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Church

## Bamford Chapel & Norden URC



## July & August 2017

## **BAMFORD CHAPEL & NORDEN URC MISSION/VISION STATEMENT**



### **Worship**

In our devotion we will come together to express our joy, love and thanks through worship.

We shall share our praise and dedicate it to God.

### **Ministry**

Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit we will show compassion and love by understanding, supporting and meeting the spiritual, the physical and the emotional needs of others.

### **Evangelism**

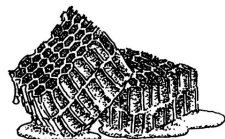
We are called as Christians to share the good news; living as examples of Christ in our everyday lives we can spread the word and love of Jesus.

### **Discipleship**

We as a church have a responsibility as Christians to encourage people to know God and to enable them to develop their relationship with Him through prayer, discussion, study and learning.

### **Fellowship**

We welcome to our church family those who want to belong. We show our love for others by sharing acts of fellowship in God's name.



## July & August 2017

<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b> <b>Junior Church Anniversary</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Junior Church Anniversary</b> - Led by Junior Church & Revd Richard Bradley
	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Evening Worship</b> Led by David Watson
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	8.00 pm	Home Group at the Manse
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	7.30 pm	Elders' Meeting
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	10.00 am	NW Synod Big Day Out at Southport Convention Centre
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Family Worship</b> Led by Joanne Ackroyd
	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Evening Worship</b> Led by Revd Richard Bradley
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	All Day	God Squad trip to Llandudno
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Family Worship with Baptism</b> Led by Revd Richard Bradley
	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Church Meeting</b>
	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Evening Worship with Communion</b> Led by Revd Richard Bradley
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	8.00 pm	Home Group at the Manse
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	7.30 pm	<b>Finance Meeting</b>
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Family Worship</b> Led by Revd Richard Bradley
	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Evening Worship</b> Led by Ken Greer
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Family Worship</b> Led by Revd Richard Bradley
	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Evening Worship</b> Led by Joan Warner

Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	7.30 pm	Elders' Meeting
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> August	10.30 am	<b>Family Worship with Communion</b> Led by Revd Richard Bradley
	6.00 pm	<b>Evening Worship</b> Led by Anne Fitton
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	10.30 am	<b>Family Worship</b> Led by Margaret Ogden
	6.00 pm	<b>Evening Worship</b> Led by Sarah Fitton
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	10.30 am	<b>Family Worship</b> Led by Andy Platt
	6.00 pm	<b>Evening Worship with Communion</b> Led by Walter Brisk
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	10.30 am	<b>Thanksgiving Service</b> Led by Sarah Fitton
	Bank Holiday	<b>NO EVENING SERVICE</b>



## Prayer Meeting Dates



Date	Time	Meeting
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	7.30pm – 8.30pm	Usual prayer meeting
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	7.30pm – 8.45pm	Prayer meeting and prayer walk
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	7.30pm – 8.30pm	Usual prayer meeting
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> July	7.30pm – 8.45pm	Prayer meeting and prayer walk
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> July	7.30pm – 8.30pm	Usual prayer meeting

(Please be aware of different days and styles of meeting. No one will be forced to pray out loud or forced to go on the streets if they're not comfortable with doing so.)

## Weekly Opportunities for Learning & Sharing Fellowship

- Monday:** 9.00 am 'Monday Gang'  
(do work on or around the building)  
10.00 am Pastoral Meeting  
1.30 pm Bridge Club  
7.30 pm Focus on Prayer (in the Crèche)  
(See table on page 2 for dates)  
8.00 pm Monday Night Home Group
- Tuesday:** 9.15 am Toddlers' Group  
From 6.00 pm Rainbows, Brownies, Guides  
7.00 pm Choir Practice
- Wednesday:** 6.45 pm Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association  
7.30 pm Home Group 'Exploring the Bible'
- Thursday:** 10.00 am Community Coffee Morning
- Friday:** Scouts
- Sunday:** 7.30 pm God Squad (for Teenagers)

## Fortnightly & Monthly Opportunities

- Monday:** **Joy Group** **31st July & 28th August**  
6.30 pm at Dolce Vita (optional) then  
7.30 pm 17 Bamford Mews
- Tuesday:** **Stillness & Sharing** **4th & 18th July**  
2.30 pm in the Lounge **1st & 15th August**  
**Home Group** **4th & 18th July**  
8.00 pm in the Manse
- Thursday:** **Ladies' Fellowship** **17th August**  
Outing to York (see page 10)

If you would like further information about any of the groups and where they meet, please check the **weekly notice sheet** or visit the website at **[www.bcnchurch.org.uk](http://www.bcnchurch.org.uk)** or speak to an Elder.

## Message from the Manse

In Colossians Paul writes: ***“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.”*** (Colossians 4:2). I have said before how important prayer is for us as Christians and for us as the Church. On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June we had the first of our joint meetings when we had people praying in Church and people going out on the streets to pray. Seven of us met – four of us spent about 45 minutes pushing prayer cards through 90 households on Caithness Road, Highlands Road, Cairn Drive, Spencer Lane and Glenmore Close. Each of these houses will know that they were prayed for and they too were invited to send prayer requests in via email, or by placing their prayer card in the metal post box at the gates of Chapel. It was an opportunity to get out into the community but also to pray for our community. At the end of each road the four of us gathered and prayed for that road. I write this article the day after and we have had circa 200+ people read about this ministry on Facebook. I have had two colleagues send me messages about what we did and how they would love to do something like that at their church.



I, for one, loved getting out into the community. The four of us wore hi-viz tabards that said: “Bamford Chapel and Norden Church praying for our community”. Not the best fashion item, admittedly, but people might have read what we were doing. It is a witness to the people who live in our community. Up to the summer break in August we will be alternating between the usual prayer meeting in Church and a combined meeting of praying inside church and in the community (see table on page 2 for dates). On the same night as the four of us were out, three people remained

in Church praying for those of us who were out on the streets, but also praying for the Church and seeking what God might be saying to us.

As has been said before – prayer is a conversation with God. I think as Christians we are often good at the talking part of the conversation but we are not always good at the listening part of the conversation. I want to encourage us all to pray but to put more emphasis on listening to what God is saying.



In addition to this new prayer ministry initiative the Elders and I are seeking God's direction about worship. As you will be aware we have been discussing worship for what seems like ages! We had the trial two-service structure in June 2016. There was positive and negative feedback from those four Sundays. I believe that discussion still needs resolving. An open meeting was held at Church last Sunday evening the 11<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm. About 31 people attended and views were expressed about perhaps altering the time of the evening service and the style of the service offered. The time change was from 6pm to 6.30pm which may allow people who cannot come at present to come, as well as offering a service that will be different to the morning one.

As for style... this is always a complex issue! During my sabbatical all the churches I visited had in some way what might be termed "alternative" worship, or had at least one "contemporary" band led service. Some had both a traditional and a contemporary/alternative service. I feel strongly that we need perhaps to try different days, times and styles of worship. The Elders and I have suggested we look to change the evening service on two occasions a month and on the other two Sundays it would reflect the style it does now.


More prayer is needed and I ask that you hold the Elders and me

in prayer as we discern what God is saying. We want the views of other people too, so please feed those in through your elder to the next elders' meeting (6<sup>th</sup> July). I hope by the Church Meeting in July that we will be able to share with people what the suggested way forward is.



Personally speaking these are both scary and exciting times. Scary because I believe we need to move forward trying new things in order that the church may grow - but exciting because if we spend time in prayer (speaking and listening) then we will be in line with God's will and desire.

***God Bless, your servant in Christ - Richard***




### Church Flowers

*Donations for flowers placed in church in June  
were received from:*

Chris Divers in memory of Wally  
Margaret Ogden in memory of  
Mr and Mrs Vause's wedding anniversary  
Diane Healey in memory of her parents  
Margaret Frain in memory of Christine  
Norma & David Milnes in memory of Jason

*Donations for flowers placed in church in July  
were received from:*

Pamela Harrington in memory of  
Granny Pilkington  
Elizabeth Greer to celebrate wedding  
anniversary and birthday  
Eric Lumb in memory of Jean





## Student from Northern College

At the last Church Meeting I reported that we had been approached by a Tutor at Northern College, the ministerial training college in Manchester, who asked if we would consider having a student from Northern College with us for her 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> years of training. This would mean that the student would be with us approximately 8 hours a week in her 3<sup>rd</sup> year and 10 hours a week in her 4<sup>th</sup> year.

John Lapworth, Clair Gooding, Carole Greaves and I met with Cath Atkinson (student) and her tutor Revd Dr Graham Adams a few weeks ago. Cath is lovely. She will begin her time with us from the Autumn term this year and her time with us will run until approximately June 2019.

I will be her placement supervisor, which will mean she and I have regular meetings together and she will have certain areas of ministry that she will need to experience. She comes with a wealth of experience. I believe the Church will be a good experience for her and I believe we will learn a lot from her as well.

I hope you will all soon meet Cath as I have suggested that she joins us in worship one Sunday when she can meet us and we can meet her.



***Thanks and God Bless - Richard***



***FLOWERS:*** *Norma and David Milnes in memory of our grandson, Jason Edward who died on the 24th June 2016.*

## Please Support Alzheimer's Research

I received this from Andrew Schofield. I pray you will feel led to support him on his personal challenge. (Gillian Galloway)

*'As many of you will know my mum (Win) was diagnosed with Alzheimer's a number of years ago. I am planning to do my own duathlon 1,000 mile walked and 3,000 miles biked over the 12 month period 1/6/17 to 31/5/18 in aid of the Alzheimer's Society.'*



*This challenge will be from a point of total unfitness. I hope that you feel that you can donate to my challenge by visiting the link below.*

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Andrew-Schofield6>

*Thank you, Andrew'*

Alzheimer's disease is a chronic neurodegenerative disease that usually starts slowly and worsens in 7 stages over time. The cause of Alzheimer's disease is poorly understood but may have a genetic influence. Affected people

increasingly rely on others, placing a pressure on the caregiver. This pressure includes social, psychological, physical and economic factors. BBC news November 2016 stated that Dementia, including Alzheimer's disease, has overtaken heart disease as the leading cause of death in England and Wales. There is no cure.





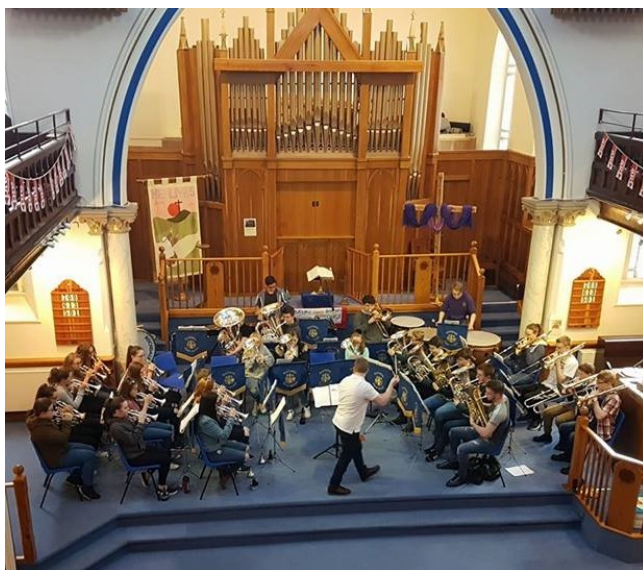
## Brassed - On!

On Saturday 20th May an enthusiastic audience



packed the Chapel to enjoy a first class brass band concert given by the talented young musicians of Rochdale Music Service's Youth Brass Band.

The band of thirty plus players aged 9-17 who come from local schools and rehearse weekly at the Music Centre, presented an attractive programme of an opening fanfare, marches, hymns and a suite of music from The American Civil War – suitably dressed in army



uniform and narrated by Andy Kelly. As a contrast the five piece Dixie Band played several 'blues' numbers. The two conductors – Ben Dixon [formerly of The Salvation Army] and Cathie Brooks – encouraged some outstanding performances from the band, while it was amazing to hear the standards achieved by a solo xylophone and a tenor horn duet.

After a thoroughly rousing and entertaining evening's music, Margaret Ogden and Lesley Sutton and their hardworking Heywood and Rochdale Cancer Research Committee were pleased to announce later that from ticket sales, donations and a separate raffle £1,000 had been raised for Cancer Research while £500 came to Bamford Chapel funds.

A big THANK YOU to the Youth Band who made no charge and to all who supported a splendid occasion.

**Michael Lucas**



## Ladies Fellowship Summer Evening Meal

Twenty eight ladies had a short journey to Rochdale for the Ladies Fellowship Summer Evening Meal at Madisons. We had a really good meal together, the service was good as usual and there was lots of chat and laughter.

The numbers were unfortunately down this year. The ladies of the church may not be aware that for the Summer and Christmas Meals and our Day Out in August we welcome all ladies from the church, they do not need to be members of the Ladies Fellowship.

This year our **Summer Day out is to York on Thursday 17 August**, with a meal at Millstones on the way back. If anyone would like to join us just add your name to the list on the notice board opposite the kitchen.



**Lesley Hynes**

## Ladies Fellowship Request

*At our AGM in May I reported on the reduced numbers attending our meetings for one reason or another, mainly sickness or holidays. Although our numbers average 25 this is down from an average of 40 just 3 or 4 years ago. If we are to continue with the fellowship that the group brings, we need to encourage younger members of the chapel and the community to join us. By 'younger' I mean anyone under the age of 65!*

*Yes, we are an aging group, but no less enthusiastic in our endeavours.*

However, new members are also needed to help run the group and bring fresh ideas to the programmes. We only meet once a month and try to vary our programme to include as wide a range of subjects as possible. Why not check out our new programme for 2017/18 on the Ladies Fellowship notice board?

We do not want to lose the friendship and fellowship that the group brings but your help is needed to keep us going. Maybe we need 're-branding'.


**The bottom line is, that if we do not get more members and people to help run the programme, then Ladies Fellowship may have to close. We have a programme for next year – it's what happens after September 2018.....**



Think about joining us..... **PLEASE**

**Linda Kerford**

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**Christian Aid Week** Once again I would like to extend my  
**14-20 May 2017** warm appreciation to all those who  
 volunteered to take part in the House to  
House Collection during Christian Aid  
Week. Let's not pretend that any of us  
really enjoys the experience of knocking on doors but the successful  
financial result cannot be denied. As a result of covering some of  
the roads normally covered by St Michael's volunteers we have  
actually raised more, as a Church, than last year, raising the  
fantastic total of £2,170.77. But I don't think that the financial  
success is the only thing on which to focus. During that week, 35  
people from this Church were willing to demonstrate their love for  
refugees across the world who will benefit from the money  
collected. Above everything else we responded to the call of Jesus  
to "love our neighbour" by being proactive and willing to make  
ourselves vulnerable in order to give others an opportunity to  
contribute to this fantastic appeal. So thank you on behalf of  
Bamford and Norden URC.

**Margaret Ogden**

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## Tuesday Midday Concerts: 2017 – 18 Season

*Concerts begin at 1 p.m. and last for about one hour. Admission £4.  
Refreshments are on sale from 12.15 p.m.*



**October 10**

**The Chris Holmes Jazz Trio**

*We welcome back this very popular and accomplished group*



**November 14**

**A4 Brass Quartet**

*We count ourselves very fortunate to have engaged this group of exceptionally talented performers, originating from the Royal Northern College of Music*



**December 12**

**Prima Wind Quintet**

*Once again we are indebted to the RNCM for this highly commended group*



**January 9**

**Edward Robinson (baritone)**

*This young man asked us to include him in our programme: again from that College just down the road! He comes highly commended.*



**February 13**  
**guitar)**

**The Meraki Duo (flute and**

*This couple complete this year's contribution to our programme from the RNCM. Again, they come highly recommended.*



**March 13**  
**of Music**

**Students from Chetham's School**



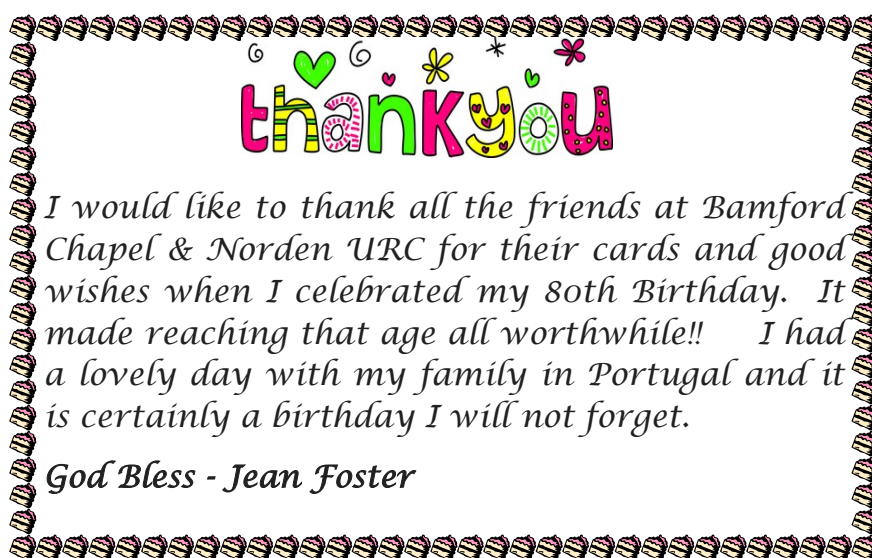
*Our season concludes with a concert given by some of the most promising young musicians in the country.*

We hope that you will appreciate that we have searched diligently for the best musicians we could find. We focus on artistes who do not have far to travel, because that affects both their availability and the expenses they face. Even so, we offer them the best fees that we can. Many of them are young and very able musicians starting out on their careers.



That is why we appeal to all with an interest in music to support us. We work hard to bring really excellent music to our Chapel and community. Please come, and bring friends who might otherwise not realise what they are missing!

**PS:** *We are particularly proud of the artistes we have been able to engage this year. We are having to pay more in fees than in the past, but we believe it will be worth it for the quality of music on offer. Please note the dates in your diaries. If you are free in the middle of the day and able to join us, please do. Besides our needing a regular income, we feel our visiting artistes deserve the best possible audiences we can provide. Help us too if you can by making the concerts widely*

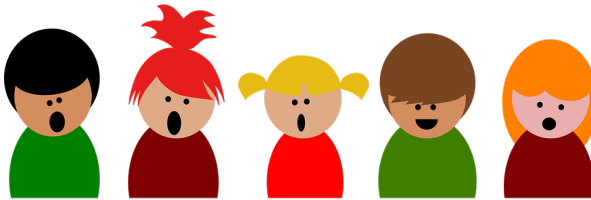


## *Message from Dínah Francis to Linda Peacock Memories*

*“As we spent a lot of time sorting our loft in readiness for a new roof we found many music tapes, including some Kinsfolk ones. We sat tonight listening to the beautiful music whilst enjoying our evening meal and relaxing with cheese and biscuits and a glass of wine. So I just had to let you know how much we have enjoyed the 'memories' with Peter giving a commentary on who was taking part!”*

### *Dínah*

For those of you who may not know, Kinsfolk was a music group made up of church members and



formed at Easter 1980. Those who took part at one time or another until the mid-80's were: Peter Kenyon (guitarist/singer), Charlie Peacock (guitarist), Derek Gooding (pianist/music arranger), Sopranos: Frances Kenyon, Suzanne Mather, Margaret Gooding (Ogden), Linda Peacock and Anthea Wood, Altos: Gillian Galloway, Pat Powley and Judith Wynne (O'Neill).



As well as singing at Bamford (as seen in this 1984 ticket) Kinsfolk gave concerts at other churches and community groups. Each member arranged an event and all shared their faith as an introduction to each song. Kinsfolk also recorded 4 cassette tapes, copies of which have travelled as far as USA, Australia, Africa, Spain, to name a few! (I still have a few tapes left if anyone still uses a cassette player).

### *Linda Peacock*



owned. One of them was given to me on my tenth birthday by my maternal grandmother. Each date of the year has a short passage. They could relate to any year so I am imagining the book is from 2017 and here is the message from July 4th. You may be reading this magazine on that date!!

*Let us make God the beginning and end of our love, for He is the fountain from which all good things flow and into Him alone they flow back. Let Him therefore be the beginning of our love. Richard Rolle - English mystic*



We were deeply saddened by the death of John Tolley, a member of the Thursday team on which Anne Newman and I serve week by week at the Foodbank. He was a well-loved part of the team and of St Aidan's Church where he was an active member. Originally from a Baptist background, there were many fine tributes paid to his Christian faith and witness. He will be sorely missed by his family, especially his wife Sheila, his friends and colleagues.

It was John who used to provide us with the monthly reports regarding the Foodbank so we will miss him for that too. Suffice it to say that the figures for May 2017 were slightly down on last May and after a very busy year it has been nice to have a quieter month!!!

**Food weighed in 3,681.85K; weighed out 3,467.9K  
238 Vouchers feeding 313 adults and 162 children**

Our stocks are getting very low and I would appeal to you once more to remember the Foodbank whenever you go to the supermarket. We do **NOT** need beans, meat or pasta but anything else would be appreciated as it is still many weeks before this year's harvest collections will start to boost our reserves once more.



Thank you again - **Margaret Ogden**



*Hilda England and Carol Hartley would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, messages and flowers on the sad loss of their son and brother, Ian. God Bless*



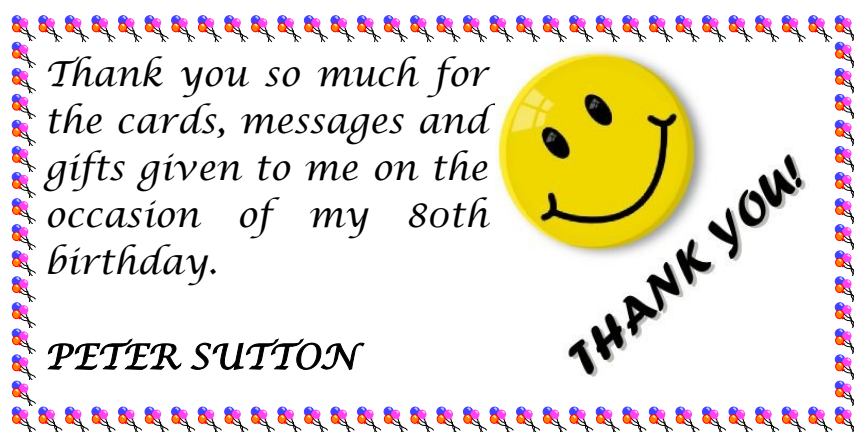
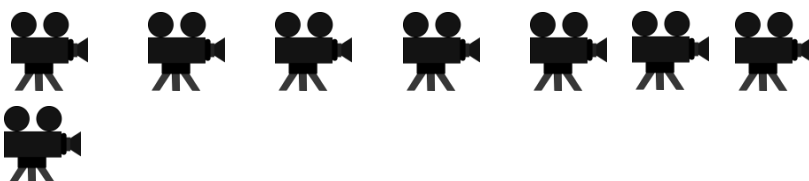
## The Ian Newman Community Film Club at Bamford Chapel and Norden URC

As this is the last magazine before September, here is advance notice of the possible "first night" of the film club. There is to be another meeting of the team organising this club on 3rd July to finalise plans and after that you will see announcements in various places informing you of what is happening next. The first film hasn't yet been chosen. There is to be a suggestion box at the front of church from 9th July into which you can put a slip of paper requesting a film.

If anyone is interested in being involved in this exciting new venture, please have a word with either Joan Warner or Lesley Sutton. Already we have a number of enthusiasts interested.

### OPENING NIGHT

**Date for your diary: Saturday 16th September 2017 – 7.00 for 7.30pm**

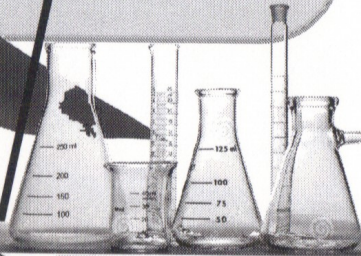


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## Annual Project

Sept to Christmas 2017

*Devi Prasad School,  
Pokharathok, Nepal*



Science lab



*Launch date: Sunday 10 September*

*Lunch after morning service*

*Suggested donation adults £5 children £3*



## Church in the World Group June 2017 Update

The group met recently to progress our plans for the 2017 project launch!

**Project 2017** This year's project is to raise money to build a science classroom for the children and young people who attend the Devi Prasad School in Nepal. The project will be launched on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September; our local contacts for the project



Maureen and Michael Hawksworth will be helping us with the launch service. Following the service we invite you all to a lunch which will kick-start our giving. Maureen and Michael will be present and have offered to answer any questions we may have. See the poster opposite advertising the lunch and don't delay in signing up, as it's always a popular event. We do need to know numbers so that we can cater accordingly.

**A date for your diaries:** advance notice of our annual project fundraising meal at Bury College: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November.



**Project 2016** We are pleased to have heard recently that the boat we provided money for has now been built by local people, has an engine and is in use. The villagers of Gasundwe now have transport to get to hospital, market etc. and therefore a wide range of opportunities to improve their lives. Full

information will be available in the September magazine.

## **Children of Swaziland**

The group organised a fundraising meal in early June at Bury College to support Bernard and Pauline Thompson, who visit children and families in Swaziland. Each year they take money to fund essentials such as school uniforms, shoes, school books and warm clothing. The evening raised £588; thank you to everyone involved in making this a successful evening.

***Carole Greaves***

***(On behalf of the Church in the World Group)***

## **Lesley's Wanderings**

To celebrate Peter's birthday we travelled to The Yorkshire Dales and on a gloriously sunny Thursday we visited The Priory Church at Bolton Abbey, a very peaceful, tranquil and welcoming church. Their mission statement "A community seeking to live well with God, gathered around Jesus Christ in prayer and fellowship, and committed to welcome, worship and witness."

Standing beside the River Wharfe, the Priory Church is one of the jewels of the north of England, and is a thriving Church of England parish church.



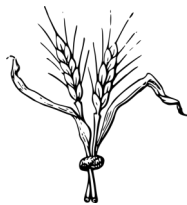
Bolton Abbey is an estate in Wharfedale In North Yorkshire, England, which takes its name from the ruins of the 12th-century Augustinian monastery : now generally known as Bolton Priory. It sits within the landscape of the Yorkshire Dales, adjacent to the village of Bolton Abbey.

The estate is open to visitors, and includes many miles of all-weather walking routes and a variety of attractions for people of all ages. The Embsay & Bolton Abbey Steam Railway currently terminates at Bolton Abbey Station, one and a half miles/2.5 km from Bolton Priory.

In the Priory Church there is a wonderful east wall built in 1877 to

replace the old wall erected in 1539 at the dissolution of the Priory. It was decorated three years later. by a local artist, Thomas Bottomley. His signature and that of his apprentice, R.H. Greenwood has been found unobtrusively painted among the foliage. Here is an interpretation of the East Wall painting.

The five Madonna lilies, all slightly different, refer to the Priory's dedication to St Mary, the 'Madonna.' Alternating with the lilies are six symbolic plants.



**Barley** Jesus describes Himself [John 6] as 'the bread of life,' source of strength and vitality to His followers. In the celebration of Holy Communion, we are especially aware of the bread as His body, given for us on the Cross.

**Olive** In His agony and fear before the arrest and crucifixion, Jesus prayed amongst the olive trees of Gethsemane. Olive oil was used for anointing and 'Christ' means 'the anointed one' - set apart for God's purpose of redemption.

**Passion flower** A traditional folk-symbol of Christ's suffering on the Cross; the flower head has three 'nails' and a 'crown of thorns.'

**Rose** The thorny branches represent the crown of thorns and the red roses symbolise the spots of blood on the dying Christ's forehead.



**Palm** This plant recalls the short-lived triumph of Jesus' ride into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, but as the palm is a symbol of victory it also signifies His lasting triumph over death and sin and forms a fitting ending to this sequence.

*If you haven't yet visited this beautiful place, think about going this summer. If you are unable to walk to the church from the main road, permission is granted to drive down a short lane which brings you to the front of it. See me for more details.*

**Lesley Sutton**

## **The Role of Faith in Politics**

Faith has a central role to play in politics, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have said.

In a recent pastoral letter to the parishes and chaplaincies of the Church of England, Archbishops Justin Welby and John Sentamu urged people to remember Britain's Christian history and heritage. They called for reconciliation, for a drawing on shared British values based on cohesion, courage and stability.

This is a time of "deep and profound questions of identity," they said. "Opportunities to renew and re-imagine our shared values as a country and a United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland only come around every few generations. We are in such a time. Our Christian heritage, our current choices and our obligations to future generations and to God's world will all play a shaping role."

The Archbishops highlighted major concerns over poverty, housing and the dangers of "crushing" debt, among other issues. They called for a hospitable welcome to refugees and migrants, but also warned against being "deaf to the legitimate concerns" about the scale of migration into some communities.

They also single out the importance of standing up for those suffering persecution on grounds of faith around the world. Faith, they argue, has a unique role to play in preventing extremism and religiously motivated violence.

"Contemporary politics needs to re-evaluate the importance of religious belief," they insist. "The new Parliament, if it is to take religious freedom seriously, must treat as an essential task the improvement of religious literacy."

They add: "Political responses to the problems of religiously-motivated violence and extremism, at home and overseas, must also recognise that solutions will not be found simply in further secularisation of the public realm."





## Questionmaster

(John 14:5; 20:24-29)

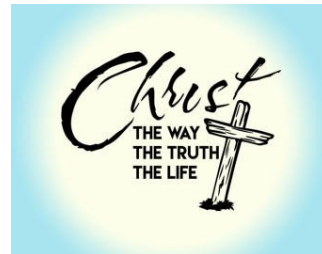
*Thomas,  
Remembered for doubting  
And demanding  
And being devoted to his Lord and his God.*

*Thomas,  
a disciple Jesus loved.*

*But Thomas asked a question -  
remember him for that.  
No question, no life-enabling answer.*

*“How can we know the way?” Jesus,  
“How can we know the way?”*

*Jesus said he was  
the Way, the Truth and  
the Life, And that  
Everyone can come to the  
Father through him.*



*Thomas Didymus,  
remember him in thankfulness  
for his doubts and devotion -  
and for his question.*

*By Daphne Kitching*

## The Magic Bank Account

THE AUTHOR IS NOT KNOWN. IT WAS FOUND IN THE BILLFOLD OF COACH PAUL BEAR BRYANT, ALABAMA, AFTER HE DIED IN 1982



Imagine that you had won the following "PRIZE" in a contest...

Each morning your bank would deposit \$86,400 in your private account for your use.

However, this prize has Rules...

The set of Rules:

1. Everything that you didn't spend during each day would be taken away from you.
2. You may not simply transfer money into some other account.
3. You may only spend it.
4. Each morning upon awakening, the bank opens your account with another \$86,400 for that day.
5. The bank can end the game without warning; at any time, it can say, "Game Over!" It can close the account, and you will not receive a new one.

### What would you personally do?

- ◆ You would buy anything and everything you wanted - right? Not only for yourself, but for all the people you love and care for. Even for people you don't know, because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself - right?
- ◆ You would try to spend every penny, and use it all, because you knew it would be replenished in the morning - right?



## **Actually This Game is Real!**

Each of us is already a winner of this "PRIZE". We just can't seem to see it.

The PRIZE is "TIME"

1. Each morning we awaken to Receive 86,400 seconds - As a gift of Life.
2. And when we go to sleep at Night, any remaining time **is not** credited to us.
3. What we haven't used up that Day is forever lost.
4. Yesterday is forever Gone.
5. Each morning the account is refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time WITHOUT WARNING...

**SO, what will YOU do with your 86,400 seconds?**



- ◆ Those seconds are worth so much More than the same amount in dollars. Think about it and remember to Enjoy every second of your life, because time races by so much quicker than You think.
- ◆ So take care of yourself, be Happy, love deeply and enjoy life!
- ◆ Here's wishing you a wonderful and beautiful day.
- ◆ Start spending....

**Don't complain about growing old  
Some people don't get the privilege!**

***Ian Sturrock***

## Matilda



Roald Dahl's "Matilda" the Musical is coming to the Palace Theatre, Manchester from 18<sup>th</sup> September until 24<sup>th</sup> November **2018** and advance booking is now open. As a group booker, I have taken an option on 50 seats in the stalls for the Wednesday Matinee

during the October half term, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 2.30p.m.

I am looking to know who might be interested in any of those seats? ATG are expecting heavy demand and are even suggesting that the prices may increase.

The tickets I have cost £55 each and there are no reductions for children and no Under 5's can be admitted, because of scary? Content. There are no additional booking fees.

I would like £10 per ticket, non refundable deposit, (unless I can get rid in due course) by cheque payable to I & M Sturrock and could take payments over several months to help spread the cost. I intend to keep these funds in a separate account. Don't want to be spending it inadvertently!

I have until October this year, when I can go back to ATG tickets and request a further time extension before I have to pay money over to them. I will arrange a coach in due course and there will of course be an additional cost for that.

***Ian Sturrock***

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**by 13th August 2017. Thank you**

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- **300 years ago: on 17th July 1717** Handel's Water Music was performed for the first time, on a barge on the River Thames in London. King George 1 sailed in the royal barge to hear the music, and many other boats followed.
- **100 years ago: on 31st July – 10th November 1917** the Battle of Passchendaele (or Third Battle of Ypres) took place in Belgium. It was one of the greatest disasters of the war for both sides. Casualty figures were enormous, but the Allies were better able to bear the heavy losses as the war continued.
- **40 years ago: on 1st July 1977** British tennis player Virginia Wade won the ladies' singles championship at Wimbledon. (She remains the last British woman to do so.)
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## Children's Page



### St. IGNATIUS of LOYOLA: 31<sup>st</sup> July

The youngest of 13 children, Ignatius Loyola was born in Spain. When a young soldier he was badly wounded by a cannon ball that shattered his leg. As he recovered he asked for a best selling book of the day, a romance, to read to take his mind off the pain but ended up reading about Jesus and the lives of the saints. His life changed as he resolved to continue being a soldier, but now as a soldier for Christ.

In 1534, at the age of 43, he and 6 others offered themselves to the service of the Catholic Church. They became the Society of Jesus and Ignatius was elected to serve as their first general. When other Jesuits were sent on various missions by the pope, Ignatius stayed in Rome founding homes for orphans and colleges all, in the words of the Jesuit motto, 'ad maiorem Dei gloriam' - for the greater glory of God.



### BIBLE BOOKS

Can you unscramble these letters to find books in the Bible?

1. ashjou
2. imythot
3. hurt
4. kuel
5. brosprev
6. tonslaminate
7. chaimal
8. theres
9. chainstroin
10. himereaj



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**What kind of man was Boaz before he married?**  
Ruthless.

**Which Bible character had no parents?**  
Joshua, son of Nun.

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Answers: 1.Joshua 2.Timothy 3.Ruth  
4.Luke 5.Proverbs 6.Lamentations  
7.Malachi 8.Esther 9.Corinthians  
10.Jeremiah

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