



# ACRE MILL BAPTIST CHURCH

## NEWSLETTER : NOVEMBER 2016



### Services Morning 10.30am Evening 6.00pm

6 Nov	Terry HJ <i>Family Service &amp; Dedication</i>	David Clegg <i>Communion</i>
13 Nov	Rob Winterbottom <i>Remembrance Day Communion</i>	Terry HJ
20 Nov	Baptist Pulpit Exchange	Barry Greenwood
27 Nov	Carol Gooder	Songs of Praise For Advent
4 Dec	Rob Winterbottom	Terry HJ <i>Communion</i>
11 Dec	Susan Weston <i>Communion</i>	Choir Musical 'Hope Has Hands
18 Dec	Sunday School & CBC	Carol Service
25 Dec	Phil Bowden	No Service
1 Jan	Terry HJ	No Service

### Coming Up

Our regular meetings will be **having a break** next the week. There will be no Toddlers on 1 Nov, no Midweek Meeting on 2 Nov and the CE and Choir will **not be meeting** on 3 Nov. Rubicon will continue as normal but there will not be a Drop In on Friday 4 Nov.

3 November Visit from the **Bethany Children's Choir** from Tanzania at 7:00pm.

4 November **CBC Bonfire 6.15**

11 Nov **Service of Remembrance** at Toll Bar 10.45am.

12 November **Family Heritage Walk** to Heptonstall.

18 November **YP Games Night 6.30-8.00**

28 November at 6.30pm- **decorating the church** ready for Christmas

### October Notes

Well done and thanks to everyone who helped at the **McMillan Coffee Morning** on 1 October which raised over £420. Morrisons have agreed to match the amount raised. Thanks go also to **David Clegg** for organising the Men's Carvery meal - 25 men enjoyed an excellent evening.

Your Gifts for **Tear Fund** for their special project in **Chad** came to £100.



Last month, the CBC children made up **Harvest parcels** and took them out to several members of the fellowship. We have been asked to pass on **thanks and best wishes** to the children and CBC leaders for their thoughtfulness and love.

After many years of looking after the Hospice Penny Pots, **Jean Naylor** has 'retired' from this job and handed over to **Barbara Ingham**. We are all most grateful to Jean for the faithful way she has helped **Rosendale Hospice** in this project. We are not sure of the total but know it comes to hundreds of pounds over the years.



**Church Meeting**, 9 Nov at 7.30pm - including Deacons' Elections. **Gladys** has reached the end of her term of office and has decided not to stand again. There are **six vacancies** so please see Philip for more information and forms if you wish to nominate someone.

On 6 November the Dedication of **Lucy Amelia Metcalf** will take place during the morning service. The Metcalf Family will be providing **a buffet** after the service to which everyone is invited.

It wasn't possible to start the **Baptism Enquirers** sessions in October but we are hoping to arrange these soon. Please see Terry if you are interested.

We will soon be meeting to plan the **Evening Services** for the first half of 2016 - listen out for more details

### Please Pray For (Taken from your suggestions)

- Our Church meeting and election of Deacons
- People who need friends
- The work of McMillan, Tear Fund and The MPS Society
- 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 Chad 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 books of Esther and Ruth
- People with the gift of encouragement
- Clean water - and everyone who brings it to us
- Our beautiful Rossendale Valley

**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)

### Visit from the children of the Bethany Project



The **Bethany Project** is a children's home and school in Tanzania, East Africa. The Bethany Family is made up of over 120 orphaned, abandoned or abused children who

have no one else to care for them.

The children are visiting Acre Mill on **Thursday 3 November at 7.00** to sing for us, share their stories and tell us about the Bethany Project. **Everyone is welcome** so please bring a friend or two - refreshments are provided.

**Christmas Dates** Decorating Church Monday, 28 Nov 6.30pm : Carols at Toll Bar Friday, 16 Dec 7.00pm : Christmas Party, Saturday, 17 Dec 5.00pm.

### Flowers for November



30 Oct: Terry, in memory of his grandmother, Mary Elizabeth Jones.  
6 Nov : Joan Humphries in memory of Norman  
13 Nov : Arthur and June Knight in memory of their parents.  
20 Nov : Kim Chadwick  
27 Nov Vacant



**Birthday Corner** Happy birthday to **Grace Ford** who will be 10 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.

**The CBC Bonfire** will be on Friday 4

November starting at 6.15pm. There will be a supper at the bonfire with a donation of £1 requested. Please do not send any wood **before 3 November** as storage space is limited. Help with clearing up on the night and the following morning would be appreciated.



**Remembrance Service** On Friday, 11 November from 10.45am, 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 next **Acre Mill Family Heritage Walk** will be on Saturday 12 November. Starting from Acre Mill at 10-30am and Church Lane, Mythom, near **Hebden Bridge** at 11-00am (HX7 6DS grid ref SD98442743).



The walk is 3.5 miles long and will go to historic **Heptonstall** with its Octagon Chapel and the medieval church (and graveyard) of Thomas a Becket. Then to **Slack Top** (CE memories) and Lumb Mill. We suggest that you take food for lunchtime.

**Young People's Games Night**. Kyle and Harry, who have been working with CBC as part of the **Duke of Edinburgh Scheme**, have organised a games night for anyone in School Years 6-10. It's on **Friday 18 November from 6.30 to 8.00**. There will be games and refreshments - and it's free! See Noticeboard for more details