



Acre Mill Baptist Church Newsletter : March 2017



Sunday Services	Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm
5 March Lunch	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Family Service</i>	Walks of Faith Peter Marland
12 March	Mike Huck	Café Church
19 March <i>Communion</i>	Peter Webb <i>Thessalonians Series 3</i>	David Clegg
26 March <i>Dedication Service</i>	David Clegg <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	Pamela Haslam-Jones
2 April	Rev John Prior	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Communion</i>
9 April <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Rob Winterbottom	Choir Musical 'Because he Lives' 7.00pm
14 April <i>Good Friday</i>	David Clegg <i>Communion</i>	
16 April <i>Easter Day</i>	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Family Service</i>	Communion and Celebration
23 April <i>Communion</i>	Phil Bowden <i>Thessalonians Series 4</i>	'After Easter' Bible Study
30 April <i>Ladies' Sunday</i>	Jean Cormack	No Service

Coming Up

Tuesday, 28 February Deacons' Meeting 7.30pm.
Wednesday, 8 March : **Church Meeting (AGM)** 7.30pm



Fairtrade Fortnight : 27
February to 12 March
2017
www.fairtrade.org.uk

Just an advance notice of this year's **Easter** dates with Palm Sunday on 9 April and Easter Monday (Bank Holiday) on 17 April. **Most local schools** finish on 31 March and go back on 18 April. We will have a walk on Good Friday after the morning service as usual.

Dedication
Everyone is invited to stay for a buffet lunch on 26 March which is provided by **Cassie and Stephen Webb** to celebrate the dedication of their daughter, Presley.

Our **annual carvery** at the Rose and Bowl is on 19 April at 6.00pm

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. Please let Terry know if you are presenting a report



Don't forget the challenge of raising £50 again before Easter for the '**Send a Cow**' project. Posters are on the noticeboard and our cow money box has already received over £15.

For anyone is considering **baptism and church membership** - we are hoping to have some information sessions soon.

You may have noticed some nice new blinds in the kitchen which have been provided by a kind donation from the family of Brenda Tattersall.

Church Meeting.

Please pray for the business to be discussed at the **Church AGM Meeting on 8 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 2016** and our Child Protection Policy

Average weekly offerings to date are **£327**, just below our target of **£330 per week**. Leaflets and envelopes are available with details of the Gift Aid scheme and **David** will be very happy to tell you more!

Please Pray For

- Everyone waiting for and undergoing hospital treatment
- Those affected by the winter storms
- The work of all relief agencies
- Local and National and World Government
- The work of Tearfund, especially their current projects in South Sudan
- All the children of our church and their parents
- The 'Send a Cow' Project
- All our Easter activities
- The Bethany Family in Tanzania who recently sent their greetings and thanks to us
- Resolution of family conflicts
- Our outreach to young people



Give Thanks For:

- Better weather on the way (we hope)
- Warmth, light and cheerful, encouraging people during the winter
- God's provision of resources for witness
- Friends recovering from illness
- Income from the Gift Aid scheme
- Support from our Local Community
- Good friends and neighbours
- Our Sunday Services and those who lead them
- Freedom to worship and read the Bible

The '**Drop In**' continues on Friday mornings from 9.30 to 12.00. You are very welcome to come along for something to **drink, a chat** and solve any computer problems you may have. **Children** are welcome - we usually put some toys out for them.



Flowers Many thanks to **Katie** for the lovely new flower arrangements in Church. There are a number of **vacant Sundays** on the flower rota at the moment so please let one of the flower team know if you would like to provide flowers for one of these dates.



Our Daily Bread The ODB bible notes are proving to be very **popular and helpful**. We increased our order last year and, as all the notes have been taken from the last delivery, **Peter is wondering** if we need to order more. Please let him know if you didn't get a booklet but would like one. The ODB Website and Facebook Page also has great resources and videos.



You are invited to our **CHURCH FAMILY CARVERY** at the Rose 'n' Bowl at 6pm on **Wednesday, 19th April**. The cost is £11 per adult and £5 for children (who will also eat from the Carvery). This includes Carvery + Sweet + Tea/Coffee. Please book through David Clegg. Full payment with booking is **essential**

Flowers for March

5 March : Elizabeth and Jason Heath
12 March : Terry and Pamela in memory of Harold Jones and Floyd Vanderhoof.
19 March : David Lord in memory of Christine
26 March : Joan Spencer

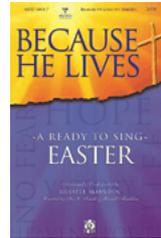


Birthday Wishes None of the children has a birthday in March (as far as we know) so congratulations to all who have a birthday this month, including, **Rebekah, Pauline and Cassie**. Please let Terry know if you would like someone included.

Easter leaflets The Easter leaflets will be available soon 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 the musical, '**Because he Lives**' 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 to Hollingworth Lake after the morning service on **Good Friday** -. More details in the April newsletter

Quick facts about 2 Thessalonians

- The city of Thessalonica was the capital of the Roman province of Macedonia and a prominent seaport.
- It was situated on the great northern military highway from Rome to the east.
- 2 Thessalonians is Paul's 2nd letter and is Paul's shortest epistle to a congregation.
- Paul uses two words in 2 Thessalonians that are not to be found anywhere else in the New Testament. (But what are they?)
- Paul established the congregation at Thessalonica during his second missionary journey and remained there for about a month.
- One of his main subjects is the proper understanding of the subject of the Lord's return.
- In Paul's greeting to the people at Thessalonica, he uses the customary Greek for "grace." and the customary Hebrew word for "peace."

