



Acre Mill Baptist Church

Newsletter : February 2016



| | Morning 10.30am | Evening 6.00pm | Coming Up |
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| 7 Feb | Phil Webb <i>Esther : Series 3</i> | Ben Bracewell <i>Communion</i> | <p>Local schools have their half-term the week commencing Monday 15 February so our regular meetings are having a break that week. Rubicon will be operating as usual and everything will be back to normal the following week.</p> <p>The next Deacons' Meeting is on 23 Feb, followed by the Church AGM on 2 March</p> <hr/> <p>Don't forget to bring a packed lunch on 28 Feb.</p> <hr/> <p>Just an advance notice that Easter is early this year with Palm Sunday on 20 March and Easter Monday (Bank Holiday) on 28 March. We hope to have a walk on Good Friday after the morning service as usual.</p> |
| 14 Feb | Phil Bowden <i>Series 4</i> <i>Communion</i> | No Service <i>Half Term</i> | |
| 21 Feb | John Prior <i>Series 5</i> | Annual Celebration (5pm) | |
| 28 Feb <i>Lunch</i> | Stephen Crook | Songs of Praise <i>Led by the Choir</i> | |
| 6 March <i>Mothering Sunday</i> | Jayne & Pauline <i>Family Service</i> | Young People <i>Mothering Sunday</i> | |
| 13 March | David Clegg <i>Series 6</i> <i>Communion</i> | Terry Haslam-Jones | |
| 20 March <i>Palm Sunday</i> | Rob Winterbottom | Musical 7.00pm <i>Pharaoh to Freedom</i> | |
| 25 March <i>Good Friday</i> | Phil Bowden <i>Communion</i> | | |
| 27 March <i>Easter Day</i> | Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Family Service</i> | Communion and Celebration | |

January



Our prayers and sympathy go out to the family of **Brenda Murray** who passed away recently. Brenda was baptised at Acre Mill in November 1952 and was our longest serving church member. Everyone was blessed by **Brenda's faithful work and witness** in many areas of service at Acre Mill and we will all miss her.

It's great to welcome **Tom and Carol Daniels** and **Peter Marland** into membership of Acre Mill and we wish them every blessing in their service at our church. They will be received into membership at the Communion Service on **14 February**.

Since February 2015 we have welcomed **twelve new members** which is a great encouragement and cause for thanks and praise! We hope to begin some more **Baptism Enquirers' Classes** in the Spring

At the 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 2015. We set a budget based on a weekly offering of **£310 per week** during 2016.

It's important that we have a **regular consistent** income during the year so please give prayerfully and thoughtfully. It would be great to have some more members of our **Gift Aid Scheme**.

Family Events

Everyone is invited to a **Carvery Meal** at the Rose and Bowl on Wednesday 16 March at 6.00. The cost will be £11.00 per person. Please sign the list in the Fellowship Room if you would like to come.

There will be a Family Party on **Friday 29 April** 6.30-8.30 with games for children and adults, a quiz and supper. Philip and Jayne are also planning a day **trip to the Lakes** later in the year. We also hope to join the Northwest CE at **West Kirby in June**.

The **Annual Celebration** will be held on **21 February** at 6.00pm and will be preceded by a soup and roll meal at 5.00pm. It will be interesting to hear what everyone has been doing during 2015 and their **plans** for 2016.

Please Pray For

- The work of The Fair Trade Foundation
- The Send a Cow Project
- Our Toddler Group
- The Friendship Group and Friday Drop-In.
- The older members of our Church Family
- The family of Brenda Murray
- 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 and make us laugh
- God's blessing, vision and strengthening
- A mild winter with less snow (so far!)
- Our children - and their enthusiasm during Praise Time!



Last year we raised £60 during Lent for the Send a Cow project and

this will be the theme when our young people take the evening service on 6 March. **The little cow** will be again available for donations starting this week. Every little helps. For more info, see www.sendacow.org.uk/home

We have recently had a **fire inspection** and made some changes to our fire equipment. Please make yourself familiar with the location and use of the **extinguishers** (plan in Fellowship room). Leaders of our organizations will also be reminding everyone about emergency procedures. In the **very** unlikely event that we do need to **evacuate the church** during a service, please remain calm and follow the instructions given by our Fire Marshalls.



Most local schools are **closed** on Good Friday and Easter Monday then have a later **two week holiday**, closing on Friday 8 April and re-opening on Monday 25 April. Our regular activities will be having a break **during these two weeks**.

Flowers for February

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

14 February : Rachel in memory of her family.

21 February : Pauline and Karl Sinkinson in memory of Karl's father, Fred.

28 February : Jean Naylor in memory of her sister, Irene.

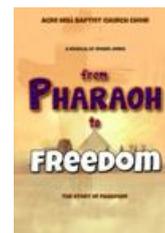


Birthday Corner



Amongst other birthdays will be those of **Leia Webb** on the 5th and **Ellie Ford** on the 6th. Happy Birthday to both these girls and to **John Ingham, Phil Bowden and Christine Clegg** who also have birthdays in February.

The **Choir** are leading another '**Songs of Praise**' service on 28 February and have just started rehearsals for the musical '**From Pharaoh to Freedom**' which will be presented on Palm Sunday at 7.00pm. 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 **29 February to 13 March**. The focus of Fairtrade Fortnight this year is interdependence between countries for food and Martin Luther King's famous quote, "**Before you finish eating breakfast in the morning, you've depended on half the world.**" More details are at <http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/fortnight>

Shoebox Appeal Katie and Nikita are asking for your support for the **Shoebox Appeal** which is again organised by International Aid Trust. There are some letters in the Fellowship Room **explaining the project** with a list of suitable items to donate. There is a box **near the piano** where items can be left.



We are hoping to develop a system of **sending emails and/or text messages** to inform everyone of events, news and pastoral information. If you would like to be involved, **please complete one of the forms** in the Fellowship Room and give it to Neil or Terry. Information will be confidential and covered by our Data Protection Registration.

