



Acre Mill Baptist Church

Newsletter : March 2020



Sunday Services	Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm
1 Mar	Rev John Prior	David Clegg <i>Communion</i>
8 Mar	Terry Haslam-Jones	Everyone Make Music
15 Mar	John Ormiston <i>Communion</i>	Phil B and Phil W
22 March <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	Philip Webb <i>Family Service</i>	Pamela HJ
29 March	Rob Winterbottom	Terry HJ <i>Communion</i>
5 April <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Terry Haslam Jones	Easter Musical 7.00pm
10 April 10am <i>Good Friday</i>	Phil Bowden <i>Communion</i>	
12 April <i>Family Service</i>	Peter & Yvonne <i>Easter Day</i>	Easter Celebration
19 April	Rev David Parkin	Café Church (T&P)
26 April <i>Family Service</i>	Phil and Jayne	Peter Webb <i>Communion</i>

Coming Up
The Annual Celebration will be held tonight, 23 February at 5.00pm and will be preceded by a meal together at 4.00pm.
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Tuesday, 25 Feb Deacons' Meeting 7.30pm.
'Ukulele Night Friday 28 Feb 6.30pm
Wednesday, 4 March : Church Meeting (AGM) 7.30pm
Saturday 7 March : Quiz Night for Leprosy Mission
Wednesday, 1 April starting at 6.30pm - Family Carvery at the Rose & Bowl
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Easter Dates : Palm Sunday is on 5 April, Good Friday on 10 April and Easter Monday (Bank Holiday) on 13 April. Most Schools finish for Easter on Friday 3 April and return on Monday, 20 April Our regular activities will be having a break during the Easter Holidays.

We all enjoyed the **Bowling Evening** at Burnley MFA Bowl at the end of January. This was the 6th time we have held this event and we took the **largest group ever!** If you have any ideas for family activities, please let one of the Deacons know and we will be happy to try to include them in the future.

A number of people have been asking about **Peter, Shuhong and Yannie** as the province where they live is one of the most affected by the Corona virus. Latest news is that they are **all well** but there are severe restrictions on movement and schools and most public places are closed. Please remember them and also **Xingzhen Ye** and her family who are also in a badly-hit area.

On Saturday 7th March there will be a **Family Quiz** to raise donations for **Leprosy Mission**. There is a separate quiz for children under 12 and you can enter alone or in a team of up to 6 people. There are **prizes for the winners!** Louise has more details and there are some flyers in church.

Church Meeting. Please pray for the business to be discussed at the **Church AGM Meeting on 4 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 2019** and our Child Protection Policy

Average weekly offerings estimated to the end of February will be around **£301**, which is 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!

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, Cllr. Barbara Ashworth
- All the children of our church and their parents
- The 'Send a Cow' Project
- All our Easter activities and the Easter leaflets
- The Bethany Family in Tanzania who recently sent their greetings and thanks to us
- Resolution of conflicts
- Our outreach to young people
- Everyone affected by the recent heavy rainfall and flooding
- Everyone affected by the Coronavirus outbreak



Give Thanks For:

- 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 plan and lead them
- Our bible studies in 2 Thessalonians



Flowers for March



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

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

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

22 March : David Lord

Our **Annual Family Carvery** at the Rose 'n' Bowl on Wednesday, 1 April starting at 6.30pm. The cost will be £15 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 £15**.

Visiting Rota.

Louise is drawing up a **new rota** for visiting those members of our fellowship who find it hard to get to church. If you are able to **visit someone**, even if it is only occasionally, please let Louise know.



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.



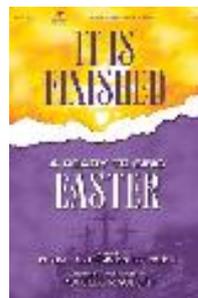
Birthday Wishes Happy Birthday to **Daniel Barcroft** whose birthday is on 10th March and to all who have a birthday this month, including, **Rebekah, Pauline, Peter Haslam and Cassie**. Please let Terry know if you would like someone included in the birthday list.

Easter leaflets The Easter leaflets will be available towards 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 a new musical, '**It is Finished**' 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.



Good Friday Walk

After the service on **Good Friday** morning we will have a packed lunch at church (brew provided). Then we will have a walk to a **mystery location**. More details to follow. Suitable clothes and footwear, please.



In October 2021, it will be **150 years** since the founding of our church as a Sunday School and we are looking for suggestions for special events to mark this important event. **Please see David Clegg or Terry** if you have any suggestions.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid John 14:27