



Acre Mill Baptist Church

Newsletter : March 2019



Sunday Services	Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm
3 Mar	Ken Bowden	David Clegg
10 Mar	Rob Winterbottom	Everyone Make Music
17 Mar	Tim Doggart <i>Communion</i>	Phil B and Phil W
24 Mar	Rev John Prior	Focus On Stacksteads
31 March <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	Aine Winterbottom <i>Family Service</i>	Phil B and Phil W
7 April	Terry Haslam-Jones	Bible Society <i>Communion</i>
14 April <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Rev Derek Allen	Easter Musical 7.00pm
19 April <i>Good Friday</i>	Peter Webb <i>Communion</i>	
21 April <i>Easter Day</i>	Baptism Service	Easter Celebration
28 April <i>Ladies Sunday</i>	Jayne Haworth	Pamela Haslam-Jones

Coming Up
The Annual Celebration will be held tonight, 24 February at 5.00pm and will be preceded by a meal together at 4.00pm.
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Tuesday, 26 Feb Deacons' Meeting 7.30pm.
Wednesday, 6 March : Church Meeting (AGM) 7.30pm
Fridays 1 & 8 March Uke Club 6.30pm
Sat, 9 March Acre Mill's Got Talent .
Wednesday, 27 March - Family Carvery at the Rose & Bowl 6.15pm
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This year, Easter is later with Palm Sunday on 14 April and Easter Monday (Bank Holiday) on 22 April. Most Schools finish for Easter on Friday 5 April and return on Tuesday, 23 April - the day after Easter Monday Bank Holiday. Our regular activities will be having a break during the Easter Holidays.

It's wonderful news that, at the morning service on Sunday, 21 April, **Sarah Webb and Lee Metcalf** are being baptised. This will be a great time of celebration and a good opportunity to invite friends and family. We all send our prayers and best wishes to Sarah and Lee for the day. They will be providing a **lunch afterwards** to which everyone is invited.

If anyone is interested in learning more about Baptism and possibly being baptised on the same day, please see one of the Deacons. **Please prayerfully consider this important step** of personal witness and commitment.



There is still time to enter **Acre Mill's Got Talent** on Saturday 9th March at 6.30pm, which we hope will raise awareness and, some money for the Leprosy Mission. More details available from Louise

The **Bethany Project** has sent us a great book about the children which is at the back of church. Please feel free to borrow it (but please return!)

Church Meeting. Please pray for the business to be discussed at the **Church AGM Meeting on 6 March** at 7.30pm



If you have any items of business, please let Philip Webb 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 2018** and our Child Protection Policy

Average weekly offerings to the end of February are **£298**, which is below our target of **£305 per week** and quite a bit below our average of £320 in 2017.

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
- The work of all relief agencies
- Local, National and World Government
- The Mayor of Rossendale, Coun. Ann Kenyon
- 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:

- Lovely Spring weather
- 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



Flowers for March



3 March : Jean Naylor in Memory of her sister, Irene

10 March : Jason and Elizabeth Heath to celebrate their wedding anniversary

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

24 March : David Lord

Our **Annual Family Carvery** at the Rose 'n' Bowl on Wednesday, 27th March starting at 6.15pm. The cost will be £14 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. See **David Clegg** for more details.



Don't forget the challenge of raising £50 again before Easter for the '**Send a Cow**' project - our cow money box has already received **over £10**.

Send a Cow is the selected charity for

the current Radio 4 Appeal and **Jane Horrocks** has recorded a short talk for them which you can hear at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0002lh9>

In preparation for the '**Everyone Make Music**' service on 10 March, two 'Uke Clubs' have been arranged for 1 & 8 March. These start at 6.30 with **Ukulele practice** for about half an hour, followed by refreshments and games.



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.

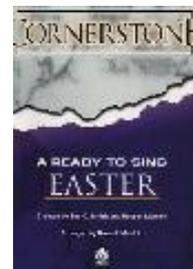


Birthday Wishes Happy Birthday to **Daniel Barcroft** whose birthday is on 10th March and to all who have a birthday this month, including, **Rebekah, Pauline, Peter Haslam and Cassie**. Please let Terry know if you would like someone included in the birthday list.

Easter leaflets The Easter leaflets will be available at the end of March 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, '**Cornerstone**' 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) for a walk. See Peter for more details. Suitable clothes and footwear, please.



We are hoping to have a Family Board Games Evening later in the year - details to follow.



At the evening service on 24 March we are looking at our **own area of Stacksteads** and thinking about our outreach and role in the local community.

We will be focusing on the good points of our village and praying for **a number of important issues**. We are hoping that as many people will come along and take part as possible.