



ACRE MILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Newsletter : October 2016



	Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm	Coming Up
2 Oct	Yvonne Webb <i>Tear Fund Sunday</i>	Phil B and Phil W	<p>Some of our regular meetings will be having a break during the half-term week which starts on Monday, 31 October. There will be no Toddlers on 1 November, no midweek meeting on 2 November, the Choir and CE will have a break on 3 November and the Drop In will have a rest on the 4th. Everything will be back to normal the following week.</p> <p>Tuesday, 11 October, 7.00pm - our annual Men's Carvery Night at the Rose and Bowl. See David Clegg for details.</p> <p>The CBC Bonfire this year will be on Friday, 4 November at 6.30pm</p> <p>On Friday, 11 November at 10.30am there will be a service of Remembrance at the Peace Garden, Toll Bar...</p>
9 Oct	Stephen Crook <i>J-Join Harvest Sunday</i>	Harvest Celebration <i>Led By The Choir</i>	
16 Oct	Geoff Skilling <i>Communion</i>	Café Church	
23 Oct	Shirley Cormack <i>Church Anniversary</i>	Terry HJ	
30 Oct	Tim Doggart	No Service (Holidays)	
6 Nov	Terry HJ <i>Family Service</i>	David Clegg <i>Communion</i>	
13 Nov	Rob Winterbottom <i>Remembrance Day</i>	Terry HJ	
20 Nov	Baptist Pulpit Exchange	Barry Greenwood	
27 Nov	Carol Gooder	Songs of Praise For Advent	

On 23 October we celebrate the **145th Anniversary** of the original opening date of Acre Mill as a **Sunday School Chapel** in October 1871. The original building cost £1000 which was a lot of money in those days when an average wage for a man was less than £1 per week. We give thanks for the **vision and commitment** of those first Christian believers at Acre Mill Baptist School Chapel and the faithful witness to the gospel since the building first opened.

Grateful thanks to everyone who prepared and led services during the recent series on the **Book of Ruth**. We are hoping to have another series soon and are open to suggestions!



There will **definitely** be a Baptism Enquirers' course in October. The dates have not been finally fixed so please let Terry know if you are interested. There is no commitment to being baptised but it will be a great opportunity to **find out more** about what the Bible says about Baptism and why this is such an important step in the Christian life.

The next **Deacons' Meeting** will be on Tuesday, 18 October and the next Church Meeting is on Wednesday, 9 November at which the **elections for Deacons** will be held. Gladys Monk comes to the end of her term this year. **Nomination forms** will be available from Philip later in October. Please pray for our church leaders and the elections.

Harvest

On 9 October **Stephen Crook** will be leading our Harvest Family Service and there will be a **Jacob's Join** lunch afterwards. Don't forget to sign the food list if you are **able to bring something**



Our morning service on **6 November** will be a family service which will include the dedication of **Lucy Metcalfe**. The Metcalfe family will be providing a buffet lunch to which everyone is invited!

Please Pray For (suggested by you)

- The young people and children who live near church
- Everyone who lives alone
- Families facing difficulties
- The people of Syria and Iraq
- Governments and world leaders
- All those known to us who are ill
- Helpers with jobs and responsibilities at our church
- The MacMillan Big Brew on 1 October
- Helpers for our Toddler Group
- Our Deacons and leaders of our organisations
- Resolution of the Pensions problem
- Reconciliation of those who have been hurt



Give Thanks For:

- Faithful members of our fellowship past and present.
- Healing and relief from pain
- Kindness and encouragement
- Lessons from the Book of Ruth
- Music and singing
- 145 years of witness at Acre Mill as a Sunday School and Church
- Friends and neighbours
- Lovely Autumn weather and Harvest Time.
- Wise Christian people and good advice

Lantern Parade For the last two weeks, Ruth Evans, has been working with the CBC children to make lanterns for this year's **Lantern Parade**, organised by Stacksteads Countryside Park Group.



The parade will take place on **Saturday, 29th October** starting at Toll Bar at 5.00pm. 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 in Fellowship Room for more details...

Rossendale Hospice

In recognition of donations received, Rossendale Hospice have **invited representatives** from Acre Mill to their 'Leaf Evening' on Tuesday, 8th November at 6.15pm. We will be able to see our engraved leaf on the **Golden Tree** which is displayed in the Hospice reception area. Each leaf is engraved with names of individuals, organisations and businesses who have **donated over £1000**. Please let Terry know if you would like to go.



Flowers for October

2 Oct : Jason, Elizabeth and Katie Heath in memory of Jack
9 Oct : Barbara Ingham in memory of Rodney
18 Oct : Vacant
23 Oct : Christine and David Clegg

Birthday Corner Ben Metcalfe will be 6 on 13th October and Yannie will be 8 on the 27th. We wish them a **Happy Birthday** - and everyone who has a birthday this month.



The choir will be singing and leading worship at the evening **Harvest Service** on 9 October. They are just starting to rehearse a new Christmas musical '**Hope Has Hands**'. New members are always welcome, so why not come along!

Vision are again organizing a '**Lite Nite**' celebration. We do not have exact details yet but these will be announced on their website and in our notices.



MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

On Saturday 1 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.

We are hoping to organise a family trip to Irving Berlin's musical, '**White Christmas**' at Burnley Mechanics at 7.30pm on Sat 12

or Sat 19 October The cost will be £14 per person with a discount if we have a party of 10 or more. Please see **Elizabeth Heath** if you are interested Details at burnleymechanics.co.uk/ads/white-christmas/



Summer Walks Our thanks go to **Peter Marland** for organising the walks during the Summer on the theme of '**Christian Heritage**'. We have learned a great deal about the history of our faith in East Lancashire and the walks have been enjoyable and challenging (both physically and spiritually!)

A highlight of the last walk was the serving of communion by **Katie and Leia** at our outdoor service on the steps of Shore Baptist Church, Cornholme. There are pictures of all the walks on the Acre Mill **Facebook Page and our website**.