



Acre Mill Baptist Church

Newsletter : May 2015



| Services | Morning 10.30am | Evening 6.00pm |
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| 3 May | John Prior - (Series 6) | No Service |
| 10 May | Shirley Cormack <i>Family Service and Dedication of Noah</i> | BMS Service at Lumb |
| 17 May Lunch | David Clegg <i>Communion</i> | Stacksteads Methodist Anniversary 6.15 |
| 24 May | Baptism Service | No Service |
| 31 May | Terry Haslam-Jones (Series 7) | Vision Team |
| 7 June | Geoff Skilling | Brad Lincoln |
| 14 June Lunch | Rob Winterbottom | David Clegg |
| 21 June | Rev Derek Allen <i>Communion</i> | Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Fathers' Day</i> |
| 28 June | Rev John Prior (Series 8) | Songs of Praise <i>Led by The Choir</i> |

Coming Up

Monday 27 April **Deacons' Meeting** 7.30
(Please note revised date)

Wed 6 May **Church Meeting** 7.30

On **17 May and 14 June** you are invited to bring along a packed lunch to enjoy together **after the morning service**. Drinks will be provided.

On Thursday 7 May, the Church will be used as a **Polling Station** for the National and Local Elections from 7.00am until 10.00pm.

CBC will meet upstairs in the Sunday School but there will not be a **Choir practice** on that day.

Most of our regular activities will be **having a break** during the week commencing **Monday, 25 May** and will resume after the school holidays. Rubicon will continue as usual.

April Notes

Easter 2015 was an exciting and happy time and everyone was encouraged and blessed by the **Easter Services**, which were again very well attended. Special thanks go to the Choir for their presentation of 'In Christ Alone' on Palm Sunday. 1200 **Easter leaflets** went out into the neighbourhood and the help given with the distribution was much appreciated.



We had an enjoyable walk on **Good Friday** despite the damp weather and last-minute change of destination to Hollingworth Lake. Thanks for organising things, Peter.

The **Family Party** was a great success and around 60 children and adults enjoyed a party tea and games. We hope to have another party later in the year (with **stricter rules** for the Mums' musical chairs!)

The **Send a Cow Project** finally raised £60 for which we send thanks. You can find out more about the project from their website at www.sendacow.org.uk

Please pray for and support the **Church Meeting** on 6 May at 7.30pm. 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!** Last-minute items can be included as 'Any Other Business', but it does help us to plan the timing of discussions if agenda items are notified in advance.

Average weekly offerings so far this year are **£330 per week** and March saw the highest total offerings for several years. Do consider joining the Gift Aid Scheme as this 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.

Samantha sends her thanks for your support at the Morrisons **COMMUNI-TEA** Party for the Sue Ryder Fund. We are also very grateful to Morrisons for their help and generosity in providing supplies for our community events.

Friendship Group



The Friendship Group met in April when we had an interesting talk about the **origin of surnames** and what

they mean. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 12 at 2.00pm when we will hear poems and stories chosen by our members. **Everyone is welcome**

Please Pray For

- Those who are ill or are/have been in hospital
- Everyone in residential care
- Those recently bereaved
- The enquirers' class and the baptism service on 24 May
- The national and local elections on May 7
- Our Toddler Group, CBC and Sunday School
- Charities working for a better world
- Our friend, Martin Gooder
- Our local schools, children, staff and governors
- Everyone who is anxious, worried or troubled
- The EU response to the problem of refugees in the Mediterranean

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?



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 we are looking for someone to help keep this updated.



We are hoping to have a **day in the Lakes** in June/July which will include water activities on Windermere and a visit to Brockhole Centre. More details will be available soon.

Flowers for May



3 May : Vacant
10 May Brenda Tattersall in memory of Eddie Tattersall
17 May : Pauline and Karl Sinkinson
24 May : Brenda Brown in memory of Dennis Brown

If you know someone who would appreciate a gift of flowers, please let the Flower Team know.

Birthday Corner

11th May - Louisa Mae Metcalfe and May Kelly.
14th May - Heidi May Hodkinson
19th May - Jessica Paige Clegg
22nd May - Jayne Webb
29th May - Missy Monroe Webb.

Happy Birthday to these young ladies and everyone with a birthday in May. Please let us know if you would like a birthday included in the newsletter



Building News

Four **windows** on the east side of church have been replaced recently and we thank John Curness for his excellent work as usual. We hope that **repainting of** the Sunday School room will start next week. The work in the **loft** is almost complete and the CBC now have improved storage for their equipment and materials. A **new handrail** has been installed by Rubicon to improve access for their gardening group.

The **gardens** are looking really beautiful at the moment as the new flowers and shrubs become established. We are very grateful to Stephen Clarkson for all his hard work and expertise. Help with **gardening and maintenance** is always appreciated and Terry would be very pleased to hear from you if you can help in any way.

BMS Action Team

Our Friends at **Lumb Baptist Church** have invited us to a special service on 10 May at 6.00pm at which the **BMS Italy Action Team** will be speaking about their work there during the last year. So that we can support this event, there will be **no evening service** at Acre Mill that day. Lifts are available.



On 17 May we are joining our friends at **Stacksteads Methodist Church** as they celebrate their anniversary, so there is no evening service at Acre Mill. Their service starts at 6.15pm