



# Acre Mill Baptist Church

## Newsletter : May 2014



Services	Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm
4 May	G Skilling	No Service May Day Weekend
11 May <b>Lunch</b>	Stephen Crook <i>Family Service</i>	Peter Webb
18 May	Ken Bowden <i>Communion</i>	Ben Bracewell
25 May	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Family Service</i>	No Service (Holidays)
1 June	Tim Doggart	<i>Focus on Bacup Communion</i>
8 June <b>Lunch</b>	Phils B & W <i>Family Service</i>	Shirley Cormack
15 June Fathers' Day	Rev Derek Allen <i>Communion</i>	David Clegg
22 June	Canon M Gooder	Songs of Praise Choir
29 June	Rev John Prior	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Communion</i>

**Coming Up**

Tues 29 April **Deacons Meeting** 7.30  
Wed 7 May **Church Meeting** 7.30

On **11 May and 8 June** you are invited to bring along a packed lunch to enjoy together **after the morning service**. Drinks will be provided.

**Youth Club** will meet on 2 and 16 May.

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On Thursday 22 May, the Fellowship Room will be used as a **Polling Station** for the Local and European Elections from 7.00am until 10.00pm.

This will affect **CBC and Choir** and the leaders of these organisations will be making arrangements and letting everyone know in due course.

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Most of our regular activities will be **having a break** during the week commencing **Monday, 26 May** and will resume after the school holidays.

**6 June** Bowling Evening (please sign up!)

### April Notes

**Thanks to** everyone for making Easter 2014 such a memorable and blessed time. The feedback from the Easter leaflet was very positive and thanks again to everyone who helped with the distribution and to Peter for organising the walk to Hollingworth Lake. Special thanks to **the choir** for the Easter Musical.

**Richard Blakey** who has so ably provided us with the sound equipment for our recent musicals is taking up a new job and this year is probably the last time he will be able to help us. We send him our thanks and best wishes for the future.

The **Send a Cow Project** finally raised £90 for which we send thanks. You can find out more about the project from their website at [www.sendacow.org.uk](http://www.sendacow.org.uk)

Jayne, Daniel and Terry are training hard for the **Manchester Great 10k Run** on 18 May and hope that you will sponsor them for the three charities they have chosen - The Christie, Parkinsons UK and The British Heart Foundation. A sponsor form is available in the fellowship room.

Please pray for and support the **Church Meeting** on 7 May. Church meetings are about planning, the allocation of resources, setting priorities for the work of our church and seeking **God's will** for the future witness of the fellowship here. You are needed!

Average weekly offerings so far this year are **£323 per week**. Do consider joining the Gift Aid scheme which earns an extra 25% on top of anything you give at no extra cost to you. The process is **really simple** and David Clegg will be very pleased to tell you more.

If you would like to update your **contact details** and haven't completed a new form yet, please see Terry or Shirley

## Ladies' Meetings

At our first meeting in April **Mrs Margaret Kerr** spoke to us taking as her theme the character of Phoebe, and at our next meeting we had the **Homestart** district organiser who told us of the valuable work done by her team of volunteers helping families in this area.

29th April - Mrs. Joan Nolan will tell us of her visit to America

13th May - Rev Janice Trimble

27th May - no meeting (Spring Bank Holiday week)

## Please Pray For

(Your suggestions)

- Those who are ill or are/have been in hospital
- Everyone in residential care
- Those recently bereaved
- People in financial trouble
- The local and European elections on May 22
- Our Toddler Group, CBC, Sunday School and Youth Club
- Charities working for a better world
- Our local schools, children, staff and governors
- Everyone who is anxious, worried or troubled
- Young people taking exams this summer
- Countries in crisis



## Give Thanks For:

- God's guidance in difficult times.
- Easter Blessings and Praise
- Health and strength
- Great worship songs and hymns
- Beautiful spring weather and growing things
- People who look after us and give support
- The ministry of our Choir
- People who are patient with us
- Generosity, enthusiasm and encouragement

**Midweek Meeting** We meet most **Wednesdays** at 7.30pm at David and Christine Clegg's home for **Bible study** and sharing of concerns for prayer. Why not come along?



Just a reminder that items for the **RAFT** food bank can be left in the plastic box in the Fellowship room.

The **church website** contains news about future events and pictures and reports of the activities we have done in the last few months. A newsletter can be downloaded from the website and a list of services is available from the main page. We also have a **Facebook** page and Terry is looking for someone to help keep this updated.

## Flowers for May



4 May : Vacant

11 May Brenda Tattersall in memory of Eddie Tattersall

18 May : Pauline and Karl Sinkinson

25 May : Brenda Brown in memory of Dennis Brown

## Birthday Corner

11th May - Louisa Mae Metcalfe will be 1 and May Kelly will be 16.

14th May - Heidi May Hodkinson will be 2

19th May - Jessica Paige Clegg will be 4

29th May - Missy Monroe Webb will one year old. Happy Birthday to these young ladies and everyone with a birthday in May.



## Summer Mission



Please remember this year's **Summer Children's Mission** in your prayers. This will take place Tues 19th to Fri 22nd Aug starting 10am and finishing around 12.00-12.30.

Offers of help are very welcome.

## WW1 Memorial

We are making good progress with the new memorial for the **ten young men** of Acre Mill who gave their lives in WW1 and a proof design is on the main noticeboard.



A **booklet** containing a brief biography and service record for each man will be produced and we are pleased to have **made contact** with the families of six of the men so far. There will be a **progress report** on the church website if you would like to know more. The children will be keeping a close eye on the garden to see the **poppies** they planted last week start to appear.

Your used postage stamps can help to transform lives around the world. The BMS Stamp Bureau raises over £12,000 each year for the work of **BMS WORLD MISSION**. Please let **Christine Clegg** have your used postage stamps; she will parcel them up and forward them to BMS World Mission.



## New Windows

Work on replacing **three windows** on the west side of church will start soon so apologies in advance for any mess or inconvenience caused. Grateful thanks for your generous gifts towards the cost of these windows. If you would **like to contribute**, please see Terry or use the box on the piano. Gifts can be '**Gift Aided**' of course!