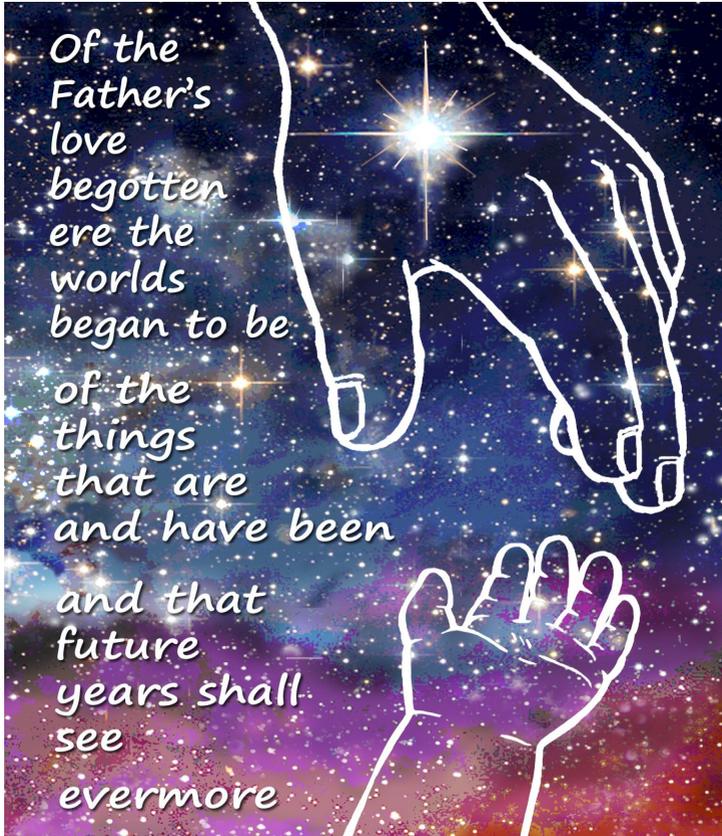




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Church

# Bamford Chapel & Norden URC



**December 2019 &  
January 2020**

# **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.



# December 2019 & January 2020

<b>Sunday</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Family Worship with Communion</b> Led by Revd Richard Bradley
	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Evening Worship</b> Led by Margaret Ogden
<b>Thursday</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>Elders' Meeting</b> Please pray for the Elders as they meet
<b>Friday</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>1.30 pm</b>	<b>Bamford and Norden Dementia Friendly Café</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Family Worship</b> Led by Revd Richard Bradley
	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Bethany Children's Choir</b> Performing at Chapel (see page 10)
<b>Monday</b> <b>9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b> <b>- 8.30 pm</b>	Special Prayer Meeting for the General Election (to be held in Church) all welcome
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>1.00 pm</b>	Music at Lunchtime (see page 18)
	<b>8.15 pm</b>	Tuesday Home Group Meeting (in the Crèche Room)
<b>Saturday</b> <b>14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Carol Singing at Cutgate Precinct</b> <b>All Welcome (see page 17)</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Family Worship</b> Led by Andy Platt
	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Evening Worship</b> Led by Dot Craig
<b>Saturday</b> <b>21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>2.30 pm</b>	<b>Dementia Friendly Carol Service</b> In Chapel (see page 5)

Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	10.30 am	<b>Nativity Service</b> Led by Junior Church
	4.30 pm	<b>Festive Tea - All Welcome</b> (see page 8)
	6.30 pm	<b>Carol Service</b> Followed by Refreshments
Christmas Eve Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	4.00 pm	<b>Crib Building Service in Church</b> (all welcome especially children!) Led by Revd Richard Bradley
	11.30 pm	<b>Midnight Communion Service</b> Led by Revd Richard Bradley
Christmas Day Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00 am	<b>Christmas Morning Worship</b> Led by Revd Richard Bradley
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30 am	<b>Family Worship</b> Led by Margaret Ogden <b>NB: NO EVENING SERVICE</b>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	1.30 pm	Bamford and Norden Dementia Friendly Café
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	10.30 am	<b>Family Worship with Communion</b> Led by Revd Richard Bradley
	6.30 pm	<b>Evening Worship</b> Led by David Watson
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	7.30 pm	Focus on Prayer Meeting In the God Squad Room
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	8.15 pm	Tuesday Home Group Meeting (in the Crèche Room)
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	7.30 pm	Elders' Meeting Please pray for the Elders as they meet
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	10.30 am	<b>Family Worship</b> Led by Ken Greer
	6.30 pm	<b>Evening Worship with Communion</b> Led by Revd Richard Bradley

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	7.30 pm	Focus on Prayer Meeting In the God Squad Room
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	1.00 pm	Music at Lunchtime (see page 18)
	7.30 pm	Churches Together in North West Rochdale Meeting
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	10.30 am	<b>Family Worship</b> Led by Walter Brisk
	2.30 pm	<b>Churches Together Service to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Venue: Norden Methodist Church) NB: No Evening Service at Bamford Chapel</b>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	7.30 pm	<b>Prayer 2020 Meeting</b> (see page 7)
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	8.15 pm	Tuesday Home Group Meeting (in the Crèche Room)
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	10.30 am	<b>Family Worship</b> Led by Revd Richard Bradley
	12 noon	<b>Church Meeting</b> (moved due to Service the week before)
	6.30 pm	<b>Evening Worship</b> Led by Dot Craig
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	7.30 pm	Focus on Prayer Meeting In the God Squad Room
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	10.30 am	<b>Family Worship with Communion</b> Led by Margaret Ogden
	6.30 pm	<b>Missional Partnership Café Style New Songs Service</b> Led by Revd Richard Bradley (see page 27)

Thinking of others at Christmas.... We make a living by what we get.  
We make a life by what we give. *Duane Hulse*

## Weekday Opportunities for Learning & Sharing Fellowship

- 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** 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> December  
2.15 pm in lounge 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> January  
**Home Group** 10<sup>th</sup> December  
8.15 pm Crèche Room 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> January
- Thursday:** **Ladies Fellowship** 9<sup>th</sup> January  
7.45 pm (see page 9)  
**Heritage Group** 16<sup>th</sup> January  
7.00 pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in the month)
- Friday** **Dementia Friendly Café** 6<sup>th</sup> December & 3<sup>rd</sup> January  
(1<sup>st</sup> Friday in the month)
- Saturday:** **Ian Newman Community Film Club**  
6.30 pm refreshments 18<sup>th</sup> January (see page 19)  
7.00 pm film Admission £3.00

Further information on the **weekly notice sheet** or visit the website at  
[www.bcnchurch.org.uk](http://www.bcnchurch.org.uk) or speak to an Elder.



## Dementia Friendly Carol Service

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 2.30pm we will hold a Dementia Friendly Carol Service at Bamford Chapel and Norden URC. I was approached by the Curate at St George's CE Church asking if it was something we would be interested in working on together. I responded positively having spoken to some of the people involved in our Dementia Café.

Robert Findlow will produce a poster for the service and as soon as it is available, we will put it up and have it on Facebook and the Chapel website. The service will be followed by refreshments.

**God Bless, Richard.**

### Prayer Meetings (resuming!)

Whilst the Missional Partnership Alpha Course was running, we suspended the weekly prayer meetings. They will be resumed on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December.** *Thanks and God Bless, Richard*



# Lifeboats

*Please remember to save your used postage stamps and give them to Pamela Harrington. She sends them to RNLI.  
Thank you.*

### For Your Information

As this magazine went to print in November, please be aware that some dates and events may be subject to change.

**Please check the weekly notice sheet or website at [www.bcnchurch.org.uk](http://www.bcnchurch.org.uk) for the most up-to-date information.** Thank you.

## Message from the Manse



You might wonder what “Prayer 2020” is all about:

**“Pray in 2020 on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month at 20:20 for 20 minutes**

**Pray ... that God will give many opportunities to speak about Christ. (Colossians 4:3 New Living Translation)**

*This is the invitation from HOPE Together to Christians of all denominations.*

*Through Prayer 2020 we are asking God to work through all that is done in 2020 – personal witness; church outreach plans in villages, towns and cities; stadium events – evangelisation in all its many forms.*

*HOPE’s executive director Roy Crowne says, ‘Already this is catching the imagination of Christians around the world. 2020 is such a significant year and Prayer 2020 will be a key part of the year.’ In 2020 churches and ministries are working together for an intentional, strategic and Spirit-filled year of mission across the UK called Advance 2020. HOPE Together is one of the major partners alongside many others.*

*‘We want to see the gift of the evangelist released to equip the whole people of God as witnesses, so the people we love and pray for, who don’t yet know Jesus, can have an opportunity to hear about him in relevant ways and respond,’ says Roy.*

*Rev Canon Yemi Adedeji, HOPE’s associate director says, ‘Let’s start the year with prayer and continue to pray alone, in twos and threes, and as churches or groups of churches praying for more fruit in evangelism.’” From: ([https://www.hopetogether.org.uk/Groups/327007/Prayer\\_2020.aspx](https://www.hopetogether.org.uk/Groups/327007/Prayer_2020.aspx))*

I heard about this initiative about 5 days ago when I was at an Ecumenical Officers’ meeting. I am passionate about prayer. As soon as I heard about this initiative, I wondered about how we might become part of this

movement of prayer for people to come to faith. But also, to pray for those called to the ministry of evangelism (a specific calling for people) but also to all of us who are called to live out our faith in our daily lives, so that we will be a shining light of the Gospel. Also to pray for the different groups we have in the churches across the Missional Partnership, that we will have the confidence to share the Good News of Jesus.

I am hoping that across the Missional Partnership we will hold evenings of prayer on the 20th of each month. It may be that we can also have gatherings during the day as well, for people who might not want/be able to come out at night – certainly in the darker evenings.



**The first of these will take place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January at Chapel. People from other churches in the Missional Partnership and Church Together in NW Rochdale will be invited to join us. Start time 7.30pm.**

Last but by no means least, a Happy Christmas to everyone at Bamford Chapel and Norden URC and all the very best for 2020!

**God Bless, Richard.**

## Crib Building Service



**On Christmas Eve at 4pm** we will be holding a Crib Building Service. This will be a child friendly service where the empty crib scene will be filled with the different people who played a part in welcoming and worshipping the Christ-child. The service is open to all ages. Please speak to me if you want more details. **God Bless, Richard**

## **Festive Tea**

**Please come and join us for a festive tea  
before the Carol Service**

**On Sunday 22nd December**

**At 4.30 pm**

**All welcome, please sign up on the sheet in the Coffee Area**

***Julie Platt and Gillian James***

<b>Dates of Elders' Meetings 2020</b>	<b>Dates for Elders' agenda items to be submitted</b>	<b>Date of Church Meetings 2020</b>
9 <sup>th</sup> January	Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> January
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	
5 <sup>th</sup> March	Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> March
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	
7 <sup>th</sup> May	Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> May
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> July
6 <sup>th</sup> August	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	
3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> August	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> September
1 <sup>st</sup> October	Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	
5 <sup>th</sup> November	Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> November
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	

## BELARUS BOXES

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November



Fifty decorated shoe boxes were filled this year with items for young girls. Things such as combs, hairbrushes, scarves, woolly hats, sweets (not chocolate), pens, pencils, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes were amongst the contents of these much-needed parcels. An extra fund-raising event was held this year to help Carol in despatching these boxes. As you will know, every Autumn she organises a coffee morning at Trinity Methodist in Heywood which often raises in excess of £1,000. Due to Carol's accident, she has not been able to do this, hence a raffle was held (with 18 prizes kindly donated by the ladies of the fellowship). The wonderful amount of £119 was raised. Thank you to Pat Anderson for selling the raffle tickets.

After the main business of the evening, the ladies enjoyed refreshments whilst Carol updated them with all that is happening in Belarus. She hasn't been able to go there in the latter part of this year for obvious reasons, but is hoping that by next spring she will be fit enough to make the journey. Carol thanked everyone for providing items, decorating and filling the boxes; for the £119 raised by the raffle and for £50 which she received in donations.



**Lesley Sutton**

**Next meeting is The Christmas Meal  
at the Church Inn, Birtle on 12<sup>th</sup> December**

**9<sup>th</sup> January 2020 "Old Bamford" (part one): Brian Clegg  
The meeting is open to all (men and women) and will be held in the church**

### How do you gift wrap love?

The nearest you will ever get to that, is what Mary did when the child was born – she 'wrapped him in swaddling clothes'. **Ian Gregory**



Heywood and  
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**CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING  
with mince pies**

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

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019  
10.00am to Noon**

Tickets : £3.00  
from 01706 642343/561530  
or pay on the door  
Raffle



**The Bethany Children's Choir from Tanzania  
are visiting  
Bamford Chapel and Norden URC  
On Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30 pm  
An African Experience of  
Songs, Stories and Dance  
All Welcome - No Charge**

## *A Christmas Prayer*



*Lord, as I enter into the fast-paced season ahead, help me walk slowly and quietly.*

*Let me stop and listen to the angels sing of the greatest news ever told.*

*Let my heart, mind and soul join the chorus. "Glory in the Highest!! The Messiah has been born!"*

*Among all the bright sparkling lights and cheery holiday tunes, let my spirit travel once again toward Bethlehem to honour and worship Jesus, my King, The Prince of Peace, the Lord of Hosts, Mighty Counsellor, Son of God, the Lamb.*

*All Your love, mercy and power somehow made flesh in the tiny form of a humble baby born in a manger.*



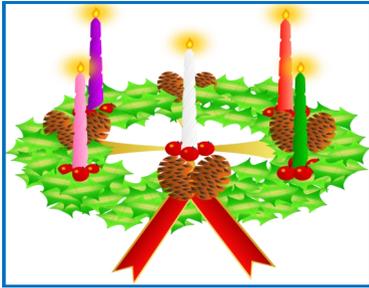
*Let me worship the only one who is worthy to take our sin away and open the gates of all eternity!*

*by Daphne Kitching*

Editor: Norma Murrain, of [silverfishjewellery.com](http://silverfishjewellery.com), encourages us to make the most of Advent this year.

## Experience the Joy of Advent

*'Fear not: for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.'* Luke 2:10



Advent starts on the fourth Sunday before Christmas. The word 'Advent' is from the Latin word 'adventus' meaning 'coming'. Sometimes called 'Little Lent', it's a time to prepare our hearts for the future Second Coming, as well as the birth of Christ.

We celebrate the season with advent calendars, candles and evergreen wreaths - symbolising Christ as Light of the world, bringing new and everlasting life.

*Here are seven simple tips to help you experience and share the joy of Advent!*

1. **Connect with your inner child:** Think back to the time when you were a child, on the simple things that made you happy at Christmas. Focus only on the good and feel the joy of Christmas come flooding back!
2. **Keep it simple:** This year, go for gifts and cards that share the meaning of the season, shop early and stay within your budget.
3. **Be people focused:** Remember the story of Mary and Martha – keep meals simple and allow yourself time and space to focus on enjoying the company of your guests.
4. **Make Room for Jesus:** Take some time at the beginning of each day to read your Bible, meditate on Scripture and pray. Focus on giving thanks to God for His gift of Christ to the world and for all he has done for us.

5. Me Time: God wants us to prosper in body, soul and spirit, so try to eat healthy, don't overindulge, take time for long walks and enjoy the good and simple things in life!
6. Wear a smile and share the Joy! Finally, being joyful is a choice, it's not about your circumstances. So, decide to be thankful this season. Wear a smile, act and talk positively, do small things with great love, be on the lookout for opportunities to do good to people. Give to the homeless, visit the sick, or take gifts to lonely neighbours.

If people ask you about your joy, don't be afraid to share your faith. Simply explain to them that 'Christ lives in my heart, and He can live in yours too.'



## Church Flowers

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

Sheila Varley - On the occasion of her wedding anniversary

Barbara Redmond in memory of her mother Marie's birthday

Debbie Wood in memory of her Dad

Ronnie Ford in memory of Sgt HJ Ford

Debbie Wood in memory of Mick

Tom Swann in memory of Blanche's birthday

Jean Fitton - loving family memories

Shirley Sharp - loving family memories

### Donations for flowers in December were received from:

Olivia Greenhalgh in memory of Rene

Irene Lucas in memory of Michael Peplow's birthday

Charlie Peacock in memory of his sister Margaret

Liz and Val in memory of Hilda Howard

Linda Kerford in memory of Malcolm

# Kenya Quiz

Our project this year is in Kenya. How much do you know about Kenya and our project in it?

1. *What is the capital city of Kenya?*

A Nairobi                      B Lusaka                      C Kigali

2. *What is the population of Kenya?*

A 32 million                      B 42 million                      C 52 million

3. *What is Kenya's national language?*

A Kenyan                      B Swahili                      C English

4. *What is the currency of Kenya?*

A Shillings                      B Kwachas                      C Kenyan Dollars

5. *How many times bigger than UK is the area of Kenya?*

A 2                      B 3                      C 5

6. *When did Kenya become independent?*

A 1956                      B 1963                      C 1971

7. *Which of these is the Kenyan flag?*

A                                              B                                              C



8. *When it is noon in UK, what time is it in Kenya?*

A 1 pm                      B 2 pm                      C 3 pm

9. *Which ocean is Mombassa close to?*

A Atlantic                      B Pacific                      C Indian

10. *What is the name of the area where the rubbish tip is?*

A Kibera                      B Mwakirunje                      C Katutura

11. *What is the name of the centre we are helping to build?*

A Joseph Centre                      B Refugee Centre                      C Education Centre

12. *What was the other Kenyan project we supported?*

A Eden Farm                      B Chinteche school library                      C Karibuni Trust

**Answers on Page 28**



## Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association Camp – September 2019

It was a very excited group (and that was just the adults!) that set off from BCN car park on a rainy Friday night in September this year.

Emma valiantly drove the minibus and navigated the rain, traffic and cries of “ can you turn the radio up”, are we nearly there yet” etc!

Arriving slightly late due to the terrible traffic, we had to put our tents up in semi darkness, but it was a great effort by the kids as none of the tents collapsed/blew away despite the best efforts by the weather!

Then followed a very fast paced exciting weekend thoroughly enjoyed (well, truthfully, they each had their moments, but --) by the 3 boys and 2 girls we had the pleasure of being surrogate parents to over the two days.

Games, kayaking , canoeing, indoor potholing, swimming, were enjoyed by all.

There were plenty of activities in between always keeping them occupied, and we were well fed by the incredible Brigade Centre chef.

Spiritual appetites were also catered for, with Worship on the Sunday morning, and ‘devotions’ on the other days.

Then there was the weather! Howling gales and driving rain during the night, and finding a small lake at the bottom of the tent underneath the sleeping mat-all part of the fun!

One company had to evacuate to the sports hall -but not us! Well done kids.

Roll on next year!

**Cameron Baines**





This is an extract from the Foodbank Newsletter for October written by Marin Coupe, one of the Trustees.

“It is just over 6 months since our founders Iain and Margaret Wight decided to retire from their work here and we are extremely grateful for the strong foundations that they built. Following their departure, we had to build a new structure for the years ahead, meaning that the 10 Trustees now have more on their shoulders than they did before. The 6 working Trustees have taken on a number of specific responsibilities such as premises, finance etc, and work an on-call rota so that team leaders can refer to them with specific and urgent issues and questions. So far this arrangement seems to be working well.”

“The demands on our foodbank continue unabated; we serve on average nearly 100 clients each week and food donations from the generous people of Rochdale continue to arrive. Over the summer we had to buy in considerable amounts of food to top up our supplies, no easy task, requiring money, manpower and transport to get purchases to South Parade. Now of course we welcome the many generous Harvest donations from schools and churches.”

“Our income from cash donations continues to support our considerable overheads plus the food purchases we have to make. We are reliant on regular donations, gift aid reclaim and one-off donations, the latter of course being hard to predict when setting budgets. Over the past 6 months we have been engaged in bringing our rented accommodation up to required health and safety standards. Volunteers will have seen improvements in lighting upstairs at South Parade, the installation of new emergency lighting, smoke alarms and fire extinguishers, and the introduction of a regular cleaning service. These have led to a safer, better working environment for all our volunteers.”

“Our focus remains to provide emergency food and a welcoming ear to those in need. Clearly, we could not do this without the invaluable support of our volunteers, and also the huge assistance of all our agencies

and our partner churches and schools. I pay tribute and give thanks to everyone who contributes to helping our clients in times of distress. The team leaders and all the staff do a wonderful job in pulling everything together to maintain this unique voluntary service. The Trustees never fail to recognise all the hard work and energy of our volunteers to whom we say a big thank you.”



## What are you doing on Christmas Day?

If the answer is “Don’t know. I/we don’t have anything planned”, here is an offer which may help you to decide.

The Baines Family is offering hospitality to anyone who would like to share Christmas Day with them.



If you like this idea and wish to know more, please ring Cameron on 07576 698219



## Churches Together in North West Rochdale

Annual Carol Singing  
at Cutgate Precinct

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 12 noon till 1.00pm**

Mince Pies and Coffee at Cutgate Baptist Church afterwards

**All Welcome**

## Music at Lunchtime At Bamford Chapel & Norden URC

When Charlotte Hoather emailed us asking if she might be a guest at one of our concerts, we had only her excellent CV to commend her. What great joy she and her accompanist George Todica brought to us this month! I doubt that we have played host to a more talented couple in all the years of our concerts. The audience were simply thrilled at the performances. Charlotte was to go to Paris in the week following our concert for an audition for Opera de Paris. Her programme was a wonderful variety of folk songs, concert pieces and operatic arias, whilst George played two most demanding piano solos on his own account.

It turned out to be Charlotte's birthday, and we discovered too that she and George are to marry next year. Her parents came along to hear the recital, and the whole occasion was one of great happiness for us all.

**On 12th December**, we will welcome another newcomer – **Greta Gasser (piano)** – who, like Charlotte, asked us if she might come to us. Please do your best to support us. We really are bringing to the Chapel some wonderful music and truly gifted young performers who so very much appreciate a responsive audience.



**Walter Brisk**

**Concerts start at 1.00 - 2.00 pm**

**Concert Admission £4.00**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

**Greta Gasser - Pianoforte**

**Tuesday 14th January**

**A4 Brass Quartet**

**Lunch items priced individually  
are available from 12.15 pm**

**CINEMA  
FOR ALL**

*No film screening in  
December*

*Happy Christmas and  
Happy Viewing in  
2020 from the film  
club team*

**THE IAN NEWMAN COMMUNITY FILM CLUB**  
**at Bamford Chapel & Norden URC,**  
**Norden Road, ROCHDALE OL11 5PQ**

**(Every 3rd Saturday in the Month)**

**£3 admission (including refreshments)**

**6.30pm Refreshments 7.00pm Film**

**Saturday**

**18th January 2020**

**"Fishermen's Friends" 12**



**Supported by Rochdale  
Township**

## Can one person really make a difference?



Yes – one person can make a HUGE difference to a person in crisis. Adelle (URC Synod Trust Officer) felt the Holy Spirit say ‘Turn around and pray with that man’ outside Asda. Although very uncomfortable with praying with a stranger, she felt compelled to do so. As she prayed he grasped her hand. She saw such sorrow in his eyes

She sat in her car and wept – feeling prayer is not enough, we have to do more. Thinking ‘Who will God send?’ Knowing he has to have willing souls to send. Feeling she was no-one of importance, she had no money that could make a difference, and no contacts that would make a difference, she asked God to show the way.

In her spare time, for the past year, Adelle has been visiting charities and other agencies, the local council, the police and various forums to see where people fall through the gaps - making contacts and trying to see how the churches or Christians could help.

Whilst feeling that there was huge potential to do more, but not really knowing where God was leading, Adelle had the idea of a small project to help new mothers who were struggling financially. She put an advert on an online classified ads site, seeking donations of baby items. Soon someone messaged, not with a donation, but asking for help - saying she had nothing and baby was due soon.

Adelle and a friend from church visited the young lady and were shocked to find she had so little – just one chair, a mattress on the floor, no curtains, indeed she had very little. The problem was that she’d been an asylum seeker 12 years ago. She had been granted right to remain and previously renewed with no issues, but this time her renewal had been rejected. Now because she had no right to remain she had lost her job and she was not entitled to any public funds. She was no longer with baby’s dad. She had truly fallen through the gaps in services. No-one could help her until her appeal was completed.

Adelle set about contacting various charities to help provide food, furniture, maternity clothing and baby items – and legal advice. She sourced free items from classified ad sites – sofa and chairs, bed, washing machine, curtains, Moses basket, bedding etc.

The girl asked why Adelle, her husband and her friend from church would do all this – when no-one else wanted to help. Adelle said... “because Jesus loves us, we love you!”

Adelle went on to help other members of the family in similar renewal appeal situations, working with 6 charities, involving 5 churches (in different parts of the Country) to help people who had been living in fear and financial crisis. The girl started to attend Bible study and Alpha course. Her family are now supported by local churches – wonderful!

## Can you help?

Adelle is currently hoping to co-ordinate a Christmas meal for lonely people in Rochdale, for those who have no family or friends to be with. If you could help with this, if you'd love to put a smile on the face of a stranger this Christmas, or If you are interested in community volunteering generally – Adelle would love to hear from you.

Please email: [adelles@live.co.uk](mailto:adelles@live.co.uk) or phone 07947 258823 (please leave a message if no answer)



*I would like to thank friends at Chapel for the good wishes, cards and flowers I*

*received while having the two operations on my hands. Your kindness is much appreciated.*

*Anne Fitton*

# ***“Flashback News” according to former Church Secretary Norden URC December 2015***

(taken from "The Lectern" which is the Norden, Bamford & Ashworth Churches Newsletter)

*“The new project for Harvest to Christmas was launched in September. We are raising funds for **“Water for Kids”** helping people to get safe drinking water for the first time in Katoba, Zambia. 70 of us had a very interesting presentation by Natasha Franklin a trustee at our excellent fundraising meal at The 3 Seasons restaurant (Bury College) on 19<sup>th</sup> November by one of the trustees. She gave us an update on the progress in Katoba. Funds raised so far £1630.*

*There are envelopes in the lounge for your donations. You can look at further information on the noticeboard and on the website [www.waterforkids.org.uk](http://www.waterforkids.org.uk).*

*I have started writing my Christmas letter and realised that I was actually quite busy this year and managed to have a life again. My children have all but flown the nest, my church responsibilities have been minimised and I am finding I have been rebuilding my spirit. I have been enjoying my time in church because I don't have to worry about the heating, the preachers, the building, etc. I also know that there are elders and pastoral visitors to keep an eye on the members. I attend bible study and usually have the time to read and investigate the readings beforehand. I participate in the activities because I want to do so, and not because I am the only representative of our church.*

*On a sadder note we have also lost some previously very active members of our church; Ron Dunn and Shelagh Chrimes, both former secretaries, Frank Brown and Ethel McGuinness.*

*I am looking forward to Christmas, to the nativity, Food for Thought, the carol service, the advent and Christmas services, because I don't have to actually write and prepare them. It's fantastic. I love going to church.*

*Now I just have to cope with the social aspects. I have managed to get three Christmas parties on three consecutive days and nights! Heeeelp!*



# Praying the Lord's Prayer

*Submitted by Pamela Harrington*

## ***THE LORD'S PRAYER***



*Our Father who art in Heaven  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power  
and the glory, for ever and ever.  
AMEN.*

### ***Our Father who art in heaven ...***

Through faith in Jesus we have the amazing privilege of becoming children of God, with a Heavenly Father who is good and who welcomes us into His presence.

We are so precious to our Heavenly Father that He will never forget us [Isaiah 49:15]

**Thank your Heavenly Father for His great love for you and that because of Jesus you are precious in His sight.**

### ***Hallowed be thy name ...***

**Holy ... mighty ... powerful ... kind ... almighty ... love ... shepherd ... beautiful ... life ... patient ... forgiving ... slow in anger ... of great goodness ... merciful ... King of Kings ... provider ... good ... compassionate ... unchanging ... awesome ... faithful ...**

As you look at these words describing some of the attributes of your Father, dwell on one of them and allow this word to lead you into worshipping Him.

Continue to pray with as many of the words as you choose to use ... and others that you might think of.

***Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven ...***

Invite the Lord to “reign over” every party of your life:

your relationship with Him;

your relationships with other people;

your ministry, your time, your money/resources, your body.

Pray for a couple of people that you know who aren’t yet Christians that they would come to know His love.

Pray for somewhere in the world that is on your heart.

***Give us this day our daily bread ...***

As the Lord provided manna in the desert on a daily basis for the Israelites so he has promised to provide for our needs.

Bring your own personal situation to the Lord and ask Him to provide you with what you need.

Ask the Lord to provide for the needs of those you know who have very little or who are suffering in any way.

***And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us***

Pray the words below from Psalm 139 and allow the Lord to show you any sins that you need to confess.

***“Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.” [Psalm 138:23-24]***

***“The blood of Jesus purifies us from all sin” [1John 1:7]***

Having confessed your sin to God, ask for His forgiveness remembering that Jesus died for us showing the way to salvation.

***Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil ...***

Ask the Lord to protect you from the main temptation that you face [be it money, sex, power or something else] and to keep your eyes on Him.

***For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever ...***

At the end of this prayer, remember that from the beginning to the end it is “all about Him.”

Invite the Lord to fill you again with His Holy Spirit so that you can live for His glory.

# ECO CHURCH

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## TIP of the month

Did you know there is a shop in Ramsbottom called “PLENTIFUL” which is an alternative to supermarkets allowing people to fill their baskets with plastic free dried foods, cleaning products and household/personal essentials? The shop opened in September 2018 and soon became the talk of the town, featuring on TV, Radio and national newspapers as the first of its kind in Greater Manchester. The first year has been a roaring success. The range of products has doubled. There have been queues out the door and at weekends the shop was a tight squeeze to get everyone in! In the first year of opening the shop has saved over a MILLION pieces of plastic from being used unnecessarily. New premises opened at 46 Bridge Street, Ramsbottom, Bury BLO 9AQ [originally on Silver Street] on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November.



Zero waste grocery shopping is easy – take your own tub/jar, grab a paper bag or buy glass jars in store.

*If you wish to know more about PLENTIFUL, have a word with Barbara Redmond or Lesley Sutton, or visit the website at [www.plentifulshop.co.uk](http://www.plentifulshop.co.uk)*

## New Songs Café Style Service Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

The first of these New Songs Services was very well received! We had about 60 people come to them to learn new songs. The feedback from people across the Missional Partnership was very positive indeed. In fact, people said they were looking forward to the one on the 24<sup>th</sup> November. The November gathering explored new songs to us for Advent and Christmas. I want to thank Cameron and the group he put together for the evenings. God's name was praised (most importantly!) and people learned new songs.



Rochdale, Bury and North Manchester  
Missional Partnership  
Café Style new songs Service  
@ Bamford Chapel & Norden URC  
Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020 - 6.30pm  
All Welcome!

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Refreshments will be served as part of the service

It is lamentable in one of the richest countries of the world that 1.6 million people have needed food parcels over the past year to make ends meet. *The Bishop of St Albans, Dr Alan Smith.*

### Answers to the Kenya Quiz

B	10	C	9	C	8	C	12	A	11
A	5	A	4	B	3	C	2	A	1

**Messy CHURCH**

ALL ARE WELCOME

On Sunday 12 January 2 - 4 pm  
@ Bamford Chapel and Norden URC

Come to  
**Professor Potty's**  
Lab

Menu

children please bring an adult with you

## A pantomime in March?

That's right, but not your traditional pantomime.

Let **Doctor Watt and her Time Machine** take you on a journey through time to meet friends of Jesus. Fun and frolics all the way.

## When in March?

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> . Put the dates in your diary

## But that's not what you said in the last magazine

True, but the dates had to be changed. I'm sorry about that!

## Oh no you're not!

Oh yes I am! Good. You are in pantomime mood already. Tell your friends.

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