



# Acre Mill Baptist Church Newsletter : January 2016



Services	Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm
3 Jan	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Esther : Series 1</i>	Celebration and Supper <i>Decorations</i>
10 Jan	John Prior <i>Bible Text Sunday</i>	David Clegg <i>Communion</i>
17 Jan	Rev Sandra Crawford <i>Communion</i>	Our Daily Bread <i>Videos and Reflections</i>
24 Jan	Peter Webb <i>Esther : Series 2</i>	Brad Lincoln <i>Helmshore CF</i>
31 Jan <b>Lunch</b>	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Family Service</i>	Peter Webb <i>World Leprosy Day</i>
7 Feb	Phil Webb <i>Esther : Series 3</i>	Ben Bracewell <i>Communion</i>
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
28 Feb	Stephen Crook	Songs of Praise <i>Led by the Choir</i>

### Coming Up

Sunday 3 **January**, sees our final Christmas and New Year praise service which starts at the usual time of 6.00pm.  After taking down the **Christmas Decorations**, a supper will be provided at about 7.30pm. Do come along and help if you can.

The **Toddlers** are back in action on Tuesday 5 January and **CBC** starts on Thursday 7 January. The Drop **In** resumes on Friday 8 January.

The **Midweek Meeting** begins again on 6 January (at Church) and **the Choir** have their Annual General Meeting on 14 January.

**Tues 12 Jan** 7.30pm Deacons' Meeting  
**Wed 20 Jan** 7.30pm Church Meeting  
(Please note new dates)

Friday 29 January **Family Bowling**  
**Evening** 7.00-9.00pm Burnley MFA Bowl

## A Happy 2016 to Everyone!

Once again a big **THANKYOU** to everyone who helped with our Christmas services and activities in any way - especially those who worked so hard 'behind the scenes' to make Christmas 2015 a blessed and memorable time.

The services were very well-attended - a highlight was the children of CBC and Sunday school presenting their nativity '**A Miracle in Town**' - we were so proud of them all. However, despite all our efforts, we failed to tire the children out at the Christmas Party.

The presentation of '**The Glory of Christmas**' was excellent and we thank Peter, the choir and the technical team. It was an honour to have the **Mayor of Rossendale**, our Local MP, Honorary Aldermen and Councillors with us at the Carol Service. Our thanks go to David for organising things so well and to everyone who took part.

**Christmas Leaflets** again went out to advertise our Christmas activities and to send a Christmas message into the neighbourhood - a 'well done' to everyone who helped with the distribution of 1200 leaflets to the homes near church...

**Offerings** during the last three months of the year were encouraging and the average for the year will be about **£318per week**. This is above our budget target but please pray for our finances in 2016, especially in view of the complications of the Baptist Ministers' Pension Scheme and some essential and expensive maintenance coming up in the next few months. We will be discussing the budget for 2016 at the next Church Meeting.

Will treasurers of church organisations let Terry have their **2015 accounts** when convenient, please.

The offering for **Tear Fund** on Christmas Day came to £75

You are invited to **bring a packed lunch** on 31 Jan

**Friendship Group** In December, we helped celebrate **Gladys' 90th** birthday and enjoyed hearing Roger talk about his experiences on stage and TV. We now have a **break** for the winter months and look forward to our next meeting on **9 March** when we hope the worst of the bad weather will have passed.



### Flowers for January

3 Jan - Shirley Cormack in memory of Ian  
 10 Jan - Jean Cormack in memory of Harold  
 17 Jan - Jayne and Philip Webb  
 24 Jan - Jayne and Philip Webb  
 31 Jan - Mary Sweetman in memory of George Sweetman

### Please Pray For (Your suggestions)

- Those suffering from mental illness
- All who work in Children's Hospitals
- The work of Interserve, Tear Fund, BMS, Bacup Family Centre and the Magdalene Project
- Our local Councillors and Borough Council workers.
- Friends and family near and far away
- The people of Stacksteads
- Those affected by the recent floods
- All our activities in 2016

### Give Thanks for

- Our Christmas services and activities and the opportunities they gave to witness and serve the community.
- The Gift of Christmas Music-new and traditional
- Faithful helpers
- Light in dark places
- Our babies and toddlers (and their parents!)
- Our church building at Christmas

Many of us here at Acre Mill will have fond memories of **Dr (Mr) Keith Buckler** who, for a number of years, was a consultant surgeon at Rossendale General Hospital. During that time he would have got to know some of us quite intimately! Many of us also remember him as a frequent visitor to our pulpit. We have just been made aware that Keith was awarded an **MBE earlier in 2015**. According to the citation, this was for his work with Rotary and the New English Orchestra. We offer him our warmest congratulations and send him and Janet our very best wishes for 2016.

**Our church text** for 2016 is **Galatians 5:6**. Text cards will be available from David.

**“The only thing that counts.....  
 is faith expressing itself  
 through love”**

Galatians 5:6(NIV)

### Birthday Corner

Shannon's birthday is on 7 January, Nikita on the 24th and Lily-May on the 31st. Best Wishes to them **and all who have birthdays this month**, including Pamela on the 1st, Elizabeth Heath on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, David Clegg on the 9<sup>th</sup> and Daniel Chadwick on the 29th.



### Deacons and Church Meeting Dates 2016

Deacons	Church
Tues 12 Jan	Wed 20 Jan (Revised)
Tues 23 Feb	Wed 2 Mar (AGM)
Tues 26 April	Wed 4 May
Tues 7 Jun	Wed 15 Jun
Tues 6 Sep	Wed 14 Sep
Tues 18 Oct	Wed 9 Nov

If you have any items for these meetings, please let Philip have them **in advance** so we can plan the agenda and make sure we have time for everything. If you are unable to come to a meeting, **copies of the minutes** are available.

### Family Bowling Evening

We have made a booking at **MFA Bowl**, Finsley Gate, Burnley on Friday, 29 January from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. The cost will be £5.00 per person (same for adults and children). **Booking forms** with further information are available. Please let us know as soon as possible if you would like to come so we can finalise numbers.



**Free to a Good Home.** It has been suggested that we make a small space in the newsletter to let you know of unwanted items that **might be useful** to someone. So here goes! - see Terry for more details

- Four drawer tall filing cabinet
- 40" LCD TV - working and viewable but with small 'dead pixel' area on the screen.
- Quantity of firewood - can be picked up from the Church car park at any time.
- Adjustable step-aerobics step
- Nearly new Kodak 10 ink cartridges - black and colour
- 20m length of Cat5 network cable
- Glass TV stand