



Acre Mill Baptist Church

Newsletter July & August 2014



Services	Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm
6 July Jacob's Join	Sunday School & CBC Leaders	Celebrating Sunday School
13 July	Rev M Goff <i>Communion</i>	Phil Webb
20 July	Terry Haslam-Jones	Phil Bowden
27 July	Rev M Huck	No Service
3 August	Rob Winterbottom	No Service
10 August	Phil Bowden & Phil Webb <i>Family Service</i>	No Service
17 August	David Isherwood <i>Communion</i>	No Service
24 August	Children's Mission Leaders	No Service
31 August	John Ormiston	Ken Bowden

Full Summer Schedule and Rotas On Noticeboard

Coming Up		
Extra Church Meeting * Monday 14 July 7.30 *		
Summer Breaks		
	<i>Last Meeting</i>	<i>Resume</i>
Toddlers	15 July	9 Sept
Midweek	16 July	3 Sept
CBC	17 July	11 Sept
Choir	3 July	4 Sept
Youth Club	11 July	19 Sept
Rubicon and Drop In will continue through the Summer without a break		
Deacons Meetings		Church Meetings
Tues 9 Sep		Wed 17 Sep
Tues 21 Oct		Wed 12 Nov
Morning Service Lunches		
You are invited to bring along a packed lunch to enjoy together after the morning service on 7 September, 26 October and 30 November Drinks will be provided. Please stay for a brew and a biscuit even if you don't bring lunch.		

Many thanks to the choir for the 'Songs of Praise' service' last week which was very well attended. We enjoyed the musical items from The Codd Family, Bethany, Shirley and Terry. On 31 August **Ken Bowden** will be telling the stories behind hymns that have an anniversary in 2014.

About 40 of us enjoyed a beautiful day at **West Kirby** on 14 June as we met with our friends from the Northwest for the CE Fun Day. On **20th September** we are again joining with NWCE at their celebration held at **Skipton Baptist Church**,

It was good to see **Jean Cormack** back with us last Sunday and we wish her and **Brenda** a speedy recovery.

Then **new windows** are a great improvement and we have received more donations towards the cost. At the church meeting it was decided to replace the **fourth window** so that all of the east side will be complete. If you would like to **contribute**, there is a box on the piano or just place your donations in an envelope marked 'New Window'



At the **church meeting**, it was agreed that the focus on **Young Families** should be kept in our Church Development Plan for 2015. We also felt that it was important **to review roles and responsibilities in church** this coming year, especially in view of some recent developments and there will be an **Extra Church Meeting** on 14 July to discuss this..

It was also suggested that we encourage a **group of singers** to lead worship, songs and hymns during services. Peter will be telling more about this and we **hope and pray** that several of you will feel able to help.

Finances are doing well at the moment with our weekly offering averaging **over £320** for the first half of the year. However, we have some **substantial costs** to meet in the near future so please continue to support the work of our church faithfully and generously.

Ladies' Meetings

At our first meeting in June we had Mr Ken Bowden speaking to us about the life and times of **Arthur Mee and H. Gee** and of their association with Rossendale.

Later in the month **Mr Malcolm Hargreaves** told us of the many different birds and animals that visited his garden and illustrated his talk with photographs. We have two meetings in July before we take a break for the summer: 1st July (speaker **Mrs Jennifer Long**), 15th July (arrangements yet to be made for visit to **Mrs. Barbara Hargreaves'** dolls' house)

Please Pray For

- The Big Welcome on 28 September
- Rubicon and everyone who comes on Wednesdays and Fridays
- Our Sunday School, Youth Club and CBC
- Our Deacons and leaders of church organisations
- Those in hospital and recovering from illness.
- Everyone living alone.
- The children and staff of local schools
- Peace in our World



Give Thanks For:

- Answered prayer for healing
- 143 years of Sunday School at Acre Mill
- Helping Hands
- Freedom for Miriam Ibrahim of Somalia
- Beautiful summer weather
- All the children of our church

Lakes Day Out

On Saturday 5 July, a day out in the **Lake District** has been organised. We will set off at 8.30am from church (lifts available). From 10.30am until 12.00pm, watersports will be available and there will be a **picnic lunch** at 12.00pm.

At 1.30pm we sail from Ambleside to **Brockholes Visitor Centre** where we can enjoy the café, playground, gardens and walks. When everyone is ready, we will take the boat back to **Ambleside** for a chippy tea. The boat costs £7.50 for adults and £3.50 for children. (£20 for a family ticket) Watersports cost £8.50. For more details and to sign up please see **Philip Webb**.



Please continue to pray for the **Summer Children's Mission- Shine-** and please take a prayer card home. This will take place Tues 19th to Fri 22nd Aug. More information and registration forms will be available soon.



Flowers for July/August

6 July: Sunday School Anniversary
13 July : Vacant
20 July : Pauline and Karl Sinkinson
Flowers for remainder of the summer are provided by Church.

Birthday Corner

Happy Birthday to all who have birthdays in July especially **Jacob Lord** who will be 4 on 7th July and **Katie Heath** who will be 10 on 23rd July.



WW1 Service At 10.30am on Friday, 11 July at **The Peace Garden, Stacksteads** there will be a special service to mark the centenary of the start of the **Great War**. This is being held earlier than the actual date to allow children from our local schools to take part. The service will be led by **David Clegg**.

SUNDAY 28 SEPTEMBER THE BIG WELCOME WHY NOT INVITE SOMEONE TO CHURCH?



School and CE Anniversary

The morning **Family Service** on 6 July will be taken by the CBC and Sunday School leaders to celebrate our **Sunday School and CE Anniversary**. There will be a 'Jacobs Join' lunch after the service and a **Gazebo** (weather permitting). If you can bring some food for the meal, please let **Pamela** know by initialing an item on the list in the Fellowship Room.



The evening service will look at and celebrate our **work with children**. It's **143 years** since Sunday School work at Acre Mill began and there will be a display of the old record books and archive materials at the evening service that day.

Tony Campolo and Graham Kendrick

Rossendale Churches Together have organised 'An Evening with **Tony Campolo** and **Graham Kendrick** at Longholme Methodist Church on Wednesday 29 October at 7.30pm. Tickets are £12 and will be available initially to Valley Churches only until 23 July - on national sale after that.. An order form is in the Fellowship Room

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. John 14:27