



Acre Mill Baptist Church

Newsletter : January 2012



Services	Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm
1 Jan	Rev John Prior	No Service
8 Jan	Pastor Glenn Scott	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Communion</i>
15 Jan	Rev Sandra Crawford <i>Communion</i>	Peter Webb & Ben Bracewell
22 Jan	Philip Webb & Philip Bowden	Joint Valley Service <i>Central Methodist Bacup, 3.00pm</i>
29 Jan	Miss Marylin Dearden	Terry Haslam-Jones
5 Feb		Peter Webb <i>Communion</i>
12 Feb	Peter Webb <i>Family Service</i>	No Service <i>(School Holidays)</i>
19 Feb	Terry Haslam-Jones <i>Communion</i>	Led by Beechwood Court Holidayers
26 Feb	Rev David Woodall	Annual Celebration

Coming Up

On Thursday 5 January we will be taking down the **Christmas Decorations** starting at about 8.00. Everyone is welcome to help and there will be a brew and something to eat. 

The **Toddlers** are back in action on Tuesday 3 January and **CE** starts Thursday 5 January.

Rubicon starts up on Wednesday 4 January and the '**Drop In**' resumes on 6 January.

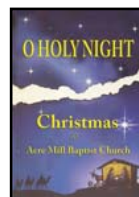
The **Midweek Meeting** begins again on 11 January and the **Choir** begins 2012 with their Annual General Meeting on 12 January.

The **Northwest CE Council Meeting** is at Beechwood Court on 21/22 January.

The **church holiday** at Beechwood Court will be from Monday 13 to Friday 17 February

A Happy 2012 to Everyone!

Grateful thanks to everyone who helped with our services and Christmas activities in any way. The services were well-attended, and the weather was kinder than it has been in the last two years. We enjoyed the Christmas musical 'O, Holy Night' and the choir were encouraged by an enthusiastic congregation on the night.



It was an honour to have the **Mayor of Rossendale** with us at the Carol Service and to receive an 'official' letter of thanks from her.

Over 1400 leaflets went out to advertise our Christmas events and to send a Christmas message into the neighbourhood - thanks go to everyone who helped with the distribution.

Our church text for 2012 is from Zephaniah 3:13 (NLT) Text cards will be available from David.

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"For the Lord your God is living among you . . . with His love He will calm all your fears."

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Business Meetings

Mon 9 January 7.30pm
Deacons' Meeting

Wed 18 January 7.30pm
Church Meeting

Finance Offerings during the last three months of the year were encouraging and the average for the year was just over £301 per week - slightly more than our budget target. Please pray for our finances in 2012.

Building There are no major projects planned for 2012 but work on the roofspace will continue and we have a painting programme starting in the spring. Help is always welcome!

Ladies' Meetings

We hosted the Baptist Women's Carol Service early in December and we had a pleasant afternoon together with ladies from other fellowships. Later in the month we had our Christmas meal at Sykeside House which once again was enjoyed by all. We have a break now for the winter months but look forward to March when we hope the worst of the winter weather will have passed.

Please Pray For (Your suggestions)

- Folks waiting for hospital appointments, tests and results.
- Ian Cormack
- Shuhong and Yannie visiting family in China
- Safety in the winter weather
- The Heath Family
- Our outreach to the community of Stacksteads
- The work of Rubicon
- Everyone who is ill
- The work of our Church in 2012
- The Churches of Stacksteads and Bacup

Give Thanks for

- Our Christmas activities and the opportunities they gave to witness
- Our Young People
- Gifts and Talents
- Beautiful Christmas Music
- Ben's successful knee operation
- Faithfulness
- Work found (at last!)
- A watertight roof!!

Rubbish!!

Now that the tip at **Rakehead** is to close, it will be more difficult to dispose of rubbish. It would be very helpful if anyone could take a **bag of rubbish** now and then to put in your bin at home.

News

Don't forget to check the **church website** at www.acremill.org.uk for updates on events during January and those of you who use Facebook might like to join the **Acre Mill Facebook Group**. If you have items for prayer, thanks, news or coming events, please see Joan, Elizabeth or Terry - or you can email items to info@acremill.org.uk

We now send out several copies of the newsletter **by email** and, if you would like to receive it this way or know someone who would, please let us know.

Flowers for January



1 Jan - Mr H Nuttall in memory of Mollie and Mrs Annie Nuttall
8 Jan - Jean Cormack in memory of Harold Cormack.

15 Jan - Mrs G Marshall

22 Jan and 29 Jan - vacant

Birthday Corner

Shannon's birthday is on 7th January and Nikita celebrates her 12th birthday on 24 January. Best Wishes to her and all who have birthdays in that month, including Pamela on 1 January and Elizabeth on the 2nd.



Please let **Joan Spencer** know if you would like a birthday including in the newsletter.

Deacons and Church Meeting Dates 2012

Deacons	Church
Mon 9 Jan	Wed 18 Jan
Mon 27 Feb	Wed 7 Mar (AGM)
Mon 23 April	Wed 9 May
Mon 11 Jun	Wed 20 Jun
Mon 3 Sep	Wed 19 Sep
Mon 29 Oct	Wed 7 Nov

If you have any items for the **agendas** of these meetings, please let Shirley have them in good time. If you are unable to come to a meeting, **copies of the minutes** are available.

Gift Aid

The new **Gift Aid** year starts on 1 January so please think about joining the scheme for your regular giving or any single gifts. Registering is a simple process and **David Clegg** (Gift Aid Secretary) will be delighted to provide help and further details. 'Gift Aid' will increase your giving by 25%.

Annual Celebration

The Annual Celebration will be held on **26 February** at 6.00pm and will be preceded by pie and peas at 5.00pm. This is an opportunity for all the organisations in church to report on what has happened **during 2011** and what they hope to do in 2012. It's encouraging to see what others have been doing and to celebrate with them and pray for them.

Christmas Giving There is still time to give to **Tear Fund** and **Cancer Research** using the envelopes on the piano. These may be left under the tree.

Vacancies Stewards - and brewers-up are needed. Please see Shirley for details