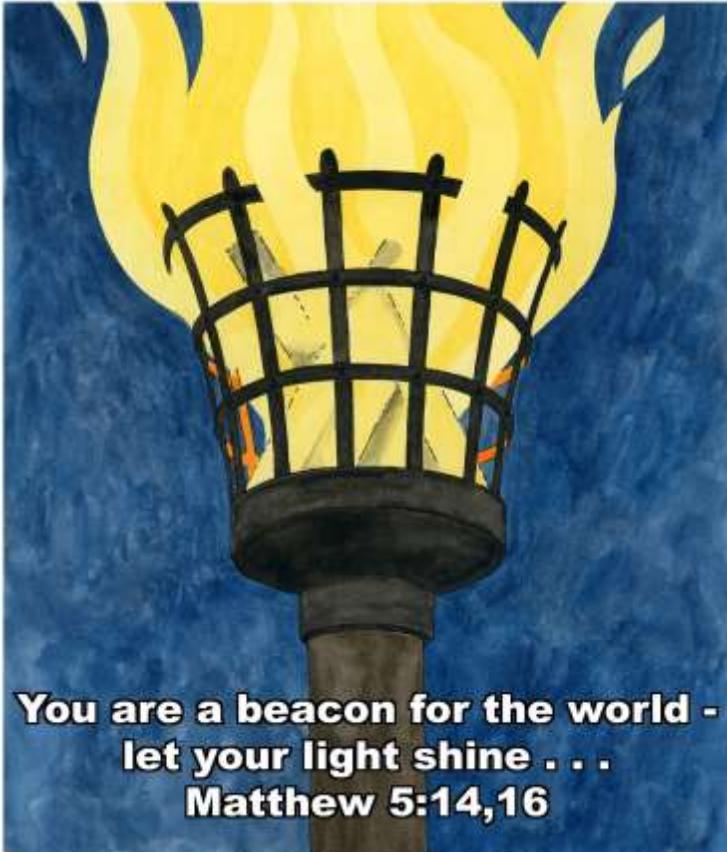




The  
United  
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Church

# Bamford Chapel & Norden URC



**November 2021**

# **BAMFORD CHAPEL & NORDEN URC**

## **MISSION/VISION STATEMENT**



Loving God, Serving Others,  
Building Community

### **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.

## November 2021 - Sunday Worship

Following the lifting of Covid restrictions in England, all are welcome to return to our usual Sunday Morning Worship.

Services are also available on YouTube and on the church website ([www.bcnchurch.org.uk](http://www.bcnchurch.org.uk))

### Sunday Morning Worship:

7th November	Communion - Margaret Ogden
14th November	Remembrance parade - David Watson
21st November	Neil Carter
28th November	Debbie Wood
5th December	Communion - Ken Greer

### Next Church Meeting:

Sunday 28th November 2021 after the service

### Church Meetings for 2022:

January 16th

March 20th

May 15th

July 17th

September 25th

November 20th

**Most church activities have already restarted (see page 28)**

For further information about any of the groups, please speak to the group organiser (or email Anne Fitton for the organiser's contact details).

## Message from a Manse...

**“The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body.” (1 Corinthians 12:12a NIVUK)**

This verse was part of my recent daily devotions. It is a reading from **1 Corinthians chapter 12** that I am sure we are familiar with. In that chapter Paul is encouraging the readers/listeners in Corinth to recognise their different God-given gifts and skills, so that they may serve one another, their community, but most importantly Christ. The gifts God gives us are all different but are all needed. No one gift is more important or better than another. We don't all have all of the gifts either. In short, we need one another! That is a glorious aspect of the church being the family it is – we all have different gifts that work together for the church to function and to thrive.



As I re-read those words from **1 Corinthians chapter 12** again this week my mind went to Missional Partnerships. Some of us are fully accepting of them and some of us are still unsure about what they are all about. And others are scattered across that spectrum. But to me Paul sums up what and how Missional Partnerships (and indeed all churches whether in groups or not) should work. Within each church in the Missional Partnership we have many gifts and that is multiplied across the 12 churches of the Missional Partnership. Each of the gifts is needed so that the whole family functions as God wants us to function.

So, friends, I want to encourage each one of us in each of the churches to use her/his gifts so that the kingdom of God is advanced, so that people come to know Jesus and want to follow him, and so that Christ is glorified through all that we do as people of faith, as churches and as a Missional Partnership.

Let us pray that we will all use our gifts to further the kingdom of God.

**God Bless, Revd Richard Bradley (Missional Partnership Minister)**

## Where Kate, Daniel and Richard are leading worship in November:

Please pray for the three of them, the churches they attend,  
as we shall pray for each of the churches in the Missional Partnership.

Date	7 <sup>th</sup> November	14 <sup>th</sup> November	21 <sup>st</sup> November	28 <sup>th</sup> November
Kate	Radcliffe and Stand	Not assigned anywhere	Radcliffe and Stand	Radcliffe and Stand
Daniel	Reading week	Not assigned anywhere	Alkington and Providence	Alkington and Providence
Richard	Dundee URC	Besses o' th' Barn	Besses o' th' Barn	Besses o' th' Barn

## On Covid and Local Churches

“The way the churches switched to operating online was a triumph, a piece of divine redemption. The great gain for individuals is that they can access any church in the world at any time of their choosing, wherever they are, on whatever device they have.

“Former churchgoers now too frail for the pews can remain in the congregation. Those who are away, ill, working or otherwise busy, can still attend church, a bit later on. Spiritual seekers, who formerly would not have known where to start, can now begin their journey to Jesus online.”

*The Ven Bob Jackson, author, church growth consultant, and Visiting Fellow St Johns College Durham, talking to Church Times.*



## We Remember



The Somme, Dunkirk and Passchendaele  
Cause us to think of times of war,  
When men and boys went bravely out  
They fought, some died and returned no more.

They gave their all that we should live,  
We never should forget such cost,  
Remembering with thankful hearts  
Our freedom gained as lives were lost.

Another Man gave up His life,  
Another war, another fight,  
With all mankind held fast in chains  
As darkness fell as black as night.

The cost was high, a sinless life  
To break the chains and set us free,  
The Lamb of God on Calvary's cross  
Paid that price for you, for me.

*By Megan Carter*



## Labyrinth Retreat and Training Session



Celebrating the creation of the Synod's new mobile Labyrinth, community worker Aileen White is hosting a follow-up retreat for us to explore its use in spirituality and worship.

The retreat will also include training on how to lead your own Labyrinth retreat. If you are interested in the potential of this resource, this session is just for you!

**Places limited to 15 people of all abilities.**

Our Labyrinth will be available to all churches in the Synod from January 2022.

**Date: Saturday 6th November 10am -12.30pm**

**Location: Bamford and Norden URC, Norden Rd, Bamford, Rochdale**

Booking:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/labyrinth-retreat-tickets-189959182027>

# Remembrance

*Editor: The Revd John Tyler considers what it means to remember.*

Have you seen the film 'Saving Private Ryan'? The first 20 minutes of the film is a powerful account of war, portraying the first landing crafts arriving at the Normandy beaches on D Day. The film successfully brings to life the events of that day, as a vivid act of remembrance.

From a Biblical perspective, the word *remembrance* means making present a past reality, so that we can benefit from it today. On Remembrance Sunday we think about those who have given their lives in wars over the years, as well as those who continue to grieve over their lost loved ones. We want to make their sacrifice in past conflicts real for us today, so that we can engage with the horror of war and those enduring suffering today.



It involves dealing with the *why* question in the face of relentless tragedies and injustices: *why does God allow such suffering to take place?* One of the great themes of the Scriptures is that God identifies with the suffering. But the Christian faith goes beyond this! It affirms that in Jesus, God's Son, divinity became involved in suffering and death on the cross. It is at Calvary that we see how God Himself knows what it is to lose a loved one in an unprovoked attack. *'I could never myself believe in God if it were not for the Cross. In the real world of pain, how could one worship a God who was immune to it?'* (John Stott).

Although we don't fully understand the reason why God allows evil and suffering to continue, we do know what the reason isn't! It can't be that

He doesn't love us! God so loved us and hates suffering that He was willing to come down and get involved in our hurting world. This can be a source of real strength on such an occasion.



However, how can we ensure that those who have given their lives are truly honoured, not forgetting those who are risking their lives in conflicts today? An appropriate response is to actively work and pray for justice in our world, especially where there is inequality and conflict. In a divided world we are also called to renew our efforts to work for peace. We need to be serious about being peacemakers,

especially where it involves those close to us. As Jesus said, 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God' (Matt 5:9).



## Annual Brownies' Coffee Evening



**TUESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**  
**from 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm**

£1 entrance (children free)  
which includes cup of tea/coffee and cake  
Games for all to join in with  
Bring and buy stall  
Raffle

**Everyone welcome;**

***please bring along Grannies, Grandads, Aunties, Uncles, Cousins,  
Sisters, Brothers, Friends to enjoy a fun evening / parents' evening***

## It's great being a Local Councillor



Local Government has long been the Cinderella of politics. Just look at the low turnout for local government elections, sometimes not even 25 per cent. However, the effect that we have on people's lives and communities in our local areas often leaves a greater legacy than anything that the Palace of Westminster does.

It was May when I was finally elected as a local councillor in Bamford Ward - the previous elections had been postponed due to the pandemic. I remain honoured and grateful to be given the chance to represent the people at the Town Hall and I joined your other two hard working Councillors, Angela Smith and Patricia Sullivan, in doing so.

In the months that have followed, I have taken great pleasure in the small victories that have come our way. Some are easier and quicker than others to achieve. From potholes being filled or flowerbeds being given a new lease of life, to damaged railings outside front doors being replaced and rights of way being protected; these are the things that matter to people locally.

There have been many, many (!) more 'small victories' in the five short months I've had the honour of being elected; too many to mention in one article, though it would be remiss of me not to mention the Christmas lights being installed outside the Oulder Hill shops this year. We should support our high streets at every opportunity, and I think this will be a great addition to the area as we enter the festive period. You can't win them all, yet with every request or project we get over the line, I get real satisfaction from using what influence I do have to make a difference.

To me, politics has always been about people. Visiting them, supporting them, listening to them. Since being elected, I have been able to meet with hundreds of residents, groups, and businesses. There is a fantastic community spirit that exists where people look out for one another, just how it should be. Quite rightly, people wish to live their lives

with minimal interruption, and they expect to be supported by decent local councillors and services from Rochdale Council. From what I have observed, I think there is room for improvement at the council, and in opposition, it's important we highlight this in a positive and supportive way. I have never believed in politics and opposition simply for the sake of it. Mind you, nor do I believe that you shouldn't robustly oppose where you have differing views or things are just plain wrong! It's all about how you engage and interact with people that wins you more friends than foes.

The officers at the council work extremely hard and Councillors, of all colours, are there to serve their communities to the best of their abilities. It would be nice to have a few more Conservative minds as the council and residents would really benefit from an even larger opposition group.

As a local Councillor, I might not be on the news each night or making complex and huge decisions that impact millions of people, but you know what? - that's fine with me. I am happy to stick with the legacy of small things that make people's lives in our community that little bit better and trust that I've started as I mean to go on.

**Steve Anstee**



# Lunchtime Concerts 2021—2022

Thanks to Walter's forward planning, a series of four lunchtime concerts has been arranged from November to March 2022 as follows:-

## **TUESDAY 9 NOVEMBER – A4 Brass Quartet**

A unique blend of cornet, tenor horn, baritone and euphonium, who delighted a large audience in November 2017. Their performance will be a fitting tribute to Walter, who invited about 150 artistes over the 25 years he and I have been organising these concerts.



**There will be NO CONCERT IN DECEMBER due to a clash with another organisation.**

## **TUESDAY 11 JANUARY – The Kell Wind Trio (flute, clarinet and bassoon)**

An interesting combination of professional orchestral musicians.

## **TUESDAY 8 FEBRUARY – Mike Manship Jazz Trio**

Regular visitors and always very popular.

## **TUESDAY 8 MARCH – Chethams School of Music**

We don't yet know their programme, but as usual it will be music of a high quality from highly talented students.



**Lunches** will take the form of soup and sandwiches (no sweet) and will be served by Pamela and Margaret and their helpers from 12.15pm.

**Admission to the concert at 1pm has been kept at £4.** I am grateful to David Stephenson for taking over the role of Treasurer from John Lapworth and thank Pamela and Margaret and the ladies for refreshments.

**Please give us your support and spread the word!**

*Mike Lucas*

# Ladies Fellowship



Since the start of the Covid pandemic, Ladies Fellowship is one of the church groups that hasn't yet restarted. It has been a difficult time for members; we have lost several members for various reasons and some of the current committee members would like to step back and relinquish their roles in leading the group and organising the meetings.

With that in mind, the committee agreed to look at whether Ladies Fellowship would be able to recommence, and in what format. One of the suggestions for moving forward was to change the time of meetings to an afternoon, which may be more accessible to many, and less daunting than coming out on dark nights.

**We have a commitment to filling the Belarus Christmas Boxes for Carol Hartley, and will hold a meeting on:**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November  
at the new time of 1 – 3 pm**

Details of required items are listed in the October Magazine (page 20), but especially toothbrush, toothpaste, facecloth and colouring pencils.

**The current committee is also hoping to arrange  
a Christmas Lunch at The Willows  
on Thursday 2nd December (details to follow)**

The committee will then look into the possibility of holding other meetings in the New Year. If you have any comments or suggestions, or need further information, please contact Linda Peacock or Linda Kerford.

## Thank you



Thank you so much for the  
Pastoral flowers received today  
(11th October)  
and delivered by Elizabeth.

You are all in our prayers

I'll be seeing you !!  
Gillian Galloway

Black-eyed Susan

## Community Coffee Morning



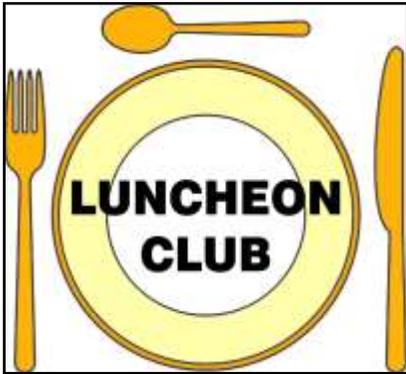
Since the resumption of this valued, weekly event those of you who have come along will have noticed “wrapped “biscuits for sale rather than loose ones served on a plate. This was because of hygiene concerns amidst the covid crisis.

Thanks to Councillor Smith enquiring on our behalf, we have now been notified by Rochdale Borough Council’s Trading Standards department as follows:-

*“Unwrapped biscuits are fine, but it is recommended that some sanitiser is adjacent to the biscuits so guests have clean hands when handling them. If this is done, there should be no problem with putting uneaten biscuits away for next time.”*

**Pamela Harrington & Lesley Sutton**

## Luncheon Club



It was with a degree of trepidation, probably shared by most of the leaders of Chapel based groups, that I planned for reopening the Luncheon Club. I need not have worried, as so many people have rallied round to support teams to prepare and serve food, and to transport our guests to and from Chapel.

Wednesday the 6th of October came and we were blessed with sunshine to mark the reopening after more than 18 months of enforced closure. While not quite as if we had never been away, everything ran very smoothly, which has given me the confidence to rebuild the number of guests to replace those who sadly cannot return.

I have invited a mix of Chapel members and people from the local community; I think we all understand that the Luncheon Club is an important outreach for the Church. I am nearly at the point of compiling a waiting list, so please talk to me if you know of anyone who may benefit from the fellowship of Luncheon Club.

It is amazing that **the Luncheon Club celebrates its 40th anniversary on the 25th of November** and ran continually until COVID intervened last year. It is humbling to think how many people have been involved in volunteering and attending lunches in that time. (Some progressing from a volunteering role to well-earned attendance as a guest!)

I hope we can mark the occasion with a small celebration on the 24th of November (the nearest Wednesday) which I will report upon in next month's magazine.

**Pat Stephenson**

## Walter Brisk 1928-2021



We were all saddened to learn of Walter's death on the 1<sup>st</sup> October. Walter was a man of many talents; a man of small stature but with a big voice and a big heart. He made his presence felt wherever he went and made a valuable contribution to society using his various skills.

Having spent his early years in Liverpool, he qualified as a music teacher and, with his wife Glenda and family, lived and taught in various parts of the country, climbing the educational ladder until he became Head of Durnford High School in Middleton in 1970. It was then that he came to live in Bamford and we were pleased to welcome the family to Bamford Chapel soon after.

It wasn't long before Walter became a central figure in the life of the church. He was a Deacon and later an Elder. He conducted the church choir for many years, established and ran the Boys Brigade Company, organised Men's weekends, Ladies' Weekends and led worship on many occasions. He was a gifted preacher. He also organised the Lunchtime Concerts for 25 years, encouraging young musicians at the start of their professional careers.

He conducted many choirs throughout his life; Church choirs, school choirs, the Saddleworth Male Voice Choir and the United Christian Singers to name but some. His enthusiasm for music was infectious.

He was an active member of Heywood Probus Club and, as their Social Secretary, organised many holidays and day trips which many of us enjoyed.

Walter loved his family which comprised his wife, Glenda, his 2 sons, Mervyn and Phil and their wives, his 7 grandchildren and their partners

and 8 great-grandchildren. He was a hands-on granddad, enjoying nothing better than playing with the younger generation. He had recently celebrated 70 years of marriage to Glenda whom he married when she was just 16.

Walter was a forceful character... some might say domineering. He always had plenty to say and never in a whisper either. There was never any doubt that Walter was in a room. He certainly didn't need a microphone. He didn't suffer fools gladly and had very strong opinions about everything, which did inevitably bring him into conflict with those who didn't share his views. He was known to cross swords with more than one. But his heart was in the right place.

He loved his God and faithfully worshipped and served him in so many ways throughout the whole of his life. He will be greatly missed. But his time on earth has come to an end and a new chapter has begun. I have no doubt that he is already making his presence felt in heaven. I wonder if he has taken over conducting the angel choir yet!

**Margaret Ogden**

## Thank you

A big thank you to all our friends at Bamford Chapel and Norden URC for all your kindness, cards, flowers and meals.

I was very pleased at how the funeral went. Walter must have touched a lot of hearts, judging by the number of people that were there. It was lovely to see one of Walter's pupils from 1951, when he went to a new school in Liverpool as a music teacher.

Thank you to Richard, Margaret and Mike for a moving tribute to Walter; and to all the grandchildren for their memories of their Grandad. A special thank you to Mervyn, Phil and their families for all the love and support through this very difficult time.



**Glenda Brisk**



**CINEMA  
FOR ALL**

**THE IAN NEWMAN COMMUNITY FILM CLUB**

6.30pm refreshments : 7.00pm film  
every third Saturday in the month  
£3 ADMISSION – Includes Fair Trade Refreshments

**SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

**“LITTLE WOMEN” 2019**



**Supported by Rochdale Township**



**2021/2022**

**THE IAN NEWMAN COMMUNITY FILM CLUB at Bamford Chapel and Norden United Reformed Church, Norden Road, ROCHDALE.**

**18<sup>th</sup> December: “ANOTHER MOTHER’S SON” 12** 2017 1 hour 43 mins  
Based on the true story of Louise Gould. Set during WWII on the Nazi occupied island of Jersey. Lou takes in an escaped Russian POW and hides him over the war’s course. Starring Jenny Seagrove, Ronan Keating, John Hannah.

**15<sup>th</sup> January : “VICTORIA AND ABDUL” 12** 2017 1 hour 51mins Queen Victoria strikes up an unlikely friendship with a young Indian clerk named Abdul Karim. Starring Judi Dench, Ali Fazal, Tim Piggott-Smith.

**19<sup>th</sup> February : “STAN AND OLLIE” PG** 2019 1 hour 38 mins The world’s most famous comedy duo attempt to reignite their film careers as they embark on what becomes their swan song. Starring Steve Coogan and John C Reilly.

**19<sup>th</sup> March : “THE KEEPER” 15** 2018 2 hours A British-German biographical film starring German actor David Kross as the footballer Bert Trautmann. Although the subject of the film was a sportsman, the film has been described as “not primarily a sports film” but instead a drama. Also starring John Henshaw, Dervla Kirwan, Freya Mavor.

**16<sup>th</sup> April : “WITNESS” 15** 1985 1 hour 52 mins When a young Amish boy is sole witness to a murder, policeman John Book goes into hiding in Amish country to protect him until the trial. Starring Harrison Ford and Kelly McGillis.

***Come along to re-live this classic crime/drama/romance which received Academy Awards for best original screen play and best film editing.***

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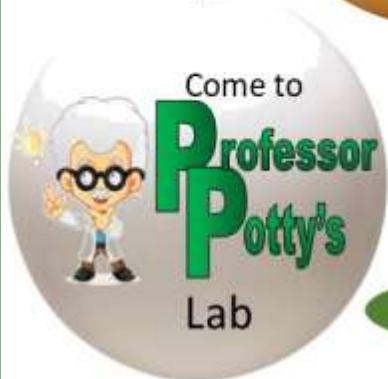
**MESSY**  
**Christmas**



**ALL**  
**ARE**  
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*Celebrating God's gift of Jesus*



children

please bring an adult with you

## Save More Electricity



Most electricity generated still requires burning fossil fuels and contributes to climate change.



There are ways to cut demand and save money. **UK HOUSEHOLDS SPEND £30 A YEAR POWERING APPLIANCES IN STANDBY MODE.** When replacing old appliances, look for products with the best energy rating. Save energy by defrosting the fridge regularly. Only fill the kettle with the exact amount of water you need.

*Eco Church Team*

## Recycling for Good Causes

I have recently become a member of “Recycling for good causes.” The charity I donate to is my choice. I can post the following items to them (free). Let me have anything you no longer need. Don’t leave things at church. Contact me and I will arrange to collect.



**Gadgets** – mobile phones, ipods, satnavs. Games consoles, games, tablets, cameras and video cameras.

**Jewellery** – gold, silver, costume jewellery, watches, broken and damaged items (like odd earrings or snapped chains).

**Unwanted Currency** – old and new, UK and foreign banknotes and coins, including all the pre Euro notes which are now worthless.

*Lesley Sutton*



## Thank you

I would like to say a heartfelt "thank you" to all those at Bamford Chapel & Norden URC who have helped and supported me through Covid and through my brother Walter's illness and subsequent death. It has been an extremely difficult time and I couldn't have coped without you.

*Thank you so much - Joyce Harding*



## Church Flowers



Thank you to all the people who generously give donations for our church flower fund.

I have placed a calendar for 2022 in the coffee area. If anyone would like to select a significant date to remember a loved one, or to celebrate a special occasion, then please sign your name on the calendar and kindly give a donation to Elizabeth Hazlehurst, then we can place flowers in church for you on that date.

Any donations received will help to provide beautiful flowers in church each Sunday, which will then be taken on Monday by members of the Pastoral Group when visiting those who are unwell, or anyone needing our love for whatever reason. Thank you.

### Donations for flowers placed in church recently were received from:

Joyce Harding  
Linda Kerford  
Hazel Gordon  
Dot Craig

in memory of Harry's birthday  
in memory of her wedding anniversary  
in memory of Bob's birthday  
for a family birthday

Thank you also to Carole Greaves and Elizabeth Greer who placed flowers in church in September.

*Elizabeth Hazlehurst*

## Remembering John Hall



We send our love and condolences to Angela and all the family on the sad loss of John. He will be very much missed by his friends at Bamford Chapel and Norden URC.



## Heywood and Rochdale Committee of CRUK

Thank you to everyone who came to the **Fashion Show** on 29<sup>th</sup> September. The magnificent sum of **£1530** was raised.

**Community Coffee Morning on 2<sup>nd</sup> December  
from 10.00 to 12 Noon**

*(Please note the earlier time of starting)*

**Organised by the Heywood and Rochdale Committee of CRUK**

**Admission is £3 which includes coffee/tea and a mince pie**

**There will be a Christmas gift stall**

## The Ian Newman Community Film Club



The film club was relaunched on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October showing the academy award winning film of 1994 “Forrest Gump.” This was recommended by **Ken Smith**: a feel good film at a time when we most need this emotion. He was right. Thank you Ken for the loan of the DVD.

Twenty two people came to watch which was really a perfect number, especially as the cake made by **Kath Day [thank you Kath]** served everyone. Thank you to the team of Dot Craig, Mike and Diane Davies, John Fitton, Pat Gate, Linda Lees, Margaret Ogden, Gareth Rich, Patricia Sullivan, Lesley and Peter Sutton, Joan Warner for their support. Team Work at its best. Quote from the film – “you have to do the best with what God gave you.” **We are ...**

## What is a Synod Office?



Well, I must admit I never knew what “Synod Office was or its purpose” until I volunteered some years ago during a staff member’s maternity leave. Its purpose became apparent with the numerous phone calls, enquiries and mail received from local churches seeking or providing information. It was

also the focal point of meetings of the many Synod Committees.

The building was a non-connected layout of offices spread throughout the Patricroft Church buildings. The users of the building, in sometimes difficult circumstances, made it “work” (for some 25 years).

When Finlay and I heard the new Synod Offices were to have an open day we were inquisitive, went along and were very impressed.

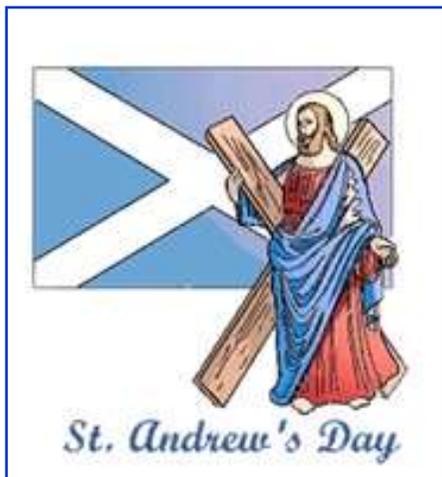
The offices are now located in Salford and overlook the Manchester Ship Canal. They are situated in a mid-terrace, three-storey, self-contained building. The staff and visitors now benefit from designated spaces with a reception area, a boardroom, private meeting rooms and open plan office accommodation. You can even have a shower if you cycle there! There are restroom facilities, two kitchens and a lift.

The opportunity has been taken to develop up-to-date technology in line with more use of video meetings, e.g. Zoom and other forms of digital media, which can only allow Synod to provide even better support to our local churches.

We are sure the current users of the building will benefit from the move to our new Synod building.

**Gillian & Finlay Galloway**

## 30th November - St Andrew, Patron Saint of Scotland



The apostle Andrew (died c.60) is patron saint of Scotland. According to the gospel of Matthew, Andrew and his brother Simon Peter were the very first two disciples whom Jesus called. 'Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.' (Matt 4:18,19)

Without more ado, they obeyed. 'At once they left their nets and followed him.' The story is touching for the simple but total faith that they had in Jesus.

Whenever the gospels mention the disciples, Andrew's name is always in the first four. Rather than a boisterous leader of men (like Peter), he seems to have been an approachable person who wanted to help people.

It was Andrew who helped introduce a group of Greeks to Jesus (John 12:20-2) and Andrew who offered Jesus the five small barley loaves and two small fishes when Jesus challenged them to feed the five thousand. (John 6:8) His faith in Jesus over small things was richly rewarded, and this faithful, kindly Galilean fisherman turned disciple went on to become one of the 12 apostles of the Christian Church.

Andrew never settled back in Capernaum by Galilee. Instead, his 'fishing for men' seems to have taken him far. One ancient tradition links him with Greece, where both Scythia and Epirus claimed him as their apostle. Another place in Greece, Patras in Achaia, claimed to be the place where Andrew was eventually martyred.

Like Jesus, he was crucified, but the story goes that during the two days it took him to die, he preached earnestly to the people about Jesus.

Andrew was not afraid of death on a cross – he had seen it before, and knew one thing for certain: because of Jesus, there was nothing but eternal life ahead of him.

In the West, Andrew's feast-day was universal from the 6<sup>th</sup> century, and hundreds of churches were named after him in Italy, France and England. But how did he end up as patron saint of Scotland?

Well, according to one ancient legend, his relics were taken from Patras to Scotland in the 8<sup>th</sup> century, and ended up in Fife, where a church dedicated to him was built and became a centre for evangelisation and later pilgrimage. As Andrew was the only apostle to make it as far as Scotland, he was chosen as patron saint.

But Andrew did not stay in Scotland. After the fall of Constantinople in 1204, it is said that the Crusaders took his relics to Amalfi. From there the despot Thomas Palaeologus sent his head to the pope in Rome in 1461 – where it became one of the most treasured possessions of St Peters - until it was sent to the church in Constantinople by Paul VI.

In art Andrew is depicted with a normal Latin cross in the most ancient examples. The saltire cross 'X', commonly called St Andrew's Cross, and which represents Scotland on the Union Jack, was associated with him from the 10<sup>th</sup> century.

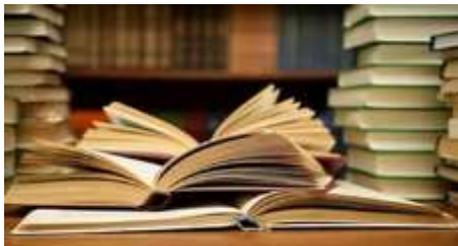


## Thought for the Day

**The greatest saints have always shown the perfect combination of nearness to our Lord on the one hand, and a deep sense of their own unworthiness and weakness on the other.**

***Anon***

## Keep your Church Premises Tidy



At the Community Coffee Morning on Thursday 14th October a number of willing helpers unearthed bags of books from around the church, ie behind the organ, in the print room, heritage room and elsewhere. The bookstall is currently well-stocked so these books are going to a charity at the National Trust Property, Quarry Bank, Styal.

This is a request **NOT** to leave any more books lying around church. If you have any, please take them to a charity shop, as well as any other items surplus to your requirements. As well as books, bags of other items were also discovered which are of no use whatsoever to Bamford Chapel and Norden URC.

**Please help to keep church premises tidy.**

**PS: As soon as the book stall needs replenishing, we will let you know.**

## Donate your used stamps

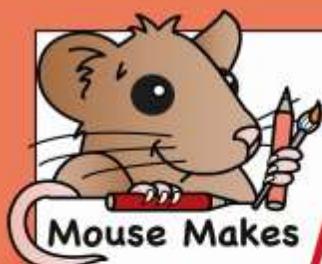


Please continue to save your used stamps. I am now sending them to the

Air Ambulances UK - another charity which relies entirely on donations.

***Thank you, Pamela Harrington***

# Children's Page



**I AM  
THE**



Read John 10:11 and 14



**I AM  
THE**

Read John 15:1 and 35



**I AM  
THE**

Read John 6: 35,51

OF



Read John 11:25

AND THE



Read John 18:12

OF THE

# I AM

Seven times in John's Gospel Jesus calls Himself "I AM" - the same name that God calls Himself when He speaks to Moses in Exodus 3:14. Jesus is telling us who He really is.



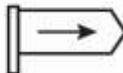
**I AM  
THE**

**I AM  
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Read John 14:6



**I AM  
THE**

Read John 10:9



**I AM  
THE**



B R A N C H E S L I F E T B  
S H E P H E R D F A T H E R  
L O J G A T E R W O R L D E  
I V E D D I A M O A U I N A  
F I S E O B L I G H T F O D  
E N U G O O D W A Y H E H E  
R E S U R R E C T I O N B L

Look up the Bible references, fill in the missing words then look for them in the word search

## Weekly Opportunities for Learning & Sharing Fellowship

**Most groups have restarted, apart from those indicated**

- Monday:** 9.00 am Monday Gang  
(who do work in or around the building)  
10.00 am Pastoral Meeting  
1.30 pm Bridge Club  
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  
7.15 pm Singing Group
- Wednesday:** 12 noon Luncheon Club  
6.30 pm Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association
- Thursday:** 10.30 am 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** Fortnightly on Zoom  
7.30 pm 2nd, 16th & 30th November
- Thursday:** **Ladies Fellowship** Belarus Christmas Boxes  
1.00 - 3.00 pm 11th November (afternoon)  
**Heritage Group** (1st Monday in the month)  
7.30 pm In Church
- Friday** **Dementia Friendly Café** (1st Friday in the month)  
1.30 - 3.30 pm **(from 3rd December)**
- Saturday:** **Ian Newman Community Film Club**  
(see page 16) (3rd Saturday in month)  
6.30 pm for 7.00 pm film 20th November

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