



Acre Mill Baptist Church

Newsletter : February 2017



Sunday Services	Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm	Coming Up
5 Feb	David Bartram <i>Family Service</i>	Sing A New Song Peter Marland	<p>Local schools have their half-term the week commencing Monday, 13 February so most of our regular meetings are having a break. There will be no Toddlers on 14 Feb or Midweek Meeting on 15 Feb and the Choir and CBC will have a rest on 16 Feb. No Drop in on Fri Feb 17 Rubicon 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 5 March</p> <hr/> <p>Just an advance notice of this year's Easter dates with Palm Sunday on 9 April and Easter Monday (Bank Holiday) on 17 April. Most local schools finish on 31 March and go back on 18 April. We hope to have a walk on Good Friday after the morning service as usual.</p>
12 Feb	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Thessalonians Series 2</i> <i>Communion</i>	No Service <i>(School Holidays)</i>	
19 Feb	Rev D. Livermore	Peter Webb <i>Communion</i>	
26 Feb	Ken Bowden	Annual Celebration 5.00pm	
5 March Lunch	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Family Service</i>	Walks of Faith Peter Marland	
12 March	Mike Huck	Café Church	
19 March	Peter Webb <i>Thessalonians Series 3</i> <i>Communion</i>	David Clegg	
26 March <i>Dedication Service</i>	David Clegg <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	Pamela Haslam-Jones	

January has passed without too much in the way of **cold and snowy weather**, so all our usual activities resumed after Christmas without any problems. A lot goes on at our church every week!

So please **pray for and encourage** all the leaders and helpers of our organisations who work hard to make sure our Church continues to be a witness to the Gospel in our area.

Everyone enjoyed the **bowling evening** on 27 January and we hope to have more family events in the Spring and Summer. We are planning another **family party and a carvery** in April and Peter Marland is already investigating more local **walks**. Please let us know if you have any other ideas.

We were very sad to hear of the recent death of **Dorothy Cook** who was a good friend to all of us at Acre Mill. She preached here many times and was a regular speaker at our Ladies' Meeting. Her funeral will take place at Trinity Baptist church on **Monday, January 30 at 1pm**, followed by cremation at Burnley Crematorium at 2.20pm.

January Church Meeting.

We reviewed our **Christmas and New Year** events and made notes for next year's Christmas planning. Christmas Day 2017 is on a **Monday** so we will have to decide if out Carol Service will be on Christmas Eve as it was the last time this happened in 2006.

We had a long discussion about the problem of the **Baptist Union Pensions** Scheme and how it affects our church. Please pray for this important issue.

The meeting also received reports about our finances in 2016 and set a **budget for 2017**.

We are hoping for an average weekly income of at least **£320 this year**.

Annual Celebration

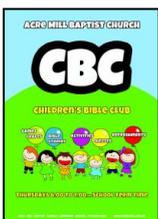
The **Annual Celebration** will be held on 26 February at 6.00pm and will be preceded by a soup and roll meal at 5.00pm. It will be interesting to hear what all our organisations achieved in 2016 and of their **plans for 2017**.

Please Pray For

- The work of The Fair Trade Foundation
- The Send a Cow Project
- Everyone feeling sad or hopeless
- A Children's Mission in 2017
- Local children and their families
- Hope for the future in our land
- Leaders of nations and organisations that work for a better world.

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
- New contacts in our community
- Freedom to worship without fear
- Good news about health and hospital tests



CBC Meeting

The CBC children are busy with their spring activities and the theme for this term is "**Stories of Jesus**" - which explains all the colourful fish that have appeared recently! We are thinking about a

Children's Mission in August and are just getting some ideas 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 £100 for the Send a Cow project. **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

It's good news that **Beechwood Court at Conwy** is re-opening at Easter 2017. We have had some great times there. You can read all about the refurbishment and new facilities at www.christianholidays.co.uk/beechwood_court The centre welcomes visitors to look around and maybe book a holiday.



Flowers for February

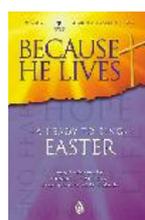
5 February : Yvonne Webb and Pamela Haslam-Jones in memory of their mother Mrs. Jessie Gallagher.

12 February : Vacant

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

26 February : Jean Naylor in memory of her sister, Irene

Birthday Corner Happy birthday to everyone with a birthday in February, especially **Leia Webb, John Ingham, Christine Clegg and Phil Bowden**



The Choir is about to start rehearsals for the musical '**Because He Lives**' which will be presented on Palm Sunday at 7.00pm. This is a wonderful piece of Christian music with an Easter message. It would be great if you would come along and help us to sing it! **New members are always welcome.**



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.**

We are **still in need** of helpers for the stewarding and brewing up team on Sunday mornings. Please see **Yvonne** if you can help, even if you can only do a week every so often.



Church Text 2017

"Follow God's example - and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself for us.

Ephesians 5:1-2



Fair Trade Fortnight is from **27 February to 12 March**. The focus this year is the work of small farmers around the world who are sometimes exploited by powerful companies and nations. More info at fairtrade.org.uk/en