



# ACRE MILL BAPTIST CHURCH

## NEWSLETTER : SEPTEMBER 2019



Services	Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm
1 Sept	Reach Puppets	Café Church
8 Sept	David Isherwood	Jason Heath
15 Sept	David Hollows	David Clegg <i>Communion</i>
22 Sept	Louise Farrow BMS Sunday	Missions Evening
29 Sept	Yvonne Webb Tear Fund Sunday	Band Night
6 Oct <b>J-Join</b>	Philip & Jayne Webb <i>Harvest Family Service</i>	Esther Video Part 1
13 Oct	Rev Stephen Crook <i>Communion</i>	Esther Video Part 2
20 Oct	Jayne Haworth <i>Church Anniversary</i>	No Service
27 Oct	Rob Winterbottom	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Communion</i>

### Coming Up

#### *Starting up after Summer*

Toddlers	3 Sept
Midweek	4 Sept
CBC	5 Sept
Drop In	6 Sept
Choir	5 Sept

#### Deacons Meetings Church Meetings

Tues 3 Sep	Wed 11 Sep
Tues 29 Oct	Wed 6 Nov

Lantern Parade Workshops for CBC at Acre Mill 3 and 10 October

The Ukulele Club will be starting again in September - dates to be announced.

#### Harvest

On 6 October Jayne and Philip Webb will be leading our Harvest Family Service and there will be a **Jacob's Join** lunch afterwards.



#### *We have had a busy summer!*

We hope everyone had enjoyable holidays and have come **back refreshed and ready** for the start of our regular timetable next week. Grateful thanks to everyone who has helped and taken the **Family Holiday Services** over the last few weeks to make sure we were able to continue with our church witness during the holiday period.



The **Family Party** at the end of June seems a long way in the past now! Everyone enjoyed the evening and thanks go to all who organised it. Also, the **Lakes Day** went very well and we had lovely weather for our visit to Windermere, Brockhole and Ambleside.

The children of **Sunday School and CBC** had a really good time at the stopover and activity day last week and their enthusiasm and behaviour **was credit to them**. There are photos on our Facebook Page and website. Well done to the **CBC leaders** (and helpers) for planning and organising the event. Please pray for our work with children and with families in our local community

Congratulations to the **Acre Mill team** who took part in the 'Escape Room' Fundraiser organised by Vision. We didn't win but managed to complete the escape in a very creditable time **under the hour time limit**.

Please pray for and support the work of **Vision** among the young people of Rossendale.

Our **Weekly Offerings** are still a bit below our target of £303 weekly average for the year so please consider giving a little bit more if you can.

The **Gift Aid scheme** brings in a significant amount of income each year so please consider joining this if you are a taxpayer. See David Clegg for details

### 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
- 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.
- The work and witness of Vision

### Give Thanks For:

- The CBC Summer Activities and the children who enjoyed them
- 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

**CBC will again** be making lanterns for this year's Stacksteads Lantern Parade which takes place on 26 October from 6.00pm. **Lantern making workshops** are being held at Toll Bar Business Park Saturdays 28th September and 5/12/19 October 10.30am-4pm Check the **Stacksteads Countryside Park** Facebook Page and website for more details.



**Enquirers classes** **Believers' Baptism** is a fundamental part of our Christian witness and service and we are hoping to have a **series of meetings** to learn more and talk about Baptism and Church Membership in the near future. Please let one of the **Deacons** know if you are interested

A reminder that **Laura and Sean** are to be married on Saturday 7 September at St, James The Less Church, Rawtenstall. The service starts at 1.00pm and everyone is welcome.

**Shirley** has sent details about a NW CE **Celebration Weekend** in March 2020 at Beechwood Court. There are letters and booking forms in the Fellowship Room with more details

Also, there's a **NW CE day out** on Saturday 28th September in Chester - see notice board.

### Flowers for September



- 1 Sept Vacant
- 8 Sept Vacant
- 15 Sept Joan Spencer and. Jean Naylor in memory of Mrs Elizabeth Stott
- 22 Sept Alan and Joan Bailey in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Kershaw
- 29 Sept Katie and Lee Metcalf to celebrate their Wedding Anniversary on 27 September

### Birthday Corner

Happy Birthday to **Yvonne, Barbara, Neil, Samantha and Bethany** - and everyone with a birthday in September. Please let us know if you would like a birthday to be included in the newsletter.



**Evening Services** Our evening services begin again on 1 **September** starting with the popular Café Church format and we 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 Pamela, Heather, Carol, Miriam or Kath if you would like to help.

Some more **Ukulele Nights** have been organised for the Autumn - dates to be arranged. These are for everyone (**all ages and abilities**) who would like to learn to play the ukulele or improve their skills.



The sessions start at 6.30 with about 20 minutes of tuition and playing followed by activities for the children and refreshments. We aim to finish around 7.45.

**The Drop In** meets most Friday Mornings from 9.30 until about 12 noon. Come along for a drink and biscuits (free) and a chat about this, that and t'other. We never know just who will turn up but we always have a good time.

**I have come they may have life and have it to the full (John 10:10)**