



# Acre Mill Baptist Church

## Newsletter : January 2020



Services	Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm
5 Jan	Rev John Prior <i>Bible Text Sunday</i> Isaiah 43:1-3	Celebration and Supper <i>Decorations</i>
12 Jan	Rev John Prior <i>Communion</i>	Bible Story Video Pt1
19 Jan	Peter Webb	Bible Story Video Pt 2
26 Jan	David Clegg	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Communion</i>
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

Coming Up	
We will be taking down the <b>Christmas Decorations</b> after the Evening Service on 5 January (tonight) and a supper will be provided at about 7.00pm. Do come along and help if you can.	
Regular events will be back to their normal schedules as follows:	
Toddlers	7 Jan
Midweek	8 Jan
Rubicon	8 Jan
CBC	9 Jan
Choir	9 Jan <b>AGM</b>
Drop In	10 Jan
<b>Tues 7 Jan 7.30pm</b> Deacons' Meeting	
<b>Wed 15 Jan 7.30pm</b> Church Meeting	
Friday 31 January <b>Family Bowling</b> <b>Evening 7.00-8.30pm</b> At Burnley MFA Bowl	

### A Happy 2020 to Everyone!



A great big **THANKYOU** to everyone who was involved with our Christmas services and activities - especially those who took part in the services and worked in the background to make Christmas 2019 a very blessed time.

**Special congratulations** go to the leaders and children of CBC and Sunday School for their brilliant presentation of the musical, 'Whoopsy-Daisy Angel' and to the choir for their Christmas musical, '**The Gift Goes On**'. The Christmas services were very well-attended and much appreciated again this year.

**Eight Hundred Christmas Leaflets** went out to tell the neighbourhood about our Christmas Services and regular activities despite the rainy weather - so thanks to everyone who helped. Please pray for this ministry to our community.

Our **tithe for 2019** was distributed as follows:  
Bacup Family Centre £100, Tear Fund, £350, Home Missions £400, Baptist World Mission £550, Magdalene Project £100, Interserve (For Grace Penney) £100.

### Offerings in 2019 averaged £307 per



week, which is just over our target. Please pray for our finances in 2020 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 2020** at the next Church Meeting. One of the important budget items will be to plan for a replacement of our main central heating boiler.

Will treasurers of church organisations let Terry have their **2019 accounts** when convenient, please.

The offering for **Tear Fund** on Christmas Day came to £100. We have also received gifts totalling £200 for the **Bethany Project**. Thanks everyone!

### Please Pray For (Your suggestions)

- Those suffering from mental illness
- All who work in childrens' 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 2020
- The children and staff of the Bethany Project
- A more peaceful world in 2020
- Our Government and MP's as we leave the EU on January 31.
- Our Evening Services.
- Everyone who has been recently bereaved.

### 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
- The continuing witness of our Church into 2020 - it will be our 150<sup>th</sup> year as a fellowship in 2021.

### Bible Series



Starting in January 2020, we are again having a series of morning services on a special **Bible Theme**... This time we are looking at the Paul's Second Letter to the **Thessalonians**. 2 Thessalonians was written from Corinth in AD 51 within months of writing the first letter which we studied in 2017. Paul probably had received a second report from the city detailing continuing questions or problems which he needed to answer.

### Church Text 2020

**Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. When you go through deep waters I will be with you. For I am the Lord, your God.**

Isaiah 43:1-3 (NLT)



### Flowers for January

- 5 Jan - Shirley and Jean Cormack in memory of Ian, Harold and Brenda
- 12 Jan - Terry and Pamela
- 19 Jan - Jayne and Philip Webb
- 26 Jan - Jayne and Philip Webb

### Birthday Corner

Shannon's birthday is on 7 January, Best Wishes to her **and all who have birthdays this month**, including Pamela on the 1<sup>st</sup>, Elizabeth Heath on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, David Clegg on the 9<sup>th</sup>, Daniel Chadwick on the 29<sup>th</sup> and Steven Clarkson on the 30<sup>th</sup>.



### Proposed Deacons and Church Meeting Dates 2020

Deacons	Church
Tues 7 Jan	Wed 15 Jan
Tues 25 Feb	Wed 4 Mar (AGM)
Tues 21 April	Wed 29 April
Tues 2 Jun	Wed 10 Jun
Tues 1 Sep	Wed 9 Sep
Tues 20 Oct	Wed 4 Nov

Please let us know if you notice any problems with these dates. If you have any items for the 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, 31 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. Lifts available



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, even if you are not available every week.

Please remember all our weekday activities in your prayers, especially our **Midweek Meeting** which takes place most Wednesdays at 7.30. We have a great time of Bible study, prayer and fellowship. **Everyone is welcome**

