



Acre Mill Baptist Church Newsletter : January 2019



Services	Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm
6 Jan	Rev John Prior <i>Bible Text Sunday</i>	Celebration and Supper <i>Decorations</i>
13 Jan	Jason Heath and Peter Webb	Terry Haslam-Jones
20 Jan	Rob Winterbottom <i>Communion</i>	Your Songs of Praise
27 Jan	Philip Bowden	Our Daily Bread
3 Feb	Jayne Webb <i>Family Service</i>	Café Church
10 Feb	Phil Webb and David Clegg	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Communion</i>
17 Feb <i>Lunch</i>	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Family Service</i>	No Service <i>Half Term</i>
24 Feb	Yvonne & Peter Webb	Annual Celebration

Coming Up	
We will be taking down the Christmas Decorations on 6 January starting at 5.00pm. This will be followed by supper and a short service. Do come along and help if you can.	
Regular events will be back to their normal schedules in January as follows:	
Toddlers	8 Jan
Midweek	16 Jan
Rubicon	9 Jan
CBC	10 Jan
Choir	10 Jan AGM
Drop In	11 Jan
Tues 8 Jan 7.30pm Deacons' Meeting	
Wed 16 Jan 7.30pm Church Meeting	
Friday 25 January Family Bowling Evening 7.00-8.30pm Burnley MFA Bowl	



A Happy 2019 to Everyone!

Once again, a big **THANKYOU** to everyone involved with our Christmas services and activities - especially those who worked in the background to make Christmas 2018 a very memorable time.

Special congratulations go to the children for their brilliant singing and presentation of their Nativity musical and to the choir for 'The Love of God At Christmas'. The Christmas services were very well-attended and much appreciated again this year.

The **Christmas Leaflets** went out with a Christmas message to tell the neighbourhood about our Christmas Services and regular activities. Please pray for our outreach to the community of Stacksteads



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**, and Councillors with us at the Carols By Candlelight Service and our **thanks go to David** for organising the evening.

Offerings during 2018 averaged just under **£305per** week, which is lower than in 2017 by about £15 per week. Please pray for our finances in 2019 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 2019** at the next Church Meeting. Will treasurers of church organisations let Terry have their **2018 accounts** when convenient, please.

The offering for **Tear Fund** on Christmas Day came to £70 and the total for Rossendale **Hospice Star Appeal** was £30.

We are still in need of volunteers for **stewarding and brewing** up on Sunday mornings. Please let Yvonne know if you are able to help,

Please Pray For (Your suggestions)

- Those suffering from mental illness
- All who work in children's hospitals
- The work of Interserve, Rossendale Hospice, 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
- All our activities in 2019
- The children and staff of the Bethany Project
- A more peaceful world in 2019

Give Thanks for

- Our Christmas services and events 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
- Christmas with our families



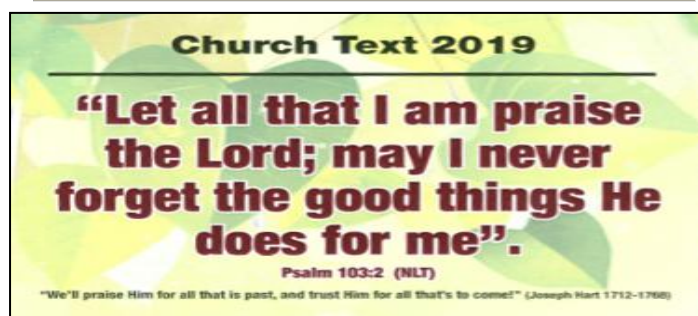
Acre Mill's Got Talent

On Saturday 9th March 2019 at 6.30pm, Louse is planning a **talent show** to raise awareness and, hopefully, some money for the Leprosy Mission.

The talent show will be for **primary school aged children**, to show off any ability they may have, anything from singing, dancing, comedy or sporty routines to the very unusual, they **may do anything as long as it's safe**. It will be in front of an audience so the child needs to be prepared to be brave.

More details and registration forms **are now available!**

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



Flowers for January

- 7 Jan - Shirley and Jean Cormack in memory of Ian, Harold and Brenda
- 14 Jan - Terry and Pamela
- 21 Jan - Jayne and Philip Webb
- 28 Jan - Jayne and Philip Webb

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 2nd, David Clegg on the 9th and Daniel Chadwick on the 29th



Proposed Deacons and Church Meeting Dates 2019

Deacons	Church
Tues 8 Jan	Wed 16 Jan
Tues 26 Feb	Wed 6 Mar (AGM)
Tues 23 April	Wed 1 May
Tues 4 Jun	Wed 12 Jun
Tues 3 Sep	Wed 11 Sep
Tues 29 Oct	Wed 6 Nov

Please let us know if you notice any problems. 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, 25 January from 7.00pm to 8.30pm. 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.



Series on Psalms

During the coming weeks, the Sunday Morning services will be based on **a Psalm** chosen by the person taking the service.

We start on Jan 6 with Rev John Prior looking at our **Church Text** for 2019 which is Psalm 103 v2. Jason and Peter have chosen Psalm 121 for 13 Jan and Rob has selected Psalm 1 on 20 Jan. **Which of these Psalms** is suggested by the image on the right?

