



The
United
Reformed
Church

Bamford Chapel & Norden URC

For in hope
we were saved.
Now hope that is
seen is not hope.
For who hopes
for what is seen?
But if we hope
for what we
do not see,
we wait for it
with patience.

September 2023

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.

September 2023

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.bcchurch.org.uk)

Every Monday	7.30 - 8.30 pm	Prayer Group in the Lounge
Friday 1 September	1.30 pm - 3.30 pm	Dementia Friendly Café
Sunday 3 September	10.30 am 6.30 pm	Family Worship with Communion Led by Andy Platt Café Church
Tuesday 5 September	7.30 pm - 9.00 pm	Tuesday Home Group On Zoom
Saturday 9 September	10.00 am - 12 noon	Big Breakfast In aid of Springhill Hospice (see page 12)
Sunday 10 September	10.30 am 2.00 - 4.00 pm	Family Worship Led by Margaret Ogden Messy Church
Saturday 16 September	6.30 pm for 7 pm	Community Film Club (see page 24) "Top Gun : Maverick"
Saturday & Sunday 16 & 17 Sept	1.30 pm - 4.30 pm	Heritage Open Days With Afternoon Tea (see page 21)
Sunday 17 September	10.30 am 12 noon	Family Worship Led by Linda Rayner Church Meeting
Tuesday 19 September	7.30 pm - 9.00 pm	Tuesday Home Group On Zoom
Sunday 24 September	10.30 am	Family Worship Led by Revd Richard Bradley
Saturday 30 September	10.30 am 7.30 pm	Preparing the Way for Jesus-Shaped Church (see page 4) Rotary concert in memory of Mike Lucas (p14)
Sunday 1 October	10.30 am	Harvest Service Led by Margaret Ogden

Pastoral Letter

I occasionally get the impression that some Christians wish they could store the Lord's Prayer, much like the Book of Kells, in an airtight display case safe from ravages of time. It must be recited with reverence, in the old King James Shakespeare - a relic from a bygone era to be occasionally admired from behind a glass display.



But is this what Jesus had in mind when he taught us the Lord's Prayer? I think not. He simply wanted to teach us how to pray. Not a word-for-word rendition in perfect Shakespeare or Latin, but as a nuts and bolts approach to understanding how God interacts with us. So instead I want to compare the Lord's Prayer to a Haynes car manual or a cook book.

Haynes car manuals and cook books are not stored in an airtight cabinet. Instead, they will be found in a garage or kitchen. If well used the pages will probably be creased, stained with various substances and ingredients, and marked with a pen. These are what well-used books look like.

If you try to live life by the Lord's Prayer you will find it is similar. It will be marked by your blood, sweat and tears. It will be stained, have folded

corners, and the mark of a pen where you might highlight a particular phrase.

The Lord's Prayer is not meant to be kept in splendid isolation in a vacuum-sealed display case. Instead, it should be stuffed in our back pocket, hidden away in our handbag, or accessed through an app on our phone. In fact, the prophet Jeremiah goes further:

"This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people." (Jer 31.33)

So may the words of Jesus, infused by the Spirit, guide you along the road of life.

Keep the faith
Daniel Harris

Church Flowers



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

Duncan Cooper
Dan Greenhalgh in memory
of Anne Greenhalgh
Tom Swann in memory of David
Dot Craig in memory of Peter
Pamela Harrington in memory
of Mum & Dad
Lesley Sutton in memory of Mother
Audrey Telford in memory of John

Jesus-Shaped Church



DEVELOPING OUR JESUS-SHAPED CHURCH

PRAYERFUL, WELCOMING, DEVELOPING FAITH,
REACHING OUT & CARING

As we journey together to develop our Jesus-Shaped Church, we are invited to consider more deeply what it means to be Jesus-Shaped People. To support us on this journey, we are offering opportunities for us to meet and explore what this looks like together through Sunday services led by Richard and Debbie and follow-up discussion groups using



resources.

We hope you will join us on this exciting journey in realising our vision for developing a Jesus-Shaped Church filled with Jesus-Shaped People who can reach out to promote a Jesus-Shaped World. We begin by “Preparing the Way”. We hope that you can attend one of the two discussion groups HELD IN CHURCH, offered following each of the services, dates below!

SESSION	WEDNESDAYS 7:30pm	SATURDAYS 10:30 am
1	18 th OCTOBER	30 th SEPTEMBER
2	15 th NOVEMBER	4 th NOVEMBER
3	29 th NOVEMBER	25 th NOVEMBER
4	NONE	16 th DECEMBER
5	31 st JANUARY	22 nd JANUARY

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Prayer for September 2023

Dear Father in heaven,



September is a time of change, a change of season, changes in many areas of our lives as a new term begins and new opportunities present themselves. It can be a time of challenge and uncertainty for many of us as well as excitement.

Thank you Lord, that You never change, Your promises never change, Your Holy-Spirit inspired Word never changes. You are constant and rock-solid, always.

Help us to remember that You make all things new when we put our trust in Jesus, You give us new life and new ways of understanding, but help us also to remember that You never contradict Your revealed self. Help us always to check out our thinking with what You say in Your Word. Help us to be faithful to You as we take each step forward, each new day.

In Jesus name, Amen

By Daphne Kitching

World Peace Day still required after 2,000 years

2,000 years ago, Jesus left God's peace in the world when he told his followers: **Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you.** (John 14:27).



The Bible teaches us that God's peace is to be shared with everyone, yet today the opposite of peace — war and violent conflicts — still rank alongside climate change and hunger as one of the most serious issues facing our world. Indeed, the United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres said, '**Peace is needed today more than ever. War and conflict are unleashing devastation, poverty, and hunger, and driving tens of millions of people from their homes. Climate chaos is all around. And even peaceful countries are gripped by gaping inequalities and political polarization.**'

An International Day of Peace was established in 1981 by the United Nations General Assembly to highlight this issue. Two decades later, in 2001, the

General Assembly unanimously voted to designate it as a period of non-violence and cease-fire.

This year the **UN International Day of Peace is on Saturday 23 September.** While a special day for the laying down of arms and to encourage people to think and act peacefully is an excellent idea and should be welcomed by all, to achieve the true, lasting peace that God had in mind when the world was created requires every person to accept the gift of peace that Jesus brought into it, and then share it with everyone they meet every day of their life.

The true, everlasting peace that we all long for can only become a reality if it begins to be shared by individuals and spreads upwards and outwards into the world, rather than from the top down.

There's an excellent example of how this 'bottom-to-top' peace- spreading idea works in the Old Testament book of *Ezekiel* (47).

Ezekiel writes about a vision he saw of the Temple in Jerusalem. The water he sees coming out of the Temple contains the Holy Spirit that had been poured over the altar. Instead of soaking away into the dry ground as water would usually do, the Holy Spirit turns the water into a stream, then into a river that gets deeper and stronger. It eventually travels from one of the highest places in the world — the site of the Temple — to the deepest, deadliest place, the Dead Sea, where it brings new life and abundant food.

This is how we can expect the Holy Spirit to work within us when we share God's love and peace with others and encourage them to share it with their families, friends, neighbours, colleagues, and everyone they meet.

This bottom-to-top process is what the UN's World Peace Day is all about. We can't all initiate ceasefires in our neighbourhood, but by doing peaceful acts of kindness and love to all whom we meet we can help peace spread into the world — and don't forget, there are 364 more days in the year that we can start spreading some peace or Shalom, which is Hebrew for all the good things in life that God wants for each of us, including peace!



Eco Church Team

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**SEASON OF
CREATION**
SEPTEMBER 1- OCTOBER 4



The Eco Church team are inviting those of you who are able and don't live too far away to walk to church on

Sunday, 3 September.



A Mighty River
Amos 5: 24

**Let Justice
and Peace Flow**
Season of Creation 2023

Garden Plants Plea for Chapel Garden

A plea from the Garden Group for plants needed to fill the beds and borders around the extensive grounds at chapel.

Do you have any of the following plants? If so, do they need dividing up as they are too big or perhaps you no longer want them. Whatever the reason, would you donate them to chapel?

Alchemilla Mollis

Bergenia

Bruneria

Eryngium

Achillia

Astrantia

Leucanthemum

Liatris

Hellibore

Hosta

Salvia

Stocks



If you have plants other than those on this list and are willing to donate them, we may still be able to use them in the grounds. I am quite willing to call round and dig up or divide the plants for you. September and October is the best time to do this so that the plants will be ready for next year.

On behalf of the Monday Gang, I would like to thank you for your support in our endeavours to improve the gardens for everyone to benefit from.

Linda Kerford

Big Breakfast & Messy Church

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& Norden United Reformed Church

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Fancy a bacon butty?

Big Breakfast

*Saturday
9 September
10.00 – 12.00*

In aid of



£5.00

Making every moment count

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

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& Norden United Reformed Church

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ALL ARE WELCOME



craft

Eco



Sunday 10 September 2 – 4 pm

food



children

please bring an adult with you

Spiritual Disciplines: Service



'Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.' (John 13: 14-15).

We are all familiar with those requests for more to 'serve on a team' at church, whether the coffee rota or with the children. However, these can hinder our understanding of the spiritual discipline of service.

The discipline of service involves learning from Jesus' example, when He washed the disciples' feet. Like His disciples, we are all called to take the place of a servant and be willing to serve those around us. Richard Foster in *'Celebration of Discipline'* contrasts *'self-righteous service'*, human effort wanting to impress others and be rewarded, with *'true service'*, which is rooted in our relationship with Jesus and delights in the service itself.

In his book, Richard Foster highlights the value of small, everyday sacrificial acts of service which flow from the place of being a servant: *'service is not a list of things to do, though in it we discover things to do. It is not a code of ethics, but a way of living.'* He goes on to highlight a number of acts of service, including: hiddenness (working behind the scenes); small acts of service; guarding the reputation of others; being willing to be served ourselves; practising hospitality; listening and bearing the burdens of each other. We need to pray for wisdom and discernment, so that we know when to say 'yes' and 'no' to serving. If we say 'yes' too much we can easily find ourselves becoming bitter or burned out!

Why not make it your prayer each morning: *'Lord Jesus, if it would please You, bring me someone today who I can serve?'*

Canon Paul Hardingham

Ladies Fellowship

Astley Hall and Gardens 10 August 2023

The Ladies Fellowship enjoyed a fantastic day out at Astley Hall, Coach House and gardens. There 14 of us travelling by coach. It turned out to be a very hot day, made worse by the failings of the coach ventilation system! We managed to encourage the driver to sort it out.

We stopped at 11 am for a cuppa and cake (but no-one is admitting to the cake!) at a delightful old chapel, The Village Green Tea Room, Rivington. It had the most minute WC in all of Christendom, but thankfully the plumbing worked.

We left then for Astley, a delightful old hall. The rooms were beautifully restored over the last 24 months and it was a pleasure to explore. There was also a beautiful garden and orchard, acres of parkland and a children's play area.



The modernised coach house includes the tea rooms (Café Ambio) and it was exceptional as was the ice cream. We sat in the shade and relaxed, happily chatting away before our return to Bamford.



Trisha Adshead

10 Rules for a Happy Life

1. Enjoy simplicity
2. Smile as much as possible
3. Live for today ***
4. Love each other
5. Watch the sunset
6. Read or listen to hundreds of books
7. Listen to great music
8. Understand no one is perfect
9. Learn from your mistakes
10. Love yourself

Lesley Sutton





Bamford Chapel
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Rotary
Rochdale



present

A Concert in Memory of Mike Lucas

with The Nightingale Singers
and pianist J. Edward Rigg

Saturday

30th September

At **7.30pm**

At Bamford Chapel & Norden United Reformed Church,
Norden Road, Bamford

Tickets £10 including refreshments

Available from:

- ◆ Eventbrite: scan the QR code
- ◆ Bamford Chapel
- ◆ Email: rotaryrochdale@gmail.com
- ◆ Pay on the door





Rotarian Mike Lucas PHF was a member of the Rotary Club of Rochdale for over 40 years. He was a teacher, Head of Business and General Studies at Rochdale Technical College and well known for his love of music,

He was a very committed Rotarian becoming President in 1992-3 and a Paul Harris fellow in 2012.

He was Speaker's secretary for many years and organised the Christmas family meals encouraging Rotary members to sing Carols while he played the piano.

Mike also organised regular lunchtime concerts here at Bamford Chapel.

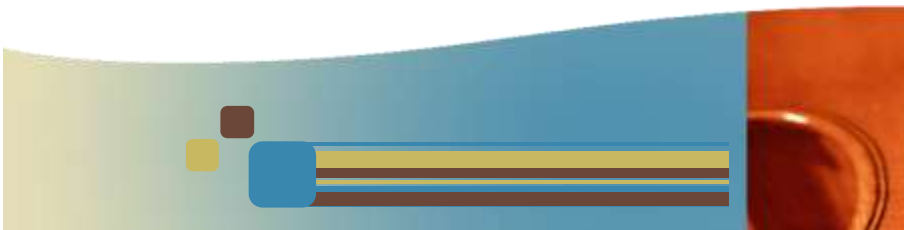
If you would like to find out more about Rotary Rochdale or wish to become a Member or Friend of the Club, please scan the QR code below to visit our website.



Special Thanks

Rotary Rochdale would like to thank J. Edward Rigg, Ken Greaves and the Nightingale Singers for their appearance. You can see the singers again performing a different selection of music in the Church Hall of St Vincent's Church, Norden on Saturday 21st October.

Thank you also to Bamford Chapel for hosting the concert and to their members who have helped make this fitting tribute to our dear friend and colleague Mike Lucas.



Come and join the new monthly Friendship Group



Do you enjoy good company?
Do you enjoy presentations by
interesting speakers?

Are you free once a month on a Thursday afternoon?
Then come and join us.

“The Friendship Group”

A new monthly meeting open to men and women
All welcome

commencing on 14 September

Speaker David Hudson

“What did the Victorians do for us?”

1.30 pm to 3.30 pm

at a cost of £4 per meeting

Then meeting on 2nd Thursday in the month

At Bamford Chapel & Norden URC

Please bring your friends to make this a success

Further information from Linda Peacock

**Friendship is the only cement that will ever hold
the world together - Woodrow Wilson**

Friendship Group

2023 Dates and Speakers

14 September	David Hudson "What the Victorians Did for Us"
12 October	Carol Hartley Preparing Christmas Boxes For The Ukraine
9 November	Jan Hicks "Bletchley Park"
14 December	Christmas Meal at the Willows



Stamp Appeal



For many years, with the support of friends, I have been sending used postage stamps to the RNIB fundraising department.

Recently I received a letter from them – “We really do appreciate your time and be assured that the funds raised will help us create a world without barriers for people with sight loss. **£40** would help provide RNIB’s talking book service to the blind or partially sighted for an entire year which is just two kilograms of donated used stamps! Your involvement can help more people living with sight loss access vital RNIB services such as talking books. It would be great if you could also spread the word to your family and friends about the appeal in case they have stamps they could also send us.”

I am still willing to collect stamps and send them to RNLI, but if you would like to send your stamps to RNIB, please ring the helpline 0330 002 0061 and request envelopes to post them in.

Used stamps need to have a margin at least 1cm around the stamp.

Pamela Harrington

Remembering Joyce Harding

We were all saddened to learn of the death of Joyce Harding on 12th July 2023 at the age of 91. She was born in Liverpool not far from the Anfield stadium, the younger sister of Walter Brisk, also a member of Bamford and Norden URC, but previously both members of a very active Anglican Church.

When she was 5 she started school and met Doreen who became her lifelong friend (now suffering from dementia she was unable to attend Joyce's funeral). After completing her education at the local Grammar School, Joyce became a secretary for an Insurance company and served in that capacity for the whole of her working life. She lived at home with her mum, dad and Aunty Renie even after she married Harry, whom she met when in her early 30s. She had a lovely singing voice and sang with the Liverpool Philharmonic choir and was regularly invited to take solo leads. Many years later when Walter was the conductor of Saddleworth Male Voice Choir, Joyce enjoyed being part of the combined choir when they sang the Messiah each year. She was an active member of the Town's Women's Guild and a local drama group and in her spare time she loved knitting and reading.

Joyce and Harry had a very happy marriage. They were never blessed with children of their own but happily shared Walter and Glenda's sons Mervyn and Phil, as each holiday they would come and stay with them. She loved their company and they grew to love her. Phil paid a moving tribute to her at the thanksgiving service held on the 27th July.

Joyce and Harry shared many interests. They had a black Labrador called Bella, an important member of the family. They both loved bowling and could often be found on the bowling green. Joyce was the captain of the team for many years. Harry was a keen cyclist but, although he bought her a bike, she never quite reached his proficiency or shared his enthusiasm! Driving the car was another matter!! She was an excellent driver and often came over to Rochdale. They both loved shopping, especially for clothes, and had many holidays together including Probus holidays organised by Walter. They particularly enjoyed cruising with their group of friends, including Doreen.



Sadly Harry became very ill with cancer and she nursed him with tender care until the time came when he needed 24 hour nursing and she then visited him every day until he died.

Having medical problems herself, to the extent of almost losing her leg, she was persuaded to leave Maghull and she came to live in Pegasus Court in Rochdale. She soon became involved in the life, both spiritual and social, of Bamford and Norden URC. She attracted other people because of her dry sense of humour and her constant smile. After attending the morning service, several of the ladies would join

Walter and Glenda for Sunday Lunch at various restaurants in the area and she became accepted as one of "The Girls" as she would soon refer to them. They became her support group and I can't imagine that there is another group of ladies who have laughed as much as they have, and it was generally Joyce who provided the source of their amusement. They were always the noisiest table at Luncheon Club each Wednesday!

Joyce was a great conversationalist with an amazing memory, and she would regale her visitors with stories of her past. She loved to talk. She enjoyed the Thursday Coffee Mornings and the Ladies Fellowship meetings. She was always interested in other people and would always ask about our families when we called to see her.

Sadly for Joyce her health deteriorated drastically during these last four years. Friends from church, were always on hand to take her to her various doctors' and hospital appointments, made necessary as her mobility decreased, and even took on the responsibility of sorting out her tablets each week as her failing eyesight meant she could no longer read the labels on the bottles.

The day the consultant told her that she had been diagnosed with terminal cancer and that she would have 6 months to live was indeed a sad day. But she was determined that she would, if she could, prove them wrong by making the most of the time that she had left. She put on a brave face even though she experienced terrible pain.

At the funeral Phil shared that he had asked Joyce what her bucket list was; what she would like to do during her final months. She had responded that she really would like to go to the Trafford Centre! He responded by taking her several times and she enjoyed going in Marks and Spencer to buy new clothes! She had celebrated her 90th birthday with family and friends from church. She celebrated her 91st the week she went into the hospice. She had lived twice as long as forecast and, in the days remaining, she endeared herself to the staff by her cheerfulness. They remarked that she even smiled in her sleep.

Joyce had been a member of the church throughout her life. She had a wonderful faith in a loving God. She knew that she was not alone in her suffering and this enabled her to smile, even as she neared the end of her life. So her life on earth came to an end and now she is at peace, reunited with those who have gone before. She was a remarkable lady and we will all miss her but give thanks that her suffering is at an end and a new chapter of her life has begun.

Margaret Ogden

23 September - When the Sun goes Edgewise - and Daytime equals Night

The 23rd September is the autumnal equinox (if you live in the northern hemisphere) or the vernal (Spring) equinox (if you live in the southern hemisphere). The equinoxes occur in March and September, when the Sun is 'edgewise' to the Earth's axis of rotation, so that everywhere on earth has twelve hours of daylight and twelve hours of darkness.



Bamford Chapel & Norden URC Heritage Open Days



Bamford Chapel and Norden URC will be open on:

Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th September

from 1.30pm - 4.30pm

Afternoon tea will be served on Saturday afternoon at a cost of £8 per person. Limited availability. Places must be pre-booked. Please email Louise at l.aspinall@yahoo.co.uk

Please invite friends and neighbours to come and take a look at our lovely buildings.



Recycling Bins

Which bin is it?

Occasionally someone has to write an article that may seem boring, this time it's the turn of the Eco Group. Which bin is the right bin? That's the question we might all find ourselves asking from time to time. It's important to get the right one to prevent the wrong things going to recycling centres.

This guide relates to your home (if you live in Greater Manchester) and Church. The Church bins are sat outside the kitchen. Here is your guide to what goes in each based on the colour of each bin.

Paper

Cardboard*

Paper*

Shredded paper

Newspaper

Magazines

Unwanted books

Envelopes

Greetings cards and wrapping paper
(without glitter)

Drinks cartons (Tetra Pak)

Toilet and kitchen roll tubes

*Without food waste on



Plastic bottles, Glass, Cans etc

Plastic bottles, with lids removed (bleach, drinks, washing up liquid & milk bottles)*

Foil and foil trays (food cleaned off)

Empty aerosols

Tins and cans

*We can only recycle it if it is a **bottle**, any other form of plastic e.g. yoghurt pots and thin plastic have to go in general waste or recycled at other places



General Waste

Everything else

Anything covered in food waste



Compostable cups

Don't put these in the **paper bin**

Collect these separately and put these straight into the compost bins in the field behind church

If you must put in a bin, please put in **general waste** as they will decompose at landfill.



Church Banners



Have you ever wondered about the banners that stand at the front of church? Where did they come from? Who made them?

It may come as no surprise to some people that they were designed and made by several members of Bamford Chapel over a period of 17 years.

The first to be made were the **Harvest** and **Christmas** banners in **1981** by Hilary Edmonds, Sheila Yates and Jean Lamb. They then produced a banner celebrating **Easter** in **1982**.

In **1987** the **Whit Walks** banner was made by Hilary with the help of Debi Burridge, and Muriel Sturrock. In **1994** the white **Advent** banner was made by Debi and Hilary followed by the purple **Lent** banner in **1995** and in **1996** they produced the **Wedding** banner.

In **1997** Hilary produced the **Daybreak** banner and a small 'portable' banner for Bamford Chapel.

In addition to these banners, Hilary made several others. These included in **1995 & 1997** the **4 small 'Lifeline' Music Stand** banners. In **1996** she made the **Dreamcoat** for the musical Joseph produced at chapel. With help from others, she also produced 2 banners for the musical **Godspell** in **1998**.

A big 'Thank You' to Hilary and all the talented sewers involved in producing these banners that are a staple of life at chapel.

Linda Kerford



*The Ian Newman
Community Film Club*

**CINEMA
FOR ALL**

Saturday 16th September 2023

6.30pm refreshments : 7.00pm film
Admission £3

**“TOP GUN : MAVERICK”
2021 12A**



Supported by Rochdale Township

Remembering Peter Mills



The family of Peter Mills would like to say thank you to you all for the warm welcome and hospitality you showed us on the day of Peter's funeral. Bamford Chapel is such a special place and a special group of people.

Speaking personally, I was so touched by how much you made me feel at home. Your kindness speaks volumes.

So many of you helped Peter during his long struggle with dementia. He managed to maintain his independence for a long time, in part, because of the sense of purpose and routine he gained by helping with the garden. He was always welcome at Church and I know that many of you checked on him and made sure there was always gluten free sweet treats ready for him.

Thank you all so much. With love - Tracey

God can use Everything we give Him

The story is told of a man in charge of building a great church, who was pestered by an apprentice who wanted to design the glass for one of the windows. Finally, he agreed that the apprentice should be given one very small window. BUT – the apprentice would have to provide all the materials himself.

Undaunted, the apprentice carefully swept up all the stray bits of coloured glass that had been discarded and set to work. Slowly, and with great care, he pieced together a window of rare beauty. When the church was finally opened, many people stopped to stare in wonder at his small, but so beautiful, iridescent window.

Our lives can be like that - no matter how small we may feel, or that we have only scraps to offer to God, He can still help us use every bit of time and energy and love we do have, to build a life that is beautiful, and which will reflect the glory of God to others.



Recycling!

Do you have any unwanted old phones cluttering up a drawer at home?



Rochdale Council run a Digital Tech Library to loan laptops etc to anyone who needs one. Recently phones have been gifted to people in need.

If you can help, please see Louise Aspinall.

Any phone which isn't locked to a network would be gratefully received. If it's a smart phone and has a charger even better.

Thank you - Louise Aspinall

Pause for Thought

The church is the only society in the world that never loses any of its members, even by death. – Anon

Having Fun on Holiday



George has had a wonderful summer holiday making lots of memories with his family on day trips out.

Our First Trip was to Blackpool where we had fun playing in the arcades, eating ice cream and George's favourite activity building Sandcastles on the Beach.

Our second trip was to Chester Zoo where he got to see lots of different animals including his favourite the Red Panda. Naturally when it was time to look round the

gift shop, George chose himself a Red Panda Teddy to bring home to join the other teddies he already had.

George has also spent a week at a Forest School. He enjoyed many outdoor activities such as blackberry picking, den making, toasting marshmallows on a fire and climbing trees. All the sessions were done outside no matter what the weather so there were plenty of muddy puddles to jump in.

Lisa Guest



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 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, Brownies & Guides**
7.15 pm **Singing Group**
- Wednesday:** 12 noon **Luncheon Club**
6.30 pm **Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association**
- 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** 5th & 19th September
7.30 - 9.00 pm On Zoom
- Thursday:** **Friendship Group** 2nd Thursday in the month
1.30 - 3.30 pm 14th September (see page 16)
- Heritage Group** 2nd Thursday in the month
7.30 pm 14th September (see also page 21)
- Friday** **Dementia Friendly Café** 1st Friday in the month
1.30 - 3.30 pm 1st September
- Saturday:** **Ian Newman** 3rd Saturday in the month
Community Film Club 16th September
6.30 pm for 7.00 pm film - (see page 24)

For further information please see website www.bcnchurch.org.uk
contact Anne Fitton or speak to an Elder.

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