



Acre Mill Baptist Church

Newsletter : May 2019



	Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm
5 May Lunch	Jayne Webb <i>Family Service</i>	At Stacksteads Methodists 6.00pm
12 May	John Ormiston	Jason Heath <i>Communion</i>
19 May	Rev David Parkin <i>Communion</i>	Café Church
26 May Lunch	Phil Bowden <i>Family Service</i>	No Service Half-Term
2 June	Rob Winterbottom	David Clegg
9 June	Geoff Skilling	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Communion</i>
16 June	Rev John Prior <i>Fathers' Day</i>	Acre Mill Dads
23 June	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Communion</i>	New Songs Of Worship

Coming Up

Wed 1 May **Church Meeting** 7.30

On 5 **May** and 26 **May** you are invited to bring along a packed lunch to enjoy together **after the morning service**. Drinks will be provided.

On Thursday 2 May the Church will be used as a **Polling Station** for the Rossendale Borough elections and, on Thursday 23 May, for the European Elections. **CBC** will meet upstairs in the Sunday School room.

The **choir will be having a rest** for a few weeks - Peter will provide details about the next rehearsal.

It's the Spring Holiday week for schools **Monday 27 May - Friday 31 May** so our regular activities will be having a break that week. There will not be a Drop In on 24 May, 31 May or 7 June.

Our **Easter Celebrations** were blessed again this year with good attendances and memorable services. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way and to the choir for their presentation of '**Cornerstone**'. With the help of several volunteers, the leaflet distribution went well and **800 leaflets** were delivered to homes in the neighbourhood.

Everyone enjoyed the beautiful Summer(?) weather on the Easter walk at **Hollingworth Lake**. It's hard to believe that we did the same walk on snow and ice a few years ago.

Congratulations to **Sarah and Lee** on their baptisms last week - everyone was moved and encouraged by their testimonies. It was great to see so many at the service and we did receive some enquiries afterwards about being baptised. Please see one of the Deacons if you feel this is a commitment you would like to make.

The **Send a Cow Project** finally raised £60 for which we say thanks to everyone. 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 1 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!** Our accounts have now been Independently Examined and will be presented at the meeting.

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

It was a pleasure to receive **£3794 from HMRC** for the 2018/9 Gift Aid scheme. Many thanks to everyone who has supported us by making regular offerings in this way. Please see David Clegg if you would like more details of giving in this way.

It's **encouraging** to see an increase in our weekly offerings recently - partly due to the Easter Services. The average for the year so far is **£327 per week**.

Please Pray For

- Those who are ill or are/have been in hospital
- Everyone in residential care
- The Local and European Elections
- Our Toddler Group, CBC and Sunday School
- 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
- Spring weather and growing things
- People who look after us and give support
- The ministry of our Choir
- Our Daily Bread notes and those who produce and provide them.
- Generosity, enthusiasm and encouragement
- The kindness of strangers



Flowers for May



5 May Vacant
12 May : Pauline and Karl for the anniversary of the dedication of Abi and Issy on 16 May
19 May : Brenda Brown in memory of Dennis
26 May Joan Bailey in Memory of Norma Whitworth

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



Lakes Day Out

We are planning a Day out in the **Lake District** in late June/or July. More information to follow after the Church Meeting.

The **Sunday School Leaders and children** enjoyed their stopover last week. They were very well-behaved (the children that is!) and managed to have some sleep before getting up early and helping to tidy up ready for Church.



The children made a **Thankyou card** for the leaders which you can see on the noticeboard. Please remember the children in Sunday School and CBC in your prayers.

The leaders are also thinking about a **holiday event** for the summer and will tell you more about it soon.

Birthday Corner

11th May - Louisa Mae.
14th May - Heidi May
19th May - Jessica
22nd May - Jayne
29th May - Missy Monroe



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 the afternoon of 22 June. 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 5 May we are joining our friends at



Stacksteads Methodist Church as they celebrate their anniversary, so there is no evening service at Acre Mill that day. Their service starts at 6.00pm

A family party has been arranged for Friday **28 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.

Building News Work is always 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.

Bible Books Anagrams

seesign	hemwatt	usedox
visitclue	nailed	nominaltaste
violentera	lastagain	hazephina

