



# Acre Mill Baptist Church

## Newsletter July & August 2016



Services	Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm
3 July <b>Jacob's Join</b>	Sunday School & CBC Leaders	Celebrating Sunday School
10 July	Geoff Skilling <i>Communion</i>	Ray Gay
17 July	Stuart Keenan	No Service
24 July	Rob Winterbottom	No Service
31 July	Rob Winterbottom	No Service
7 August <b>Lunch</b>	Philip Webb <i>Family Service</i>	No Service
14 August <i>Communion</i>	Peter Webb <i>Ruth Series 1</i>	No Service
21 August	John Prior <i>Ruth Series 2</i>	No Service
28 August	Philip Bowden <i>Ruth Series 3</i>	No Service

**Full Summer Schedule and Rotas On Noticeboard**

Coming Up		
<b>Summer Breaks</b>		
	<i>Last Meeting</i>	<i>Resume</i>
Toddlers	19 July	6 Sept
Midweek	13 July	7 Sept
CBC	21 July	8 Sept
Choir	16 June	15 Sept
Drop In	22 July	2 Sept
Rubicon will continue through the Summer with a break on 24 and 25 Aug		
<b>Deacons Meetings</b>		<b>Church Meetings</b>
Tues 6 Sep		Wed 14 Sep
Tues 18 Oct		Wed 9 Nov
<b>Summer Mission</b> Tuesday 23 August to Friday 26 August		
<b>Morning Service Lunches</b>		
You are invited to bring along a packed lunch to enjoy together after the morning service on 7 August, 18 September, 4 October and 6 November. Drinks will be provided. Please stay for a brew and a biscuit even if you don't bring lunch.		

Many thanks to **Peter Marland** for organising the Friday Walk which took us from Helmshore up to the Pilgrim's Cross via Robin Hood's Well and the memorial to Ellen Strange and Bull Hill. We said a **Pilgrim's Prayer** together and sang John Bunyan's 'To Be A Pilgrim'. A beautiful evening with amazing views across our Valley complete with rainbow. More pics on Facebook.



Tonight, we have a '**Sing a New Song**' Service when we will be learning some news songs and celebrating Communion together. **Please come along** and encourage someone to come with you!



**The Heath Family** send their thanks to everyone who supported the 'Afternoon Tea' Fundraiser last week - especially to the choir and helpers. The total raised came to over £600 which will help the **MPS Society** to fund research to find cures for MPS and related diseases

**Finances** are healthy at the moment with our weekly offering averaging over **£334** 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.

### Summer Mission

.CBC are having a children's **Summer Mission** again this year which will take place from Tues 23 August to Friday 26 August. The sessions will start at 10.30am and end at 12.30pm each day. The children will receive letters with more details. On Friday evening at 6.30, **parents, families and friends** are invited to watch the children show what they have been doing during the week

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

### Please Pray For

- The future of everyone in the UK and our Government as we move on from the result of the EU referendum.
- Our Sunday School and CBC
- Our Deacons and leaders of church organisations
- Those in hospital and recovering from illness.
- The children and staff of local schools
- The CBC Summer Mission



### Give Thanks For:

- Answered prayer for healing
- 145 years of Sunday School at Acre Mill
- 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

### Why a Sunday School Anniversary in July?



Our church began as a '**Sunday School Chapel**' founded by Zion Baptist, Bacup and was opened in October 1871. By 1889, the church had become independent of Zion and plans

were made to remodel the church and to build a separate Sunday School. **In the summer of 1896**, a contractor had been engaged to build the 'Iron School' which was to cost £388, exclusive of foundations and be completed in six weeks. The foundations were of brick and, were laid by a local firm who, for the services of **J. Balshaw**, one of the bricklayers, charged £1-1s-3d for 42<sup>1/2</sup>- hours' work.

The official opening of the new school took place on **December 18th and 19th 1897**. On Saturday December 18 1897 a well-attended Social Tea was held and, in the evening, a public meeting took place, presided over by the Rev Charlesworth, when the school was officially opened. A statement of accounts was given by the treasurer, Mr A. Taylor, who reported that a bazaar held recently had raised the **amazing sum of £510**. The Mayor of Bacup had donated £23 to this. The total amount raised since the commencement of the Sunday School and Alteration Fund was £674 and the cost of the school, including foundations, heating and lighting was £575.

At some point the Anniversary was fixed as the first **Sunday in July**, as the fine weather was needed for the processions, outdoor activities and celebrations that had become a tradition. The history page on the church website has more details.

### Flowers for July/August

3 July: John and Barbara Ingham in memory of all the Ingham family of Acre Mill

10 July : Pamela and Terry Haslam-Jones to celebrate their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary on 16 August

17 July : Pauline and Karl Sinkinson to celebrate their wedding anniversary on 20 July

24 July : Jayne and Philip Webb to celebrate their 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on 29 July

31 July : Gladys Monk in Memory of Rev

Ron Monk

Flowers for August are provided by Church.



### Birthday Corner

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

Please let us know if you would like a birthday included in the newsletter



### School and CE Anniversary

The morning **Family Service** on 3 July will be taken by the CBC and Sunday School to celebrate our **Sunday School and CE Anniversary**. They will be presenting the musical 'Daniel- a hard act to follow' There will be a 'Jacobs Join' lunch after the service and a **Gazebo** (weather permitting).

If you can bring some food for the Jacob's Join 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 **145 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.

The '**Drop In**' meets every **Friday** 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 is a **Computer Clinic** where you can ask anything about using a computer or tablet and maybe sort out why something isn't working

### Queen Booklet

There are still some booklets left from the celebration of the **Queen's Official Birthday**. Please take one if you haven't already done so.

**Send a Cow**. The dwarf beans we planted at Easter have now produced **a nice crop** and we have received a lovely letter of thanks for our donation of £100