



Acre Mill Baptist Church

Newsletter : May 2018



	Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm
6 May Lunch	Stephen Crook <i>Family Service</i>	No Service May Day Weekend
13 May	Rev Glenn Scott	Stacksteads Methodists 6.15
20 May	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Communion</i>	Café Church Pentecost Sunday
27 May	Pauline and Philip <i>Family Service</i>	No Service Spring Holiday Weekend
3 June Lunch	Derek Allan	Jason Heath <i>Our Daily Bread</i>
10 June	Rev John Prior	Phil B and Phil W
17 June	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Communion</i>	Dads Do for Fathers' Day
24 June	Peter Webb and Grace Penney	Café Church

Coming Up

Wed 2 May **Church Meeting** 7.30

On **6 May and 3 June** you are invited to bring along a packed lunch to enjoy together **after the morning service**. Drinks will be provided.

On Thursday 3 May the Church will be used as a **Polling Station** for the Rossendale Borough Council elections. **CBC** will meet upstairs in the Sunday School room.

The **Choir** are having a break for the next few months but there will be something musical instead - see back page.

It's the Spring Holiday week for schools **Monday 29 May - Friday 1 June** so our regular activities will be having a break that week. There will not be a Drop In on 25 May, 1 June or 8 June.

Our **Easter Celebrations** were much appreciated, well-attended and a great blessing again this year so thanks to everyone who helped in any way. The leaflet distribution went well and 800 **leaflets** were delivered to homes in the neighbourhood.

Everyone enjoyed a lovely Spring day on the Easter walk at **Towneley Hall** and it was good to add another venue to our Good Friday walks list. We are hoping to have some family walks again during the summer and autumn.

As usual, the **Family Carvery** at the Rose and Bowl was a great evening out - over 35 folks came along - so thanks go to David for organising the event.

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

Don't forget to let Philip know if you are interested in the **Beechwood Court Holiday** in 2019 as he is about to make further enquires.

Please pray for and support the **Church Meeting** on 2 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!** At the last meeting we decided on some building improvements, approved the accounts for 2017 and heard reports about finance and different areas of church life.

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

New Data Protection Regulations are soon to come into operation and we will need to make some changes to the way we keep information about the congregation and our work with children. The information we keep is just contact details, and email addresses for distribution of the newsletter

In the next few weeks we will be updating our records and **asking for your permission** to continue to keep contact information.

Please Pray For

- Those who are ill or are/have been in hospital
- Everyone in residential care
- Those recently bereaved
- The Local 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
- Those who work for 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
- 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
- The Daily Bread Bible reading booklets

Choir News On Sunday 29 April at 2.00pm, the choir are singing '**Heavens Above - Sam's Story**' at Hallfold URC Whitworth, helped by our friends from Christchurch.

The choir are then taking a break from rehearsals until after the summer holidays but will be back in action in September.

Peter has organised some **Ukulele Nights** for everyone (**all ages and abilities**) who would like to learn to play the ukulele or improve their skills,



The sessions start at 6.30 with about 20 minutes of tuition and playing followed by activities for the children and

refreshments. We aim to finish around 7.45. **The dates are Fridays, 11 May, 8 June, 22 June and 6 July.**

Don't be shy, and give it a go!

"The LORD your God will be with you wherever you go"

Joshua 1:9

Flowers for May



6 May Vacant

13 May : Pauline and Karl Sinkinson for the anniversary of the dedication of Abi and Issy on 16 May

20 May : Sarah Hodkinson to celebrate Heidi's birthday

27 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

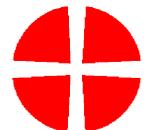


MPS Afternoon Tea

Elizabeth is hoping to organise an **Afternoon Tea** fundraising event for MPS later in the year. Details to follow.

Please continue to support this organisation which did so much to support **Jack** and his family as they continue to help other families and fund research.

On 13 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



Louise is collecting used stamps as a fundraiser for **Leprosy Mission and BMS**. Leave at least 1 cm of envelope round the stamps and put them in the box on the piano. Don't forget the **Bring and Donate** book area and there are also some fantastic jigsaws for sale - see Louise for details.

A family party has been arranged for Friday **29 June** 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.

It's great that we have some new volunteers for **stewarding and brewing up**, but there is always room for more on the Rota! Please see Yvonne if you can help.