



# ACRE MILL BAPTIST CHURCH

## NEWSLETTER : SEPTEMBER 2017



Services	Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm
3 Sept	Jason Heath & David Clegg	Terry HJ
10 Sept	Stephen Crook <i>Family Service</i>	Phil B and Phil W
17 Sept	Derek Allen <i>Communion</i>	Peter Webb
24 Sept	Jayne Webb <i>BMS Sunday</i>	Jason Heath <i>Our Daily Bread</i>
1 Oct	Terry HJ <i>Harvest</i> <b>J-Join</b> <i>Family Service</i>	David Clegg <i>Communion</i>
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 &amp; Yvonne</i>
22 Oct	Mike Huck <i>Church Anniversary</i>	Kids Make Music
29 Oct	Terry HJ <i>Family Service</i>	No Service (Holidays)

### Coming Up

#### *Starting up after Summer*

Toddlers	5Sept
Midweek	6 Sept
CBC	7 Sept
Choir	7 Sept
Drop In	8 Sept

#### Deacons Meetings

Tues 5 Sep & Tues 24 Oct

#### Church Meetings

Wed 13 Sep & Wed 8 Nov

14 & 21 Sep Lantern Parade  
Workshops for CBC

30 September McMillan Big Brew

#### Harvest

On 1 October Terry HJ will be leading our Harvest Family Service and there will be a **Jacob's Join** lunch afterwards.



It's good to be back to 'normal' after the **Summer Holidays** and our regular timetable starts again next week. Big Thanks to everyone who has helped during the last few weeks to make sure we continue with our church activities during the holiday period.



The children of **CBC** enjoyed the 'Run The Race' Summer Club last week. It was great to see so many parents and friends on Thursday evening when the children presented the things they had made, sang and demonstrated some of the games and competitions they had enjoyed during the week. Pics and video on our Facebook Page.

Well done to the **CBC** leaders (and helpers) for planning and organising the week. **Please pray** for our work with children and with families in our local community

Just to let everyone know that **Jean Cormack** (finally!) moved to her new home in Grange-over-Sands in August. **We will miss Jean** and are thankful for the part she has played in the life of our church for so many years. We send our prayers and best wishes for the future.



## MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

On Saturday 30 September, a **Macmillan 'Big Brew'** is taking place at church - 1pm till 4pm - please drop in anytime. The World's Biggest Coffee Morning is Macmillan's **biggest fundraising** event for people facing cancer. We ask people all over the UK to host their own Coffee Mornings and donations on the day are made to Macmillan.

Last year £29.5 million was raised and this year we are aiming for even more. If you can help or **donate cake or biscuits**, please see Samantha. More information at [coffee.macmillan.org.uk/](http://coffee.macmillan.org.uk/)

### Please Pray For (Your suggestions)

- Our Government and the important decisions and negotiations which take place in the next few months
- Folks recovering from illness, operations and hospital treatment
- Children and Young people starting new courses, schools and classes
- Everyone looking for a job.
- People who are bereaved, sad or worried
- Our work with children and young people
- Difficult personal situations of all kinds - especially those just known to you personally.

### Give Thanks For:

- The CBC Summer Mission 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
- Strength and support in times of difficulty
- New friends and old friends
- Children and Grandchildren

**Everyone** is invited to a special birthday party to celebrate **Bethany's** joint 16th and **Samantha's** 40th at St. Mary's Chambers, Rawtenstall on September 16th from 3pm. Please confirm if you would like to go which will help to estimate the buffet numbers. The Buffet is at 5:30pm



**Our next Family Walk** will be on the theme of '**The Larks of Dean**' and will take place on Saturday 23 September. We'll be Starting from Lumb Baptist

Church at 11-30am (Or at Acre Mill 10-45am if you need a lift). The route will be to Peers Clough, Water, Grimebridge and Hargreaves Fold and will include the unhappy story of the boys who never returned. The walk is **4 miles in length** and includes stiles and some moorland terrain but all on public footpaths.

**CBC will again** be making lanterns for this year's '**Valley of Light**' Parade which takes place on 28 October from 6.00pm. A number of workshops at various venues are planned during September and October if you would like to get involved. Check the **Stacksteads Countryside Park** Facebook Page and website for more details.



### Flowers for September



- 3 Sept Jean Cormack in memory of Harold Cormack.
- 10 Sept Joan Spencer and. Jean Naylor in memory of Mrs Elizabeth Stott
- 17 Sept Alan and Joan Bailey in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Kershaw
- 24 Sept Katie and Lee Metcalf to celebrate their Wedding Anniversary on 27 September

### Birthday Corner

Happy Birthday to **Yvonne, Neil, Samantha and Bethany** - and everyone with a birthday in September. Please let us know if you have a birthday to be included in the newsletter. On 29th, **Barbara Ingham** has a very special birthday!



**Evening Services** Our Evening services start again on 3 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.



**Please Help!** We **still need** helpers for Welcoming and Brewing Up. If you feel you could help - even for a week now and then - please see Yvonne, Philip Webb or Terry. Extra helpers for the **Toddler Group** are also always welcome, so please see Katie, Miriam or Kath if you would like to help.

**During the summer**, the choir (helped by friends from other churches) have been busy practicing a new musical by Barbara Monk - '**A Man Called Sam**'. You may remember Barbara's other musicals - 'Noah' and 'Oh Boy' - which we performed a few years ago. 'Sam' will be presented at **Central Methodist Church**, Bacup at 7.30pm on Friday 6 October and at Acre Mill on Sunday 8 October at 6.00pm.



### Baptist Pension Scheme

As you may know, there have been problems in recent years with the **Baptist Ministers Pension Scheme** which is seriously in deficit. We referred our case to the Pensions Ombudsman earlier in the year but, unfortunately, it was not upheld. This means that the Acre Mill has to make a **significant contribution** to the scheme deficit. We are just able to meet this, but please pray for our financial situation in the coming months and continue to support the church faithfully through this difficult time.