



The
United
Reformed
Church

Bamford Chapel & Norden URC



Taste and see that the Lord is good.
The Lord's words are sweeter to me than honey.
Ps 34:8, Ps 119:103

September 2026

BAMFORD CHAPEL & NORDEN URC

MISSION/VISION STATEMENT



OUR JESUS-SHAPED CHURCH IS...

Welcoming!

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

Developing Faith!

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

Reaching Out!

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

Caring!

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

Prayerful!

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

September 2026

Every Monday	7.30 - 8.30 pm	Prayer Group in the Lounge
Friday 4 September	1.30 - 3.30 pm	Dementia Friendly Café Music by Jed and Maggie
Sunday 6 September	10.30 am 6.30 pm	Family Worship with Communion Led by Revd Richard Bradley Missional Partnership Café Church (see page 4)
Tuesday 8 September	1.30 - 3.30 pm 7.00 - 9.00 pm	Friendship Group (page 16) The Curiosities of our Legal System Tuesday Home Group (on Zoom) (See page 4)
Wednesday 9 September	7.00 pm	Midweek Worship Led by Jim Hurst (see page 9)
Saturday 12 September	10.00 - 12 noon	Big Breakfast (see page 9) in aid of Teams 4U Shoebox Appeal
Sunday 13 September	10.30 am	Family Worship & Project Launch Led by World Project Team (see page 12)
Saturday 19 September	1.00 - 4.00 pm 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm	Heritage Weekend (see page 12) Community Film Club The Ballad of Wallis Island (see page 26)
Sunday 20 September	10.30 am 12 noon 1.00 - 4.00 pm	Family Worship & Heritage Weekend Led by the Heritage Team Church Meeting - All Welcome Heritage Weekend (see page 12)
Sunday 20 September	7.00 - 9.00 pm	Tuesday Home Group (on Zoom) (see page 4)
Thursday 24 September	10.30 - 12 noon	Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning (see page 25) All welcome
Saturday 26 September	9.30 for 10 am - 4.30 pm	Walk through the Bible: An Old Testament Event At St Andrew & St George, Bolton (see page 24)
Sunday 27 September	10.30 am	Family Worship & Youth Service Led by Andy Platt

Knowing the Mind of Christ

"We have the
mind of Christ."

(1 Corinthians 2.16)



Albert Einstein famously said that what he really wanted was "to know the mind of God," using the phrase to describe the search for the deepest truths about the universe.

For Christians, however, the question is not simply how the universe works, but how the Church listens to and follows Christ. The New Testament offers a remarkable claim through the Apostle Paul: "We have the mind of Christ." That promise raises an important question for every congregation, and especially for those called to spiritual leadership: what does it mean to discern the mind of Christ together?

In the United Reformed Church, elders are entrusted with the spiritual oversight of the congregation. While that role inevitably includes administration, organisation, governance and practical decision-making, these responsibilities are not the heart of the calling. The primary task of an elder is to help the Church discern what Christ is saying and where he is leading. Everything else flows from that central responsibility.

That perspective also reshapes how we understand the challenges facing the Church today. The greatest danger is not declining attendance, financial pressures or the growing indifference of society. Rather, it is the temptation to believe that Christ's Church can be governed without continually listening to Christ himself. This is the subtle form of secularism that can take root within the Church: not unbelief, but self-sufficiency.

There is an equally subtle danger in what might be called "thin religion". A congregation may know its hymns, quote Scripture faithfully and treasure its traditions, while allowing its imagination to be shaped more by politics, nostalgia, fear or ideology than by the gospel. The language remains Christian, but the heart is governed by something else.

The early Church modelled a different approach. In Acts 15, after prayerful discernment, the apostles could write with confidence, "It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us." Imagine approaching every elders' meeting with that same expectation - not simply that the Holy Spirit will comfort those gathered, but that the Spirit will actively guide their deliberations.

Whether serving as an elder or participating as a member of the congregation, the most important question remains unchanged. Not "What do I want?", "What will people think?" or "What is safest?", but simply, "What is Christ saying to his Church?"

In an age of noise, opinion and endless certainty, perhaps the Church's most radical act is not to speak first, but to listen first. Only then can it hope to reflect not the spirit of the age, but the mind of Christ.

Keep the faith

Daniel Harris

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

Tuesday Home Group



Tuesday Homegroup on Zoom 7.30pm – 9pm

Theme: Listening to God



8th September — *Responsibility of a God listener* — Ezekiel 33



22nd September — *Listening to understand* — Luke 24:13-53



6th October — *Holy help in listening* — John 14:5-31



20th October — *Listening as self-discipline* — James 1:19-27



3rd November — *Listening as the ears of the Church* — Revelation 1:19-3:21



Zoom Details

Meeting ID: 847 9885 2008

Passcode: 517449



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Missional Partnership Café Church

Rochdale, Bury and North Manchester
Missional Partnership

Café Church worship 2026

Start time: 6.30pm

Venue: Bamford Chapel and Norden URC
(unless stated otherwise)

4th January

1st March

3rd May

5th July

6th September

8th November

Please note the
change of date
in November
from the 1st to
the 8th

For further information please contact Revd Richard Bradley on
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Nathanael Paul, Year 2 URC Ordinand

Hello Rochdale, Bury and North Manchester Partnership,

My name's Nathanael and I am a year 2 ministry of word and sacraments ordinand. From September I will be placed on a short 1-year placement with a few churches in your partnership. I am really looking forward to meeting many of you.

Something short about me...

I am a self-confessed nerd, especially anything to do with the arts. I am also a big fan of nature and spending time with people too. During my year on placement I am really looking forward to connecting with people and serving the communities I become attached to. For those who meet me, there is also a good chance you will meet my partner, Millie.

To give a short overview of my training so far; my first year focused on two placements. An ecumenical placement with a couple of Anglican churches in Withington and Lady Barn, and a community placement based in Levenshulme. Alongside those I embraced the theology side as well as the fellowship aspect of the training too. And a lot of that is spending time with fellow ordinands such as two I am sure many of you know, Ed Lyne & Simon Peters. Additionally, last month I completed my summer placement based in a URC church in Oldham where I was working as a minister for six weeks.

Alongside working within your partnership, I will also be completing a placement in a hospice in Macclesfield. The next year is going to be a varied and challenging one, but also one I am very excited for.

Since I began training my life has been filled with newness and that is very much continuing. I cannot wait to meet as many of you as possible, and I hope you have all had a restful, fun and refreshing summer.

God bless, Nathanael Paul, Year 2 URC Ordinand

Jubilee Celebration

Revd David Wiseman



Each year at General Assembly, the United Reformed Church honours its Jubilee Ministers. These are Ministers whose ordination was 50, 60, 70 or more years ago. Many of you will remember Revd David Wiseman, who was ordained in 1966, and was

minister at Bamford Chapel from 10th May 1997 to February 2005, and is now a member at Trinity St Andrew's in Skipton.

Below is a summary of a report written by Tim Crossley, Synod Clerk at the United Reformed Church Yorkshire and printed in the newsletters of the North Western and Yorkshire Synods.

Pictured here with his wife Margaret, Revd David Wiseman was ordained into Workington then served at Poulton-le-Fylde, Wigan, Bournemouth and Rochdale, spending time at North Western & Wessex Synods. Yorkshire Synod was blessed to have been able to celebrate with David and his wife Margaret when David's name was marked at General Assembly as a Jubilee Minister and at Trinity St Andrews in Skipton on 12th July when his 60 years as a minister was celebrated."

Tim says *“David has seen the light and now resides in Yorkshire... I’m a bit biased as David’s a member at my home church, and since he moved to Skipton about 20 years ago he has become a close friend. David on reaching this milestone, thank you for your service to the Congregational and United Reformed Churches and may our prayers from Synod keep you for many more years to come.”*

David and Margaret also celebrated their 60th Diamond Wedding Anniversary in June, spending time in the Lake District with their family.

Centenary Service

Alkrington & Providence United Reformed Church will celebrate 100 years of worship, fellowship and service to the community with a special Centenary Service on Sunday 11 October 2026 at 10.30am.

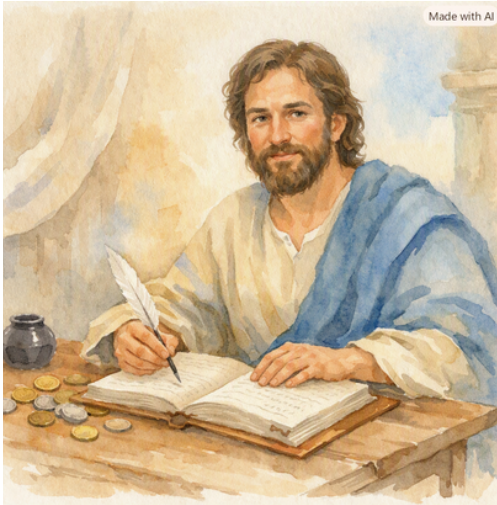
The service will bring together current and former members, friends of the church and representatives of the wider community to celebrate this significant milestone and give thanks for a century of Christian witness and service in Alkrington.



Alkrington & Providence URC
Sunday 11 October • 10.30am

With the **Lord-Lieutenant of Greater Manchester**
and the **Mayor of Rochdale.**

Saint Matthew - called just as he was



This month Canon Paul Hardingham considers Saint Matthew - called just as he was. We remember Matthew's call to be an apostle of Jesus and ask what it means for us to follow Christ.

Jesus calls us where we are:

'Jesus saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. 'Follow me,' He told him, and Matthew got up and followed Him.' (Matthew 9:9).

It was just an ordinary day at Matthew's tax booth, when Jesus called him. He simply got up and followed! Despite Matthew's past, his occupation and what people thought of him, Jesus still called him. Are we ready to follow when Jesus calls us into a relationship with Himself?

Jesus comes to where we are:

'While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with Him and His disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked His disciples , 'Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?' (10,11).

Jesus went to Matthew's home and ate with tax collectors and sinners, demonstrating that He meets people where they are, despite their sin and shame.

The Pharisees avoided sinners, because they believed only the perfect could have access to God. When God is at work in the lives of those we don't expect, allow Jesus to open our hearts to embrace what He is doing.

Jesus comforts us where we are:

'On hearing this, Jesus said, 'It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but those who are ill.' (12).

Jesus came to save sinners and to give hope to the hopeless. The Pharisees were so committed to keeping the law, that they had forgotten God's heart of compassion. However, Jesus reminded them that they were witnessing God's love in action. In what ways can we express compassion towards others, especially those outside the community of faith?



By Canon Paul Hardingham

September Big Breakfast

Fancy a bacon butty?



Big Breakfast

vegetarian option

bottomless drinks and toast

Saturday 12 September 10.00 – 12.00

£6

and cake sale

In aid of
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Midweek Worship

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

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



MIDWEEK WORSHIP

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Supporting Healing Little Hearts



After much discussion, the CWM committee recommended to the Church meeting that our Project for 2026 should be centred in India. Through a fortunate local connection, we were introduced to an inspiring charity called Healing Little Hearts which was founded by leading paediatric heart surgeon Dr Ramana Dhanapuneni of Alder Hey Children's Hospital in Liverpool.

Healing Little Hearts is a UK-registered charity that sends volunteer teams of highly skilled cardiologists, cardiac surgeons, intensive care doctors and nurses to India and many other countries to perform life-saving heart operations on children born with congenital heart disease (CHD).

India has more children born with congenital heart disease than any other country in the world. Tragically, thousands of these children die each year from conditions that would often be treatable if they had access to the same expertise and facilities available in Britain and other Western countries. Healthcare spending in India is significantly lower than in the UK, and the vast majority of families cannot afford private treatment. Many also live in remote rural areas, making specialist care even more difficult to access.

The shortage of specialist surgeons is striking. In Europe there is approximately one cardiac surgeon for every 3–5 million people, whereas in India there is only one for around every 25 million people.

Healing Little Hearts is making a real difference. The charity not only carries out life-saving operations but also trains local medical teams to establish children's heart centres, helping to create a lasting legacy of specialist care. To date, Dr Ram and his volunteer teams have worked in 13 hospitals across 10 Indian cities, saving the lives of more than 400 children.

One of the remarkable aspects of the charity is that it is run entirely by volunteers. There are no office costs, salaries or administrative overheads, meaning that every donation goes directly towards funding the missions and providing the equipment needed for the operations. It costs approximately £600 to save a child's life. If, as a church, we were able to raise £6,000, we could help fund a mission that would save the lives of around ten children.

We would be raising funds to sponsor one of these missions, enabling the volunteer teams to continue this vital work and provide the specialist equipment required.

We are also delighted that Dr Ramana Dhanapuneni has said he would be willing to travel to Bamford to speak to us about the charity and the life-changing work that Healing Little Hearts is carrying out.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our church to support a project that not only transforms the lives of children and their families today but also helps build a sustainable future for children's heart care in India. Our launch date is September 13th.

Margaret Bywater - Church in the World group

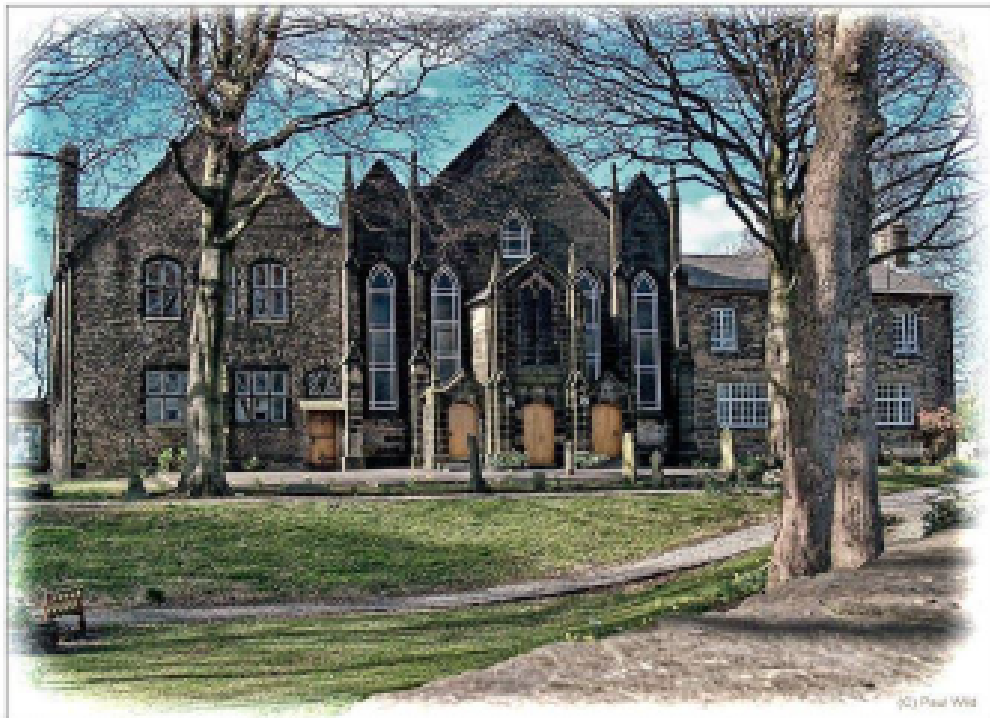
Heritage Weekend



heritage open days

Bamford Chapel and Norden URC.

We're 225 years old this year! Bamford Chapel has been at the heart of the community since 1801. Come take a look around this historic building and find out more about its fascinating history.



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

Open for Heritage Open Days on Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th September
from 1pm to 4pm

Illustrated talk at 2pm. All welcome

Find out more:



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www.heritageopendays.org.uk

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Church Secretary (thanks to Anne and welcome, Carolyn)

On Sunday 19th July, we publicly thanked Anne Fitton for her 8 years as the Church Secretary at Bamford Chapel and Norden URC and gave her a gift of appreciation for her years of service. It has been good to serve alongside Anne in this role. Anne has worked extremely hard and has given 100% to everything she has done and I hope she enjoys a more relaxing season to her life.

On behalf of the church thank you, Anne. I also thank you personally for your support and encouragement as one of the ministers of the Church.

We are blessed to have Carolyn Divers to serve as Church Secretary. And on Sunday 9th August, a Church meeting voted in favour of her serving us as Church Secretary. I ask you to pray for Carolyn in this role. Initially we hoped for 2 people to fill this role, but at present Carolyn is going to fulfil the role on her own. If she or the Elders feel the workload is getting too much, then we will explore the possibility of seeking additional support for her.

I also ask people to try and contact Carolyn during the week and not bombard her on a Sunday morning. We all come to Church to worship God and it is good to come into church and prepare for worship. I know from conversations with other church secretaries (here at Chapel and elsewhere) that it can be difficult if they get bombarded with questions and complaints as they enter church!

Carolyn hasn't asked me to say this, I am doing it as one of the ministers.

Thanks and God Bless, Richard.

***PS: the Church Secretary's email address is
Secretary.bcnchurch@nwsynod.org.uk***

Memories of Paul Entwistle



On Thursday 23rd July the church was full with people as we gathered to celebrate the life of Paul Entwistle. The eulogy that day was Paul's own words in his life story, which he entitled ***"Paul Entwistle: the man, the myth, the legend."***

I first met Paul through his Mum, Margaret Entwistle, who many of us will remember. Margaret was a member of this Church. She was a season ticket holder at Manchester City, and Paul was a through-and-through Manchester United supporter, travelling to many different football grounds in this country and overseas to watch his beloved team. The last match he attended at Old Trafford was a home game against Liverpool FC and United beat them! I don't think there could be a more appropriate final game for him than that!

He had an amazing memory for remembering games, scores, scorers, etc. My son Evan, when he was younger, attended several games at Old Trafford with Paul, Jeff, and Vic. Evan didn't know Paul that well and didn't know Vic and Jeff at all, but his own love of Manchester United meant he wasn't bothered that he didn't know them that well and he thoroughly enjoyed those trips, learning the songs and joining in the conversations about United as he was quite well informed on players.

Paul began his working life in 1975 at the DHSS, and he worked for them for 46 years until he retired in October 2021 due to ill health. He enjoyed his job and would tell me tales of some of the houses he went to and people he met, as he was part of the team that investigated benefit fraud and was known at work as the “benefit fraud man”. I got the impression from him that he struggled with some of those visits as he was met with people facing extreme poverty and he had real sympathy with them.

Paul was very close to his Mum and following her death he and Zoë began attending Chapel as he felt close to his Mum at Chapel. He loved attending as he was often introduced as “Margaret Entwistle’s son”. He became the secretary to the finance committee and always wanted to make sure the minutes were accurate. Sometimes we were continuing discussions from previous meetings he wasn’t around for, and I would often turn to Paul and say, “Don’t worry, I will fill you in on that later.”

It was around then that Ruth and I became friendly with Paul and Zoë, and we enjoyed several good evenings with me, Ruth, Paul, Zoë, and also Frank and Carole Greaves. We laughed a lot, enjoyed good food, a couple of drinks, and made some amazing memories.

Tragically, in 2023, he had a stroke that was life-changing for Paul and Zoë. Zoë gave up work to look after Paul and was phenomenal in her care of Paul. She was truly inspirational in the way she cared for him, communicated with him, and took him to Old Trafford for as long as she could. She fought for him with social services and the medical services too.

He will be missed by Zoë, the wider family, the huge circle of friends, and of course the church family too.

Thanks, and God bless, Richard.

Friendship Group



8th September, 1.30 - 3.30 pm

£5

Speaker - Anne Ashton

“Curiosities of our Legal System”

Bring your friends to listen to our speaker

and enjoy tea/coffee and cake

as we start our new season

ALL WELCOME

**Anne does not charge a fee but any donations
are in aid of Dr Kershaw's Hospice.**

Our Favourite Butterfly



The colourful peacock butterfly is our favourite, according to a recent poll.

The butterflies, with their striking colours and 'eye-spots' designed to fend off predators, beat 59 other British species in the vote run by Butterfly Conservation.

More than 20,000 votes were cast across the UK, with a rainbow of colourful species making up the top five.

The orange-tip butterfly came a close second to the peacock, followed by red admirals in third, holly blues in fourth and the bright yellow brimstone butterfly in fifth.

Butterfly Conservation, a wildlife charity, declared a "butterfly emergency" in 2024 as numbers recorded during the annual count fell to a record low.



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Linda Peacock (Editor)

The 25th Anniversary of 9/11



25 years ago, on 11th September 2001, the terrorist attacks on America took place.

Al-Qaeda terrorists hijacked four planes and crashed them into the World Trade Center's Twin Towers in New York, into the Pentagon, and into a field in Pennsylvania (following a passenger revolt – the intended target was Washington DC). 2,973 people were killed.

This year major national institutions in the US will mark the anniversary of that terrible day. In New York, a good number of Christian churches and interfaith groups are planning special services and memorial events.

This will include hourly musical offerings at St Paul's Chapel in New York City, in honour of the chapel's role as a refuge for the first responders.

Other events include a digital experience at the 9/11 Memorial & Museum, and various events by the New York City Fire Department, who lost 343 members that day, as well as the 400 members who have since died from World Trade Center-related illnesses.

There will also be the iconic reading of the names of those who died, and the annual Tribute in Light installation, held at Ground Zero. In the UK, the 25th anniversary of 9/11 will be remembered by a Memorial Concert held on Friday, 11th September at Southwark Cathedral (7:30 pm to 9:30 pm). A special guest performance by The Outcry Ensemble will present a programme of American and British music reflecting on loss, memory and the human cost of violence.



Holiday Club 2026



Our holiday club mission this year used the URC resource SNAPSHOTS as its inspiration. The overriding theme was GOD'S LOVE - how it's creative, adventurous, brave, belonging and surprising! A BIG thank you for this mission must go to ALL those who volunteered during the week and a special thanks must go to Barbara and Addie Redmond and Gillian Galloway, without whom this mission wouldn't happen!

We also had some special visitors who joined us for a morning during the week - our ministers Richard and Daniel and our local councillor, Angela.

So, let's see what happened each day!



As the children arrived, they met in their dens with their leaders and the young leaders who looked after them throughout the week and did a craft activity. Next came the Wacky Warmup - we woke up with a song and dance! We then caught our breath, watching a video of the story from the Bible that inspired our day. We then watched a snapshot of God's Story come to life in drama, meeting the characters of our story, provided by members of our Food For Thought drama group!

After story time we had den challenges - like a treasure hunt and designing an outfit made from newspaper - which were really fun! We then paused for mid-morning prayer - a time of quiet reflection in our groups and together - we all got to spend time with God.

A drumroll made by the children would welcome the refreshments which often included special treats baked by Barbara and on the last day also an 80th birthday cake for Addie! After refreshments, it was craft time in our dens with all our crafts prepared by awesome Gillian!



Professor Potty (AKA Addie) would then make his daily appearance to bring exciting Science activities and experiments for the children to try out; before we went outside for outdoor games such as parachute games, welly-wanging, archery, team games and balloon rockets. Everyone had so much fun!

Our morning ended with a fun worship song with actions, which we recorded the children singing and dancing on the last day to use in our Sunday Service. We closed each day by all coming together in prayer, with parents and carers who had come to collect the children.

It was a privilege to be involved with this special mission and to share God and Jesus with these amazing children and their families.

By Debbie Wood

Pop in for Prayer



Look out for the “Pop in for Prayer” sign in front of the Chapel gates. It means the Sanctuary is open for prayer.

**Why not come along and
“Pop in for Peace”**

**Mondays 10 - 11 am
Tuesdays 2 - 4 pm**

Prayer for September



Dear Lord,

September – the month of new starts!

New terms, new groups, new friends, new hopes, every year.
Lord, be with us!

Lord, thank you for the new start you offer us when we put our trust in Jesus. A new start that we make once – and then can renew every day.

Every time we falter, you pick us up. Every time we come back to you, you forgive us and accept us.

Thank you, Lord, for never letting us down, for never leaving or forsaking us, that new starts with you are always possible, not just in September.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

By Daphne Kitching



Pilgrims step out to mark 800 years since death of St Francis of Assisi



A group of Anglican Franciscans are close to finishing a three-month, 800-mile pilgrimage across the UK, to mark the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi.

The 80-day journey began in July in Alnmouth, in Northumberland, and pilgrims have been heading to Hilfield Friary, in Dorset, by September. They will then go on to the convent of the Community of St Clare (OSC), in Oxfordshire, and on to London, to the final destination, the Friary in Plaistow, Newham.

They are due to arrive in time for the global commemorations marking the death of St Francis, on the 2nd and 4th October. The pilgrims will join a service at Christchurch, Blackfriars in Southwark.

They have stayed in churches, homes, and parish halls. They will be joined by day pilgrims, and others doing just a short section of the pilgrimage.

More details: pilgrimage800@franciscans.org.uk



Forthcoming Event

Walk Through the Bible: The Old Testament Event

Saturday, 26th September 2026

10.00 am–4.30 pm

Please arrive from 9.30 am.

Venue:

St Andrew and St George United Reformed Church
St George's Road
Bolton
BL1 2BS

Parking:

Please use the nearby NCP Bolton Topp Way car park.

Cost: £16 per adult

Free for young people aged 11–17.

For payment, please contact
your Missional Partnership Coordinator

Please bring a packed lunch.

Light refreshments, including tea, coffee and cake,
will be provided.

Macmillan Coffee Morning



Let's do Coffee Morning

Do your bit for better cancer care

Come along and help us do whatever it takes to support people living with cancer.

Place: BAMFORD CHAPEL
Date: THURS 24 SEPT
Time: 10.30 - 12 noon
Contact: Jayne Smith
jsjaynesmith@gmail.com



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September Film Club

The Ian Newman
Community Film Club



2025 - 100 years of
Community Film Clubs

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Saturday 19th September 2026

6.30pm refreshments : 7.00pm film

Admission £4.00

"The Ballad of Wallis Island" 2025 12A



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Church Flowers



**Donations for flowers in Church in July
& August were received from:**

Bryan Scott in memory of Wedding Anniversary

Dan Greenhalgh in memory of Mum Anne

Nita Hudson in memory of Mum

Tom Swann in memory of David

Dot Craig in memory of Peter

Pamela Harrington in memory of Mum

Tom Swann in memory of Wedding Anniversary

Barbara Redmond celebrating Addie's 80th Birthday

Elizabeth Greer for Family Birthdays

Midweek Opportunities for Learning & Sharing Fellowship

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

Fortnightly & Monthly Opportunities

Tuesday:	Home Group	8 th & 22 nd September
	7.00 - 9.00 pm	On Zoom (see page 4)
	Friendship Group	2nd Tuesday in month
	1.30 - 3.30 pm	8 th September (see page 16)
Thursday:	Heritage Group	3rd Thursday in the month
	7.30 pm	17 th September (see page 12)
	Friday Dementia Friendly Café	1st Friday in month
	1.30 - 3.30 pm	4 th September
Saturday:	Ian Newman	3rd Saturday in the month
	Community Film Club	19 th September
	6.30 pm for 7.00 pm film	(see page 26)

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