



Acre Mill Baptist Church

Newsletter : February 2018



Sunday Services	Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm	Coming Up
4 Feb	Terry Haslam Jones <i>Parables : Series 4</i>	Everyone Make Music	<p>Local schools have their half-term the week commencing Monday, 12 February so most of our regular meetings are having a break. There will be no Toddlers on 13 Feb or Midweek Meeting on 14 Feb and the Choir and CBC will have a rest on 15 Feb. No Drop In on Fri Feb 16 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 18 February</p> <hr/> <p>This year, Easter is a bit earlier with Palm Sunday on 25 March and Easter Monday (Bank Holiday) on 2 April. Most local schools finish on 23 March and go back on 9 April. We hope to have a walk on Good Friday after the morning service as usual.</p>
11 Feb	Rev John Prior <i>Parables : Series 5</i>	No Service Half term	
18 Feb Lunch	David Hollows <i>Family Service</i>	Favourite Bible Readings	
25 Feb	Tim Doggart <i>Communion</i>	Annual Celebration	
4 Mar	Rob Winterbottom	Café Church Peter and Yvonne	
11 Mar <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	Pamela and Pauline <i>Family Service</i>	Mothering Sunday Celebration	
18 Mar	Celebration of the life of Doreen Chestney	David Clegg <i>Communion</i>	
25 Mar	Stephen Crook	Choir Musical <i>Palm Sunday</i>	
30 March <i>Good Friday</i>	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Communion</i>		

January has passed with just a few days of snow and ice and now we look forward to some warmer weather on the way. It's always a cheerful and hopeful sign to see the daffodils and other spring flowers peeping out in the church garden. Please pray for all our activities in 2018 and encourage each other in our work and witness here.

Everyone enjoyed the **bowling evening last Friday** with more attending than ever and we hope to have more family events in the Spring and Summer. Suggestions for events would be very welcome.

Please make a note in your diaries that we are once again holding our **Annual Family Carvery** at the Rose 'n' Bowl on Wednesday, 11th April starting at 6.15pm.

The cost will be £11 per adult which includes Carvery, Sweet and Tea/Coffee. For children it's £5 for Chicken nuggets or Fish fingers with chips and baked beans,+ Sweet and Cold drink **FURTHER INFORMATION TO FOLLOW**

January Church Meeting.

Unfortunately, we had to postpone the January Church Meeting because of bad weather and this will now be held on Wednesday 31 January at 7.30. Please come along if you can. Although some of the discussion at church meetings is fairly routine, it's important that everyone knows what is happening, understands how our resources are being used and has an opportunity to contribute. Among other things, we will be reviewing our **Christmas and New Year** events and setting a budget for 2018.

Despite having to settle the Baptist Pension Scheme Debt, we finished the year in a reasonable financial position but we need an average weekly income of at least **£320 this coming year**.

Annual Celebration

The **Annual Celebration** will be held on 25 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 did in 2017 and of their **plans for 2018**.



Flowers for February

4 February : Mary Sweetman In Memory of George Sweetman.

11 February : Yvonne and Pamela in memory of their mother, Mrs. Jessie Gallagher.

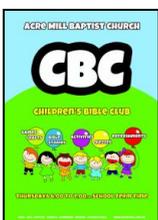
18 February : Pauline and Karl Sinkinson

25 February : Vacant

Birthday Corner Happy birthday to everyone with a birthday in

February, especially **Leia Webb, John Ingham, Christine Clegg and Phil Bowden**

Please let us know if you would like a birthday to be included in the newsletter.



CBC Meeting

The CBC children are busy with their spring activities and the theme for this term is "Jesus Early Life" followed by a study of Palm Sunday and Easter - We are thinking about Children's Activities

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.



Updates about meetings and access to the church during bad weather are posted on our [Facebook Page](#).

Last year we raised £70 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



"The LORD your God will be with you wherever you go"

Joshua 1:9

Please Pray For

- The work of The Fair Trade Foundation
- The Send a Cow Project
- Everyone separated from families and friends
- Children's Activities for Summer 2018
- Local community and charity groups
- 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

The Choir are about to start rehearsals for their Easter Musical '**Hope - Alive In Me**' 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.**



Our **Toddler Group** is busier than ever and an 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 (desperate) 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.



Fairtrade Fortnight this year is 26 February to Sunday 11 March. Please support this annual event which raises awareness of Fairtrade Issues worldwide.

It was great that we were able to give £150 to the **Bethany Family Project** at Christmas and send grateful thanks to everyone who donated. The project is doing well and has a **Facebook page and a new website** at www.bethanyfamily.net. There are some videos which show the children who visited us in 2016 - now more than a year older, of course.

