



# Acre Mill Baptist Church

## Newsletter : March 2018



Sunday Services	Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm
4 March	Rob Winterbottom	Cafe Church Peter & Yvonne
11 Mar <i>Mothers Sunday</i>	Pamela and Pauline <i>Family Service</i>	Bible Mothers
18 Mar	Celebration of the life of Doreen Chestney	Peter Webb <i>Communion</i>
25 Mar	Jayne Howarth	Choir Musical <i>Palm Sunday</i>
30 March <i>Good Friday</i>	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Communion</i>	
1 April <i>Easter Day</i>	Philip & Jayne Webb <i>Family Service</i>	Easter Celebrations
8 April <i>Communion</i>	Ken Bowden	Memories of Billy Graham
15 April	Tim Doggart	Kids Make Music
22 April	TBC <i>Communion</i>	Terry Haslam-Jones
29 April <i>Ladies Sunday</i>	Shirley and Jean Cormack	Pamela Haslam-Jones

### Coming Up

The **Annual Celebration** will be held tonight, 25 February at 6.00pm and will be preceded by a soup and roll meal at 5.00pm.

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**Tuesday, 27 Feb Deacons' Meeting**  
7.30pm.  
Wednesday, 7 March : **Church Meeting (AGM)** 7.30pm

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 **Fairtrade Fortnight** this year is 26 February to Sunday 11 March

This year, Easter is quite early with Palm Sunday on 25 March and Easter Monday (Bank Holiday) on 2 April. **Most local schools** finish on 23 March and go back on 9 April. We hope to have a walk on **Good Friday** after the morning service as usual.

Our regular activities will all have a break during the Easter holiday fortnight. **Rubicon** will continue as usual.

Anyone interested in a **family party** in May/June? Let Terry Know

For anyone who is considering **baptism and church membership** - classes are taking place at the moment. We can arrange something to suit you if you would like to know more.

On Sunday 18 March we have arranged for a service of celebration of the life of **Doreen Chestney**. This will be attended by members of her family and, following this service of celebration, her cremated remains will be interred in the Chapel Grounds, alongside those of her husband, Eddie Evans. **Several of her friends** will be contributing to the service, as will members of the 2nd Rossendale Scout Group Band, with which Doreen had such strong connections. **The Church is providing a buffet lunch** at the close of the service and we would hope that you are able to stay for this, and share your memories of Doreen with her three daughters. If you can stay for lunch, please add your name to the list in the Fellowship Room.

### Church Meeting.

Please pray for the business to be discussed at the **Church AGM Meeting on 7 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 2017** and our Child Protection Policy

Average weekly offerings to date are **£309**, below our target of **£320 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 cold weather
- The work of all relief agencies
- Local, National and World Government
- The Mayor of Rossendale, Coun. Colin Crawforth
- All the children of our church and their parents
- The 'Send a Cow' Project
- All our Easter activities and the leaflets
- The Bethany Family in Tanzania who recently sent their greetings and thanks to us
- Resolution of 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 months
- 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
- Our new Church
- Bibles



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.



**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.



Our **Annual Family Carvery** at the Rose 'n' Bowl on Wednesday, 11th April starting at 6.15pm. The cost will be £11 per adult which includes Carvery, Sweet and Tea/Coffee. For children it's £5 for Chicken nuggets or Fish fingers with chips and baked beans, + Sweet and Cold drink.



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 £10**.

## Flowers for March

**4 March** : Jean Naylor in Memory of her sister, Irene

**11 March** : Jason and Elizabeth Heath to celebrate their wedding anniversary

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

**25 March** : David Lord



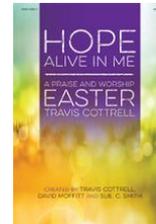
**Birthday Wishes** Happy Birthday to **Daniel Barcroft** whose birthday is on 10th March and to all who have a birthday this month, including, **Rebekah, Pauline and Cassie**.

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, '**Hope, Alive In Me**' 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.

**After the service** on **Good Friday** morning we will have a packed lunch at church (brew provided). Then we travel by car to **Towneley Hall** (lifts available if needed) we will walk around the grounds and woodlands and maybe visit the garden centre and café.



Towneley Hall has some **Special Easter Events** and we will let you know about these when we have more details.



**Louise Farrow** is the new representative for BMS and leprosy Mission. She is appealing for new donors who feel led to give. There are collection boxes available if anyone could leave one at work, shops, school etc.

Louise is going to set up a '**Bring and Donate**' area in the Fellowship Room to support Leprosy Mission so, if you have any spare books or games, please support this venture.