



Acre Mill Baptist Church

Newsletter : May 2016



Services	Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm
1 May	Philip Webb <i>Series 9</i>	No Service
8 May	David Clegg <i>Series 10</i>	Stacksteads Methodist Anniversary 6.15
15 May Lunch	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Family Service</i>	Peter Webb
22 May	Tim Daggart <i>Communion</i>	David Clegg
29 May	David Burrow	No Service
5 June		Sing a New Song
12 June	Rob Winterbottom	Greater Than Gold
19 June Lunch	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Family Service</i>	Ben Bracewell <i>Fathers' Day</i>
26 June		Celebration and <i>Communion</i>

Coming Up

Wed 4 May **Church Meeting** 7.30
Sat 7 May - **Lakes Day Out**

On **15 May and 19 June** you are invited to bring along a packed lunch to enjoy together **after the morning service**. Drinks will be provided.

On Thursday 5 May, the Church will be used as a **Polling Station** for the Police and Crime Commissioner Elections and on 23 June for the EU Referendum

CBC will meet upstairs in the Sunday School room on both days. The **Choir** will have a practice on 5 May but not on 23 June.

Our regular activities will be **having a break** during the week commencing **Monday, 30 May** and will resume after the school holidays. There will not be a Drop In on 3 June but Rubicon will continue as usual.

The **Family Party** was a great success and around 50 children and adults enjoyed a super party tea, quizzes and games. The children were excellent! Many thanks to everyone who helped organise the party

All the extra "Our Daily Bread" booklets have been taken now and it's great that so many of our congregation have found them useful for Bible study and prayer. **ODB have a website** and Facebook page with more in-depth studies, videos and interviews.

The **beans** we planted in March are growing well and it's great to report that the **Send a Cow Project** finally raised £100 for which we say thanks. You can find out more about the project from their website at www.sendacow.org.uk

The choir will be performing an 'extra' musical this year and have chosen to present '**Greater Than Gold**' on the evening of 12 June. This based on the famous story of **Mary Jones and her Bible** and how this inspired the founding of the Bible Society

Please pray for and support the **Church Meeting** on 4 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 **£344 per week** and we have recently received **£3742 from HMRC** from our 2015 Gift Aid giving. 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.

You don't have to commit to a fixed amount during the year and one-off gifts can be counted in addition to regular giving. The process is **really simple** and David Clegg will be very pleased to tell you more.

Please Pray For

- Those who are ill or are/have been in hospital
- Everyone in residential care
- Those recently bereaved
- The Local Elections and Referendum
- Our Toddler Group, CBC and Sunday School
- Charities working for a better world
- Our local schools, children, staff and governors
- Everyone who is anxious, worried or troubled

Give Thanks For:

- God's guidance in difficult times.
- 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 Church for **Bible study** and sharing of concerns for prayer. Why not come along?



Summer Walks The church fellowship have organised at least 3 **Friday evening walks** for May/June. These are for everyone including friends. Walks are dog friendly. Each walk will have elements of our Christian heritage as well as being fun and interesting. The evenings will finish with a visit to a **local chippy** for those who wish. Details of times etc .will be given out on the Sunday before the walk.



1. Clowbridge to Gambelside and Compston's Cross (3.5miles)
2. Helmshore to Ellen Stange and Pilgrims' Cross (4miles)
3. Lydgate to Shore and Mount Cross (3.5 miles)



In the coming weeks, the children of CBC are looking at '**Heroes of the Bible**' and getting ready for their presentation of the musical '**Daniel**' at the Anniversary on 3 July. Please remember all our children and the leaders of our children's groups in your prayers.

*For as the soil makes the shoot come up
and a garden causes seeds to grow,
so the Lord will make righteousness
and praise spring up before all nations.
Isaiah 61:11*

Flowers for May



- 1 May : Vacant
- 8 May Brenda Tattersall in memory of Eddie Tattersall
- 15 May : Pauline and Karl Sinkinson
- 22 May : Brenda Brown in memory of Dennis Brown
- 29 May : Joan and Alan Bailey in memory of Norma Whitworth

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

Recently, a lot of work had been going on behind the scenes to make sure the **building is safe, warm and well-maintained**. Grateful thanks to everyone who has helped and given time to keep our building a good place to worship.

The **gardens** are looking really beautiful at the moment as the new flowers and shrubs appear. 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.

On 8 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



Lakes Day Out Don't forget our trip to the Lakes on Saturday, 7 May. We will set off at 8.30am from church (lifts available) and meet at **Brockhole Visitor Centre**

about 10.30-11.00am. We will spend the rest of the morning and afternoon at Brockhole where lots of activities are available. More information about these will be available in church or can be seen on their website at <http://www.brockhole.co.uk/> Later we will drive to Ambleside for a chippy tea.