



The
United
Reformed
Church

Bamford Chapel & Norden URC

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with
boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim
your risen life and fill us
with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father



Paul Judson

April 2025

BAMFORD CHAPEL & NORDEN URC

MISSION/VISION STATEMENT



Loving God, Serving Others,
Building Community

OUR JESUS-SHAPED CHURCH IS...

Welcoming!

Jesus welcomed **all** who came to Him without judgment, and we aim to be an inclusive church, welcoming to all.

Developing Faith!

Jesus' ministry was all about sharing the Gospel with others. As a church, we need to make sure we are deepening faith and making disciples, supporting individuals on their own faith journeys, and taking the Gospel and sharing our faith beyond the walls of our church.

Reaching Out!

Jesus reached out to everyone, and we must too: within our own church community, within our local community and beyond. We will serve God by serving others.

Caring!

Jesus said: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." It is essential that all that we do is done in love and that caring for others/serving others is at the heart of our church.

Prayerful!

As it did for Jesus, we will make sure that prayer underpins all that we do as a church, that we might serve the mission of God as He wills.

April 2025

Every Monday	7.30 - 8.30 pm	Prayer Group in the Lounge (all welcome)
Tuesday 1 April	7.30 pm - 9.00 pm	Tuesday Home Group (see page 6) Easter Trail 30 March - 21 April (see page 18)
Friday 4 April	1.30 - 3.30 pm	Dementia Friendly Café
Sunday 6 April	10.30 am	Family Worship & Communion Led by Ken Greer
Wednesday 9 April	7.00 pm	Midweek Worship Led by Ed Lyne (see page 4)
Thursday 10 April	1.30 - 3.30 pm	Friendship Group (see page 27)
Saturday 12 April	10.00 am - 12 noon	Big Breakfast (see page 12) In aid of Maggie's Macmillan Cancer Support
Palm Sunday 13 April	10.30 am	Family Worship Led by Revd Daniel Harris
Tuesday 15 April	7.30 pm - 9.00 pm	Tuesday Home Group (see page 6)
Thursday 17 April	7.00 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship Led by Debbie Wood
Good Friday 18 April	10.00 am 1.30 pm 7.00 pm	Good Friday Worship Led by Revd Richard Bradley Good Friday Ramble Good Friday Drama (An Easter Carol) (p 16)
Saturday 19 April	6.30 for 7.00 pm	Community Film Club "One Life" (see page 26)
Easter Sunday 20 April	9.00 am 10.30 am	Easter Breakfast (sign up in the coffee area) Family Worship & Communion Led by Margaret Bywater
Sunday 27 April	10.30 am	Family Worship Led by Andy Platt
Tuesday 29 April	7.30 pm - 9.00 pm	Tuesday Home Group (see page 6)

Minister's Message



During February Half Term I went to the Anglican Cathedral in Liverpool to see the “Threads through the Bible” tapestries made by Jacquie Parkinson. Jacquie spent 10 years creating these beautiful tapestries which were designed in three sections: she designed Threads through Revelation, first, and then Threads through creation and finally Threads through the Cross.

They were magnificent. The colours, the intricacy, the design, and the number of hours she put into creating them are amazing.

The picture to the left is Panel 7 of Threads through the Cross which is entitled “hosanna – Jesus is Lord” it was a picture I took of the panel in situ in what is an amazing Cathedral.

As you read this article for April magazines across the Missional Partnership we are in

the season of Lent and we look forward to the journey Jesus took on the donkey into Jerusalem on what we call Palm Sunday. He did so to the shouts of praise from all that were gathered there.

The people who welcomed him were expecting a Saviour but not the Saviour that Jesus came to be. He didn’t come with a conquering army, on a huge horse armed with weapons. He came on a lowly donkey, armed with love and grace. He came to save humanity from sin. The emotions he must have gone through in those seven days are beyond my understanding. He and he alone knew what lay ahead for him. He knew the pain and the anguish he would endure. He knew those closest to him would let him down. But, that didn’t stop him fulfilling his Father’s plan and purpose.

I wouldn't say I was into art generally speaking. But I am glad I didn't miss the Threads through the Bible . When I arrived there weren't many people there, but I did get there as the Cathedral was opening. When I left there were a lot of people there. I pondered how many were there as believers and how many were there to look at Jacquie's skill and talents.

My hope and prayer was and is that they were touched by what they saw and what they read in the information panels that accompany each of the tapestries.

And that is the same prayer I have for all of our churches too. That this Easter our worship and our witness would point people to Jesus who came as the Saviour of the World.

*May God bless us all this Easter time.
Your servant in Christ,*

Richard

(The exhibition is touring the country and may be at other locations in the North West. If you can see the exhibition, it is very worth seeing.)

Church Meetings in 2025

**Sundays at 12 noon in church
18th May, 27th July, 14th September & 10th November**

For those who are unable to attend Sunday morning worship, services are live-streamed on YouTube (Bamford Chapel and Norden United Reformed Church) and available on the church website (www.bcnchurch.org.uk) There is also Midweek Worship at 7pm on the 2nd Wednesday of every month and a Sunday evening Café Church at 6.30pm every 2 months.

Front Cover artwork by Paul Judson (Parish Pump)

Midweek Worship 2025

BAMFORD
CHAPEL &
NORDEN URC
INVITE YOU
TO....

Join us for
worship at
7pm on the
second
Wednesday
of every
month



MIDWEEK WORSHIP

08/01/25

12/02/25

12/03/25

09/04/25

14/05/25

11/06/25

09/07/25

13/08/25

10/09/25

08/10/25

12/11/25

10/12/25

pray



Church Flowers



Donations for flowers in church
in March were received from:

Peter & Elaine Howarth - thanks to all
at the Dementia Café

Linda & Duncan Cooper - for their
Wedding Anniversary

Elizabeth Greer - for Family Birthdays

Margaret Frain - in memory of Geoff

Jenny Marquis - in memory of Eric

2025 Missional Partnership Café Church



**Rochdale, Bury and North
Manchester**

**Missional Partnership
Café Church 2025 – 6.30pm**

2nd February

2nd March

4th May

6th July

7th September

2nd November

All services, unless stated otherwise, will be at
Bamford Chapel and Norden URC
Norden Road, Bamford, OL11 5PQ

For further information contact: Revd Richard Bradley, 07483 155807 or
richardbradley@nwsynod.org.uk

Pop in for Prayer



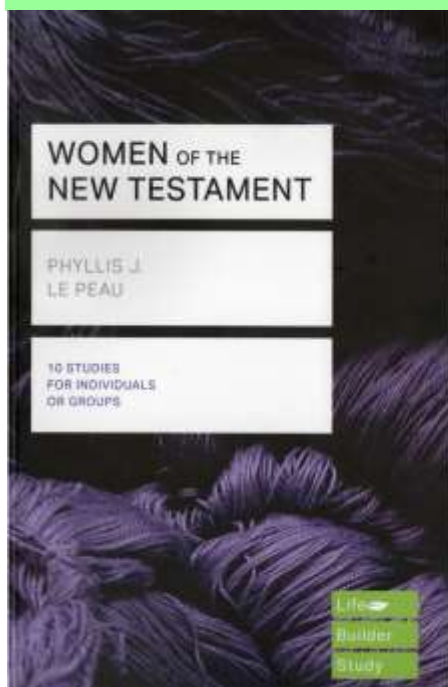
Look out for the “Pop in for Prayer” sign
in front of the Chapel gates.
It means the Sanctuary is open for prayer.
Why not come along and “Pop in for Peace”.

Mondays 10 - 11 am

Tuesdays 2 - 4 pm

**PS: please see pages 10 & 11 for prayer times
and other events in Holy Week**

Tuesday Home Group 2025



Tuesday Homegroup on Zoom

All are welcome to join us fortnightly on zoom

Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm—9pm.

18th March	Elizabeth—Luke 1:5-25, 39-45, 57-66
1st April	Mary—Luke 1:26-38, 46-55
15th April	Herodias—Mark 16:14-29
29th April	A Sinful Woman—Luke 7:36-50
13th May	The Canaanite Woman—Matthew 15:21-28
27th May	Mary and Martha—John 11:1-44
10th June	Sapphira—Acts 4:32-5:11
24th June	Lydia—Acts 16:6-15
8th July	Euodia and Syntyche—Philippians 3:20-4 & 2:1-8
22nd July	Priscilla—Acts 18:1-4, 18-28

Zoom details are: Meeting

ID: 847 9885 2008

Passcode: 517449

If you want to find out more please contact Richard on
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Prayer for April



Living Lord Jesus,

We, your Easter People of today, thank You for the Easter People of the Gospel accounts.

For the women, who loved You so much that they went to the tomb, early in the morning, while it was still dark. Thank you especially for Mary, who wept, then rejoiced, then ran to tell the others, "I have seen the Lord!"

Thank you for Thomas, who doubted, then devoted his life to You, his Lord and his God; for the disciples who ate breakfast on the beach with You; for Peter, who was forgiven and re-commissioned by You.

Thank You for them and Your witnesses through all generations.

Thank you for Your true and living written Word, proclaiming You, our true and living Lord, who lived and died and rose again to offer us forgiveness and life.

Thank you, Lord that because You live, we have hope and assurance, whatever challenges the world might bring.

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again

Hallelujah!

By Daphne Kitching



The Ordeal is Over; the Scars Remain

Editor: Considering the scars on Jesus' hands...

“Unless I see the nail marks in His hands and put my finger where nails were, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe it.” (John 20: 25)

How patient Jesus was, in giving ‘Doubting Thomas’ a second chance! Earlier, the risen Christ had said to His disciples, “Peace be with you!” (verse 19). And it is only because of those scarred hands that His peace is made available.



There have been many religious leaders in history – but only one had scars as the proof of what He had achieved. It is also evident that - after Christ’s bodily resurrection - the scars were never obliterated. “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe” (verse 27).

The ordeal was over – but the scars remain – for ever. At the end of time - in the future New Creation – our Lord Jesus Christ will still have those scars, when He is affirmed as ‘the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world’ (Revelation 3:8). The apostle Peter himself echoed the timelessness of the Cross of Calvary (1 Peter 1:20). The Cross and Resurrection form the centrepiece of our entire human story.

The scarred hands... It is vital that one and all should receive the lesson that Thomas learned that day: “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed” (verse 29)

For it would not be long before the bodily presence of the Lord would be removed from human sight. From then on, it would be the preaching of the apostolic witnesses that would take Christ’s message to the ends of the world. Thomas himself was going to be despatched to India! Later would see Augustine to Canterbury, Francis sent to Assisi, Patrick to Ireland and Livingstone to Africa.

Today sees the mission of the risen Jesus criss-crossing all over the world – creating the biggest and fastest-growing body of belief ever known.

Be a living exponent of this Easter Gospel yourself. Use it, proclaim it, know it and live it. Then you can identify along with believing Thomas!



Community Coffee Morning



There will be
NO COFFEE MORNING on
Thursday 17th April
[Maundy Thursday]

What do Children Worry About?

Sadly – a problem that is far too heavy for their young shoulders, but which can cripple them with anxiety: climate change.

‘Eco-anxiety’ now affects nearly four out of five children, according to a recent YouGov survey. And, increasingly, teachers are struggling to cope with the rising numbers of pupils who confess they are really worried about climate change.

One expert advises against sheltering the children, pointing out that “homes torched by wildfires, flooded villages, people fleeing hurricanes – pictures of climate impacts are coming in thick and fast, and our kids are watching,” she said.

Instead, she says: “Our children will come of age during a climate crisis so building their emotional resilience is one way to prepare them. But we understand that this can be a challenge for parents and teachers, who already have a lot on their plate.”

“The reality is that the climate crisis will be one of the major forces shaping the world they’ll grow up in, and it’s good to give them the tools they need to make sense of it.”

Holy Week Events

HOLY WEEK
FROM PALM SUNDAY TO EASTER
SUNDAY!

WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US!
CHURCH WILL BE OPEN EVERY DAY

13TH -20TH APRIL!



PALM SUNDAY Morning Service led by Daniel Harris 10:30am

MONDAY 14th Church open for personal prayer and time with God with music videos 10am-12noon

TUESDAY 15th Church open for personal prayer and time with God with music videos 2pm-4pm

WEDNESDAY 16th Church open for personal prayer and time with God with music played by Cameron Baines and visuals on screen. 1pm-3pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY Service with Communion led by Debbie Wood 7pm

GOOD FRI DAY Morning Service led by Richard Bradley 10am

GOOD FRI DAY WALK led by Andy Platt meet at chapel 1:20 pm to leave chapel at 1:30 pm

GOOD FRI DAY DRAMA: AN EASTER CAROL performed by Food For Thought 7PM

EASTER SATURDAY Film Club showing of One Life; meet at 6:30pm

EASTER SUNDAY BREAKFAST organised by Junior Church from 9am

EASTER SUNDAY Morning Service with Communion led by Margaret Bywater 10:30am



Big Breakfast

Fancy a bacon butty?



Bamford Chapel
& Norden United
Reformed Church


Living God, Serving Others,
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endless drinks
and toast

vegetarian
alternative

***Saturday
12 April
10.00 – 12.00***

In aid of



MAGGIE'S
Everyone's home of cancer care

MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT

£5.00

Bamford Chapel and Norden URC, Norden Road, OL11 5PQ

Hallfold URC Easter Prayer Labyrinth



HALLFOLD URC
HALL ST.
WHITWORTH
OL12 8TL

Easter prayer labyrinth

Join us for a day of contemplation
as we prepare to enter Holy Week.

Saturday 12th April 2025

11.00 - 2.00

For more information email Karen
at sovina@sky.com

Shoeboxes Bringing Smiles and Heartbreak to Ukraine's Children: A Story of Hope and Loss

(This letter was sent to Carol Hartley as a thank you for the Christmas Boxes she sent to children in Ukraine. This included boxes filled by the Friendship Group and by children in Junior Church)



This Christmas, thanks to your incredible generosity, Teams4U (T4U) shoeboxes reached the children of Ukrainian soldiers stationed on the frontlines. These gifts, packed with love and hope, have brought fleeting moments of joy to families enduring unimaginable circumstances. We've received a deeply moving, yet bittersweet, update from our partners in Ukraine that underscores the profound impact of your contributions.

Imagine a soldier, facing the constant threat of war, his heart aching for his children miles away. Surrounded on the battlefield, he takes a precious moment to write a personal note to his son, a message of love and hope, and ensures a T4U shoebox reaches his family. This gift, a symbol of his love, becomes a *real* connection across the vast divide of conflict.

One such story exemplifies this. A soldier, before losing contact with his family amidst intense fighting, managed to send a shoebox to his son through T4U. His wife, upon receiving the gift, shared through tears how much it meant to her little boy, knowing it came from his father. It was a *physical* piece of his love reaching across the war-torn landscape. Tragically, this was to be their last connection. Just days later, the soldier's wife called our partner in Ukraine, Vova, with devastating news. Her husband, who had called home to say his unit was surrounded and the situation dire, had not made contact since. The shoebox, a symbol of hope and connection, became a poignant reminder of the father's love, delivered just before he was lost.

Another father, still bravely serving on the frontlines, was able to send a shoebox to his daughter. The gift brought a smile to her face, a brief respite from the fear and uncertainty that has become her reality. These shoeboxes are so much more than just presents; they are a *concrete* expression of love and connection, a reminder that these children are not forgotten.

These stories, one of heartbreaking loss and the other of enduring love, illustrate the complex reality of war and the power of a simple gift. Your shoeboxes are a beacon of hope in the darkness, a *visible* link between a parent's love and a child's heart. They are a reminder that even in the midst of conflict, humanity and compassion prevail.

Thank you for being part of this mission to bring light to these children and their families. Let's continue to spread hope where it's needed most. Your generosity makes these moments of connection possible, and your compassion fuels our mission. We must continue to support these families during this difficult time.

Eastern European Project Manager

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Congratulations!

**To Glenda Brisk on her 90th birthday
In her new home.**

Good Friday Drama



presents



AN EASTER CAROL



by Les Ellison

On Good Friday 18 April 2025
19.00

Three former students of the magi of the Nativity story set out to investigate their tutors' expedition 33 years earlier. They arrive in Jerusalem shortly before what we now call Easter.

in association with



Religious Drama Society
of Great Britain

Bamford Chapel and Norden URC, Norden Road, Rochdale, L11 5PQ

Where did your Easter Egg come from?



Your Easter egg can be traced back to the early Church in Mesopotamia.

Since ancient times, people had been giving each other eggs at pagan Spring festivals, as eggs were a symbol of the new life and rebirth in nature all around them. Then came Jesus and His death and resurrection, which made Easter the ultimate time for Christians to celebrate new life and rebirth. After that, it was only a matter of time before eggs found their way into commemorating Easter.

This seems to have first happened with the very early church in Mesopotamia, where those early Christians began dyeing their eggs after Easter, to celebrate the new birth that Jesus had given to them. The practise of using eggs in Easter celebrations then spread to the Orthodox Churches, and from there to the Western Churches across Europe.

This year, why not buy an extra Easter egg or two, and join our church in donating them to our local food banks? You will make some local children very happy! There are boxes for Rochdale and Heywood Foodbanks at the front of church.

Easter Trail

30 Mar – 25 Apr

in the grounds of
Bamford Chapel & Norden URC
Norden Road OL11 5PQ



All ages welcome

Easter Trail

Lots of fun and thought-
provoking activities for
all the family



Pop in any time
and discover the
Easter Story

School groups will be welcome. Contact by email to
bcandnchurch@gmail.com so that a member of our team
can be there to support you.

London Marathon 2025 - Sunday 27 April



Last year's London Marathon attracted more than 53,000 runners, which made it the world's biggest annual one-day fund-raising event EVER. It also raised a world record-breaking amount of £73.5 million for charities.

The route is 26.2 miles long. Greenwich and Blackheath is the starting point, and then the route takes in Woolwich, Greenwich, Rotherhithe, Bermondsey, Tower Bridge, Limehouse, Canary Wharf, Isle of Dogs, Shadwell, Tower Gateway, Westminster Bridge, Great George Street, Birdcage Walk, Buckingham Palace and finally to the iconic finish line on The Mall.

It is all a far cry from the first London Marathon back in March 1981, when 6,747 people ran, and which did not raise any money specifically for charities.

***Editor: Have you ever run a marathon?
Why not write about your experience for the next magazine.***

Our Move to Dorset

Editor: Gill & John Pinney were active members of Bamford Chapel



We left Bamford in January 1989 due to John's redundancy from Fothergill & Harvey in Littleborough, after a very happy ten years as members of the Chapel. The summer before we left, John's mother had a stroke and after some time we were able to get her moved from the hospital in Derby (where she lived, to Rochdale). After some months they said she could come to live with us if I was willing to look after her. At the time our daughters were about 9 and 7, so with school life and church life it was a very busy time. But I well remember the kindness of church members who set up a rota to visit Granny in the

afternoons and keep her company in the upstairs bedroom in our house. This enabled me to do some more jobs and meet the children from school etc.

We moved from Bamford to Eccleshall in Staffordshire, where John had managed to get another job with Frederick Burgess', an agricultural machinery suppliers. Fortunately, God guided us in the right direction, as we ended up spending the next 33 years living there, and although we turned to the local Parish Church (as the nearest URC church was 8 miles away) we always felt that our experience at Bamford helped us in our church journey.

Sara married in 2007 and moved to Dorset in about 2009. Her sister Jenny married in 2009 and was already living in Twickenham, where her two children were born, and then moved to Birmingham to work at the Queen

Elizabeth hospital. They now live near Bromsgrove. We had been in Eccleshall when Jenny's children were little and I used to go over every other Thursday to look after them while their Daddy was working from home, so I had been able to share some of their early years. When Sara's two children were born in 2016 and 2019, because of the Covid rules etc we didn't get to see them so much. Also John's health had deteriorated quite a bit and Sara thought it would be sensible for us to downsize and move to a bungalow in Dorchester.

We had been in Eccleshall for 33 years – the longest time either of us had lived in one place and so it was a huge wrench to leave, but we felt God was definitely guiding us, as the purchase of our bungalow and sale of our old house all went like clockwork, and so from starting to sell in May we were able to move at the end of July. The bungalow needed quite a bit of work as it had been rented out for several years and needed some TLC, but with Sara and Tom's help and then staying with them while a new kitchen and bathroom were fitted, we managed to properly move in by 1st November.

We then started to look round for a new church. We visited the nearest church which was C of E, but very high church, swinging incense. We decided that was not for us, so the following week spotted the United Reformed Church which is in one of the high streets in Dorchester. As soon as we walked in we were asked if we were visiting and said 'No, actually we have just moved to the area.' The lady who spoke to us immediately said she would come and see us at coffee after the service. From then on we have not looked back. We became new members a few weeks later, and I am now in the choir and John has joined a new Men's Group. I am also secretary to the Property Committee.

I have to say that although I do think it was the right time to move, we do miss our old friends terribly and spend a lot of time on the phone or writing emails. It is also quite difficult making new friends in your seventies!! We have joined a Strollers walking group which we use on a Monday morning, as it has a slower walk for the less able, which John needs. This has given us chance to meet people outside church.

I am the sole driver now and after nearly three years I am beginning to know my way around the area better. We can also have days out to some of the

many beauty spots around or get the bus (free to pensioners after 9.30 am) to Weymouth to have a walk along the front and fish and chips. By the time we return it feels like we have been away! Living in the Midlands before, meant we were always a long way from the sea.

Dorchester has its own hospital and a very lively U3A group, so there is plenty to do in the town. Dorset people are exceptionally friendly, but many have always lived here for generations so have many family members around, therefore they are not necessarily in need of new friends, so we have found that although people are very friendly on first meeting, it takes time to get to '2nd base' and get to know them more.

One or two old friends have been to visit us. We have seen the Kenyons recently, who live in Yeovil and been able to share past memories of Bamford. So we do think it was the right thing for us at the right time of our lives.

I still receive the Bamford magazine after all these years and still find something of interest in it. I well remember the times I spent typing up the monthly magazines and helping print them on the 'new photocopier' and with our Magazine Team help to put them together and circulate them. Happy times!!

Gill Pinney

The Genius of Madame Tussaud

Some 175 years ago, on 16th April 1850, Madame Marie Tussaud, a French artist known for her wax sculptures, died. She was the founder in 1835 of Madame Tussauds wax museum in London.

Born Anna Maria Grosholtz, she was taught wax modelling in Paris by Philippe Curtius, from whom she inherited two wax museums. Imprisoned as a royalist during the French Revolution, she was given the job of making death masks from heads freshly removed from their bodies by the guillotine.

Her subsequent marriage to François Tussaud was not a success and she moved to England, where she toured for over 30 years with her collection of

wax models until she found it a permanent home in Baker Street, London, where it became extremely popular: Charles Dickens described it as “more than an exhibition... an institution”. Her grandson Joseph Randall moved it to its current location on Marylebone Road in 1883.



The extensive exhibition is now operated by Merlin Entertainments and has locations in cities across four continents. The waxwork figures depict prominent people from many fields, including three Popes, Martin Luther King and Billy Graham. But it has not been without controversy: in 2004 a Nativity scene using “celebrities” – including David and Victoria Beckham as Joseph and Mary, Graham Norton as a shepherd and Kylie Minogue as an angel – was roundly criticised by the Roman Catholic Church in particular, and removed after it was damaged in an attack.

Wax figures of gods were used in funeral rites in ancient Egypt; the Greeks and Romans also used them in religious ceremonies, and dolls for children were also made of wax. In the Middle Ages, churches sometimes received votive or thanks offerings of wax figures.



**Have you ever wondered how much it costs to run
Bamford Chapel & Norden URC?
It might surprise you to know that it costs
OVER £275 PER DAY**

All in the Month of April



It was:

250 years ago, on 18th April 1775 that American silversmith and folk hero Paul Revere made his famous midnight ride on horseback from Charleston to Lexington to warn residents that the British were about to attack.

Also 250 years ago, on 23rd April 1775 that J M W Turner, the British artist was born. Known for his landscapes and turbulent marine paintings.

Also 175 years ago, on 23rd April 1850 that William Wordsworth died. A Romantic poet, he was Poet Laureate from 1843-50.

150 years ago, on 1st April 1875 that Edgar Wallace was born. This British writer, playwright and journalist was best known for creating King Kong.

Also 150 years ago, on 17th April 1875 that the game of snooker was invented by Neville Chamberlain, a British army officer stationed in India.



125 years ago, from 14th April - 12th November, that the 1900 Paris Exposition, a World's Fair, was held. Nearly 50 million people visited Paris that year.

100 years ago, on 10th April 1925 that F Scott Fitzgerald's novel *The Great Gatsby*, was published.

80 years ago, from 1st April to 22nd June 1945 that the Battle of Okinawa, Japan took place. The largest amphibious assault in the Pacific War, it was an Allied victory.

Also 80 years ago, on 30th April 1945 that Adolf Hitler, Austrian-born German Nazi Party Leader, Chancellor of Germany (1933-45) and dictator (1934-45) committed suicide along with his wife, Eva Braun.

70 years ago, on 5th April 1955 that Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced his retirement because of failing health. He was succeeded by Anthony Eden on 7th April.

Also 70 years ago, on 10th April 1955 that British nightclub hostess Ruth Ellis shot and killed her lover, David Blakely. On 13th July she was hanged at Holloway Prison, the last woman to be executed in the UK



65 years ago, on 1st April 1960 that Dr Martens boots went on sale in the UK.

50 years ago, on 4th April 1975 that Microsoft, the computer software/hardware company, was founded by Bill Gates and Paul Allen in Albuquerque New Mexico.

Also 50 years ago, on 23rd April 1975 that US President Gerald Ford gave a televised speech in which he announced that the USA's involvement in the Vietnam war was over, and all US aid to South Vietnam had ended. The war itself ended on 30th April, when North Vietnamese forces captured the South Vietnamese capital Saigon.

40 years ago, on 21st April 1985 that Brazilian racing driver Ayrton Senna won the Portuguese Grand Prix. It was the first of his 41 Formula One wins.

25 years ago, on 12th April 2000 that Queen Elizabeth II awarded the Royal Ulster Constabulary the George Cross in recognition of its collective and sustained bravery during the Troubles in Northern Ireland.

20 years ago, on 2nd April 2005 that Pope John Paul II died. Succeeded by Pope Benedict XVI on 19th April.

Also 20 years ago, on 9th April 2005 that Charles, Prince of Wales, married Camilla Parker Bowles, who gained the title the Duchess of Cornwall.

April Film Club

The Ian Newman Community
Film Club

**CINEMA
FOR ALL**

Saturday 19th April 2025

6.30pm refreshments : 7.00pm film

Admission £4.00

"ONE LIFE" 2023 12



Supported by Rochdale Township

The Friendship Group

We thank Jane Baines and her colleague Neil for their inspiring presentation at the March meeting on the work of the Street Pastors, who care for people on the streets of Central Rochdale at the weekend. They walk and talk with those visiting venues where troubles may break out. They are well known at the various pubs and clubs. Street Pastors supply flipflops if necessary, bottles of water, sweets, conversation and friendship, and help if required.

The new venture of School Pastors at St Cuthbert's Secondary School is in early days, but the young school attendees can find attentive listeners to help with any concerns.



The next meeting will be held on

Thursday 10 April

1.30 - 3.30 pm

Speaker - Melanie Latham

"Chutney & Cheer"

Admission £4

All welcome

Midweek Opportunities for Learning & Sharing Fellowship

- Monday:** 9.00 am **Monday Gang / Garden Gang**
(who do work in or around the building)
10.15 am **Pastoral Group Meeting**
1.30 pm **Bridge Club**
7.30 - 8.30 pm **Monday Prayer Group** (in Lounge)
8.00 pm **Monday Night Home Group** (at Redmond's)
- Tuesday:** 9.00 – 11.00 am **Toddlers' Group**
1.30 – 4.00 pm **Indoor Bowls** (Upstairs Hall)
From 6.00 pm **Rainbows**
- Wednesday:** 12 noon **Luncheon Club**
Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association
6.00 pm **Anchor Boys (age 5—8)**
6.45 pm **Juniors & Company Section**
- Thursday:** 10.30 am - 12 noon **Community Coffee Morning**
- Friday:** 6.00 pm onwards **Beavers, Cubs and Scouts**
- Sunday:** 7.30 pm **God Squad** (for Teenagers)

Fortnightly & Monthly Opportunities

- Tuesday:** **Home Group** 1st, 15th & 29th April
7.30 - 9.00 pm On Zoom (see page 6)
- Thursday:** **Friendship Group** 2nd Thursday in the month
1.30 - 3.30 pm 10th April (see page 27)
Heritage Group 3rd Thursday in the month
7.30 pm 17th April
- Friday** **Dementia Friendly Café** 1st Friday in the month
1.30 - 3.30 pm 4th April
- Saturday:** **Ian Newman** 3rd Saturday in the month
Community Film Club 19th April
6.30 pm for 7.00 pm film - (see page 26)

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