



Acre Mill Baptist Church

Newsletter : June 2018



Services	Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm
3 June <i>Lunch</i>	Derek Allan	Jason Heath <i>Our Daily Bread</i>
10 June	Rev John Prior	Phil B and Phil W
17 June	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Communion</i>	Dads Do for Fathers' Day
24 June	Peter Webb and Grace Penney	Café Church
1 July <i>Jacob's Join</i>	Reach Puppets	CBC & Sunday School Children 2.30pm
8 July	James Booth	David Clegg <i>Communion</i>
15 July	David Brae	No Service
22 July	David Clegg <i>Communion</i>	No Service
29 July	Terry Haslam-Jones	No Service

Coming Up

It's the Spring Holiday week for schools **Monday 28 May - Friday 1 June** so our regular activities will be having a break that week. Things are back to normal the following week but there will not be a Drop In on 25 May, 1 June or 8 June and Toddlers are not meeting on 5 June

There will now not be a Deacons' Meeting on Tues 5 June, but there is a church meeting on Wednesday 13 June. This will be the **last** Church Meeting before the summer holidays. Items for the agenda by the **previous Sunday**, please.

Monday 18 June 7.00pm - meeting at Peter Webb's to discuss the Autumn **evening services**. Please come along and bring some ideas.

Ukulele Nights continue on 8 June, 22 June and 6 July.

Family Party Friday 29 June.

The family of Bob Moore send their love and thanks to everyone for the service held at Acre Mill to remember Bob's life on 11 May which was taken by David Clegg. We have some happy memories of Bob and admired courage he showed in facing such a long and debilitating illness.

We have had some more sad news recently as we learned of the recent deaths of Bill Ingham and Michael McShea.

Bill was a very good friend to us at Acre Mill - and a teacher of some of us at Fearn's. We remember with great fondness the many services he took here which usually involved some impressively beautiful and fast-moving artwork.

Michael was active as a Borough Councilor and Alderman for many years, gave valued support to our church and worked tirelessly to improve the local area and community.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to both families.

On Sunday, 17 June, the evening service will be **taken by the Dads** of the church to celebrate Father's Day. If you haven't been asked to take part yet, don't worry. **You will be!**

There are still vacancies on the rota for brewing-up and greeting/ stewarding and a new rota for the summer months is being organised at the moment. **Please see Yvonne** if you can help.

A regular item on our Church Meeting agenda will be a time for everyone to bring ideas about future activities and priorities, our witness as a church, community links - anything!! Please let one of the Deacons know if you have a suggestion or just bring it on the night.

Please Pray For (your suggestions)

- Families known to us facing difficulty and crisis
- Peace and tolerance between and within all countries of the world
- Families who have recently lost a loved one.
- Wisdom for those who hold positions of leadership and in government
- Our ongoing work with children and young people
- Everyone facing exams and leaving/starting school, college or university this summer
- Families driven from home by war, prejudice and disaster
- Workers for Peace in our world
- Family members near and far away
- Everyone suffering persecution because of their faith



Give Thanks For:

- People with gifts of encouragement
- Everyone working in the Emergency and Health Services
- Friends and family recovering from illness
- Those who take services at our church
- Everyone who works 'in the background'
- All the children of our Church
- Good friends in times of trouble and illness
- Generous giving of talents and time
- God's provision of resources to keep our church witnessing to the Gospel
- Our beautiful world and those who are working to keep it clean and safe

Peter has organised some **Ukulele Nights** for everyone (**all ages and abilities**) who would like to learn to play the ukulele or improve their skills,



The sessions start at 6.30 with about 20 minutes of tuition and playing followed by activities for the children and refreshments. We aim to finish around 7.45. **The dates are Fridays, 8 June, 22 June and 6 July.**

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In September, we start a new series of morning services looking at **Paul's letter to Titus**. This is the sixth shortest book in the bible - but which five are shorter? And who was Titus? And why did Paul write to him? It might be worth reading all 921 words before September!

Flowers for May/June



3 June : Joan and Alan in memory of Norma Whitworth
10 June : Gladys in memory of Rev Ron Monk
17 June : Elizabeth, Jason and Katie in memory of Jack
24 June : Phil and Kerry to celebrate their wedding anniversary

Birthday Corner Happy birthday to **Sam** (16) **Lynne** (19th), **June** (29th) and to all others celebrating birthdays this month. If you would like a birthday to be included in the newsletter, please let us know.



Sunday School and CE Anniversary

As we approach our **Sunday School Anniversary**, it's worth remembering that we were first established in October 1871 as an outreach Sunday School by **Zion Baptist Church Bacup**. We have lots of interesting archives for those early days, including Teachers' and Scholars' registers and other records. It's hard to believe that it's now 25 years since the old Sunday School building was demolished. **We are thankful** that our work among children and young people continues to be blessed.

This year, we have something special again at the morning service which will be followed by a Jacob's Join Lunch as usual (hopefully outdoors).



At 2.30pm the children of **CBC and Sunday School** will be leading a celebration service to show everyone what they do during their meetings and will be inviting the **whole church and their parents** to join them. There will not be an evening service at 6.00pm that day.

If you can bring some food for the Jacob's Join meal, please let **Pamela** know by initialing an item on the list in the Fellowship Room.



Bacup and Stacksteads Carnival is a great community day bringing together people of all ages to take part in a fun event to be held on 30 June. The Carnival starts at 11am with a procession from **Burnley Road, Bacup**, through the town and out into Stubblelee Park arriving at approx 12 noon. **In the park** there will be a host of events, attractions, stalls, a fun fair and displays on a stage. The stage opens from 12.30pm with the official opening by **the Mayor** and events continue to about 4pm.