



# Acre Mill Baptist Church

## Newsletter : February 2020



Sunday Services	Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm
2 Feb	Philip Bowden	Café Church
9 Feb	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Communion</i>	Lee Metcalf & Jason Heath
16 Feb <b>Lunch</b>	Pamela Haslam-Jones <i>Family Service</i>	No Service Half term
23 Feb	Jayne Webb	Annual Celebration 4.00pm
1 Mar	Rev John Prior	David Clegg <i>Communion</i>
8 Mar		Everyone Make Music
15 Mar	John Ormiston <i>Communion</i>	Phil B and Phil W
22 March <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	Philip Webb <i>Family Service</i>	Pamela HJ
29 March	Rob Winterbottom	Terry HJ <i>Communion</i>

**Coming Up**

Half Term for Local schools is the week of Monday, 17 February so most of our regular meetings **are having a break that week.**

There will be no Toddlers on 18 Feb, Midweek Meeting on 19 Feb and the Choir and CBC will have a rest on 20 Feb. No Drop In on Fri Feb 21.

**Rubicon** will be operating as usual during half-term and everything will be back to normal the following week.

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Don't forget to bring a packed lunch on **16 February**

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A reminder about the family Quiz to raise funds for **Leprosy Mission** on 8 March. More details to follow

Our **witness and outreach** to the local community is an essential part of the life of Acre Mill. After all, it is the reason we were started in the first place! In 2021, it will be **150 years** since the founding of our church and we are looking for suggestions for special events to mark this important event. **Please see David Clegg or Terry** if you have any suggestions.

We are hoping to have some **Baptisms** soon on a date to be decided. If you are interested in learning more about Baptism, 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 8 March, three 'Ukulele Nights' have been arranged for 7, 21 & 28 Feb. 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 8 Any sort of music and singing can be included.

### **January 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.

We looked at our finances for 2019 and were encouraged that our weekly offerings **increased slightly** over the 2018 total. It's a good time to think about joining the **Gift Aid Scheme** if you pay tax

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 23 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 2019 and **plans for 2020**.

## Flowers for February

**2 February** : Mary Sweetman In Memory of George Sweetman.

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

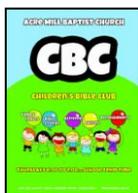
**16 February** Ann and Ken Bowden in memory of their parents

**23 February** : Vacant



**Birthday Corner** Happy birthday to everyone with a birthday in February, especially **Carys, Leia, 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](http://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.

Most Schools **finish for Easter** on Friday 3 April and return on Monday, 20 April. More details of our **Easter Activities** will be in the March Newsletter.



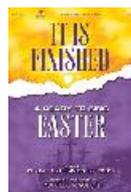
## Please Pray For

- The work of The Fair Trade Foundation
- The Send a Cow Project
- Everyone separated from families and friends
- Children's Activities for Summer 2020
- Local community and charity groups
- Hope for the future in our land as we leave the European Union.
- Leaders of nations and organisations that work for a better world.
- The people of China as they face the outbreak of Corona virus
- Christians in China
- Our Sunday Evening Services



## 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
- Our studies in 2 Thessalonians
- A mild winter (so far!)



The **Choir** has just started rehearsals for their Easter Musical **'It is Finished'** which will be presented on Palm Sunday at 7.00pm. Please come along on Thursdays at 7.30 and join us. **New members are always welcome.**

Our **Toddler Group** is busier than ever and an important part of our church. Lots of work goes on 'behind the scenes' to make it so successful and 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 24 February to 8 March. Please support this annual event which raises awareness of **Fairtrade Issues** worldwide.