



Acre Mill Baptist Church

Newsletter July & August 2018



Services	Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm
1 July <i>Jacob's Join</i>	CBC Leaders	CBC & Sunday School Children 2.00pm
8 July	James Booth	David Clegg <i>Communion</i>
15 July	Rev David Brae	No Service
22 July	David Clegg <i>Communion</i>	No Service
29 July	Terry Haslam-Jones	No Service
5 August	David Clegg	No Service
12 August <i>Lunch</i>	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Family Service</i>	No Service
19 August	David Clegg <i>Communion</i>	No Service
26 August	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Family Service</i>	No Service

Full Summer Schedule and Rotas On Noticeboard

Coming Up		
Summer Breaks		
Most schools finish for the summer holiday on Friday 20 July and return on Monday 3 Sept, so our summer activities have a break as follows.		
	<i>Last Mtg</i>	<i>Resume</i>
Toddlers	17 July	4 Sept
Midweek		5 Sept
CBC	19 July	6 Sept
Choir		6 Sept
Rubicon will continue through the Summer without a break .		
The final Ukulele night (for now) is on Friday 6 July at 6.30.		
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Sunday School Stopover and CBC Activity Day Monday 20 and Tuesday 21 August		
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Deacons Meetings	Church Meetings	
Tues 4 Sep	Wed 12 Sep	
Tues 30 Oct	Wed 7 Nov	

It was great to see Grace Penney recently as she spoke at our morning service and told us about her work with Interserve. You can find out more on their website at <https://www.interserve.org>

The children of CBC really enjoyed their **Water Splash** night on 28 June. Lots of parents stayed to watch the children get soaking wet on a hot summer evening. The **family party** on Friday also went well - but we could have done with another dip in the pools afterwards! Many thanks to everyone who helped with organising these events.

Today is our **Sunday School and CBC anniversary** which is being led by the leaders of these groups. Everyone is invited to the **Jacob's Join** meal after this morning service.

At 2.00pm (please note earlier time) the children of **CBC and Sunday School** will be leading a celebration service to show everyone what they do during their meetings and invite the **whole church and their parents** to join them. There will not be an evening service at 6.00pm today.

Church Meeting

Our **June church meeting** was cancelled and the next one will be on 4 September. If you have anything urgent or that needs a decision, please contact one of the Deacons

Our finances are now making **good progress** after last year's problem with the pension debt. Recently, we received a very generous donation from the family of **Doreen Chestney** and £3281 from the **Gift Aid Scheme** for which we thank everyone. See David for more info about Gift Aid.



Weekly Offerings are averaging **£322** per week so far this year.

Some of the **building projects** approved at the last meeting have been completed and we are now investigating some improvements to the car park

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 activities
- Rossendale Hospice
- Our public and emergency services



Give Thanks For:

- Answered prayer for healing
- 147 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

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 official opening of the new school took place on **December 18th and 19th 1897**. On Saturday December 18 1897 a 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 unknown 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



1 July: Ben and Sheila Bracewell in memory of Mrs Edith Piper

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

15 July : Terry and Pamela

22 July : Pauline and Karl Sinkinson to celebrate their wedding anniversary on 21st July

29 July : Jayne and Philip Webb to celebrate their 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** (8th), **Jacob** (7th), **Katie** (23rd), **Joan Sanderson**(25th), **Tim HJ**(27th). Also to **Rory**(3August) and Sarah **Codd** (23 August) and Lauren (28 August) Please let us know if you would like a birthday included in the newsletter



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. We are continuing through the summer **without a break**



The Sunday School children are having a Summer **Stopover** on the night of Monday 20 August and this will be followed by an Activity Day for the Sunday School and CBC children on Tuesday 21 August. The children will receive letters with more details.

GDPR The new Data Protection Regulations

are now in operation and we have made some changes to the way we keep information about the congregation and our work with children. The information we keep is just contact details, and email addresses and is **only accessible** by the Deacons and leaders of the children's groups



In the next few weeks we will be asking you to complete a form to update the information we hold and **asking for your permission** to continue to keep contact information. Please see Terry if you would like to know more about this

BMS and Leprosy Mission

Louise sends her thanks to everyone who has contributed to her fundraising efforts. Please continue to support the book corner, jigsaws and used stamps box