



ACRE MILL BAPTIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER : OCTOBER 2014



Services	Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm
5 Oct	Rev Brian Drury & Puppet <i>Harvest Sunday</i>	BFOC Songs of Praise <i>At Bacup Hub</i>
12 Oct	Rev John Prior	Phil B and Phil W
19 Oct	Phil Bowden <i>Communion</i>	Songs of Praise <i>Led by the Choir</i>
26 Oct Lunch	Jayne and Pauline Church Anniversary <i>Family Service</i>	No Service (Holidays)
2 Nov	Yvonne Webb <i>Tear Fund Sunday</i>	Focus on Tear Fund
9 Nov	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Remembrance Day</i> 	David Clegg <i>Communion</i>
16 Nov	Rev Derek Allen <i>Communion</i>	Focus on McMillan Cancer Support
23 Nov	Baptist Pulpit Exchange <i>Speaker TBA</i>	Peter Webb
30 Nov	Rob Winterbottom	BFOC Advent Service

Coming Up

Some of our regular meetings will be **having a break** during the half-term week which starts on **Monday 27 October**. There will be no Toddlers on 28 October, no midweek meeting on 29 October and the Choir and CE will have a break on 30 October. Everything will be back to normal the following week.

Tuesday 14 October, 7.00pm - Men's **Carvery Night** at the Rose and Bowl.

Don't forget to bring **lunch** on 26 Oct

Vision are again organizing a 'Lite Nite' celebration on Friday, 31 October 7.00-8.30pm at **St Mary's Church**, Rawtenstall. More details are on their poster



The **CBC Bonfire** this year will be on Friday, 7 November at 6.30pm and CBC will meet as normal on Thursday, 6 November.

On Friday, 7 November at 10.30am there will be a service of **Remembrance** at the Peace Garden, Toll Bar...

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

On Saturday 4 October a **Macmillan 'Big Brew'** is taking place at church - 1pm

till 4 - please drop in anytime. It's Macmillan's biggest fundraising event for people living with cancer. In 2013, 154,000 people signed up, raising £20 million. If you can help or **donate cake or biscuits**, please see Samantha.

Harvest Service We are looking forward to the visit of **Rev Brian Drury** (and friend!) Please note that there will not be a Jacob's Join on that day but **soup and a ploughman's lunch** will be provided free of charge.

Songs of Praise. On Sunday, 5 October at 6.30pm, Bacup Fellowship of Churches and the 2nd Rossendale Scout Band are holding their annual '**Songs of Praise**' service at the Bacup Hub. Admission is free but you will need a ticket from **David Clegg**. Let us know if you need a lift.

The next **Deacons' Meeting** will be on Tuesday, 21 October and the next Church Meeting is on Wednesday, 12 November at which the **elections for Deacons** will be held. Terry, Shirley and Peter are coming to the end of their terms this year. **Nomination forms** will be available from Philip later in October. Please pray for our church leaders and the elections

Rotas There are several vacancies on the rotas for **Brewing/Washing Up** and **Stewarding /Greeting** at the **morning** services. In the past, each team has been allocated a month but this is **now being adjusted** to include those who are unable to commit to a whole month at a time. If you can help -even if it's for a week now and then, **PLEASE** let Terry or Yvonne know. (we are getting a bit worried!)

Ladies' Meetings

We met together on 16th September for the first time since the summer break and discussed the **future** of our Ladies' Meetings.

Although our numbers have decreased recently we felt that it would be good to **carry on** in a more informal way and meet together for a chat, cup of tea & biscuit and fellowship.

In view of that, our future meetings will be once a month on the 2nd Tuesday of the month (2pm) and we have re-named ourselves as **THE FRIENDSHIP GROUP**. We look forward to welcoming everyone (men and ladies) who feel they would like to come and share with us - 2pm on Tuesday 14th October.

Please Pray For (suggested by you)

- The young people and children who live near church
- Everyone who lives alone
- Our work with families
- Governments and world leaders
- All those known to us who are ill.
- The work of the Bacup Fellowship of Churches
- The new FRIENDSHIP GROUP
- Everyone in residential care
- Helpers with jobs and responsibilities at our church
- The McMillan Big Brew on 4 October
- Our Toddler group



Give Thanks For:

- Faithful members of our fellowship past and present.
- People who have musical gifts
- Kindness and encouragement
- 143 years of witness at Acre Mill as a Sunday School and Church
- Helpful friends and neighbours
- Lovely Autumn weather and Harvest Time.
- Changed Lives and New Directions



Antioch Christian Bookroom, Kay St are having a special event on 11 October - **Fair Trade for Christmas** - from 9.30am to 1pm. There will be crafts, and gifts from Traidcraft,

Created(Tearcraft) and other fair trade distributors. Their usual range of Books calendars and cards will be available - including the **Real Advent Calendar**. Food and Refreshments can be purchased during the event. See Posters in fellowship Room



Flowers for October

5 Oct : Jason and Elizabeth Heath
12 Oct : Mary Sweetman in memory of Mr. George Sweetman
19 Oct : Jean Naylor and Joan Spencer in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Stott
26 Oct : Christine and David Clegg



Birthday Corner Benjamin Metcalfe will be 4 on 13th October and Yannie will be 6 on 27th. We wish them a **Happy Birthday** - and to all who have a birthday this month.

Church Anniversary On 26 October we celebrate the **143rd Anniversary** of the original opening date of Acre Mill as a **Sunday School Chapel** in October 1871.

During WW1, our Sunday School was used as an extension to the **Fern Hill Military Hospital**. The Sunday School building was altered for use as a hospital and the Sunday classes met in the church. The layout consisted of a main room with 25 beds, a separate sleeping area with kitchen and cooking facilities for the nurses and a partitioned dining room for the soldiers. The matron at Acre Mill was **Mrs.**



Nichols. Acre Mill took its first 20 patients from the 2nd General Hospital Manchester on the 1st October 1917. By Christmas 1917 **both Fern Hill and Acre Mill** were fully operating, with a total of 25 resident at Fern Hill and 17 at Acre Mill.

The Bacup Natural History Society are creating a special exhibition and diorama of life at the Fern Hill Hospital which will be **well worth a visit**.

Remembrance Sunday this year is a special Sunday to mark the centenary of the start of the **First World War**.

We will unveil the **new memorial** to the ten men of Acre Mill who gave their lives in the Great War and we are hoping that relatives of some of the men will take part in the service. We have also refurbished the two **Rolls Of Honour** which list all the men who served during the war.



The choir will be singing at the **harvest service** and leading worship at the evening service on 19 October. They are just starting to learn a new musical for Christmas called '**Come, Let Us Worship The King**'. New members are always welcome, so why not come along!