



ACRE MILL BAPTIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER : OCTOBER 2015



	Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm
4 Oct J-Join	Stephen Crook <i>Harvest Family Service</i>	World Harvest <i>Communion</i>
11 Oct	Yvonne Webb <i>Tear Fund Sunday</i>	Songs of Praise <i>Led by the Choir</i>
18 Oct	John Ormiston <i>Communion</i>	Terry HJ
25 Oct	John Prior <i>Series 13 Church Anniversary</i>	No Service (Holidays)
1 Nov Lunch	Rev J Booth	David Clegg <i>Communion</i>
8 Nov	Rob Winterbottom <i>Remembrance Day</i>	Terry HJ
15 Nov	David Clegg Series 14 <i>Communion</i>	Peter Webb
22 Nov	Baptist Pulpit Exchange <i>Speaker TBA</i>	Café Church Yvonne and Jean
29 Nov	Terry HJ <i>Family Service</i>	Advent Celebration

Coming Up

Some of our regular meetings will be **having a break** during the half-term week which starts on **Monday 26 October**. There will be no Toddlers on 27 October, no midweek meeting on 28 October, the Choir and CE will have a break on 29 October and the Drop In will have a rest on the 30th. Everything will be back to normal the following week.

Don't forget to bring **lunch** on 1 November - eating together at one table last time was very popular!

Tuesday 6 October, 7.00pm - our annual **Men's Carvery Night** at the Rose and Bowl. See David Clegg for details

The **CBC Bonfire** this year will be on Friday, 6 November at 6.30pm and CBC will meet as normal on Thursday, 5 November.

On Friday, 6 November at 10.30am there will be a service of **Remembrance** at the Peace Garden, Toll Bar...

Congratulations to **Pauline and Stephen** who are declaring their faith in baptism this morning. Our prayers are with them as they take this important step - and with all those who have been baptised this year. We hope to have further **Enquirer's Classes** in the near future - please see one of the Deacons if you are interested.

We were recently visited by **Brian Ashworth**, who is the nephew of Pte Harold Ashworth who is remembered on our new **WW1 Memorial**. Brian couldn't be at the service last November and sends his thanks and best wishes to everyone.

On 25 October we celebrate the **144th Anniversary** of the original opening date of Acre Mill as a **Sunday School Chapel** in October 1871. We will have some of the archives out and a list for everyone to sign to remember the list signed by the original church members when we officially became a church in 1889.

The next **Deacons' Meeting** will be on Tuesday, 20 October and the next Church Meeting is on Wednesday, 11 November at which the **elections for Deacons** will be held. Philip Webb, Philip Bowden, Jean Cormack and Brenda Murray 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.

The Toddler Group is back in action after the Summer with a return of many familiar faces and some new ones!

Helpers for the Toddler Group are always welcome - even if you can't manage every week. Please see **Katie or Kath** if you would like to become involved.



Friendship Group

At our September meeting we had an interesting talk from **Sharon Rowland** who is the Befriending Coordinator for the Rossendale Hospice. Sharon described the role of 'Befrienders' and left leaflets and information about **how to volunteer**. We also showed and talked about photos of our favourite holiday places.

Our **next meeting** is on Tuesday, 13 October when Terry will be showing slides of his recent visit to Niagara Falls.

Please Pray For (suggested by you)

- The young people and children who live near church
- Everyone who lives alone
- Everyone who has been baptised this year
- 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 European migrant crisis
- Helpers with jobs and responsibilities at our church
- The McMillan Big Brew on 10 October
- Helpers for our Toddler Group



Give Thanks For:

- Faithful members of our fellowship past and present.
- Completion of the window replacements
- People who have musical gifts
- Kindness and encouragement
- 144 years of witness at Acre Mill as a Sunday School and Church
- Friends and neighbours
- Being able to 'Rejoice In The Lord'
- Lovely Autumn weather and Harvest Time.
- Changed Lives and New Directions
- Lots of great things to do!



Lantern Parade

During the next few weeks, an artist, Ruth Evans, will be working with our children to make lanterns with an environmental theme for a '**Lantern Parade**,' organised by Stacksteads Countryside Park Group.

The parade will take place on **Saturday 24th October** starting at Toll Bar at 6.00pm. The route will depend on the weather but will follow the river paths and end up at Bowlers' Glade, where there will be food, refreshments and music. See Poster for more details..



Flowers for October

4 Oct : Jason, Elizabeth and Katie Heath in memory of Jack
11 Oct : Barbara Ingham in memory of Rodney
18 Oct : Jean Naylor
25 Oct : Christine and David Clegg

Birthday Corner Ben Metcalfe will be 5 on 13th October and Yannie will be 7 on the 27th. We wish them a **Happy Birthday** - and everyone who has a birthday this month. (Including Terry and Wayne Rooney on the 24th)



On Saturday 17 October from 10am to 2pm, please come along to **Bacup Natural History Society** (Todmorden rd, Bacup) for an 'Antiques Roadshow'. For a donation of £1 per item, Steve Parkinson from Thomson, Roddick & Metcalf **auctioneers** (Carlisle) will value anything that may have caused you to wonder at its value - could it be a hidden gem?

The choir will be singing at the **Harvest Service** and leading worship at the evening Songs of Praise service on 11 October. We are starting to rehearse one of our favourite musicals - '**The Glory Of Christmas**'. New members are always welcome, so why not come along!

Vision are again organizing a '**Lite Nite**' celebration on Saturday, 31 October details to be announced on their website and in our notices.



**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

On Saturday 10 October a **Macmillan 'Big Brew'** is taking

place at church - 1pm 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.

There will also be an **open microphone** on the day for anyone who wants to sing, play an instrument, read a poem or tell us how their life has been helped by Macmillan.

At about 2.30pm Samantha is having all her hair cut off and donated to the **Little Princess Trust** - they make wigs for children who have lost their hair due to cancer treatment. The wigs are given to the children free but each one costs the Little Princess Trust £350 to make! Find out more at www.littleprincesses.org.uk/ or visit Samantha's Facebook Page