



Acre Mill Baptist Church

Newsletter : February 2019



Sunday Services	Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm	Coming Up
3 Feb	Jayne Webb <i>Family Service</i>	Café Church	<p>Local schools have their half-term the week commencing Monday, 18 February so most of our regular meetings are having a break that week. There will be no Toddlers on 19 Feb or Midweek Meeting on 20 Feb and the Choir and CBC will have a rest on 21 Feb. No Drop In on Fri Feb 22.</p> <p>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 17 February</p> <hr/> <p>And a reminder about 'Acre Mill's Got Talent' on 9 March. Details, forms and posters available in the Fellowship Room</p>
10 Feb	Phil Webb and David Clegg	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Communion</i>	
17 Feb Lunch	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Family Service</i>	No Service <i>Half Term</i>	
24 Feb	Yvonne & Peter Webb	Annual Celebration 4.00pm	
3 Mar	Ken Bowden	David Clegg	
10 Mar	Rob Winterbottom	Everyone Make Music	
17 Mar	Tim Doggart <i>Communion</i>	Phil B and Phil W	
24 Mar	Rev John Prior	Focus On Stacksteads	
31 March <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	Aine Winterbottom <i>Family Service</i>	Phil B and Phil W	

Everyone really enjoyed the **bowling evening on Friday** with more children attending than ever (see Facebook page for photos) and we all congratulated **Presley** on winning in her lane! We hope to have more family events in the Spring and Summer. Some family walks and a games evening have been suggested.

We are pleased that there will be some **Baptisms soon** on a date to be decided. If anyone is interested in learning more about Baptism and possibly being baptised at the same time, information sessions are planned. **Please prayerfully consider this important step** of personal witness and commitment and see Terry for more information.

In preparation for **the 'Everyone Make Music'** service on 10 March, four 'Ukulele Nights' have been arranged for 1 & 8 Feb and 1 & 8 March. These start at 6.30 with **Ukulele practice** for about half an hour, followed by refreshments and games. Everyone is welcome - adults and children. If you are just a **beginner on the ukulele** you are welcome - it's a great opportunity to learn!

Please let Peter know if you would like to take part in the service on March 10. Any sort of music can be included.

February Church Meeting.

The church meeting looked back at the **Christmas activities** and several helpful suggestions were made for changes to next year's arrangements. Thanks were expressed to everyone who had helped in any way.

Some **important financial decisions** were made including the setting of a budget for 2019 and the opening of a new deposit account.

At the church meeting, it was suggested that we make some **new banners** for special times of the year. Please see one of the Deacons if you are interested in being involved.

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**.

Annual Celebration

The **Annual Celebration** will be held on 24 February at 4.00pm starting with a meal together followed by the service at 5.00pm. We hope that some of the children will be able to come at the earlier time and the **Ukulele Band** will play for us. It will be interesting to hear what we did in 2018 and **plans for 2019**.

Flowers for February

3 February : Mary Sweetman In Memory of George Sweetman.

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

17 February Ann and Ken Bowden in memory of their parents

24 February : Joan Sanderson for Ian's 80th birthday



Birthday Corner Happy birthday to everyone with a birthday in February, especially **Leia Webb, John Ingham, Christine Clegg, Ian Sanderson and Phil Bowden**. Please let us know if you would like a birthday to be included in the newsletter.



The **CBC children** are now busy with their spring programme. 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 £60 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

We are looking for helpers to keep the church **Facebook Page and Website** updated. The procedures are pretty straightforward and full training will be given.



Apologies that the list of Deacons and Church meetings in the January newsletter was incorrect. The dates in the December edition **were the right ones** and

are confirmed on the main noticeboard.

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 2019
- Local community and charity groups
- Hope for the future in our land and the outcome of the Brexit negotiations
- Leaders of nations and organisations that work for a better world.
- The people of Venezuela

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
- Emergency Services and local Hospitals.
- Hope for the Future

The **Choir** are about to start rehearsals for their Easter Musical '**Cornerstone**' 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 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 25 February to 10 March. Please support this annual event which raises awareness of **Fairtrade Issues** worldwide.

Most Schools **finish for Easter** on Friday 5 April and return on Tuesday, 23 April - the day after Easter Monday Bank Holiday. More details of our **Easter Activities** will be in the March Newsletter.

