



# Acre Mill Baptist Church

## Newsletter : January 2017



Services	Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm
1 Jan	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Family Service</i>	No Service
8 Jan	John Prior <i>Bible Text Sunday</i>	Celebration and Supper <i>Decorations</i>
15 Jan	D Clegg <i>Thessalonians Series 1</i> <i>Communion</i>	Our Daily Bread <i>Videos and Reflections</i>
22 Jan	Rob Winterbottom	Phil B & Phil W
29 Jan	World Leprosy Day <b>Lunch</b>	David Clegg <i>Communion</i>
5 Feb	David Bartram	Peter Marland <i>Sing a New Song</i>
12 Feb	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Thessalonians Series 2</i> <i>Communion</i>	No Service <i>Half Term</i>
19 Feb	Rev D. Livermore	Annual Celebration
26 Feb		Peter Webb <i>Communion</i>

### Coming Up

We will be taking down the **Christmas Decorations** after the Evening Service on 8 January and a supper will be provided at about 7.30pm. Do come along and help if you can. 

Regular events will be back to their normal schedules as follows:

Toddlers	10 Jan
Midweek	11 Jan
Rubicon	4 Jan
CBC	12 Jan
Choir	12 Jan <b>AGM</b>
Drop In	13 Jan

**Tues 10 Jan 7.30pm** Deacons' Meeting  
**Wed 18 Jan 7.30pm** Church Meeting

Friday 27 January **Family Bowling Evening** 7.00-9.00pm Burnley MFA Bowl  
 You are invited to **bring a packed lunch** on 29 Jan

### A Happy 2017 to Everyone!

Once again a massive **THANKYOU** to everyone who was involved with our Christmas services and activities - especially those who worked 'behind the scenes' to make Christmas 2016 a very blessed and enjoyable time.



**1200 Christmas Leaflets** went out to tell the neighbourhood about our Christmas Services and activities. The services were well-attended and a highlight was the presentation of **'Hope Has Hands'** by our choir which drew many compliments from those who were there. We thank Peter, the choir and the technical team.

It was with great sadness that we learned of the recent death of **Brenda Tattersall** after a long illness and our thoughts and prayers are with Jean and Brenda's family at this time.

The funeral service is at Acre Mill at **1.15pm on Thursday, 5th January** followed by committal at Burnley Crematorium at 2.20pm.

**Offerings** during 2016 increased from 2015 with the average reaching just over **£335per week**. This is above our budget target but please pray for our finances in 2017 and consider giving a little more. Also, please think about joining the **Gift Aid Scheme** for your regular giving or single gifts if you pay income tax.- David Clegg has details,

We will be discussing the **budget for 2017** at the next Church Meeting.



Will treasurers of church organisations let Terry have their **2016 accounts** when convenient, please.

The offering for **Tear Fund** on Christmas Day came to £100 for which we thank everyone.

### 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 families of Brenda Tattersall and Kathleen Hollows
- The people of Stacksteads
- All our activities in 2017
- The children and staff of the Bethany Project
- A more peaceful world in 2017

### Give Thanks for

- Our Christmas services and activities and the opportunities they gave to witness and serve the local 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
- Good weather over the Christmas period
- Christmas with our families



A record number came to the Christmas party and the **children really enjoyed** the food, games and (especially) the presents provided by CBC.

It was an honour to have the **Mayor of Rossendale**, Honorary Aldermen and Councillors with us at the Carols By Candlelight Service and our **thanks go to David** for organising the evening.

Our church text for 2017 is **Ephesians 5:1-2**. Text cards are available from David.

**“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**

If you use **the cellar**, please note that the lights now come on automatically as soon as someone comes in through the cellar door or down the stairs.

They will also **switch off automatically** after no movement is detected in the cellar for a few minutes.



### Flowers for January

- 1 Jan - Shirley Cormack in memory of Ian
- 8 Jan - Jean Cormack in memory of Harold
- 15 Jan - Jayne and Philip Webb
- 22 Jan - Jayne and Philip Webb
- 29 Jan - Mary Sweetman in memory of George Sweetman

### 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 29<sup>th</sup>



### Deacons and Church Meeting Dates 2017

Deacons	Church
Tues 10 Jan	Wed 18 Jan
Tues 28 Feb	Wed 8 Mar (AGM)
Tues 25 April	Wed 3 May
Tues 6 Jun	Wed 14 Jun
Tues 5 Sep	Wed 13 Sep
Tues 24 Oct	Wed 8 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, 27 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.



We are still (desperately!) in need of volunteers for **stewarding and brewing** up on Sunday mornings. Please let Yvonne know if you are able to help, even if you are not available every week.

**Grace Penney** sends Christmas greetings to us along with news of her work with Interserve. You can read her Christmas newsletter on the noticeboard in the Fellowship Room. David and Christine have recently been to see **Doreen** and have some news and photos.



There are still some **Christmas cards** uncollected in the foyer - it's maybe worth checking if they are for you!