



ACRE MILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Newsletter : October 2017



	Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm	Coming Up
1 Oct J-Join	Terry HJ <i>Harvest Family Service</i>	David Clegg <i>Communion</i>	<p>Our regular meetings will be having a break during the half-term week which starts on Monday, 30 October.</p> <p>There will be no Toddlers on 31 October, no midweek meeting on 1 November, the Choir and CE will have a break on 2 November and the Drop In will have a rest on the 3rd. Everything will be back to normal the following week.</p> <p>Wednesday, 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, 3 November at 6.30pm</p> <p>On Friday, 10 November at 10.30am there will be a service of Remembrance at the Peace Garden, Toll Bar.</p>
8 Oct	Yvonne Webb <i>Tear Fund Sunday</i>	Musical 'A Man Called Sam'	
15 Oct	John Ormiston <i>Communion</i>	Café Church <i>Peter & Yvonne</i>	
22 Oct	Mike Huck <i>Church Anniversary</i>	Kids Make Music	
29 Oct	Terry HJ <i>Family Service</i>	No Service (Holidays)	
5 Nov	John Prior	Alan Scholes <i>Communion</i>	
12 Nov	Geoff Skilling <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	Terry HJ	
19 Nov Lunch	Aine & Rob Winterbottom <i>Family Service</i>	New Songs of Praise	
26 Nov	Baptist Pulpit Exchange	Focus on Rossendale Hospice	

On 22 October we celebrate the **146th Anniversary** of the original opening date of Acre Mill as a **Sunday School Chapel** in 1871. The congregation at Zion Baptist Church (now Trinity) started Acre Mill as a 'Sunday School Chapel' serving the rapidly-expanding area of Stacksteads and it was not until 1889 that we became a separate church. 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. We still have many of the original **documents, registers and minute books** from those years and these will be on display on the Anniversary Sunday..

Many thanks to **Peter Marland** for planning and organising the 'Walks of Faith' that we have enjoyed during the Summer and Autumn. Our most recent walk was in the area around Dean when we visited more of the locations important in the history of the Baptist faith in Rossendale. We even helped to rescue a poorly sheep!

The next **Deacons' Meeting** will be on Tuesday, 24 October and the next Church Meeting is on Wednesday, 8 November at which the **elections for Deacons** will be held. Terry and Peter come to the end of their term this year. We need some more Deacons - especially ladies! **Nomination forms** will be available from Philip later in October. Please pray for our church leaders and the elections.

We are planning a Baptism Enquirers' course in the near future. 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.



Please Pray For (suggested by you)

- The young people and children who live near church
- Everyone who lives alone
- Families facing difficulties
- Governments and world leaders
- All those known to us who are ill
- Helpers with jobs and responsibilities at our church
- Our Toddler Group
- Our Deacons and leaders of our organisations
- 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
- Music and singing
- 146 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 again 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, 28th 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 the Fellowship Room for more details...

Pauline, Issy and Abi would like to thank everyone who supported them in their **Colour Dash** fundraising for Rossendale Hospice at Marl Pits on 23 September. They raised over £150. Well done from everyone!

Ladies' Meal

The ladies are planning 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.

Front Door

The main outside door to the **Foyer** has been left in the unlocked position a couple of times recently. If you have a key for this door and are unsure about locking up, **please check** with Terry. It's always worth trying the handle before you leave.



Flowers for October

1 Oct : Jason, Elizabeth and Katie Heath in memory of Jack
8 Oct : Barbara Ingham in memory of Rodney
15 Oct : Vacant
22 Oct : Christine and David Clegg in memory of Jason
29 Oct Terry in memory of Mary Jones

Birthday Corner Ben Metcalfe will be 7 on 13th October and Yannie will be 9 on the 27th. We wish them a **Happy Birthday** - and everyone who has a birthday this month.



Our choir and friends from other churches are presenting the musical - '**Heavens Above - Sam's Story**' at **Central Methodist Church**, Bacup at 7.30pm on Friday 6

October and at Acre Mill on Sunday 8 October at 6.00pm. Admission to the performance at Central Methodist is **free but you will need a ticket** which you can obtain from Peter. We believe that over a hundred people will be at this performance and it would be great if you could encourage folks to come to the one at Acre Mill.

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

The **Macmillan 'Big Brew'** has been rearranged for Saturday 11

November - 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.

Christmas is Coming (sorry!)

As Christmas Eve falls on a **Sunday this year**, there are a few changes to some of our regular Christmas arrangements -



Decorations Evening : Monday 27 November.
Christmas Party : Saturday, 16 Dec 5.00-8.00pm
Christmas Musical : Sunday, 17 Dec 7.00pm
Toll Bar Carols : Friday, 22 Dec 7.00pm
CBC/SS Morning Service : Sunday, 24 Dec 10.30am
Carols by Candlelight : Sunday 24 Dec 6.00pm.
Christmas Day Service : Monday 25 December 10.30am