



ACRE MILL BAPTIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER : SEPTEMBER 2015



Services	Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm
6 Sept Lunch	Graham Long <i>Family Service</i>	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Communion</i>
13 Sept	David Clegg	Ben Bracewell
20 Sept	Terry HJ Series 12 <i>Communion</i>	Phil B & Phil W
27 Sept	Baptism Service	Focus on BMS <i>BMS Sunday</i>
4 Oct J-Join	Stephen Crook <i>Harvest Sunday</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</i> <i>Communion</i>	No Service (Holidays)

Coming Up

Starting up after Summer

Drop In	Fri 2 Sept
Friendship Gp	Tues 8 Sept
CBC	Thu 10 Sept
Toddlers	Tue 15 Sept
Choir	Thu 17 Sept
Midweek	Wed 23 Sept

Deacons Meetings

Tues 8 Sep Tues 20 Oct

Church Meetings

Wed 16 Sep Wed 11 Nov

Harvest

On 4 October Stephen Crook will be leading our Harvest Family



Service and there will be a **Jacob's Join** lunch afterwards.

July and August

Welcome back! Lots of us have been away from home during the summer enjoying some good weather(at times!) and visiting interesting and beautiful places. It's good to get back to our regular timetable after the Summer and look forward to our **Autumn events**. **Grateful thanks** to everyone who has helped during the last few weeks to make sure Sundays went smoothly, doing 'behind the scenes' jobs and covering for those away on holiday.



The children of **CBC** had a great **Fun Day** last week and will be showing us some of the things they learned, sang and made during the day on the theme of '**Jesus, The Way**'. Well done to the CBC leaders for planning and organising the day.

On Sunday 27 September, we have a **Baptism Service** when Pauline Sinkinson will be baptised. **Enquirers Classes** will run during the month of September at dates to be arranged and we are hoping that others will be led to take this **important step** of commitment and witness. Please see Terry or one of the Deacons if you feel that you would like to **know more** about baptism and church membership.

Weekly offerings during the summer were lower than usual with an average of £280 in July and £255 so far in August.

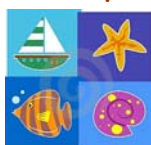
Toddlers

Please note that the **Toddler Group** will be resuming on Tuesday, 15 September and NOT on 8 September as previously announced. **Extra Helpers** for the Toddler group are always welcome, so please see Katie or Kath if you would like to become involved.



The '**Drop In**' resumes on Friday 2 September from 9.30 to 12.00. You are very welcome to come along for something to **drink, a chat** and solve any computer problems you may have. **Children** are welcome - we usually put some toys out for them.

Friendship Group



The Friendship Group **starts again** on 8 September when we will be sharing stories about our **holidays** (recent and in the past) and showing photographs of our favourite holiday places.

Please Pray For (Your suggestions)

- World Leaders
- Folks recovering from illness, operations and hospital treatment
- Brenda Murray and Brenda Brown
- The family of Rob Winterbottom
- The European Migrant Crisis
- Children and Young people starting new courses, schools and classes
- People who are bereaved, sad or worried
- Guidance for Church Leaders everywhere
- More people willing to help at our church
- David Talbot, as he stands for election as Member of the House of Keys (Isle of Man) on September 10

Give Thanks For:

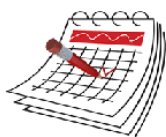
- The CBC Fun Day and the children who enjoyed it
- Everyone involved in planning and running our regular weekly activities
- Summer Holidays, new places, new experiences, new memories
- Opportunities to witness in our neighbourhood
- The work of all the churches in our town and the Bacup Fellowship of Churches.
- Strength and support in times of difficulty
- New friends and old Friends
- Children and Grandchildren
- Our local schools and teachers



On Saturday 26 September, the North West Christian Endeavour **Annual Celebration** is at Banks Methodist Church, Southport. The Choir have been invited to sing at the **Celebration Meeting** which starts at 5.00pm, so please let Peter know if you are available.

At the last Church Meeting, it

was decided to get everyone **involved** in deciding what the priorities should be for next year (and maybe longer). The Deacons will be discussing this at their next meeting and thinking about how this should **best be done**. During the next few weeks, please think and pray about what **you feel** is important about the **future work** and witness of our church.



Flowers for September

6 Sept : Jean Cormack in memory of Harold Cormack.
13 Sept : Mrs. Jean Naylor
20 Sept : Alan and Joan Bailey in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Kershaw
27 Sept Katie and Lee Metcalf to celebrate their Wedding Anniversary

Birthday Corner

Happy Birthday to **Yvonne** and **Bethany** and everyone with a birthday in September.



Evening Services Our Evening services start again on 6 September and we would **encourage everyone** to come along to support this important part of our worship and witness. During the **next months** there will be a balance of praise, teaching and focus on world and local community issues.

The Choir will be singing at the **Harvest Service** on 5 October and leading the evening service on 11 October. **Choir Rehearsals start** again on Thursday 17 September and will include learning a musical for Christmas. Everyone is welcome to come along.



Need a Job? We still need helpers for **Welcoming** and **Brewing Up** during the next few weeks. If you feel you could help, - even for a week now and then - please see Yvonne, Philip Webb or Terry.

Numbers in **Sunday School** are rising, and the Sunday School staff are hoping to set up an additional Sunday School class for the **older children**. However, we will need some extra leaders to do this. Please pray about this and **consider becoming** part of a teaching team to work with this group of young people.

SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER THE BIG WELCOME



This is a great opportunity to invite someone you know along to church. **Pray**, have courage and give it a try! You never know, someone might **just be waiting** to be invited.