



The  
United  
Reformed  
Church

## Bamford Chapel & Norden URC

# SUMMER

a time to reach  
your neighbours

Matthew 22:39



## July & August 2018

# **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**

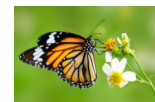
We as a church have a responsibility as Christians to encourage people to know God and to enable them to develop their relationship with Him through prayer, discussion, study and learning.

### **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 2018



<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Family Worship</b> Led by Andy Platt
	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Formal Evening Worship</b> Led by David Watson
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>Focus on Prayer Group (In God Squad Room)</b>
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>Finance Meeting</b>
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>2.00 pm</b>	<b>Bamford Chapel &amp; Norden URC Garden Party (see page 18)</b>
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Parade Service</b> Led by Revd Richard Bradley
	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Church Meeting</b>
	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Informal Evening Worship with Communion</b> Led by Revd Richard Bradley
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>Prayer Walk (meet in the God Squad Room)</b>
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>8.00 pm</b>	<b>Tuesday Home Group (venue to be decided)</b>
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Family Worship</b> Led by Revd Richard Bradley
	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Formal Evening Worship</b> Led by Revd Richard Bradley
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>Focus on Prayer Group (In God Squad Room)</b>
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Family Worship</b> Led by Cath Atkinson
	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Informal Evening Worship</b> Led by Margaret Ogden



# August 2018



Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	7.30 pm	Elders' Meeting
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> August	10.30 am	<b>Family Worship with Communion</b> Led by Revd Richard Bradley
	6.30 pm	<b>Formal Evening Worship</b> Led by Dot Craig
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> August	To Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Children's Holiday Club</b> (Posters will be in Church)
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> August	10.30 am	<b>Holiday Club Service</b> Led by various people!
	6.30 pm	<b>Informal Evening Worship</b> Led by Cath Atkinson
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> August	10.30 am	<b>Family Worship</b> Led by Joanne Ackroyd
	6.30 pm	<b>Formal Evening Worship with Communion</b> Led by Revd Richard Bradley
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> August Bank Holiday	10.30 am	<b>Family Worship</b> Led by Revd Richard Bradley
		<b>No Evening Worship</b>

## Church Flowers

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

*Addie Redmond in memory of Mum*  
*Margaret Frain in memory of Christine*  
*Carolyn & Chris Divers in memory of Wally*  
*Christine & Andrew in memory of Kath Friend's Birthday*  
*Norma Milnes*

## Weekday Opportunities for Learning & Sharing Fellowship

- Monday:** 9.00 am Monday Maintenance Gang  
(who do work in or around the building)  
10.00 am Pastoral Meeting  
1.30 pm Bridge Club  
7.30 pm Focus on Prayer (God Squad Room)  
8.00 pm Monday Night Home Group
- Tuesday:** 9.00 – 11.00 am Toddlers' Group  
1.30 – 4.00 pm Indoor Bowls (Upstairs Hall)  
From 6.00 pm Rainbows, Brownies, Guides
- Wednesday:** 12 noon Luncheon Club  
6.30 pm Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association  
7.30 pm Home Group 'Exploring the Bible'
- Thursday:** 10.00 am Community Coffee Morning
- Friday:** Beavers, Cubs and Scouts
- Sunday:** 7.30 pm God Squad (for Teenagers)

## Fortnightly & Monthly Opportunities

- Tuesday:** **Stillness & Sharing** 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> July  
2.15 pm in the Lounge 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> August  
**Home Group** 17<sup>th</sup> July (venue to be  
8.00 pm decided)  
No meeting in August
- Thursday:** **Ladies' Fellowship** 9<sup>th</sup> August  
Outing to Ormskirk (see page 8)  
**Heritage Group** 19<sup>th</sup> July  
7.00 pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in the month)
- Saturday:** **Ian Newman Community Film Club**  
6.30 pm refreshments 21<sup>st</sup> July (see page 24)  
Admission £3.00 18<sup>th</sup> August

Further information on 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 “Following Jesus”

Discipleship is a theme that has been occupying my mind a lot recently. As I have prepared for the Church weekend and also the continued thoughts, prayers and discussions which are ongoing to do with Missional Partnerships, this means that discipleship is never far from the forefront of my mind.



In many ways discipleship should always be at the forefront of all our minds as Christians. From the very first call of the disciples to be followers (literally ‘learners’ or ‘apprentices’) of Jesus I

am sure discipleship was always at the forefront of their minds. Jesus called them to follow him so that they could be “fishers of people”. If discipleship wasn’t at the forefront of their minds, then one might ask for what reason were they fishing for people if not to be fellow followers of Jesus?

I think certain parts of the church (certainly in this country) need to recapture discipleship. For many churchgoers today they feel that people will simply come to church without invitation. Whilst I do not deny that God can work in people’s lives and draw them to church I feel strongly that God has chosen to work in and through His Church; the Church being the people of God not a building.

One of the aspects of my sabbatical in 2016 that I appreciated was visiting churches and speaking to church leaders who were working hard to be disciples in the places God has called them to be. Churches/Christians working to make the name of Jesus known. Churches/Christians working hard to share the faith they professed.

As I said on the Sunday of the Church Weekend we should not....

1) Underestimate the power of *our* story. The story of what Jesus has done and is doing in our lives as individuals and as a church.

2) Underestimate the power of the Holy Spirit. In other words the Holy Spirit can take our words and actions and draw people to God in a powerful way.

As we approach summer time, traditionally a quieter time in the life of the church – when groups break for a few weeks, may we not rest from listening to God and what He wants of us. May we not rest from being disciples of Jesus, learning more of him and seeking His will and purpose for our lives.

On behalf of Ruth, myself and the children may you all have a good summer. For those going away I hope you have a relaxed and enjoyable time; taking a rest before returning to the busyness of life.



*God Bless, Richard*

## **Heritage - We Need Your Help**



The heritage group have been collecting and sorting out all the photographs that we have taken of events at Chapel over the years. Each photograph has been numbered and put into an album. We now need some information to put with the photo, names of people, place, date etc.

The photos will be in the lounge area for you to look at and if you recognise anyone or have any information about the photo please put the photo number and any information on the sheet provided.

*Thank You Lyn and the Heritage Group*

## Church Weekend at Home

### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June



For a first attempt at a Church Weekend at home for some years I felt the Saturday and Sunday went well with regards content. I was disappointed with the numbers who attended. I had hoped for more people to come and the reason for first publicising the date as far back as November 2017 (in the church magazine)

was to get it into people's diaries well ahead of time.

Those who did attend the main part of the weekend (the Saturday) enjoyed the content of the sessions. The overall theme was discipleship. Those who attended commented on how they appreciated the opportunity to chat together about faith and learn more about the God we serve.

I want to thank Darren Holland for co-leading the weekend with me and also to those who worked so hard in the kitchen to provide drinks and to serve the food on the Saturday tea time.

I think there is benefit in having such events and times together to share in learning more about the faith we profess.

*God Bless, Richard*

*Carol Hartley & Susan Coates*

*Would like to thank everyone who donated items or supported the Grand Tombola held at Heywood Market in aid of Heywood Food Bank (Children's Project) and the Children of Belarus.*

*£365 was raised*

## *Working Together for Good*



*Joseph the boy with the  
multi-coloured coat  
Sold by his brothers  
and made a slave  
But he rose and became Pharaoh's  
right-hand man  
And he rescued his family when  
famine came.*

*Moses saved from death in the Nile  
Raised up as a leader in  
Egypt's land  
Empowered by God to deliver  
his people  
As the Lord brings them out  
with a mighty hand.*



*Daniel led captive to Babylon  
Became promoted by  
interpreting dreams  
And through visions revealed  
prophetically  
Future events, some  
as yet unseen.*

*And can it be whatever befalls  
Above it all God has a plan?  
What's seen as evil is turned around  
And works for good to benefit man.*

*By Megan Carter*



## Summer Evening Meal

On Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> June a group of ladies from the fellowship enjoyed a most delicious meal at Owens Restaurant and Bar in Ramsbottom. After a windy and dull day the evening was sunny which made the drive to the restaurant very pleasant.



The atmosphere on the first floor of the restaurant was buzzing. It was a lovely feeling. In case you are interested one of the popular starter choices was “creamed spinach and mushroom pancake topped with melted cheese”, a welcome change from more familiar starters. Main course choices consisted of pan fried chicken breast, home-made cheese and onion pie and braised fillet of lamb [I chose this – it was yummy]. Desserts consisted of home-made sticky toffee pudding, de-constructed lemon cheesecake {what?} and vanilla crème brulee.

I know everyone enjoyed their evening from the comments received afterwards. Feeling very replete we returned home from Ramsbottom around 9.30pm.

Thank you so much to those of you who transported friends enabling them to enjoy this annual event.

- ♦ **On August 9<sup>th</sup> is the trip to Owd Barn Country Store, Ormskirk** for morning coffee and a look around farm and gift shops. Travelling to **Rufford Old Hall** afterwards which is minutes away.

**Lesley Sutton**



*Satan subtracts and divides.  
God adds and multiplies.*



## Member of Ladies Fellowship Leaving Rochdale

Rosemary Malley loved coming to Ladies Fellowship. She lived on Plover Close and was introduced to the Fellowship by Linda Peacock.



Rosemary has moved house to be nearer her daughter and family. Here is a message I received from her this week [she has given permission for me to pass this on to the ladies of the Fellowship] in response to my asking her how she was getting on.

### *Odiham, HOOK, Hampshire*

*The neighbours are all very friendly and welcoming and I have joined the U3A as well as attending the local parish church after the Vicar, Alison and several members called to welcome me.*



*Yesterday there was a street party and box car race to celebrate the RAF Centenary. The RAF has strong links with Odiham, having a base here*

*for many years.* (Image by SAC Pippa Fowles, RAF Odiham)

*I am still surrounded by boxes which will take a long time to sort!*

*Please give my love to everyone at the Ladies Fellowship and thank them for their friendship. My move seemed to come so quickly in the end. I didn't have time to say my farewells.*

***Rosemary Malley***

## *We Remember and Give Thanks to God for Paul Hazlehurst*



*On the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018 we lost a dear friend Paul. He was a man who touched many lives. When we think about his involvement in the Church, Rochdale AFC and in his professional career, he quite literally touched 100s of people's lives. Elizabeth and the family have received many, many cards all of which speak of how special a man Paul was.*

*I spoke to many people at the funeral and at the football club afterwards who shared the many qualities Paul had. Paul was able to treat everyone he met with the same level of respect whether a wealthy football club owner or a person on the street.*

*He loved his church and worked hard for the church. Whether leading the Friday night Youth Club where he and others, I am told, had a "light touch" in leading those young people; opting to let them run around as discipline or organising them too much! He served as an Elder and on the finance committee. I have always appreciated his wisdom in all matters financial with regards the church's finances.*

*He was a dear friend to many people and a man in whom I had enormous respect as a professional and as*

*a friend. He would do what he could for anyone and help people in any way he could.*



*Ruth, I and the family will miss Paul enormously. We enjoyed many a night with Liz and Paul whether at the manse or in their house or out for a meal.*

*He was a kind and considerate man and one whose company many people enjoyed. As I said at the funeral may he rest in peace and rise in glory.*

*God bless you Paul  
Richard*



*I would like to thank all those who sent cards and flowers after the passing of my Mum, M a r j o r i e McConnell. Times like these are never easy and it's good to*

*know others are thinking of you. The funeral was a private family gathering. Richard made this very special for everyone attending. My sincere thanks to you all.*

*Wendy Dawson. Xxx*

*My apologies to Wendy for my "senior moment" and omitting her thank you from the June magazine. Sorry - Linda Peacock*

## Thank You

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone at Bamford Chapel and Norden URC for the good wishes received before and after the recent elections. Thanks also for the lovely flowers which I received from church the other week.



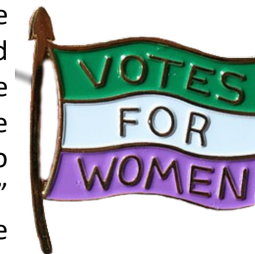
Whilst I was campaigning in the area prior to the election, I was surprised and disheartened by the number of people who didn't understand the local election system, so I thought it may be useful to explain it here.

In Rochdale there are twenty wards, each one having three councillors, who are elected on a four year rolling timetable, with one year having no elections. So having been elected this year, I will be due to stand next in 2022. Councillor Patricia Sullivan will be up for election next year and then Councillor Jane Howard in 2020. 2021 will have no local elections. The split in Rochdale is Labour 46 seats, Conservative 10 seats, Liberal Democrats 3 seats and Independent 1 seat.

The turnout in Bamford this year was around 42% and this was one of the highest in the Borough. Some wards had a turnout in the 20% range.

It is a sobering thought that so many people either do not care or do not understand how privileged we are to live in a democracy and what a precious thing their vote is.

This weekend, hundreds of women have marched in London, Belfast, Edinburgh and Cardiff to celebrate the centenary of the Representation of the People Act, when some women and some men were given the right to vote at last. If you saw the film "Suffragette" which was shown on television over the



Christmas period you will know how many women suffered for the cause. The colours of the Suffragette movement, green, white and violet stood for "Give Women Votes". The Pankhurst Museum in Manchester is a very worthwhile place to visit and gives an understanding about how hard fought the campaign was.

We all become discouraged and disenchanted with politics at times, but we should remember the women and men who fought for universal suffrage one hundred years ago and make use of this privilege which was fought for so fiercely.

**Angela Smith**



*...I don't care what your Sat-Nav's telling you - I'm telling you  
you are definitely **not** on the M6, nine miles south of Derby!!*

## Moses Word Search

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country	Caleb	giants
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people	chased	land
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children	Hebrew	fruit
bigger	Canaan	trust
Abraham	God	report
desert	border	attack



The changes made to the Chapel have enabled us to welcome additional users of our facilities.

**Weight Watchers** now meet on a Wednesday evening between 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm.

Helene, who runs the group says that the chapel provides them with 'a lovely, clean room which I love using for my members.'

If you would like to find out more about this group feel free to pop in on a Wednesday evening or contact Helene via email at:

[hblack@weight-watchers.co.uk](mailto:hblack@weight-watchers.co.uk)



## Heritage Open Days

Bamford Chapel and Norden URC is once again participating in this event. This year we are looking back at the births, deaths and marriages which have taken place in chapel. Archives will be available to browse.



We will be open on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September from 1.00 pm till 4.00 pm. Please put the date in your diaries and let your friends and neighbours know.

If you got married at chapel, or know someone who did, we would love to have one or two photographs to add to our archival record and to show to our visitors. If you can help please email your photographs to [l.aspinall@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:l.aspinall@yahoo.co.uk) or let her borrow a photograph to scan and return to you.

Many thanks Louise and the Heritage Group

PS the Heritage Group meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7.00 pm if you would like to join us.



## HOLIDAY FELLOWSHIP



**Background** T.A. Leonard was the minister of a Congregational Church in Colne. The idea of walking holidays started in 1891 when he formed a rambling club as an alternative holiday during Wakes Weeks for the hardworking mill folk. Quoting from Leonard's book about the history of HF: "In those days we were content with very primitive arrangements so long as they gave us the joy and freedom of the open fells." All we needed was food, beds and good fellowship." Well his ethos remains at the heart of HF but the facilities have definitely improved!!! To continue with some history: the first formal meeting of the group took place at Rivington Hall in 1894. In 1896 the first property was acquired in Whitby then other centres opened at Portinscale and on the Clyde near Helensburgh. In 1897 a small company was formed called CHA – the Co-operative Holiday Association. By the end of the century CHA had six centres and in 1913 Holiday Fellowship was launched with the emphasis on adventurous holidays.

Over the past twenty years my friend and I have been on HF walking holidays visiting a variety of centres in this country. We usually go on short breaks once or twice a year and we have also done one of the coastal path walks – a week of walking! The holidays follow a similar pattern – arrival and welcome followed by afternoon tea {there is a big emphasis on food on these holidays}. On the first evening we meet the leaders and after dinner there is usually a selection of quizzes;



just to get to know the guests. The leaders describe the walks in the evening meeting before dinner. There are three walks, varying in length and amount of ascent. We have done some of the harder walks but now tend to go for the medium or easier [not easy] ones. We are out all day so carry a packed lunch [all included, with lots of choice; I often include a packet of crisps as a treat!]. We invariably finish the walk in a small town or village where there are teashops,

before returning to the house for a shower then dinner. After dinner and having selected our walk for the next day we then choose lunch items and the menu for the following night's dinner [food is very important at HF houses!!].

All the houses used to belong to mill owners or the landed gentry so they have interesting histories. HF has refurbished them to a very high standard. We have been to centres at Alnmouth, Whitby, Malham, Coniston, Derwentwater, Brecon Beacons, Beddgelert, Dolgellau, Bourton on the Water, Selworthy, Church Stretton and Dovedale – many of them more than once. The houses at Malham, Church Stretton and Brecon have swimming pools and most of the houses have other activities on offer – table tennis, putting, croquet, etc. After dinner there is a variety of evening entertainment. Sometimes we have had a speaker on, for instance, local history, beekeeping or birds but after a day's walking, a glass of wine and a very good dinner, it is often a struggle to stay awake. We particularly enjoy the country dancing evenings and as we both learnt country dancing at school we consider ourselves to be fairly proficient. There is often a shortage of men so we take turns to be the man in a set dance which really confuses people. Inevitably there will be guests who have not had the benefit of learning the dances at school so we get helpless with laughter trying to show them what to do!!



There is also the HF quiz one evening which is in all the houses simultaneously. The winners' results are submitted from each house. Although we have won the house quiz on several occasions [I now have a collection of HF mugs], we have yet to be in the overall winning team.

*This is just a little about the Classic Walking Holidays. HF also offer worldwide travel and other activity holidays with some walking, bridge, singing, photography, birdwatching, yoga, country dancing, art, sightseeing and many more. Check out the website!!*

***To summarise: these holidays are all about fun, friendship and fellowship.***

***Pamela Harrington***



## We are Given Gifts for a Good Reason

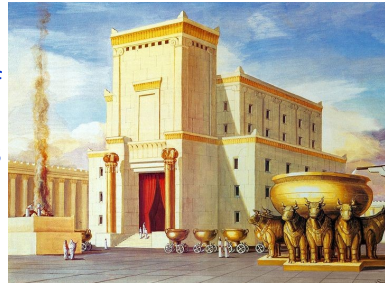


If we are not practical, it's good to know we can call on plumbers and electricians to sort out our house problems. Some people are gifted with practical knowledge and skills, and we could not do without them.

Other people are more creative and artistic. Such folk may not be able to build a house, but they can fill it with beauty and meaning through their music, painting, sculpture and books.

The Bible mentions Bezalel and Oholiab, who lived in Moses' time. Bezalel's specialty was working with metals; cutting and setting jewels and carving wood. Oholiab was an engraver, a designer and a weaver. Together, these two men had great skill, understanding and creativity, and made the Tabernacle the beautiful dwelling that it was.

Many years later, King Solomon commissioned Hiram, a native of Tyre, to make objects for the Temple out of gold, silver, bronze, iron, stone and wood. He also made coloured cloths and linen. Without Hiram's expertise, the magnificence of the Temple in Jerusalem would not have been realised or remembered!



Such people should encourage us as we seek to discover God's plan for our lives. We, too, are called to be faithful in serving God through using whatever particular gifts He has given us. Faithful obedience is what matters, not whether or not we end up in a position of responsibility, or in a quiet backwater. 'Success' for a Christian is not fame, but a deeper walk, and more fruitful walk, with God.

In fact, the majority of Christians are called to serve God without fame or recognition. Our aim should be to simply love God and to express this in the service of others, with whatever skill or gift we have been given.

### *Another Thank-you!*

*Just a note to express thanks to all who wished me well on my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, whether by cards or simply saying 'Happy birthday'! Glenda and I have been part of Bamford Chapel since 1970, over half of my life, and the fellowship we have experienced here has been amazing. For that we are both immensely grateful.*



*Walter Brisk*

### **Inner Peace**

If you can start the day without caffeine,  
If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,  
If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,  
If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,  
If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,  
If you can take criticism and blame without resentment ,  
If you can conquer tension without medical help,  
If you can relax without wine,  
If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,  
.....then you are probably the family dog.



## A Plastic Revolution



The recent Blue Planet II series exposed just how much plastic waste is an issue in our seas. The Prime Minister has called plastic waste *'one of the great environmental scourges of our time.'* The best estimates suggest 10 million tonnes of plastic ends up in our oceans, contaminating and killing sea life. How should we view this issue from a Christian perspective?

When God created the universe, He saw *'everything He had made, and indeed, it was very good.'* (Genesis 1:31). He calls us to share in His care of creation: *'Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves on the ground.'* (Genesis 1:28). Our rule over living creatures is not an excuse to exploit them in a selfish way. As those who made in the image of God, we are entrusted to care for them with responsibility and trustworthiness.

Why do the sea creatures being killed by plastic matter? Because of human rebellion against God (see Genesis 3), our relationship with God and His creation was damaged. No longer do we live with living creatures in harmony and interdependence. Yet after the flood, when Noah rescued the animals in the ark, they are included in God's everlasting promise to protect the earth: *'I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you, and with every living creature that was with you.'* (Genesis 9:9,10).

What is our response to be? Where is God calling us, as His people in this time and place, to make a stand in protecting His creation? Time for a plastic revolution?

## Bamford Chapel Grounds



There is a lot going on in an endeavour to stay on top of the grounds, especially at this time of the year. I would like to say thanks to the following; the few of the Monday gang who are thin on the ground these days, but nevertheless they continue to keep things tidy in front of the manse. They were joined this

week (18<sup>th</sup> June) by Linda Kerford who set to tidying up the Garden of Remembrance and has done a super job.

I mentioned to Linda that we were about to receive some assistance from the Community Payback Team, who will come each week on Thursdays until further notice. I had met with one of the local Probation Officers to discuss possible projects which they might be able to help us with and consequently we are looking forward to them starting.

One of the prime tasks will be to restore the pathways at the front of Chapel; we also spoke of re-stoning the Garden of Remembrance. Linda and I will be there on Thursday to welcome them; the team will only require access to our toilet facilities, they will eat their lunch in their van, which will be parked on the back car park. We will request them to help in the Garden of Remembrance under Linda's guidance. Additional edgings for the centre section and crushed slate have been purchased, which I might add that Linda has purchased in memory of her husband Malcolm. We thank her for that gesture.

Thanks at this time also go to PNS Landscapes, who for some time now appear, work on the lawns and graveyard and then off they go to carry on their paid work elsewhere in the area. The graveyard looks so much better for their efforts and it is such a lift for us.

Derek, our tenant at the cottage, at our request spoke to his gardener lady and she has recently cut the area to the left of the steps to the car park and also the banking on the other side of the car

park. The slopes made it impossible for us to continue to maintain and so the Finance Committee agreed that we should employ some help.

I continue to cut the grassed area at the rear of Chapel and also to the right side of the car park using our tractor mower, and trim the surrounds with our wheeled strimmer. We have recently had to have a couple of wear and tear repairs carried out to the tractor; but it's up and running once again and thanks to Bradshaws for their prompt response when we call upon them. During the times it is out of action the grass keeps on growing and it is my priority now to make the grass look presentable for the Garden Party. So here's my appeal; I will be around up to the Garden Party, but shortly after I will be on holiday, so can anyone help by agreeing to give it a cut during the week 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> July. This is important at this time of the year. If you feel you might be able to help, please speak to me as soon as possible.



**Thank you, Ian Sturrock**

### *Burning Calories as you Garden*

*The average British gardener burns 51,428 calories a year in their garden, and mowing the lawn is one of the highest ways of using energy - about 600 calories a month.*

*Mowing the grass takes 5.7 calories per metre. Weeding takes 4.5 calories, as does potting plants. Digging burns 5 calories per metre, while raking uses only 3.8 calories a metre.*

*Gardening has long been known to be extremely good for you - giving you a chance to be outside, time to think, and beneficial exercise - all at the same time.*

*Why not think about burning calories in the Church Grounds!!*





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*Tim Lenton recalls how it all began...*

## 70 years of the National Health Service



The National Health Service began operating 70 years ago, on 5<sup>th</sup> July 1948, when Sylvia Beckingham, 13, was admitted to hospital in Manchester to be treated for a liver condition.

It was the climax of a hugely ambitious plan by Labour Health Secretary Aneurin Bevan to bring good health care free to all at the point of delivery. The health service would be available to everyone and financed entirely from taxation, which meant that people paid into it according to their means.

It was based on a report by William Beveridge in 1942. The problem with it remains the huge increase in costs resulting from, among other things, advances in medical science, drugs and machinery. As Andy McSmith wrote in *The Independent* ten years ago: "It seems no amount of money will satisfy the infinite demand for better NHS care."

Within a few years prescription charges were introduced, as well as a charge for dental treatment. The current prescription charge is £8.80 per item, and dental charges are huge.

Saving the NHS seems to be a national preoccupation in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The Christian Medical Fellowship is campaigning to emphasise the vital and radical need for Christians within it.



***Q: Did you hear about the optometrist that fell into his lens grinding machine?***

***A: He made a spectacle of himself***



## Northern Ballet's "Jane Eyre"



Sixteen of us set off for The Lowry in a minibus on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> June at 6.15pm. It took a very circuitous route through Whitefield and over every speed bump imaginable! This route was apparently to avoid commuter traffic. The journey home was straightforward. I mention all this so I can say this outward journey was worth it. The ballet was wonderful and enjoyed by the majority of the party. Perhaps too modern for some traditionalists amongst us.

### *Lesley Sutton*

*The ultimate heroine, Jane Eyre's journey to overcome the odds is one of literature's finest love stories.*

*Orphaned at a young age and cruelly treated by her Aunt, Jane Eyre grows up knowing little kindness. She accepts a position as Governess at Thornfield Hall, owned by the mysterious and brooding Mr Rochester. In spite of their social differences, an unlikely bond grows between them but as their romance develops, it becomes clear that Rochester has a hidden past that threatens to ruin them both.*

*With choreography by Cathy Marston, and music played live by Northern Ballet Sinfonia, Northern Ballet's brilliant dance actors brought this tale of romance, jealousy and dark secrets to life. Nominated for the South Bank Sky Arts Dance Award 2017.*

*'I am sorry' and 'I forgive you' are the hardest things a human being can ever say - but also, the most liberating. When the wars and scandals are over, those words can rebuild nations. Tim Stanley*



***CELEBRATING TWELVE MONTHS  
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There will be cake, popcorn and opening entertainment.  
Please come along once more to support this initiative.  
There could be other surprises too!!!

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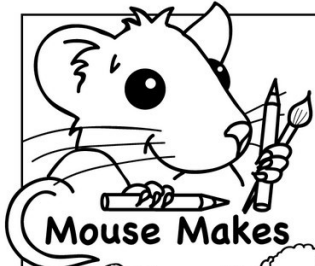
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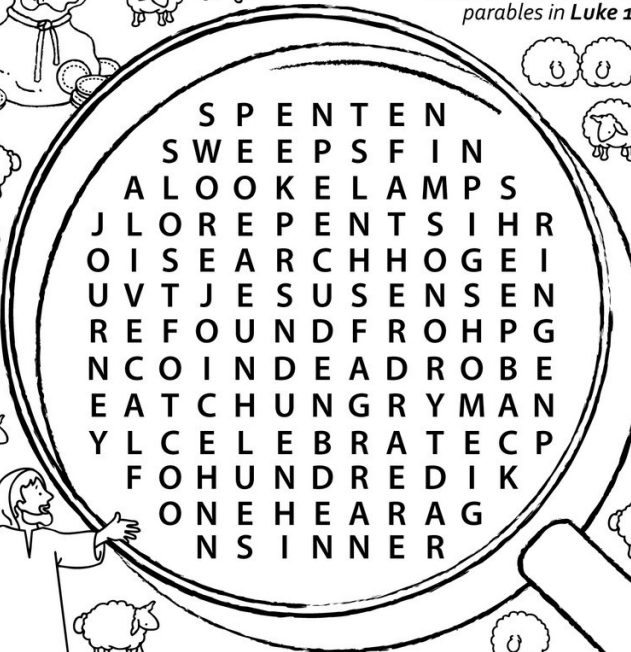
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**Mouse Makes**

**LOST AND FOUND**  
 Jesus told three stories to help us to understand God's love and forgiveness.  
 The first is about a missing sheep that the shepherd did not give up looking for.  
 The second is about a lost coin that the owner kept searching for until it was found.  
 The third is about a young man who returned home after he realised he had made a mistake by wanting to go his own way.

*Read the 'Lost and Found' parables in **Luke 15***



Can you find the lost COIN, the lost SHEEP and the lost SON in the word search? Can you find these other words from the Lost and Found parables too?

HEAR • JESUS • HUNDRED • LOST • LOOK • FOUND  
 REJOICE • SINNER • REPENT • TEN • ONE • LAMP • SWEEP • SEARCH  
 FATHER • JOURNEY • SPENT • HUNGRY • PIGS • BACK • HOME • RAN  
 ROBE • RING • CALF • EAT • CELEBRATE • DEAD • ALIVE

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