



# Acre Mill Baptist Church

## Newsletter : May 2017



	Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm
7 May	Neil Hepworth	Stacksteads Methodists
14 May	Susan Weston <i>Lunch Family Service</i>	East Lancs Celebration At Kay St 4.00pm
21 May	Peter Webb <i>Thessalonians Series 5 Communion</i>	Terry Haslam-Jones
28 May	Ken Bowden	No Service
4 June	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Lunch Family Service</i>	Café Church
11 June	Rob Winterbottom	David Clegg Communion
18 June	Jayne Webb	A Dads' Do for Father's Day
25 June	Phil Bowden <i>Thessalonians Series 6 Communion</i>	Terry Haslam-Jones

**Coming Up**

Wed 3 May **Church Meeting** 7.30

On **14 May and 4 June** you are invited to bring along a packed lunch to enjoy together **after the morning service**. Drinks will be provided.

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On Thursday 4 May the Church will be used as a **Polling Station** for the Lancashire County Council Elections and on 8 June for the *General Election*

**CBC** will meet upstairs in the Sunday School room on both days. The **Choir** will have a practice on 4 May but not on 8 June.

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Our regular activities will be **having a break** during the week commencing **Monday, 29 May** and will resume after the school holidays. There will not be a Drop In on 2 June but Rubicon will continue as usual.

Many thanks to everyone who made our **Easter Celebrations** especially blessed this year. The leaflet distribution went very well - helped by some extra volunteers who posted **1200 leaflets** in the neighbourhood. Everyone enjoyed the Easter walk despite the damp weather and congratulations to the hardy group, who made it to the top of **Blackstone Edge** in the mist!

We raised £200 for the **Tear Fund East Africa** famine appeal which included £100 from the Cake Sale which the children and CBC organised. Well done everyone!

The **Send a Cow Project** finally raised £70 for which we say thanks. You can find out more about the project from their website at [www.sendacow.org.uk](http://www.sendacow.org.uk)

The choir have started practising for a new musical 'A **Man Called Sam**' which is partly written by Barbara Monk who also wrote the musicals 'Noah' and 'Oh, Boy!' We have been joined by friends from other local churches and **everyone is welcome** to come along and sing with us.

Please pray for and support the **Church Meeting** on 3 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 **£338 per week** and we have recently received a record amount of **£4203 from HMRC** from our 2016/17 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 and General Elections
- Our Toddler Group, CBC and Sunday School
- Charities working for health research
- Our local schools, children, staff and governors
- Everyone who is anxious, worried or troubled
- Family far away
- Peace in our World
- Regeneration of our Valley - material and spiritual



## 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

**Summer Walks** The church fellowship have organised more walks for May/June/July. Walks are dog friendly. Each walk will have elements of our Christian heritage as well as being fun and interesting. The evenings will (hopefully) finish with a visit to a **local chippy** for those who wish.

1. Friday, 12 May : 'Tunstead Trail - The Church That Never Happened. Meet at Church 6.30pm
2. Friday, 16 June : 'Faith In Goodshaw'. Meet at 6.30pm at the Black Dog, Crawshawbooth
3. Saturday 1 July : 'Quarries and Mines'. Meet at Church 1.30pm



Future walks will include 'Larks of Dean' (August) and 'Chapel Hill' (September) - details to be arranged.

The family party has been rearranged for Friday **7 July** from 6.30 to 8.30. There will be games and activities for the **children and parents** and supper will be provided free of charge.

## 2 Thessalonians Quiz - have you been listening?

1. Who was with Paul at Thessalonica?
2. Who hid the threatened Christians?
3. To which city did Paul escape?
4. How many chapters in 2 Thessalonians?
5. Which books come before and after this letter?
6. In which year was the letter written? (approx)

## Flowers for May



7 May Vacant

14 May : Pauline and Karl Sinkinson

21 May : Brenda Brown in memory of Dennis Brown

28 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.

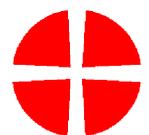
Happy Birthday to these young ladies and everyone with a birthday in May. **Please let us know** if you would like a birthday included in the newsletter



**Afternoon Tea** On Saturday 20 May from 1.30 to 4.30, **Elizabeth Heath** has organised a fundraising event for the **MPS Society**.

There will be refreshments, entertainments and a 'Bring and Buy stall'. Please support this organisation which did so much to support **Jack** and his family as they continue to help other families and fund research.

**On 7 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



**On Sunday 14 May** at Kay St we are joining with other Baptist Churches in East Lancs for a **Gathering and Celebration**.

The speaker is Nigel Wright who has been Principal of Spurgeon's College and President of the Baptist Union. The meeting **starts at 4.00pm** and there will be no Evening Service at Acre Mill. See poster for more details

**NW CE Fun Day** is again at West Kirby on Saturday 10 June. We are meeting at church **at 9.00am** and transport can be arranged if you would like to go.

