



The
United
Reformed
Church

Bamford Chapel & Norden URC

Then sings my soul...

“HOW
GREAT
THOU ART”



September 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.



Following the lifting of Covid restrictions in England on 16th August, all are welcome to return to our usual Sunday Morning Worship with sung

hymns (masks are optional). Services are still also available on YouTube and on the church website (www.bcnchurch.org.uk)

Plans are in place for some church activities to restart from 1st September (see page 15). For other groups, please speak to the group organiser (or email Anne Fitton for the organiser's contact details).

The Preachers for Sunday Worship are:-

September	
5 th September (Communion)	Margaret Ogden
12 th September (Project launch with lunch after the service. See page 8)	Project Team
19 th September (Harvest and a baptism)	Revd Richard Bradley
26 th September	David Watson
October	
3 rd October (Communion)	Andy Platt
10 th October (Homelessness Sunday)	Cameron Baines
17 th October	Debbie Wood
24 th October	Ken Greer
31 st October	Linda Rayner

Dates for the Church Meetings are:-

Sunday 10th October 2021 after the service (rearranged from 26th September)
Sunday 28th November 2021 after the service.

Letter from the Other Manse

Dear All,



Over the last few months, I have been attending an online group which has been doing a Bible study using the famous 12 Steps to Recovery. Created by Bill Wilson in the 1930s, the 12 Steps are synonymous with Alcoholics Anonymous. Of interest, Wilson's 12 Steps originated in his membership with a Christian fellowship, called the Oxford Group, of which he was a member from 1932-33. The Oxford Group's most

important teachings focussed on absolute honesty, purity, unselfishness and love. This inspired Wilson to form the programme for recovery that we know as the 12 Steps.

We often think of the “big ticket” items when we consider addictions - including alcoholism, drugs misuse, gambling and the like. I had a brush with alcohol dependency back in my 20s, and some of our group's members have enjoyed sobriety for over a decade. However, there are many hidden and more socially acceptable addictions that we all carry. And God wants to draw our attention to these “minor” dependencies, as well as the more destructive addictions, which draw our lives away from God.

The 12th Step says: “Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we try to carry this message to others and to practise these principles in our lives.” The Life Recovery Bible links 1 Timothy 4.14-16 with this 12th Step:

“Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you. Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress.

Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.”

As we all know, a relationship with God is exactly that - a relationship - which is a gift rather than the result of jumping through spiritual hoops. However, it is from this relationship that we live out our faith in practical terms. This has led some of my friends towards freedom from alcohol misuse, and they tell their story to other addicts that they can know freedom in God. Likewise, we can name our own unhealthy dependencies and compulsive behaviours (the 4th Step), walking towards freedom in God, and tell our own stories of recovery of life.

*God bless,
Daniel Harris*



Community Coffee Morning

The coffee morning will re-open on:

**Thursday, 9th September
from 10.30am to Noon**

We need more helpers in teams of three so please give this prayerful thought and let me know soon if you are interested.

I will be only too pleased to discuss what is required. I am preparing a rota of volunteer helpers which should have been distributed by the time you read this article.

Wrapped biscuits will be on sale at cost price. This is obviously for health and safety reasons.

The team look forward to seeing you there.

Lesley Sutton

Election of Church Secretary & Church Treasurer to serve 2022/2023

Our election process for Secretary, Treasurer and Elders, that had to be postponed from last year because of the pandemic, is about to commence.

In the first instance we elect the Secretary and Treasurer.

Anne Fitton is currently Church Secretary and Steven Gooding is Treasurer, both Anne and Steven have indicated they are willing to continue in office for a further term.

However, nominations are invited for these positions. Every church member is eligible to be nominated, although you must obtain their consent before you nominate them.

Nominees with a minimum of 2 nominations will be consulted by retiring elders to establish their willingness to stand for election.

Please let Revd Richard Bradley or Anne Fitton know if you wish to nominate a church member to either of these roles by **6pm on SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19th 2021.**

Thank you.

Anne Fitton
Church Secretary

Richard Bradley
Missional Partnership Minister



I have recently joined the committee of this organisation, RADAR, Rochdale Action with Destitute Asylum Seekers and Refugees. It was started in April 2019 by members of various churches in Rochdale.

RADAR exists to serve the asylum seeker and refugee community in Rochdale:

- Welcoming and supporting
- Housing in comfortable, safe accommodation
- Hosting in our homes (as you probably know Addie and I have done this)
- Raising awareness of their needs and experiences

We are having a fundraising effort at chapel (hopefully outside) on Saturday 4 September. From 2pm we will be serving cream teas and then at 3pm there is an opportunity to have a go at Irish dancing or just watch others having a go.

Please contact me for tickets to help us know how many we are catering for. Also get in touch if you can help as we will be welcoming people from all over Rochdale.

Barbara Redmond

Would ye be after trying an

Ye'd also be welcome to pop in for a cuppa

Irish Dance Taster Session

£5

4 Sept 3 pm
Bamford Chapel and Norden URC
Norden Road OL11 5PQ

Ah, ye will, ye will, ye will...

£3

Afternoon tea from 2 pm

The poster features a green background on the left with a photograph of a man and a woman in traditional Irish dance attire. The right side has an orange background with a photograph of a cream tea. Text is arranged in white boxes and circles.

Editor: Nigel Beeton writes: “September, of course, is when we remember the Battle of Britain – on the 15th, to be precise, the anniversary of the day on which the Battle turned in Britain’s favour and Hitler realized that it would not be possible to invade without incurring huge losses from air attack. Covid permitting, the Spitfires will be up in the sky this month, and we will watch in wonder and gratitude.”

Spitfire

The heavens ring with Merlin’s roar
We gaze in wonder from the blue
ground
To see a great old aircraft soar
And marvel at the engine’s sound.

The Spitfire loops and rolls and
dives
We smile and gasp and clap and
cheer;
The pilot shows his skill and strives
To make us think he has no fear!

No fear – but eighty years ago
Young men of barely adult age
Sat in those planes, true courage
shown
They flew into the battle’s rage.

They too would loop and roll and
dive
Not to impress a watching crowd
But so that Britain might survive –
And hist’ry shows they did us
proud!

So many died within those planes
The watchers would with horror see
A blazing trail of smoke and flames
As brave men died to keep us free.

Yes – watch the Spitfire, and rejoice
Rejoice to see the pilot’s skill.
Remember those who had no
choice
But met the foe with iron will.



How Climate Change could affect your Cup of Tea

Now here's something that will send you straight to your kitchen to put the kettle on: the Great British cup of tea may not taste quite so good in the future.

It seems that extreme weather and rising temperatures could lead to inferior leaves in the future, according to Christian Aid.

Kenya, the world's foremost exporter of black tea, is now affected by erratic rainfall, floods, droughts, and rising temperatures. India, Sri Lanka and China, also major tea producers, face climate change problems as well.



Climate change has been predicted by some as likely to cut production in Kenya's best tea-making areas by as much as a quarter by 2050. Even areas of only average growing conditions could see production fall by 39 per cent.

As one tea farmer in Kenya's Western Highlands, explained: "We cannot predict seasons anymore. Temperatures are rising, rainfall is erratic, often accompanied by unusual hailstones and longer droughts. If this continues, it will make growing tea much harder."



Think about it...

Our eyes are placed in front because it is more important to look ahead



Bamford Chapel and Norden United Reformed Church: Developing World Project 2021



It feels like the 2021 Project has come along very quickly, following finishing our giving to the Kiribati School for Children with Additional needs. As always, the Church in the World Group has considered a range of projects and Medic Malawi has been recommended and approved by the Elders and Church Meeting.

We warmly invite you all to the launch of Project 2021 on Sunday 12th September. Sian Howell-Jones one of Medic Malawi's Trustees will join us to bring to life the work of the charity and explain what our giving will be used for.

Following worship, we are holding a lunch, the menu will be baked potatoes and a variety of fillings, with fruit to follow. If you would like to have lunch, please can you contact Carole Greaves or Rebecca Abbott, just so that we have numbers for catering purposes and a note of any dietary requirements.

Medic Malawi has been on our radar as a project choice since 2015 when Mike Lucas first suggested it. At that time we felt that another project needed our input more, however we seem to have been steered again towards this very needy community.

Malawi is a very poor nation reliant on agriculture which employs nearly 80% of the population. There is a lot of disease evidenced by high levels of child and adult mortality and high prevalence of diseases such as malaria, HIV/AIDS etc.

Medic Malawi is a small UK based Charity with a vision of "A Malawi where everyone has the opportunity to thrive".

Medic Malawi was set up in 2001 and provides support to some of the

world's most deprived people. There are two main elements to the support Medic Malawi provides in rural Malawi:

- St. Andrew's Hospital, Mtunthama, providing both financial and practical support. The hospital was set up in 2001 and has had a key role in treating people with COVID-19 during 2020/21.
- Chalizya School, Chimbiya Village; support to the school started in 2011. Medic Malawi volunteers have worked with local people to build classrooms and help to run the school, including setting up child care programmes, menstrual health projects to increase school attendance, provision of support and accommodation for teachers to encourage teachers to work in the school etc. The school has around 640 children on role.

Specific areas where Medic Malawi have identified help is needed most:

We have met with the Director and one of the Trustees on zoom and had email exchanges. The Trustees have recommended the following; this is an evolving conversation with the Trustees; by the Project Launch date in September we will hope to have specific priorities with costings.

- Developing rooms within the school for use by staff for local community groups
- Improve flooring; current floors are covered in rubble
- Developing solar power for the school including lighting, so that the school can be used out of daylight hours
- Installation of improved water sources
- Rain water collection and control; working towards use of water for sustainable crop development
- Continued menstrual health project
- New doors to improve security
- Outdoor shelters

Sustainability:

Medic Malawi work closely with local people and have recently appointed a local manager to involve the community. The community have already

been very active in working on practical projects with Director Tom Hunt, who has recently completed a 6-month stint in Malawi to assist with various projects. Both the hospital and school projects have been operating for a long time in Malawi under the direction of Medic Malawi in partnership with local people. Improved education will support children to have a better chance of breaking the cycle of poor health and poverty.



I hope that this inspires you to join us for worship on 12th September to hear more about the project.

Current Group Members: Addie Redmond, Barbara Redmond, Sue Travis, Rebecca Abbott, Margaret Ogden, Carol Hartley, Gillian James, Carole Greaves.

29th August 2021

Remembering Dr Neil Edmond



We send our love and condolences to Marigold, Susan, Trish and families as they mourn the loss of a loved and loving husband and father. He will be missed by his friends at Bamford and Norden URC.

Recycling News



Several “hyper-targeted” billboards have gone up outside Tesco, M&S and Sainsbury’s stores, informing shoppers Co-op stores now accept soft plastics like crisp packets and bread bags, no matter where they were bought.

Earlier this month, Co-op rolled out soft plastic recycling units to 1,500 stores following a small trial in September. The units will be available at 2,300 Co-op stores by November.

When it comes to doing good, everyone’s welcome at Co-op. So, in the spirit of co-operation, we put our ads outside competitors’ stores to show that even if you shop somewhere else, you can now recycle your soft plastics at the Co-op.

Soft plastics recycling is easy. Just follow these three steps:

- Clean it – First, rinse your packaging out.
- Scrunch it – If it pings back, it’s a useful indicator it's soft plastic.
- Co-op it - Pop it into our soft plastics recycling unit at a Co-op near you.

What are soft plastics?

- Soft plastics are lightweight plastics that often cannot be placed in recycling bins at home. Think plastic film lids on yoghurt pots, soft fruit punnets and ready meals, as well as plastic crisp packets, pasta bags and chocolate or biscuit wrappers.
- What they’re not are plastic bottles, tubs, pots, trays and caps. If you’re not sure, a simple test is to scrunch it up and if it pings back, it’s a useful indicator it's soft plastic.

The Norden and Cutgate branches have recycling bins.

The Eco Church Team

Sunday Coffee Rota - please can you help?



Sharing coffee on a Sunday morning after worship is an important part of the fellowship of Bamford Chapel and Norden URC.

In order for this to restart, volunteers are urgently needed to form a rota to prepare and serve coffee.

If this is something you have done previously or would like to do now, please contact Anne Fitton (Church Secretary) as soon as possible. Thank you.

It makes you smile!



A little girl had been to Sunday School for the first time and was asked by her mother how it compared with her new primary school.

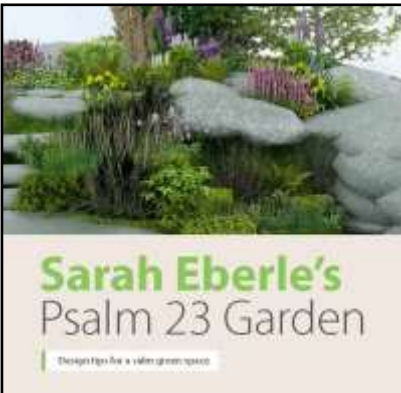
"Oh, I like it much better," she said. "There are no exams there, you go only once a week for an hour, and at the end you go to heaven instead of high school."

Many thanks.... as we re-open the church premises

As worship and church groups begin again after Covid restrictions, we thank Lyn Jefferies for cleaning the church, and all those who have been involved in cleaning equipment, moving chairs, and returning the premises to 'normal'. The primary area still needs decorating and groups will be advised later if it will affect them.



Book Review by Parish Pump



Sarah Eberle's Psalm 23 Garden – design tips for a calm green space Bible Society, £6.50

Sarah Eberle, winner of 17 gold medals at Chelsea and Hampton Court Flower Shows, has designed the Bible Society's entry garden for the RHS Chelsea Flower Show this month (September 2021).

The theme of the garden is Psalm 23, and this is the full-colour book of photographs to go with it. Based on the themes of rest and peace, it offers a place of refuge and restoration, which is reflected in the meditations and stories within the book.

The book also offers tips from Sarah Eberle on how to create your own peaceful outdoor space.

The Garden Gang

Due to the continuing Covid restrictions the July Garden Party was cancelled for the 2nd year running. Still undaunted the Garden Gang provided a variety of plants for sale each Monday in July. The team now wishes to say a huge "thank you" to all the people who bought plants, the sale of which contributed to the ongoing work of the church.



In early August we were visited by Rochdale in Bloom and were judged on the work we had put in to make the garden what it is today. Judging covered several areas, including how we managed the eco side of gardening (composting etc), the people doing the work, especially how we involved the community, how tidy the area was and the way the area was planted. They also looked at plans that were drawn up and

what still had to be done. Overall, they appeared very impressed, so we were pleased with their comments and advice on certain aspects that needed to be undertaken. We will not know the results until October.

Meanwhile, the work goes on as usual. If anyone has any spare time on a Monday morning, we would welcome you to join the Monday gang whether on a regular basis or when time allows. You won't need to go to a gym for exercise, but we also have jobs that are not as strenuous! We keep everyone fit and the benefit of fresh air and company has been a great boost during the pandemic.

Thank you again for all your support.

Linda Kerford & Mike Davies on behalf of the team

Dates for the restarting of Church groups

Church groups can think about restarting from 1st September. All being well the following groups will start on:-

**9th September - Thursday Community
Coffee Mornings (weekly)**

14th September - Tuesday Toddlers (weekly)

14th September - Guides (weekly)

6th October - Wednesday Luncheon Club (weekly)

**16th October - Saturday Film Club
(3rd Saturday in the month)**

**3rd December - Dementia Café
(1st Friday in the month)**

Further details will be provided later

Congratulations



Congratulations to Revd Ivor Rees on his 90th birthday and on his final sermon after 70 years. Ivor was minister at Bamford Chapel for 10 years from 1986, before retiring to Swansea. He started our third world projects in 1987, which have continued to this day.

Ivor is pictured at Sketty Uniting Church with daughter Lythan Nevard, wife Delyth, minister Revd Leslie Noon, son-in-law Phil Nevard and organist Alan Sykes.

Thank you Ivor for your 70 years of faithful ministry and your continuing friendship. Enjoy your retirement, and our love and best wishes for all the future holds.

Linda Peacock

Moving to Pastures New



John Lapworth moves to live in Southsea on 3rd September, nearer to his son Martin.

John and his wife Patricia came to Bamford Chapel in 1973 with their children Martin and Anne, where they became active members of the church. Patricia was a Sunday School teacher for many years and a member of the 'Food for Thought' drama group.

John was an Elder and served twice as Church Secretary. He also served as Wedding Secretary, was a member of Men's Fellowship and printed the monthly Church magazine. His one claim to fame as an actor was in a Chapel production in 1977!! Thank you John for your faithful service and friendship, and we wish you health and happiness in your new home.

**John's new address is:
Flat 40 Tudor Rose Court,
South Parade
SOUTHSEA
PO4 0DE**

Email: johnlapworth37@gmail.com

Editor: This comes from a blog by Alistair Birkett, director of Rural Ministries for Scotland and Northern England. You can read more at: <https://www.ruralministries.org.uk/blog/anticipatingtheharvest?>

Thanking God for our Blessings



Our winter barley ripened quickly this year, and soon the combine harvesters were rolling here on the Northumberland / Scottish Border.

As the first trailer load of grain came into the shed, I ran my hands through the golden grains, offering a short prayer of thankfulness as I savoured the smell of fresh cut barley. It was a good harvest.

I've often reflected on the Old Testament festival of the Firstfruits, where the Israelites offered the very first sheaf of the spring harvest to God (**Leviticus 23:9-14**). I think this act required great faith, as they trusted God for a fruitful harvest to come, something that was far from certain, given their utter dependence on the weather.

I'm not sure about you, but I'm always up for giving thanks *after* the event. I'll sing 'Come ye thankful people come' and rejoice that "all is safely gathered in", but am I able to trust with anticipation for what is yet to come?

The festival of the Firstfruits reminded God's people that everything they had came from Him. I am reminded that I must learn (and relearn) to trust in God, who has proven His faithfulness to me, over and over again.

Perhaps right now as a church community or an individual you're waiting for a certain event, standing on the cusp of a new initiative, praying for a

certain outcome or anticipating a long-held vision becoming reality. Let's all keep trusting that whatever the challenge, however things turn out, irrespective of what we anticipate, God is going before us and has secured the Firstfruits of an even greater harvest through Jesus, as He rose from the dead.

Just as the grain offering to God in the Old Testament anticipated a harvest to come, Paul reminds us that Jesus' victory anticipates an even greater bodily resurrection and eternal peace (**1 Corinthians 15:20-22**).

As we continue our journey with Jesus through the challenges of each day, let's do so with a deepening faith and trust. In the meantime, bring on the harvest - I'll see you on the other side!

How much is that Doggie in the Rescue Centre?



There are going to be a lot of homeless young dogs this autumn. That is because almost one in five people who bought a lockdown puppy last year are now thinking about giving up their new pet.

Research from The Kennel Club found that many owners are worried that they will be unable to give their dog a suitable home when they return to full-time work in the office.

The result is a “looming welfare crisis faced by this pandemic pup generation.”

The Kennel Club also found that many new dog owners want to see more places open up for dogs. Accessibility is becoming an increasing priority for dog lovers, and so the Kennel Club is calling on establishments from all sectors to become more dog friendly. The campaign ‘Open for Dogs’ is stressing the benefits of welcoming canines to businesses and workplaces.



Reopening of the Luncheon Club



We are very pleased to announce that we plan to reopen the luncheon club weekly, starting on **Wednesday 6th October.**

The continuing support of volunteers is humbling. As with all of us, circumstances have changed over the last 18 months, and I want to sincerely thank those volunteers who have not been able to continue, for their hard work and dedication in the past. A number of new helpers have stepped forward, which has been crucial to enable us to continue on a weekly basis. I'm sure that, as with all church activities, we can use more help if anyone feels able.

I know that there are a number of newly eligible potential members, but I would ask for your patience for a short time while we settle in the existing members and new kitchen teams and voluntary drivers.



We look forward to welcoming people back to what I know is a much appreciated service to the community.

Pat Stephenson
Luncheon Club Coordinator

Congratulations

Congratulations to all our young people who have been successful in A levels, GCSEs and University degrees. We wish them well as they continue the next phase of their career in 6th form, college, university or in employment.

Cancer Research UK

We are pleased to be hosting this function to raise funds for Cancer Research. Please contact Elizabeth on 01706648147 or Hope Fashions on 01706357306 to purchase tickets. This event sold out last time we held it, so don't delay.



Wednesday 29th September

7.30pm start

Bamford Chapel & Norden URC
Norden Rd, Rochdale, OL11 5PQ

Refreshments from 6.45pm
Wine, Procecco, Fresh Orange,
Tea & Coffee (donation required)

Ticket price £5.00 | Raffle
In aid of

CANCER RESEARCH UK

HOPE
Womenswear
Fashion Show

Advance Notice



Christmas Fair

Saturday 4th December 2021

September Prayer



Dear Lord,

September - the month of new beginnings for many, as summer fades and school and college terms start.

After such a strange time of restrictions, hopes of freedom, with warnings to be cautious, it is hard to know what to expect this September.

We can't know what lies ahead, Lord, but we can trust you to see us through whatever it turns out to be.

Thank you for your promise, *I will never leave you or forsake you... (Hebrews 13:5)*

Help us to hold fast to that promise, to keep trusting you - and to be thankful for each September day.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

All in the month of SEPTEMBER

It was:

700 years ago, on 13th Sept 1321 that Dante Alighieri, Italian poet, died. Regarded as the most important poet of the Middle Ages. Best known for his *Divine Comedy*.

125 years ago, on 24th Sept 1896 that F Scott Fitzgerald, American novelist and short story writer, was born. Regarded as one of the greatest American writers of the 20th century. Best known for his novel *The Great Gatsby*.

100 years ago, on 8th Sept 1921 that Sir Harry Secombe was born. This Welsh comedian, actor, writer, singer and TV presenter was one of the stars of the 1950s radio series *The Goon Show*.

80 years ago, on 1st Sept 1941 that Nazi Germany ordered all Jews in Germany and its occupied territories to wear a yellow Star of David badge.

75 years ago, from 20th Sept – 5th Oct 1946 that the first Cannes Film Festival was held.

65 years ago, on 16th Sept 1956 that Play-Doh went on sale in the USA. It was originally sold as a wallpaper cleaning compound, but was then relaunched as a modelling compound when the inventor's nephew discovered that nursery school children were using it to make Christmas ornaments.

60 years ago, on 11th Sept 1961 that the World Wildlife Fund (now the World Wide Fund for Nature) was founded in Switzerland.

50 years ago, on 15th Sept 1971 that Greenpeace, the international environmental group, was founded in Vancouver.

25 years ago, on 27th Sept 1996, that the Taliban seized control of Kabul, Afghanistan, ousting President Burhanuddin Rabbani, and executing former President Mohammad Najibullah.

20 years ago, on 11th Sept 2001, that the 9/11 terrorist attack on the USA took place. 2,973 people were killed.

Thanksgiving Service

Lovely service of thanksgiving for Martin's life conducted by Linda Lees held on 3rd July 2021 at Bamford Chapel and Norden URC. I would also like to offer my very sincere thanks to BC&NURC and the garden workers for all they did for me. It was very much appreciated.



Family and friends

Beryl Thomas



Editor: Canon Paul Hardingham considers how various people respond to God.

The Parable of the Sower

This month we are looking at the Parable of the Sower (Mark 4:1-20). It's the story of a farmer who sowed his seed in different type of soils. These represent the different responses of the heart to God's Word (v15-20):

1) *The hard heart: 'like seed along the path... as soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them.'* (15). Some people, when they hear the message, get distracted eg social media, work or relationships. Personal priorities prevent them from hearing God.



2) *The shallow heart: 'like seed sown on rocky places... since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away.'* (16,17). These are the people whose heart isn't open to the message. When things become uncomfortable or discouraging, they are ready to quit.

3) *The crowded heart: 'like seed sown among thorns... but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful.'* (18,19). This soil is most relevant for us today. People crave status, comfort, security and personal desires alongside the things of God. It's a heart that is worried about life getting out of control!

4) *The open heart: 'like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop – some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown.'* (20). This represents the open heart that listens and accepts Jesus's word, and is ready to follow Him however difficult things become.

**What kind of soil is our heart? Are we hard, shallow, crowded or open?
Do we have a heart of faith to follow Jesus in every aspect of our lives?**



**CINEMA
FOR ALL**

THE IAN NEWMAN COMMUNITY FILM CLUB

**6.30pm refreshments : 7.00pm film
every third Saturday in the month**

**£3 ADMISSION – INCLUDING FAIRTRADE
REFRESHMENTS**

SATURDAY 16th OCTOBER 2021

Date for your diary

**The film club team are hoping to
resume screening on this date**

Film has not yet been chosen

Supported by Rochdale Township



Mouse Makes

Read this story in
1 Kings 17:7-16

The bowl of flour and the jar of oil

It had not rained for months and months, there was a drought in the land. God sent His prophet **Elijah** to the town of Zarephath. At the town gate he saw a widow gathering firewood.

"Please bring me a drink of water and some bread." he asked her.



She answered *"All I have is a handful of flour and a drop of oil in a jar, it is our last meal."*

"Do not worry." Elijah said, *"Make the meal and make a small loaf for me."*

The woman did what Elijah had asked and God blessed her ...

... The bowl never ran out of flour and the jar never ran out of oil until it rained again!



Find these words from the story in the word search:

- WORD • LORD • GOD • ELIJAH • SENT • ZAREPHATH • GATE • CITY • WIDOW
- STICKS • WATER • DRINK • BREAD • FEED • HANDFUL • FLOUR • LITTLE
- OIL • SON • EAT • DIE • FULL • WENT • MAKE • BAKED • ATE • JAR • JUG • MANY
- DAYS • LIVE • NEVER • EMPTY

Weekday Opportunities for Learning & Sharing Fellowship

**(Groups may start to resume from September, please speak
to the organisers of individual groups for dates)**

- 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:** 6.00 pm onwards Beavers, Cubs and Scouts
- Sunday:** 7.30 pm God Squad (for Teenagers)

Fortnightly & Monthly Opportunities

- Tuesday:** **Stillness & Sharing** 1st Tuesday in the month
1.45 pm in lounge for Coffee: Meeting 2 - 3 pm
Home Group (Fortnightly)
8.15 pm In Crèche Room
- Thursday:** **Ladies Fellowship** (2nd Thursday in the month)
7.30 pm
Heritage Group (3rd Thursday in the month)
7.00 pm
- Friday** **Dementia Friendly Café** (1st Friday in the month)
1.30—3.30 pm
- Saturday:** **Ian Newman Community Film Club**
6.30 pm for 7.00 pm film (3rd Saturday in month)

Further information to be provided later.

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