



# Acre Mill Baptist Church

## Newsletter July & August 2019



Services	Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm
7 July <b>Jacob's Join</b>	Sunday School & CBC Leaders	Celebrating Sunday School 2.00pm
14 July	Stephen Crook	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Communion</i>
21 July	Ken Bowden	No Service
28 July	Phil Bowden <i>Communion &amp; Family Service</i>	No Service
4 August	Pamela Haslam-Jones	No Service
11 August	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Communion</i>	No Service
18 August	Pauline Sinkinson	No Service
25 August	Peter Webb <i>Communion</i>	No Service

All the morning services in August are Family Services

Coming Up		
<b>Summer Breaks</b>		
Most schools finish for the summer holiday on Friday 19 July and return on Monday 2 Sept, so our summer activities have a break as follows.		
	<i>Last Mtg</i>	<i>Resume</i>
Toddlers	16 July	3 Sept
Midweek	17 July	4 Sept
CBC	18 July	5 Sept
Choir	4 July	5 Sept
Rubicon and Friday Drop In will continue through the Summer <b>without a break.</b>		
<b>Sunday School Stopover and CBC Activity Day</b> Mon 19 and Tue 20 August		
<b>Deacons Meetings</b>		<b>Church Meetings</b>
Tues 3 Sep		Wed 11 Sep
Tues 29 Oct		Wed 6 Nov



The children of CBC really enjoyed their **Pool Party** night on 27 June and enjoyed cooling down on one of the hottest days of the year so far. Fortunately it didn't rain!

The **Family Party** on Friday evening was well attended - and hot! The children were brilliant! Many thanks to everyone who helped with organising these events and to everyone who came along and enjoyed them.

It was with great sadness that we learned of the recent death of our good friend **Martin Gooder**. Martin was a faithful supporter of Acre Mill and led services here on many occasions, providing insightful and inspiring preaching - despite his health problems in recent years.

This week's Free Press has an excellent tribute to Martin's ministry and work in Barrow-in-Furness, Bolton, Manchester and in **Bacup from 1992...** His funeral will take place at Holy Trinity Tunstead on Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup> at 12.30pm

We send our **prayers and sincere sympathy** to Martin's family and all those who are especially close to him.

### Church Meeting

Weekly Offerings are averaging **£301** per week so far this year -slightly below our target. Otherwise our finances are reasonably healthy and we send thanks to everyone who gives generously and faithfully.

Some **building projects** have now been completed - the new soundproofing on the Sunday school room is a big improvement and we think the dampness on the north gable has been fixed at long last!

At its last inspection, **the boiler passed** the safety and maintenance test but it has been in place for almost 25 years and we will probably have to replace it sometime in the next few years.

Many thanks go to **Phil Bowden** who has been working hard to improve the Church sound system and you will see some differences in equipment - new microphones and speakers. This work has been paid for by the funds given to us by the **Ladies Meeting** a few years ago...

### Please Pray For

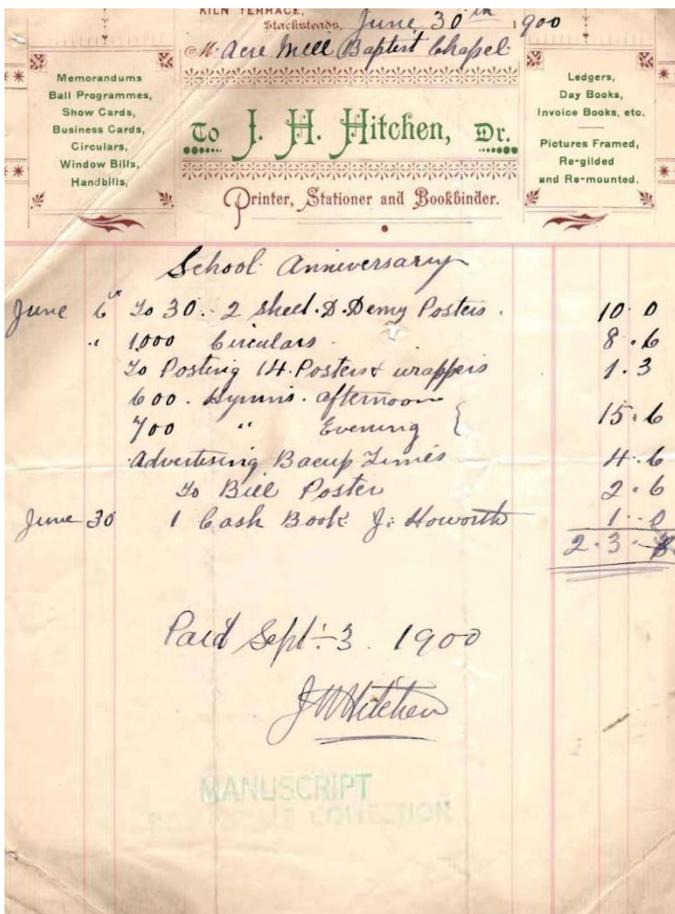
- All those involved in governing our country, that wise and fair decisions are made in the coming months
- Communities affected by disaster and terrorism.
- Our Sunday School and CBC
- Our Deacons and leaders of church organisations
- Those in hospital and recovering from illness.
- The children and staff of local schools
- The CBC Summer activities
- Rossendale Hospice
- Our public and emergency services
- Our church building and everyone who looks after it.
- The family and friends of Martin Gooder



### Give Thanks For:

- Answered prayer for healing
- 148 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

In 1900, the Sunday School Anniversary was a pretty important event as you can see from this bill from J.H. Hitchen. **600 Hymn Sheets** were printed for the afternoon service and **700** for the evening!



We have a collection of these old bills and invoices which tell us a lot about life in those days.

### Flowers for July/August



7 July: John and Barbara Ingham in memory of all the Ingham family of Acre Mill  
 14 July : Terry and Pamela  
 21 July : Pauline and Karl Sinkinson to celebrate their wedding anniversary  
 28 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** (8<sup>th</sup>), **Jacob** (7<sup>th</sup>), **Katie** (23<sup>rd</sup>), **Joan Sanderson**(25<sup>th</sup>), **Tim HJ**(27<sup>th</sup>). Also to **Rory**(3August) and Sarah **Codd** (23 August) and **Lauren** (28 August)



And BIG apologies to **Presley** who we forgot to mention in the June newsletter. 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 19 August and this will be followed by an **Activity Day** for the Sunday School and CBC children on Tuesday 20 August. The children will receive letters with more details.



July 7 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. If you can bring something, please let Pamela know on the list in the Fellowship Room.

At 1.30pm (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 on that day.