



ACRE MILL BAPTIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER : NOVEMBER 2018



Services	Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm
4 Nov	Rob Winterbottom <i>Communion</i>	Focus on Leprosy Mission
11 Nov	Tim Doggart  <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	Focus on MPS
18 Nov	Stephen Crook	New Songs of Praise
25 Nov	Baptist Pulpit Exchange <i>Communion</i>	Focus on McMillan
2 Dec	Paul Carter	David Clegg <i>Communion</i>
9 Dec	Rev Peter Heywood	Advent Praise
16 Dec	David Isherwood	Choir Musical 7.00 <i>'The Love of God'</i>
23 Dec	SS and CBC Musical	Carol Service
25 Dec	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Christmas Day</i>	
30 Dec	David Clegg <i>Communion</i>	No Service

Coming Up
Friday, 2 November CBC Bonfire 6.30 see below for details
Friday, 9 Nov Service of Remembrance at Toll Bar 10.45am.
Monday, 12 Nov Evening Service Meeting at Peter Webb's 7.30
Monday 26 November at 6.30pm- decorating the church ready for Christmas
School Street Lights Switch On : Sun 9 Dec 5.00
Toll Bar Carols : Fri, 21 Dec 7.00pm
Christmas Party : Sat, 22 Dec 5.00-8.00pm
CBC/SS Morning Service : Sun, 23 Dec 10.30am
Carols by Candlelight : Sun 23 Dec 6.00pm.
Christmas Day Service : Tues 25 Dec 10.30am
CBC Watchnight Service and Stopover : Mon 31 December

October Notes

Grateful thanks to everyone who took part and led services in the recent **series on Titus**. This has been an interesting and challenging look at Paul's letter and advice to the leader of the young church in Crete!



'Make Joyful Noise'

Tonight we have another **'Everyone Make Music'** service based around the words of Psalm 98. There will be singing and instrumental music and we hope to involve as many members of the congregation as possible, including members of our **Ukulele Group**. Do come along if you can.

The **British Legion** poppy appeal for 2018 has just started and you will have seen the many 'Lamp-Post Poppies' displayed along the main roads throughout the Valley. Acre Mill has sponsored ten poppies which bear the names of those from our church who lost their lives in **WW1 and WW2** plus those of relatives that have been suggested by members of their families.



The next Church Meeting is on

Wednesday 7 Nov at 7.30pm - this will include the Deacons' Elections.

Phil B Phil W and Ben Bracewell have reached the end of their terms of office and are available for re-nomination. There are **nine vacancies** so please see Philip for more information and forms if you wish to nominate someone. We would especially welcome some ladies on the Diaconate!

If you have **any items** for discussion, please let Philip or Terry know by Sunday 4 November.

There is always **cleaning, maintenance and gardening work** to do around the church and any help is always very welcome - even if it is just an hour every now and then. Please see Terry if you are interested

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
- The work of the Bible Society
- Our Local and County Councillors



Give Thanks for

- Blessings from Sunday Services and those who lead worship.
- Our Choir and their ministry in song
- People with practical and technical skills
- Families with young children
- Things to look forward to
- 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

During the **evening services** in November, we are concentrating on organisations that we help and support during the year.

On 4 November, Louise will be telling us about the latest developments in the work of **Leprosy Mission**.



On 11 November, The Heath family base a service around the Society for Mucopolysaccharide Diseases (**MPS Society**)

On 25 November, Hannah Richmond will be with us with an update on the local activities of **McMillan Cancer Care** and how we can help.



Flowers for November



4 Nov : Terry in Memory of Betty and Jeffrey Haslam
11 Nov : Joan Humphries in memory of Norman
18 Nov : Arthur and June Knight in memory of their parents.
25 Nov : Kim Chadwick



Birthday Corner Happy birthday to **Grace Ford** whose birthday is on 26th and **Hannah Barcroft** who has her birthday on the 23rd. November. **Peter Webb** is a year older on November 1st. Congratulations to them and anyone else with a birthday this month.

The CBC Bonfire will be on Friday 2 November starting at 6.30pm. There will be a supper at the bonfire with a donation of £1 requested. We have enough wood now so please don't send any more!. Jason would also be grateful for **any donations** for Fireworks.



Help with clearing up on the night and the following morning would be appreciated.

Remembrance Service On Friday, 9 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**.

A **tree will be planted** to commemorate the centenary of the end of WW1. Stacksteads Countryside Park Group has also provided a new flagpole and flag to mark the occasion.

Refreshments will be provided at the **Rose and Bowl** afterwards

CBC Christmas Musical

The children of CBC and Sunday School are busy rehearsing for the Christmas Musical '**The Nativity**', which they are presenting at the morning service on Sunday **23 December**.



Please remember **the children and their leaders** in your prayers both for their weekly meetings and this special occasion.

Please see Louise if you would like to be included in the **visiting rota**. This would involve visiting someone about once a month on a regular basis.