



Acre Mill Baptist Church

Newsletter : March 2014



Sunday Services	Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm
2 March <i>Family Service</i>	David Clegg <i>Dedication</i>	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Communion</i>
9 March	Philip & Jayne Webb <i>Family Service</i>	Peter Webb
16 March	Rev Janice Trimble <i>Communion</i>	Songs of Praise <i>Choir</i>
23 March	Jack Lancashire and David Clegg	Shirley Cormack
30 March	Carol Gooder <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	Heather Birch
6 April Lunch	Rev John Prior	Alan Scholes <i>Communion</i>
13 April <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Shirley Cormack <i>Family Service</i>	Choir Musical 'Redemption'
18 April <i>Good Friday</i>	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Communion</i>	
20 April <i>Easter Day</i>	David Isherwood	Communion and Celebration
27 April <i>Ladies' Sunday</i>	Di Isherwood	Acre Mill Ladies

Coming Up

All our **regular meetings** get back to normal in the week commencing 24 Feb after the half-term break.

Tuesday, 25 February Deacons' Meeting 7.30pm.
Wednesday, 5 March : Church Meeting (AGM) 7.30pm

Ladies' Meetings resume on Tuesday, 4 March after the winter break.



Fairtrade Fortnight : 24 February to 9 March 2014
www.fairtrade.org.uk

Just an advance notice that **Easter** is later this year with Palm Sunday on 13 April and Easter Monday(Bank Holiday) on 21 April. We hope to have a walk on Good Friday as usual.

Most local schools finish for Easter on 4 April and go back on 22 April, so most of our regular activities will have a **break** during these two weeks

February The **Annual Celebration** takes place tonight and we again meet to thank God for the past year and look forward to the future. We start at 5.00pm with a Soup and Roll meal.



Don't forget the challenge of raising £40 before Easter for the '**Send a Cow**' project. Posters are on the noticeboard and our cow money box has already received over £10.

If anyone is considering **baptism and/or church membership**, we are hoping to have some information sessions soon.

It was very sad to hear that Doris Blan died recently after a long illness. Doris has been a faithful worker for CE in the Northwest and a good friend for many years. She has often visited Acre Mill and taken several services for us. Her funeral is on Friday 28 Feb at her home church in Wigan.

Church Meeting.

Please pray for the business to be discussed at the **Church AGM Meeting on 5 March.**



If you have any items of business, please let Shirley know **before the meeting**, if possible but you can put items on the agenda as AOB on the night. Two standard AGM items are the **Accounts for 2013** and our Child Protection Policy

Average weekly offerings to date are **£303**, just below our target of £305 per week. Leaflets and envelopes are available with details of the Gift Aid scheme and **David** will be very happy to tell you more!

Ladies' Meetings

Our fortnightly meetings start up again on **Tuesday 4th March** when Mrs Carol Gooder will be our speaker. On 18th March we have a visit from Mr Colin Crawforth of International Aid Trust, the Charity to which we have sent shoeboxes at Christmas time. There's a **welcome** for any ladies who wish to join us at our meetings which start at 2pm.

Please Pray For

- Everyone waiting for and undergoing hospital treatment.
- Those affected by the winter floods
- The people of Ukraine
- Local and National Government
- Fairtrade Fortnight and Tear Fund
- All the children of our church and their parents
- The 'Send a Cow' Project
- Our Easter activities



Give Thanks For:

- Better weather on the way (we hope)
- Warmth, light and cheerful people during the winter
- God's provision of resources
- Friends recovering from illness
- Income from the Gift Aid scheme
- Support from our Local Community
- Good friends and neighbours



WW1 Memorial

We are planning to have a new memorial plaque for the **men of Acre Mill** who lost their lives in WW1. There was once a memorial with the photographs of these **ten men** in the Sunday School but this was stored in the cellar for many years and became badly damaged.

Research on the lives of the men will be kept **in a file** near the WW2 Memorial. If you can help with any information about the men and their families, please let Terry know. Their names are :

L. Holt	Benjamin Howorth	Bert Taylor
W Cook	Hardman Savory	H Ashworth
G Cooper	Herbert Knight	G Schofield
John James(Jack) Savory		

Dedication

Everyone is invited to stay for lunch next week (2 March) and we thank **Cassie and Stephen Webb** for providing a buffet to celebrate the dedication of their daughter, **Missy**.

New lock There is a **new lock on the main door** which operates in a slightly different way to the old one. If you need to open or lock up at any time, please see the **new instructions** on the door!

Flowers for March

- 2 March** : Jean Naylor in memory of her sister, Irene
9 March : Elizabeth and Jason Heath
16 March : Terry and Pamela in memory of Harold Jones and Floyd Vanderhoof.
23 March : Vacant
30 March : Joan Spencer



Birthday Wishes None of the children has a birthday in March (as far as we know) so congratulations to all who have a birthday this month, including Chris Clegg , Rebekah Price, Peter Haslam and Brenda Tattersall. Please let Joan know if you would like someone included.

Easter leaflets The Easter leaflets will soon be available and we hope to deliver them around the neighbourhood before our **Easter Programme** begins. Help (no matter how small) with distribution is much appreciated..



Easter Musical

The choir are busy rehearsing for '**Redemption - the Power of the Cross**' which will be presented on Palm Sunday at 7.00pm. **Posters** to advertise the musical will be available so please take one (or more) if you can deliver to local churches, places and organisations. To avoid duplication, please sign the **list in the Fellowship Room** to let us know if you have taken one and where it will be displayed.

There **will** be a walk after the service on **Good Friday** - details of the route and travel arrangements to be decided. More details in the April newsletter



Summer 2014

We are organising a **Children's Mission** in the summer again and this will be run by our own CBC and Sunday School leaders. It will be held from 10.00 to 12.30 Tues to Fri **19-22 August** - more details to come. If you would like to help in any way, please see one of the CBC leaders. Please pray for this event and get involved!

PUZZLE CORNER Thanks for the extremely inventive solutions to last month's puzzle. And here's another teaser for **March**.



What is the connection between Jonah's possible escape destination and **Manchester City**?