | Phil Webb (Series 2) | Ben Bracewell |
| 15 Feb | David Isherwood <i>Communion</i> | No Service <i>(School Holidays)</i> |
| 22 Feb | Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Family Service</i> | Annual Celebration 5.00pm |
| 1 March | Rob Winterbottom | Songs of Praise Choir |
| 8 March | David Clegg (Series 3) | Alan Scholes <i>Communion</i> |
| 15 March <i>Mothering Sunday</i> | Carol Gooder <i>Communion</i> | Focus on Fair Trade Terry HJ |
| 22 March <i>Lunch</i> | Phil W and Phil B <i>Family Service</i> | Colin Scholes |
| 29 March <i>Palm Sunday</i> | Peter Webb (Series 4) | Musical 7.00 |

Coming Up

Local schools have their half-term the week commencing Monday, 16 February so most of our regular meetings **are having a break** that week. **Rubicon and Drop In** will be operating as usual and everything will be back to normal the following week.

The next **Deacons' Meeting** is on 24 Feb, followed by the **Church AGM** on 4 March

Don't forget to bring a packed lunch on **22 March**. **No lunch** now on 22 Feb.

Just an advance notice that **Easter** is quite early this year with Palm Sunday on **29 March** and Easter Monday (Bank Holiday) on **6 April**. Most local schools finish on 27 March and go back on 13 April. We hope to have a walk on **Good Friday** after the morning service as usual.

January

January has been a month of very mixed weather with some heavy snow. **Updates about events** and access to church are posted on the website and Facebook page so please check. Please let us know if you need transport to church **at any time** but especially in bad weather.

Our prayers and sympathy go out the **David Lord** and his family following the recent death of Christine. We pray that God will comfort, uphold and strengthen them at this difficult time. **Christine** has been a valued and much loved member of our church family for many years and will be sadly missed

It's great to welcome **Sarah Codd** and **Katie Metcalf** into membership of Acre Mill and we wish them every blessing in their service here. They will be received into membership at the Communion Service on 15 February.

Church Meeting.

We reviewed our **Christmas 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 2014.

We hope to **continue with building improvements** during 2015 and these will include the painting of the Sunday School room, refurbishing the CBC store room and replacing two more windows on the east side of church. We decided **not** to have a Summer Mission in **2015** but to plan for one in 2016.

Our **Toddler Group** is a busy and important part of our church and lots of work goes on 'behind the scenes' to make it successful. The **new leaders** would love to hear from anyone who could **help on Tuesday mornings**. This could involve brewing and washing up, putting away the toys or, maybe, even helping with the singing!

Annual Celebration

The **Annual Celebration** will be held on 22 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 2014 and **what plans they have** for 2015.

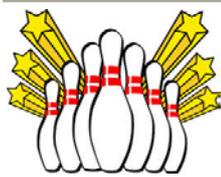
Please Pray For

- The work of The Fair Trade Foundation
- The Send a Cow Project
- Tear Fund
- Our Toddler Group and its new leaders
- The Friendship Group.
- The older members of our Church Family
- The general Elections in May
- Peace and friendship between people of different faiths

Give Thanks For:

- Everyone who works in the Health Services
- Beautiful flower arrangements
- Recovery from illness
- Visiting preachers from other churches.
- Faithful and dedicated people
- People who cheer us up
- God's blessing, vision and strengthening

Last year we raised £90 for the Send a Cow project and the **little cow** will be again available for donations starting this week. Every little helps. For more info, see www.sendacow.org.uk/home



Family Bowling Evening We have made a booking at **MFA Bowl**, Finsley Gate, Burnley on Friday, 6 February from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. The cost

will be £5.00 per person. **Booking forms** are available in the Fellowship Room,

Paint Needed Work in the loft is progressing and any **emulsion paint** would be appreciated for painting the old plaster. **Any colour**, amount or finish will do! See Terry



We are all invited to the service of induction to the pastorate of **Rev. Mark Faris-Robertson**, at Sion Baptist Church Higher Cloughfold on **Saturday 7th March at 3.00p.m.** If you are going, please let Terry know by **Friday 27 February** at the latest.

Flowers for February

1 February : Mrs. Mary Sweetman in memory of Mr. George Sweetman.

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

15 February : Shirley Cormack in memory of her mother.

22 February : Pauline and Karl Sinkinson in memory of Karl's father.



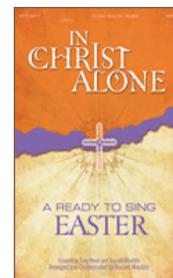
Birthday Corner

Amongst other birthdays will be those of **Leia Webb** who will be 5 years old on the 5th and **Ellie Ford** who will be 14 years old on the 6th. Happy Birthday to both these girls and to **John Ingham** whose birthday is on 1st February.



We are updating our birthday list so please see **Pamela or Jayne** if you know someone who should be included

The Choir are leading another '**Songs of Praise**' service on 1 March and have just started rehearsals for the musical '**In Christ Alone**' which will be presented on Palm Sunday. It would be great if you would come along and help us to sing it! **New members are always welcome.**



Fair Trade Fortnight is from 23 February to 8 March. The focus of Fairtrade Fortnight this year is on the **life of workers** who produce cocoa, sugar, and tea and how the Fairtrade Foundation is helping them. We will be looking at the campaign at the **evening service** on 15 March and more details are at <http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/fortnight>

Family Events 2015

The bowling evening is getting booked up fast, so please complete a booking form if you want to go.

Later in the year we hope to have a **family party** on a Friday or Saturday evening and a day out somewhere nice. If you have any suggestions, please let one of the Deacons know.

Peter would like to know who is intending to go on the **Good Friday Walk** so that a suitable route can be planned./