



# ACRE MILL BAPTIST CHURCH

## NEWSLETTER : NOVEMBER 2015



Services	Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm
1 Nov <b>Lunch</b>	Rev J Booth 	David Clegg <i>Communion</i>
8 Nov	Rob Winterbottom <i>Remembrance Day</i>	Terry Haslam-Jones
15 Nov	David Clegg Series 14 <i>Communion</i>	Peter Webb
22 Nov	Brian Drury <i>Baptist Pulpit Exchange</i>	Café Church Yvonne and Jean
29 Nov <b>Lunch</b>	Terry HJ <i>Family Service</i>	Advent Celebration
6 Dec	Phil Bowden	Terry Haslam-Jones
13 Dec	Geoff Skilling Communion	Choir Musical : 7.00pm. <b>'The Glory of Christmas'</b>
20 Dec	Sunday School & CBC <i>Family Service</i>	Carol Service
25 Dec	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Christmas Day 10.30am</i>	
27 Dec	Peter Webb <i>Family Service</i>	No Evening Service

### Coming Up

Our regular meetings will be **having a break** during the week starting 26 October. There will be no Toddlers on 27 Oct, no midweek meeting on 28 Oct and the CE and Choir will **not be meeting** on 29 October. Rubicon will continue as normal but there will not be a Drop In on Friday 30 Oct

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3 November **Deacons' Meeting**

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

6 November 6.30pm **CBC Bonfire**

11 Nov 7.30pm **Church Meeting**, including Deacons' Elections. Philip Bowden, Ben Bracewell, Jean Cormack, Brenda Murray and Philip Webb have reached the end of their terms of office.

Saturday, 14 November Ladies' Meal - there's still time to book a place.

Monday 30 November at 6.30pm- We are **decorating the church** ready for Christmas

### October Notes

Well done to **Samantha** and thanks to everyone who helped at the McMillan Coffee Morning on 10 October which raised £402.27. Samantha has also raised £576.77 so far for the Little Princess Trust. Please let her have any sponsor money you have pledged. She writes "*Please tell people I'm totally overwhelmed and I'm already planning next year's Macmillan. It was so great just to see so many people coming into our church*"

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

Thank You for your Gifts for **Tear Fund** which have amounted to £75 so far.

There is a **new lock** on the cellar door to provide keyless exit and solve a few security and locking problems. Please see Terry for a replacement key.

### Church Anniversary

Today we are celebrating the **144th anniversary** of the founding of our church as a 'Sunday School Chapel' by Zion Baptist, Bacup. In 1889, the folks worshipping and working at Acre Mill wrote to Zion for permission to be formed into an **independent church** and the letter was signed by 80 members. The congregation signed a commemorative letter in 1996 and these documents are at the back of the church together with a sheet **for you to sign** this morning. We thank God for continued blessings, resources and faithful people to ensure that the Gospel continues to be proclaimed here.

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It was with great sadness that we learned of the recent death of **Jason Clegg** and our thoughts and prayers are with all his family and friends. Funeral arrangements will be announced when these are confirmed.

## Friendship Group'

The **Friendship Group** met on 13 October when we had an interesting talk and slides about Niagara Falls. Our next meeting will be on 10 November when there will be a 'Christmas Decorations' theme. If you can demonstrate how to make a special Christmas decoration - please come along and **show us!**

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 work of McMillan, Little Princess Trust, Tear Fund and BMS
- The recovery of everyone feeling ill, especially those who have recently been in hospital
- Peace everywhere in our world
- Families recently bereaved
- Christians in the Middle East
- Our CBC Children and Leaders
- Remembrance Day Services worldwide
- Tear Fund's 'No Child Taken' Project



### Give Thanks for

- Blessings from Sunday Services
- Our Choir and their ministry in song
- People with practical and technical skills
- Families with young children
- Bible verses, songs and people who inspire us
- What we have learned from our study of the Letter to the Philipians
- People with the gift of encouragement
- Clean water - and everyone who brings it to us



CBC have been encouraged by **several new children** recently and the leaders send their thanks for your support and prayers. Recently, the children have been learning the books of the

Bible and making lanterns for yesterday's Lantern Parade. They will **soon be practising** for their Christmas service on 20 December which will be based on a new children's musical - 'A Miracle in Town'

**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 are able to help with the distribution, there will be a **list of streets** available towards the end of November

If you would like the newsletter by email, please send a message to [acremill@btinternet.com](mailto:acremill@btinternet.com)

## Flowers for November



- 1 Nov : Terry, in memory of his grandmother, Mary Elizabeth Jones.
- 8 Nov : Joan Humphries in memory of Norman
- 15 Nov : Arthur and June Knight in memory of their parents.
- 22 Nov : Kim Chadwick
- 29 Nov Vacant



### Birthday Corner

Happy birthday to **Grace Ford** who will be 9 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.

**Our Toddler Group** is doing well and we have a regular attendance of around 15 families on Tuesday mornings. **Helpers are always needed**, even if you can't manage every week. Singers are especially welcome!



**The CBC Bonfire** will be on Friday 6 November starting at 6.30pm. CBC will meet on Thursday 5 November as usual. There will be a supper at the bonfire with a donation of £1 requested. Please do not send any wood **before 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, 6 November from 10.40am, there will be a **Remembrance 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**.

**Help Needed** Grateful thanks to everyone who has volunteered to do 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. We would also appreciate any help with maintenance and gardening

**Christmas Dates** Decorating Church  
Monday, 30 Nov 6.30pm : Carols at Toll Bar  
Friday, 18 Dec 7.30pm : Christmas Party,  
Saturday, 19 Dec 5.00pm.

