



Acre Mill Baptist Church

Newsletter July & August 2015



Services	Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm
5 July Jacob's Join	Sunday School & CBC Leaders	Celebrating Sunday School
12 July	Tim Doggart	Phil Bowden
19 July	Phil Webb Series 9 <i>Communion</i>	Terry Haslam-Jones No Service
26 July	David Isherwood	
2 August	To Be Arranged	No Service
9 August	Peter Webb Series 10	No Service
16 August	Stuart Keenan <i>Communion</i>	No Service
23 August	Geoff Skilling	No Service
30 August	Philip Bowden Series 11	No Service

Full Summer Schedule and Rotas On Noticeboard

Coming Up		
Summer Breaks		
	<i>Last Meeting</i>	<i>Resume</i>
Toddlers	21 July	8 Sept
Midweek	15 July	9 Sept
CBC	23 July	10 Sept
Choir	9 July	10 Sept
Drop In	24 July	4 Sept
Rubicon will continue through the Summer without a break		
Deacons Meetings		Church Meetings
Tues 8 Sep		Wed 16 Sep
Tues 20 Oct		Wed 11 Nov
Morning Service Lunches		
You are invited to bring along a packed lunch to enjoy together after the morning service on 6 September, 4 October and 29 November Drinks will be provided. Please stay for a brew and a biscuit even if you don't bring lunch.		

Tonight, the Choir are leading another 'Songs of Praise' Service on the theme 'Old and New'. There will be items by the choir, solos and a range of traditional and contemporary hymns. **Please come along** and encourage someone to come with you!



Congratulations to **Bethany, Samantha and Pamela** for completing the 'Race for Life' 5k run/walk on 14 June. Together they raised over

£450 for Cancer Research. If you promised to sponsor them, please let them have the money as **soon as possible**.

Also well-done to **Jack Clegg** on winning the Woodbank Whites Under-12 Trophy for **top goal scorer** 2014/2015

It has been very encouraging to have had **six baptisms** already this year and we have now two more requests for baptism which will take place on **27 September**. Another series of three enquirers' classes are planned to start in **early September** so, if you feel challenged to take this important step in your Christian life, please let **one of the Deacons** know.



At the **church meeting**, it was agreed that we should consult the whole congregation about our priorities for the next few years and, in September, **everyone** will be given the opportunity to contribute to this.

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.

Finances are doing well at the moment with our weekly offering averaging almost **£330** 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.

Bacup and Stacksteads Carnival is today. The procession starts at 11.15 from the Hub on Burnley Rd and finishes at Bacup Park

Friendship Group



Our **June meeting** was well attended and we brought things we had made and gadgets that we thought other people would find useful. We meet next on **Tuesday, 14 July**, when everyone will bring a book they have enjoyed and talk about it. We have **no meeting in August** but start up again on Tuesday 8 September.

Please Pray For

- The Big Welcome on 20 September
- Rubicon and everyone who comes on Wednesdays and Thursdays
- Our Sunday School and CBC
- Our Deacons and leaders of church organisations
- Those in hospital and recovering from illness.
- The Friday Drop In
- Extra leaders for Sunday School
- The children and staff of local schools



Give Thanks For:

- Answered prayer for healing
- 144 years of Sunday School at Acre Mill
- A beautiful church garden!
- All the children of our church
- Praise Songs and Hymns of all sorts.
- God's provision of resources for our witness in Stacksteads and beyond.
- Generous support for fundraising projects
- People who work to improve our community

Lakes Day Out



On Saturday 11 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 about 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 £7.70 for adults and £3.90 for children. (£20 for a family ticket) Watersports cost £10.00. For more details and to sign up for the watersports please see **Philip Webb**.

Bible Quiz

Which is the shortest verse in the Bible?
Which three words occur only once in the Bible?
Which was the first complete Bible divided into chapters and verses? And when was it published?



Flowers for July/August

5 July: John and Barbara Ingham in memory of all the Ingham family of Acre Mill
12 July : Vacant
19 July : Pauline and Karl Sinkinson
Flowers for summer are provided by Church.

Birthday Corner

Happy Birthday to all who have birthdays in July - **George Ford** (8th), **Jacob Lord** (7th), **Katie Heath** (23rd), **Joan Sanderson** (25th), **Tim HJ** (27th). Also to **Rory Price** (3 August) and **Sarah Codd** (23 August)



School and CE Anniversary



The morning **Family Service** on 5 July will be taken by the CBC and Sunday School leaders to celebrate our **Sunday School and CE Anniversary**. The theme will be 'The Lord's Prayer'. 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 initialling an item on the list in the Fellowship Room. The evening service will celebrate our **work with children**. It's **144 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.

BMS WORLD MISSION

The Summer 2015 edition of **ENGAGE** magazine quoted the following interesting statistics : The following numbers of mission staff have been sent out since BMS first began (the top ten only have been listed):



India - 1251 (that's 1250 PLUS the father of modern mission **WILLIAM CAREY**)
Congo / Zaire - 452 China - 349
Nepal - 141; Jamaica - 137
Brazil - 122; Bangladesh/East Pakistan - 121
Sri Lanka - 103; Trinidad - 50; Angola - 42
So.....carry on giving and praying !!!

The '**Drop In**' is now back on **Fridays** from 9.30 to 12.00. Please drop in for a drink and a chat if you are



passing and invite someone along. **Helpers** are also very welcome. During the morning, there will also be a **Computer Clinic** where you can ask anything about using a computer or tablet and maybe sort out why something isn't working. If we can't solve the problem, we can find someone who can