



# Acre Mill Baptist Church

## Newsletter : March 2016



Sunday Services	Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm
6 March <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	Jayne & Pauline <i>Family Service</i>	Young People
13 March	David Clegg <i>Series 6</i> <i>Communion</i>	Terry Haslam-Jones
20 March <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Rob Winterbottom	Musical 7.00pm <i>Pharaoh to Freedom</i>
25 March <i>Good Friday</i>	Phil Bowden <i>Communion</i>	
27 March <i>Easter Day</i>	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Family Service</i>	Communion and Celebration
3 April <b>Lunch</b>	John Prior <i>Series 7</i>	Alan Scholes
10 April <i>Communion</i>	Peter Webb <i>Series 8</i>	Terry Haslam-Jones
17 April	Phil Bowden <i>Family Service</i>	No Service
24 April <i>Ladies' Sunday</i>	Shirley Cormack	Friendship Group <i>Communion</i>

### Coming Up

Wednesday, 2 March : **Church Meeting (AGM)** 7.30pm

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**The Friendship Group resumes on** Tuesday, 8 March after the winter break.

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**Fairtrade Fortnight : 29**  
February to  
13 March 2014  
[www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk)

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**Easter Dates** Palm Sunday is on 20 March and Easter Monday (Bank Holiday) on 28 March. We will have a walk on Good Friday as usual.

The **school holidays** are different this year with most schools off on the two Bank Holidays (25 and 28 March), followed by a two week holiday in April. **Most local schools** finish for Easter on 8 April and go back on 25 April. Our regular activities will have a **break** during these two school holiday weeks.

The **Annual Celebration** and meal last Sunday was well-attended and we met to thank God for the past year and to look forward to the future. Thanks to all who helped and gave such **encouraging** reports. Special thanks to everyone who works so hard with our **children and young people**.



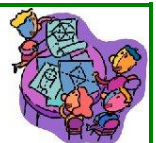
Don't forget the challenge of raising £50 before Easter for the '**Send a Cow**' project. The little cow money box has already received **over £15**.

**Our new sign is quite a challenge! Philippians 2:1&2**



Our shared hope is in Jesus and, just as Jesus welcomes all, so do we. Please come and join with us, let's worship Him here together

Please pray for the business to be discussed at the **Church Annual General Meeting on 2 March**. If you have any items of business, please let Philip 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 2015** and our Child Protection Policy.



Weekly offerings for the first two months of the year averaged **£329**. This is an encouraging improvement on the last half of 2015, but please prayerfully consider giving a little more each week if you are able to do so.

There is still time to book for the **Carvery Meal** at the Rose and Bowl on Wednesday 16 March at 6.00.

## Friendship Group

Our monthly meetings start up again on **Tuesday 8 March** when we will be catching up on what we have all been doing during the winter and planning for the evening service on 24 April

The group is open to everyone - **any age - men and women**. There is a varied programme and we hope to provide a friendly meeting place to just come and enjoy each other's company!

## Please Pray For

- Everyone waiting for and undergoing hospital treatment.
- Peace in the Middle East
- 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:

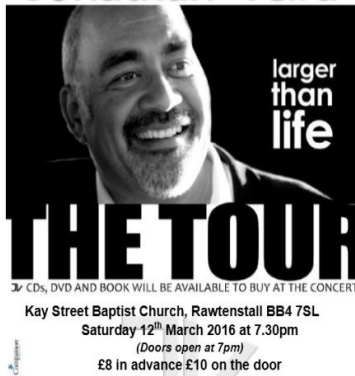
- The encouraging reports at the Annual Celebration
- Warmth, light and cheerful people during the winter
- God's provision of resources
- Friends recovering from illness
- Income from the Gift Aid scheme
- Support from our Local Community
- Good friends and neighbours



In 2015 we were very pleased to receive **£4676** from HMRC as a result of the **Gift Aid Scheme**. If you pay income tax, please consider joining the scheme as we can reclaim 25% of everything that you give. Leaflets and envelopes are available

with details and **David** will be very happy to tell you more! There are also some **spare envelopes** at the back of church for anyone who isn't able to join the gift aid scheme but would like to give a regular amount this way.

## Jonathan Veira



Christian singer, musician, story-teller, entertainer, **A great one-man show**

Saturday 12 March  
7.30 at Kay Street  
See Poster on Noticeboard and the Kay Street Website

[www.kaystreetbaptistchurch.co.uk/](http://www.kaystreetbaptistchurch.co.uk/)

## Flowers for March

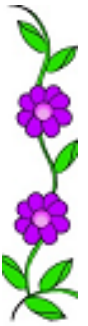
**6 March** : Elizabeth and Jason Heath

**13 March** : Terry and Pamela in memory of Harold Jones and Floyd Vanderhoof.

**20 March** : David Lord

**27 March** : Joan Spencer

There are still some vacant dates and the Flower Team would be very pleased to **hear from anyone** who would like to donate flowers to celebrate a special event.



**Birthday Wishes** As far as we know, none of our children have a birthday in March, but we send congratulations **to everyone who has a birthday** this month, including Cassie, Pauline, Rebekah, Peter Haslam, Matthew Chadwick and Brenda Tattersall.



**The Easter leaflets** will soon be ready for distribution around the neighbourhood and we hope to get them out before our **Easter Programme** begins. Help with delivery is much appreciated even if you can only do part of a street.



**Easter Musical** The choir are busy rehearsing for the Musical '**Pharaoh To Freedom**' 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.

## Family Events

After the service on **Good Friday** morning we will have a packed lunch at church (brew provided). Then we travel by car to **Hollingworth Lake** (lifts available if needed). See Peter for more details. Suitable clothes and footwear, please.



There will be a Family Party on **Friday 29 April** 6.30-8.30 with games for children and adults, a quiz and supper. Philip and Jayne are also planning a day **trip to the Lakes** later in the year. We also hope to join the Northwest CE at **West Kirby on June 11th**.

## Garden

Now that Spring is (nearly) here, there is **plenty of work** to be done in the church garden. If you are able to help - even if it's just an hour now and then, please let Terry know. You **don't need** to be an expert!

