



ACRE MILL BAPTIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER : NOVEMBER 2014



Services Morning 10.30am

2 Nov Yvonne Webb
Tear Fund Sunday

9 Nov Terry Haslam-Jones
Remembrance Day

16 Nov Rev Derek Allen
Communion

23 Nov Brad Lincoln
Baptist Pulpit Exchange

30 Nov Rob Winterbottom

7 Dec Rev Mike Huck

14 Dec Rev Neil Hepworth
Communion

21 Dec Sunday School & CBC
Family Service

25 Dec Peter & Yvonne Webb
Christmas Day 10.30am

28 Dec Terry Haslam-Jones
Family Service

Evening 6.00pm

Terry Haslam-Jones

David Clegg
Communion

Focus on McMillan Cancer
Support

Peter Webb

Advent Celebration

Terry Haslam-Jones

Choir Musical : 7.00pm. '**Come
Let Us Worship The King**'

Carol Service

No Evening Service

Coming Up

Some of our regular meetings will be **having a break** during the next week. There will be no Toddlers on 28 Oct, no midweek meeting on 29 Oct and the CE and Choir will **not be meeting** on 30 October. Rubicon and Drop in continue as normal.

7 Nov **Service of Remembrance** at Toll Bar 10.40am.

7 November 6.30pm **CBC Bonfire**

The **Friendship Group** meets next on Tues, 11 November when we will be bringing (and talking about) wartime memorabilia.

12 Nov 7.30pm Church Meeting, including **Deacons' Elections**. **Terry, Peter and Shirley** have reached the end of their terms of office.

Monday 1 December at 6.30pm- We are **decorating the church** ready for Christmas

October Notes

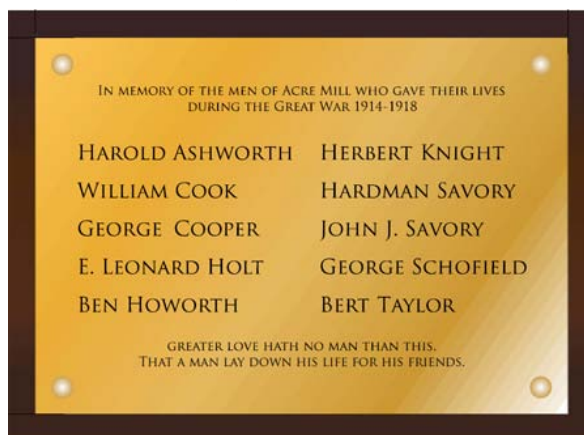
We enjoyed the NWCE convention at **Skipton** (or was it Clitheroe?) It was good to see all our friends again. Thanks to Peter and the choir for their ministry in music - also at the **Harvest** and **Songs of Praise** service. The choir have just started to rehearse the **Christmas Musical** and new members are always welcome.

Well done to **Samantha** and thanks to everyone who helped at the McMillan Coffee Morning on 4 October which raised £370. On 16 November we are finding out more about the work of **McMillan** locally and nationally and hope to have one of their representatives to receive a cheque for the fundraising.

Thanks go also to **David** for organising the Men's Carvery meal on Oct 14. 25 men enjoyed an excellent evening.

Thanks also for your gifts which have raised £50 so far for the **BMS Harvest** project.

Remembrance Day



On **Remembrance Sunday**, to mark the centenary of the start of World War 1, we will unveil the new memorial to the men of Acre Mill who gave their lives. The **Rolls of Honour** listing all those who fought have also been refurbished and reframed and can be seen in church. See report in this week's **Free Press**.

Friendship Group'

The new **Friendship Group** met for the first time on Tuesday, 14 October and spent an enjoyable hour chatting over a cup of tea about all sorts of things. Jean read some poems and this inspired a number of stories about cats!

The **Friendship Group** meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 2.00pm and welcomes men and women of any age. **Please come along** and join us and bring a friend (or several friends!)

Please Pray For *(Taken from your suggestions)*

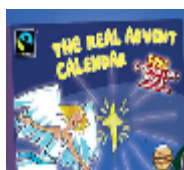
- Our Church meeting and election of Deacons
- People who need friends
- The family and friends of Canadian soldier Cpl. Nathan Cirillo
- The work of McMillan, Tear Fund and BMS
- The recovery of everyone feeling ill, especially those who have recently been in hospital
- Peace everywhere in our world
- Control of the Ebola outbreak and help for the people and medical services of West Africa

Give Thanks for

- Blessings from Sunday Services
- Our Choir and their witness in song
- People who work 'behind the scenes'
- People with practical and technical skills
- Answered prayers
- Families with young children
- Bible verses, songs and people who inspire us
- Our Youth Club leaders and young people



Last year we gave all the children a **Real Advent Calendar** which is now available to order. Behind each of the 25 windows there is a Fairtrade chocolate star and a few words from the **Christmas story**. Behind the final window there is a 24-page Christmas story booklet to read, keep and enjoy. We are planning to place a **bulk order** from church - more details to come.



Christmas Leaflets We are again hoping to distribute **Leaflets** around Stacksteads to publicise our Christmas Services and to let our neighbours know about our regular activities. If you care able to help with the distribution, there will be a **list of streets** available towards the end of November.

Enquirers classes **Believer's Baptism** is a fundamental part of our Christian witness and service and we are hoping to have a **series of meetings** to learn more and talk about Baptism and Church Membership in the near future. Please let one of the **Deacons** know if you are interested.

Flowers for November

2 Nov : Brenda Murray in memory of Mr. John Murray and Mr. & Mrs. Orrell

9 Nov : Joan Humphries

16 Nov : Arthur and June Knight in memory of their parents.

23 Nov : Kim Chadwick

30 Nov Cormack in memory of Ian Cormack



Birthday Corner Happy birthday to **Grace**

Ford who will be 8 years old on 26th

November and to Peter Webb who will have his birthday on November 1st.

Congratulations to them and anyone else having a birthday this month.

Bonfire The CBC Bonfire will be on Friday 7 November starting at 6.30pm. CBC will meet on Thursday 6 November as usual.



There will be a supper at the bonfire with a donation of £1 requested. Please send any wood **no earlier** than 5 November as storage space is limited. Help with clearing up on the night and the following morning would be appreciated.

Remembrance Service On Friday, 7 November from 10.40am, there will be a **Remembrance**



Day Service at the Peace Garden, Toll Bar

attended by the Mayor of Rossendale, local schools and representatives of other local organisations.

David Clegg will be conducting the service and music will be provided by **Stacksteads Band**. Refreshments will be provided at the Rose and Bowl afterwards

The **Knit and Natter** Group have made poppies again and we have some in church for sale at £1 each. The proceeds go to the **British Legion**. Last year, the knitted poppies project raised over £1700!

Help Needed Grateful thanks to everyone who has volunteered to do on new jobs at church. Volunteers for the morning **Brewing Up** and **Stewards Rotas** are still urgently needed and Yvonne would love to hear from you even if you can only help occasionally.

Other Christmas Dates Decorating Church Mon, 1 Dec 6.30pm : Carols at Toll Bar Fri, 19 Dec 7.30pm : Christmas Party Saturday, 20 Dec 5.00pm.

Therefore encourage
one another and build
each other up, just as
you are doing. 1 Thess 5:11

