



Acre Mill Baptist Church

Newsletter July & August 2017



Services	Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm
2 July <i>Jacob's Join</i>	Reach Puppets	CBC & Sunday School Children 2.00pm
9 July	Tim Doggart	Looking Ahead <i>Communion</i>
16 July	Geoff Skilling	No Service
23 July	David Clegg <i>Thess Series 7</i> <i>Communion</i>	No Service
30 July	Rob Winterbottom	No Service
6 August	John Prior	No Service
13 August <i>Lunch</i>	Phil Bowden <i>Family Service</i>	No Service
20 August	Trevor Bartram <i>Communion</i>	No Service
27 August	Grahame Long	No Service

Full Summer Schedule and Rotas On Noticeboard

Coming Up		
Summer Breaks		
	<i>Last Mtg</i>	<i>Resume</i>
Toddlers	18 July	5 Sept
Midweek	19 July	6 Sept
CBC	20 July	7 Sept
Choir	20 July	7 Sept
Drop In	21 July	8 Sept
Rubicon will continue through the Summer with a break on 23 and 24 Aug		
1 July history walk looking at the 'Quarries and Mines of Stacksteads'		
7 July Family Party 6.30		
Summer Mission Monday 21 August to Thursday 24 August		
Deacons Meetings		Church Meetings
Tues 5 Sep		Wed 13 Sep
Tues 24 Oct		Wed 8 Nov
There is a Newsletter from Grace Penney on the noticeboard		

We all enjoyed our walk to Crawshawbooth and Goodshaw last week, when we visited more of the historical sites and buildings linked to the history of the Christian faith in Rossendale. A surprise addition was the opportunity to see the inside of the **Friends Meeting House** at Crawshawbooth and to learn something about the Society of Friends (Quakers). The highlight was a visit to **Goodshaw Old Baptist Chapel** which was specially opened for us. The chapel dates back to the early days of the Baptist denomination in our area and it was interesting to get an insight into the form of worship of those days. We did try to sing two songs of the period - (I did say 'try')

The Larks of Dean are singing some of the old 'West Gallery' hymns as part of the Goodshaw Baptist Old Chapel Anniversary celebrations at **6.00pm on Sunday 2 July**. You may remember that we learned about this traditional form of hymn singing a few months ago. We are organising a visit to join them and, if you would like to go, lifts are available. Please see **Peter Marland** for more details.

Summer Mission

.CBC are having a children's **Summer Mission** again this year which will take place from Monday 21 August to Thursday 24 August. The sessions will start at 10.30am and end at 12.30pm each day. The children will receive letters with more details. On the Thursday evening at 6.30, **parents, families and friends** are invited to see the children present what they have been doing during the week

Philip Bowden has retired as pulpit supply secretary for the morning services and **David Clegg** has now taken on this role. We are very grateful to David and thank Philip for doing this job so well.

We are very pleased to have a **new cooker** to replace the old one which was installed in 1997(!) **Rubicon** has met all the costs for the new cooker - grateful thanks to them.

Please Pray For

- All those involved in governing our country, that wise and fair decisions are made in the coming months
- Communities affected by disaster and terrorism.
- 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
- Rossendale Hospice
- Our public and emergency services



Give Thanks For:

- Answered prayer for healing
- 146 years of Sunday School at Acre Mill
- Praise Songs and Hymns of all sorts -old and new.
- God's provision of resources for our witness in Stacksteads and beyond.
- Generous support for fundraising projects
- People who work to improve our community

Ann Bowden would like to thank everyone who has encouraged and supported her fundraising activities for **Rossendale Hospice** through her card sales. She has just sent £40 to the hospice and hopes for another £25 by September. This will bring the total to **over £700** in the last 10 years.

Barbara Ingham will also be pleased to receive any of the Penny Pots with gifts for the Hospice. In the Autumn, **Sam Morris** from Rossendale Hospice will be coming to one of our evening services to update us on their work.

Church Party

There will be a Family Party on **Friday 7 July** from 6.30-8.30 with games for children and adults, a quiz and supper. No charge.

Our next walk will be on Saturday 1 July when we are looking at the **Quarries and Mines** in the south part of Stacksteads and learning about the lives of those who worked in these industries. We meet at Church 1.30pm

The Toddler Group were pleased to receive a grant of £250 from the **Reaps Moss Community Fund** which will be used to buy new toys for the children. This fund is financed by the company who own the wind farm above Sharneyford and grants are available for a range of community activities. **The Toddler Group** is very busy at the moment and would love to hear from anyone who is able to help on Tuesday mornings.



Flowers for July/August



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

9 July : Pamela and Terry Haslam-Jones to celebrate their wedding anniversary on 16 August

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

23 July : Jayne and Philip Webb to celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary on 29 July

Flowers for the remainder of the Summer are provided by Church.

Birthday Corner

Happy Birthday to all who have birthdays in July and August - **George Ford** (8th), **Jacob Lord** (7th), **Katie Heath** (23rd), **Joan Sanderson**(25th), **Tim HJ**(27th). 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 2 July will be taken by the CBC and Sunday School to celebrate our **Sunday School and CE Anniversary**. Reach Puppets will be with us to present a message in songs and drama. 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 initialing an item on the list in the Fellowship Room.

In the afternoon at 2.00 (please note earlier time) the children of Sunday School and CBC will be leading a short service and showing us what they do every week. Their parents have been invited and we hope that everyone will join us. It's **146 years** since Sunday School work at Acre Mill began and, as usual, there will be a display of the old record books and archive materials.

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

Bacup and Stacksteads Carnival takes place today. The procession starts at 11.00am from the Hub on Burnley Rd and finishes at Bacup Park