



# ACRE MILL BAPTIST CHURCH

## NEWSLETTER : NOVEMBER 2017



Services	Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm
5 Nov	John Prior	Alan Scholes <i>Communion</i>
12 Nov	Geoff Skilling <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	 Terry HJ
19 Nov	Aine & Rob Winterbottom <i>Family Service</i>	New Songs of Praise
26 Nov	Leroy Bowtell <i>Baptist Pulpit Exchange</i>	Focus on Rossendale Hospice
3 Dec	Tim Doggart	David Clegg <i>Communion</i>
10 Dec	Stephen Crook <i>Communion</i>	Advent Praise
17 Dec	David Clegg & Rev David Parkin	Choir Musical <i>'O, Holy Night'</i>
24 Dec	Sunday School and CBC	Carol Service
25 Dec	Peter Webb & Family <i>Christmas Day</i>	No Service
31 Jan	Terry HJ	No Service

### Coming Up

Our regular meetings will be **having a break** next the week because of half term. There will be no Toddlers on 31 October, no Midweek Meeting on 1 Nov and the CE and Choir will **not be meeting** on 2 Nov. Rubicon will continue as normal but there will not be a Drop In on Friday 3 Nov.

Friday, 3 November **CBC Bonfire 6.30**  
see below for details

Friday, 10 Nov **Service of Remembrance**  
at Toll Bar 10.45am.

Monday, 13 Nov **Evening Service Meeting**  
at Peter Webb's 7.30

### Ladies' Meal

The ladies are having a meal out at **Mario's, Bacup** on Saturday, 18 November - time to be arranged. The cost for the set menu is £14.95. If you would like to go, please see Samantha or Pamela.

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

### October Notes

Thank you for your Gifts for **Tear Fund** on Tear Fund Sunday which came to £100.

Thanks go also to **David Clegg** for organising the Men's Carvery meal - 26 men enjoyed an excellent evening together.

Congratulations to the choir and their friends from Christchurch on their presentation of 'Heavens Above - Sam's Story' at Central Methodist Church and Acre Mill.

The two evenings were well-attended and it was a privilege (but a bit scary!) to have the composers of the musical present to hear their work for the first time. **Sam's story** was a challenging one which provided a unique opportunity to present the Gospel in music and song.



It was great to see so many children taking part in our **'Kids make Music'** service last week and to be able to welcome so many friends and family to encourage them.

There have been a few questions about the debt to the **Baptist Pension Fund** which has been a major issue for us since 2011. The Deacons would be happy to provide you with further information.

The total amount of the debt for Acre Mill was **£39,600** which has now been paid. The reason for the debt was the deficit on the Baptist Ministers' Pension Fund which has arisen because of low interest rates since 2008. **Many other churches** have been affected by the same problem - and some have a much larger debt. While we have no immediate financial difficulty, we will need to be careful about our spending for the next few months and hope that our income remains steady(or increases!). It's a good time to consider joining the **Gift Aid Scheme** if you pay Income Tax.

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

- Our Church meeting and election of Deacons
- People who need friends
- The work of Rossendale Hospice, 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 and their worldwide work
- The work of the Bible Society



### 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
- People with the gift of encouragement
- Our beautiful Rossendale Valley
- New friends and visitors to our church
- Enough resources for our church to be a witness to the Gospel in Stacksteads.

**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)



On 26 November, **Samantha Morris** will be with us with an update on the work of **Rossendale Hospice** and how we can help.

**Christmas Dates** Decorating Church  
Monday, 27 Nov 6.30pm : Carols at Toll Bar  
Friday, 22 Dec 7.00pm : Christmas Party,  
Saturday, 16 Dec 5.00pm.



**The next Church Meeting is on Wednesday** 8 Nov at 7.30pm - this will include the Deacons' Elections. Terry HJ and Peter Webb have reached the end of their terms of office and are available for re-nomination. There are **eight vacancies** so please see Philip for more information and forms if you wish to nominate someone. If you have any items for discussion, please let Philip or Terry know by Sunday 5 November.

### Flowers for November



5 Nov : Joan Humphries in memory of Norman  
12 Nov Vacant  
19 Nov : Arthur and June Knight in memory of their parents.  
26 Nov : Kim Chadwick



**Birthday Corner** Happy birthday to **Grace Ford** who will be 11 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 3

November starting at 6.30pm. There will be a supper at the bonfire with a donation of £1 requested. Please do not send any wood **before 2 November** as storage space is limited. Help with clearing up on the night and the following morning would be appreciated.

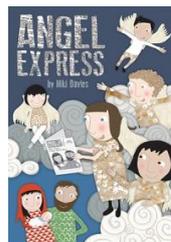


**Remembrance Service** On Friday, 10 November from 10.45am, there will be a **Remembrance Service** at the Peace Garden, Toll Bar attended by the Mayor of Rossendale, local schools and representatives of other local organisations. **David Clegg** will be conducting the service and music will be provided by **Stacksteads Band**. Refreshments will be provided at the Rose and Bowl afterwards

The **Macmillan 'Big Brew'** is on Saturday 11 November - 1pm

**MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT**

till 4pm - please drop in anytime. It's Macmillan's biggest fundraising event for people living with cancer. If you can help or **donate cake or biscuits**, please see Samantha.



The children of CBC and Sunday School are busy rehearsing for the Christmas Musical '**Angel Express**', which they are presenting at the morning service on Sunday **24 December**. Please remember the children and their leaders in your prayers both for their weekly

meetings and this special occasion.



We are hoping to start **Baptism Enquirers'** sessions soon. Please see Terry if you are interested.