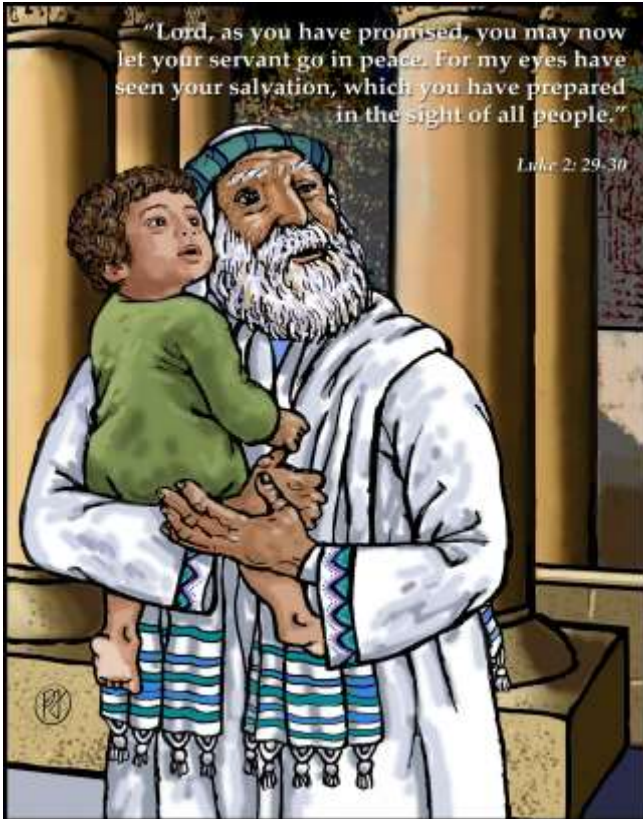




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Bamford Chapel & Norden URC



February 2025

BAMFORD CHAPEL & NORDEN URC MISSION/VISION STATEMENT



Loving God, Serving Others,
Building Community

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.

February 2025

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| Every Monday | 7.30 - 8.30 pm | Prayer Group in the Lounge (all welcome) |
| Sunday 2 February | 10.30 am 6.30 pm | Family Worship & Communion (Ken Greer) Missional Partnership Café Church (page 5) |
| Tuesday 4 February | 7.00 pm | Tuesday Home Group (see page 6) |
| Thursday 6 February | 7.00 pm | Zoom Bible Study led by Ed Lyne (see page 7) |
| Friday 7 February | 1.30 - 3.30 pm | Dementia Friendly Café |
| Saturday 8 February | 10.00 am - 12 noon | Big Breakfast (see page 8) In aid of Rochdale & Heywood Foodbanks |
| Sunday 9 February | 10.30 am 2.00 - 4.00 pm | Family Worship Led by Linda Lees Messy Church (see page 10) |
| Wednesday 12 February | 7.00 pm | Midweek Worship (see page 4) |
| Thursday 13 February | 1.30 - 3.30 pm 7.00 pm | Friendship Group (see page 25) Zoom Bible Study led by Ed Lyne (see page 7) |
| Saturday 15 February | 6.30 for 7.00 pm | Community Film Club (see page 26) |
| Sunday 16 February | 10.30 am | Family Worship Led by Margaret Bywater |
| Tuesday 18 February | 7.00 pm | Tuesday Home Group (see page 6) |
| Thursday 20 February | 7.00 pm | Zoom Bible Study led by Ed Lyne (see page 7) |
| Sunday 23 February | 10.30 am | Family Worship Led by Ed Lyne |
| Sunday 2 March | 10.30 am 6.30 pm | Family Worship & Communion (Andy Platt) Missional Partnership Café Church (page 5) |

Pastoral Letter

Our Five Friendly Faces



Have you ever looked up at the stars and wondered what else is out there? In 2023, an amateur astronomer named Filipp Romanov did more than wonder - he discovered four asteroids that professional astronomers had missed. It's a perfect reminder that you don't need fancy titles to make a difference.

The same goes for spiritual life. While traditional ministry might be declining, there's something beautiful happening in its place, everyday people are stepping up as chaplains. They're showing up in hospitals, schools, and even on the streets (in the form of Street Pastors), offering a listening ear and a caring heart.

Think about it like this; just as Romanov spotted what others missed in the vast expanse of space, ordinary people are noticing and meeting spiritual needs that might otherwise go unaddressed. You don't need a degree or a minister's collar - you just need to be present and willing to care.

I've seen this first-hand. My own journey to faith wasn't through a dramatic sermon or a theological debate. It was through a youth group that simply cared enough to include me. My wife found her way through casual conversations at an Alpha Course. And my father-in-law? His story still gives me goosebumps. Working as a stonemason atop Winchester Cathedral, he discovered a carved masterpiece hidden from human view - meant only for God's eyes. That secret act of devotion, centuries old, sparked something in him that changed his life forever.



Here's what I've learned: God isn't looking for professional spiritual ambassadors. He's looking for friends who'll share His friendship with others. It's not about converting people or winning arguments. It's about walking alongside five people in your life - your "Five Friendly Faces" - and simply being there. Listen. Care. Share when asked.

Because sometimes the most profound spiritual moments happen not in pulpits, but in quiet conversations between friends.

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.

**Front Cover artwork "Jesus presented in the Temple"
by Paul Judson (Parish Pump)**

Midweek Worship 2025

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TO....

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



MIDWEEK WORSHIP

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pray



2025 Missional Partnership Café Church



**Rochdale, Bury and North
Manchester**

**Missional Partnership
Café Church 2025 – 6.30pm**

2nd February

2nd March

4th May

6th July

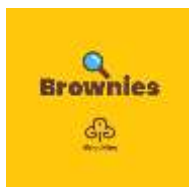
7th September

2nd November

All services, unless stated otherwise, will be at
Bamford Chapel and Norden URC
Norden Road, Bamford, OL11 5PQ

For further information contact: Revd Richard Bradley, 07483 155807 or
richardbradley@nwsynod.org.uk

Brownies



Brownies has had to close, hopefully temporarily, due to both leaders finishing because of personal circumstances.

We need new leaders. If anyone is willing to volunteer, or knows of anyone who is interested please let me know.

Please leave me a message: 07712230939 with your details and I will contact you.

Thank you, Barbara

Tuesday Home Group 2025



Tuesday Homegroup on Zoom

All are welcome to join us fortnightly on zoom
Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm—9pm.

From September we will be discussing some of
the women we meet in the Old Testament

The dates of the meetings are:

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|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| 7th January | Abigail: 1 Samuel 25:2-44 |
| 21st January | The Shunammite Woman: 2 Kings 4:8-37 |
| 4th February | Esther: Esther 2-4 |
| 18th February | Esther: Esther 5:1-8; 7-8 |
| 4th March | Theme tbc |
| 18th March | Theme tbc |
| 1st April | Theme tbc |
| 15th April | Theme tbc |

Zoom details are: Meeting ID: 847 9885 2008
Passcode: 51 7449

If you want to find out more please contact Richard on
richard.bradley@nwsynod.org.uk
07483 155807

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”.

Monday 10 - 11 am
Tuesday 2 - 4 pm



Zoom Bible Study by Ed Lyne

Jeremiah through the lens of exile

Image by Cycling Man Open Verse



Image by David Stanley Open Verse



Themes

The origins of the Babylonian exile

The trauma of exile

Is it right to be angry with God?

Echoes of the exile today

And many more!

Image by Ian Scott Open Verse



Image by Frank Zimmermans Open Verse



A three week Zoom Bible Study by Ed Lyne.

Start time: 19:00

Thursday 6th Feb 2025

Thursday 13th Feb 2025

Thursday 20th Feb 2025

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86272062734?pwd=UxkbbjdlP9CagT5tGTLlFjx6559CasJ.1>

Meeting ID: 862 7206 2734

Passcode: Exile

Images from top right: The prophet Jeremiah, Modern Jerusalem, King Nebuchadnezzar II of Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar's Palace in Babylon (Modern Iraq)

Rochdale & Heywood Foodbanks' Big Breakfast

Fancy a bacon butty?



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Big Breakfast

Endless toast
and drinks

Vegetarian alternative

Saturday
8 February
10.00 – 12.00

£5

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Prayer for February 2025

Dear Lord,

February can be a trying month, but there are special associations too and we thank you for the hope they bring.

In February we remember how Jesus was taken, as a baby, to the Temple. Simeon took Him in his arms and by the power of the Holy Spirit, recognised Him as the Saviour you had sent as a light, to bring revelation to the whole world. And how this world needs your light and revelation in this new year, 2025.



Lord - as we notice more light in the lengthening days of this month, as we see the promise of the Spring in the bobbing heads of the beautiful snowdrops – help us most of all to recognise Jesus as our Light and to trust in Him as our Lord and Saviour.

Thank you, Lord, for the gift of each new day. In Jesus' name. Amen.

By Daphne Kitching



February Messy Church



ALL
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Fun!

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Surprise, Surprise!
Great Big God!



@ Bamford Chapel and Norden URC

Sunday 9 February

14.00 – 16.00



Food



children

please bring an adult with you

Follow us on



BC&N URC Messy Church

Website:

bcnchurch.org.uk

The Land of the Holy One

From a Palestinian Christian: Pray not for Arab or Jew, for Palestinian or Israeli, but pray rather for ourselves that we might not divide them in our prayers but keep them both together in our hearts.

A prayer for the ongoing conflict



We pray without ceasing for justice, reconciliation, peace, and an end to hatred and war. We also pray for God to change the hearts of all leaders and decision-makers in our countries and around the world, for we are in dire need of hearts that love, show mercy, and are willing to live in unity with others – hearts that respect human dignity and choose life rather than death.

We entrust the countries of our Lord's earthly home into the hands of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, asking him to have mercy on us all and to give us his peace and blessing. Amen.

***Archbishop Hosam Naoum,
Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem***



The Clock of Life



The Clock of Life is wound but once
And no man has the power
To tell just when the hands will stop,
At late or early hour.

To lose one's wealth is sad indeed,
To lose one's health is more,
To lose one's soul is such a loss
As no man can restore.

The present only is our own!
Live, love, toil with a will,
Place no faith in tomorrow
For the "Clock" may then be still!

By Robert H Smith

Submitted by Maureen Grundy

A Message from BC & N Monday Gang



In February 2020 I invited people to come to a meeting regarding the development and maintenance of the Chapel grounds. A 5 to 10 year plan was produced at the meeting and was presented to the Elders and then to the Church Meeting. The plans were approved and passed with a proviso of each step being brought again before them.

Five years have gone by (time flies!) and a lot of the plans have come to fruition as you may be aware. However, there is still a lot to do. We need to look at the next five-year plans. We also need to draw on more

people to help keep up the momentum, perhaps including achieving the RHS Gold Award in 2025.

I intend to hold another meeting on 13th February at 7.30 pm at Chapel.

Chapel needs people to help carry on the work of looking after the grounds and the building, and thereby help secure its future in Bamford. The Monday Gang needs more helpers, but don't think we only work on a Monday! We can arrange for you to help on any day of the week.

The current Monday Gang of 7 members, are aging gracefully, but in 5 years, 72% of us will be over 80. Gardening helps keep us fit and healthy, but there are limitations.

Please contact me if you are willing to attend this meeting to discuss a way forward, or if you would like more information. Maybe some of the newer attendees at Chapel would like to help.

Linda Kerford, Mobile: 07763 205925, Email: l.kerford@btinternet.com

Messy Church Christmas Tree



The chapel has been stripped of its finery for another year and how lovely our chapel looked over the Christmas period.

I wonder how many folk noticed the little Christmas tree made by the children of Messy church? Made from strips of coloured card and formed into a tree then decorated with lights. Yes you did - Hurrah.

Did you also notice written inside the circles of card were unprompted prayers by the children for the coming year? I copy a few of them :

Dear God/Lord we pray for:

1. Prayers for refugees, and send love to Palestine
2. For mama , papa, nanny and the homeless
3. Please help Ukraine and Russia stop fighting because its getting out of hand and innocent people are dying
4. I hope everyone gets what they need to help them live safely
5. Health and happiness this Christmas

6. Please bless the lonely and the homeless
7. Thank you for our children
8. Thank you for our food and drink but I am praying also for people and animals who are sick
9. For the poor to get a home for Christmas and for mum and dad to get better soon
10. Prayers for everyone who is lonely , bring them comfort
11. Prayers for Ukraine, I hope you will be safe soon
12. Thank you God for all the presents we receive but give some to the poor people too
13. Thank you God for all the presents we receive but give some to the poor people too
14. I pray Anith will find a home after Christmas near here
15. Prayers for family unity
16. I pray for people who live in war zones and I pray there will be health
17. Please Lord look down on your world and give us your blessings
18. Peace on earth
19. Prayers for peace in Gaza and Ukraine.
20. Pray Anith gets a solution to progress his claim

No prayers for lots of gifts and toys, no prayers for their home comforts, but prayers for the world.

A great bunch of kids.

If you've never been to a Messy Church, Come and See, its good fun for young and old.

Gillian Galloway

One is Closer to God in a Garden....

Since Covid, Dave and I have not travelled abroad. I suppose for a number of reasons: confidence, mobility restrictions, cost etc. However, mainly because we have enjoyed UK holidays so much. There are so many beautiful places here at home. We've spent years in Scotland loving the scenery and gardens and places to visit, as well as staying with family there.

Recently however we've 'risked' going down south. A number of people tell you "they're not friendly down there" but we've been pleasantly surprised at how welcoming the people are. In the last few years we've visited Somerset and Dorset, and Northamptonshire and Gloucestershire usually staying in self-catering cottages. This gives you the opportunity to do your own thing. It's even better if there's a pub round the corner!



As some of you know I love plants and gardens, so my long suffering husband lets me drag him round some beautiful gardens all over the country. Some are National Trust places, some are Royal Horticultural Society and some are private.

Of particular note are Hidcote and Kiftsgate in Gloucestershire; beautiful at different times of year. Forde Abbey Gardens and 'The Newt' gardens in Somerset are very good. Cottesbrooke house and garden in Northamptonshire is spectacular, owned by whiskey

barons Mac Donald Buchanan, built by Sir John Langham in 1702 – 1712. But plan ahead as it's only open on a Thursday and you have to book ahead. Cake is available (and most essential) in the laundry courtyard. The garden rooms are very beautiful.



Kelmarsh in Northamptonshire is also beautiful; it's lovely to sit in the garden for refreshments . It is a wedding venue but don't be put off as the garden space is lovely. It was built in 1732 for Wm Hanbury, a famous antiquarian.

However, one of our favourites is Coton Manor gardens in Northamptonshire and if we are staying in the vicinity we usually visit twice in the week. It is privately owned and not too big. All planning changes and the general management, and some gardening is carried out by the owner

Mrs Paisley-Tyler who took up the reigns when her mother-in-law retired. It is a garden for all seasons but sadly is shut during winter. It has woodland areas, a rill, herbaceous borders; amongst many planting types are many seats to rest and enjoy your surroundings, and is a joy to behold. The colours are fabulous. There is a superb lake with wild fowl and overhanging trees. We have a book charting the development of the garden and house from a tenant farm up to the present day, which you can borrow from us if you want. There is also a wild flower meadow and surprisingly, flamingos and rare ducks. People flock from miles around for the lunches and afternoon teas in the courtyard under a huge walnut tree. Dave says the cheese bacon and mushroom toasty is the best he's ever had. It also has an excellent extensive nursery which is very reasonable. I struggle to come away without a plant or two.

I can truly say we are blessed by the gardens God shares with us. Dorothy Gurney's poem of 1913 is so true for me.

***The kiss of the sun for pardon
The song of the birds for mirth
One is nearer to God's heart in the garden
Than anywhere else on earth***

***Dorothy Gurney
1858 – 1932***

Trish Adshead

Bamford Chapel & Norden URC Eco Church



Worship and Teaching

The eco group lead a service every year since the group's formation, including a virtual one during lockdown and an Eco Church Café style service highlighting the format of an Eco Church to other Churches. Our services have introduced the idea of carbon footprints to both children and adults, and encouraged members to care and protect Creation and make their own pledges.



Introduction to ECO Footprint during services

Creation collages of photos

One of our Eco church members re-worded the lyrics in some hymns to create eco hymns and services have featured eco themed sketches. Other special services throughout the year include:

- Harvest where the congregation donate surplus food.
- We have an Easter Sunday Cross made from flowers brought by members of the congregation to celebrate new life.
- Annual Christian aid service



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Our Eco Church group lead worship on Sunday 25th April. The service will go live on the d...



Our Prayer book regularly features global issues as members of the congregation add these into the book to pray for during Sunday services

Eco Service during lockdown



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Harvest Service & Donations

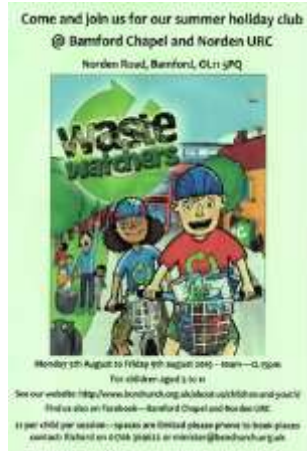
Easter flower Cross

Teaching

Six members of the eco group are also junior Church leaders and regularly teach eco lessons. Lessons have featured: Environmental action plans, ways of looking after each element of Creation, creating a G7 wave of hope, a litter pick in the carpark and in the local area around Church. The children created signs for the lights switches to encourage people to switch lights off.



We have held Messy and Muddy Church with themes such as: animals, eco, creation, which have allowed us to reach other members of the community. A few members of our Eco Group also help with Messy Church and have tried to reuse rubbish for crafting instead of buying new materials. We have also created 3 Easter trails using the grounds of Church, open to the public. One of our summer schools was called Waste Watchers and focused on environmental messages.



Groups

Home Group is a Monday night group discussing topics of interest to members, and eco group members have used eco themes as a discussion theme.

Communication

The eco group started to add articles into the magazine every month with a tip of the month, we also included recipes with seasonal produce. We have been allocated an Eco Group notice board for advertising information. We have also produced posters to go around Church to advertise good eco practice e.g. signs on bins stating what goes in, signs on lights to switch lights off, signs on the printer reducing paper use and encouraging use of scrap paper.

Editor: the above article is the first part of Rebecca Abbott's report which supported our application for the Eco Church Silver Award. The report is in 5 sections (Worship & Teaching, Building, Land, Community & Global Engagement and Lifestyle) and will be serialised over the next few months.

Church Flowers

**Donations for flowers in church
in December & January
were received from:**



**Diane Healey - for constant support
Irene Lucas to give thanks for every day
Carol Hartley in memory of her mother
Beryl Thomas remembering family
Tom Swann for son David's
birthday memories
Linda Kerford in memory of
husband Malcolm's birthday
Hazel Gordon in memory of
sister-in-law Patricia
Nita Hudson for family memories**

Jesus Shaped Church

Developing Faith

This month Ed Lyne, Student Minister for our Missional Partnership, has written a testimony for our Developing Faith section.

Lights in the darkness - by Ed Lyne

2 Samuel 12:15-23

⁵ After Nathan had gone home, the LORD struck the child that Uriah's wife had borne to David, and he became ill. ¹⁶ David pleaded with God for the child. He fasted and spent the nights lying in sackcloth on the ground. ¹⁷ The elders of his household stood beside him to get him up from the ground, but he refused, and he would not eat any food with them.

¹⁸ On the seventh day the child died. David's attendants were afraid to tell him that the child was dead, for they thought, "While the child was still living, he wouldn't listen to us when we spoke to him. How can we now tell him the child is dead? He may do something desperate."

¹⁹ David noticed that his attendants were whispering among themselves, and he realized the child was dead. "Is the child dead?" he asked. "Yes," they replied, "he is dead."

²⁰ Then David got up from the ground. After he had washed, put on lotions and changed his clothes, he went into the house of the LORD and worshiped. Then he went to his own house, and at his request they served him food, and he ate.

²¹ His attendants asked him, "Why are you acting this way? While the child was alive, you fasted and wept, but now that the child is dead, you get up and eat!"

²² He answered, "While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept. I thought,

‘Who knows? The LORD may be gracious to me and let the child live.’²³ But now that he is dead, why should I go on fasting? Can I bring him back again? I will go to him, but he will not return to me.”



In preparation for the Bible study on Jeremiah and the theme of exile which I will be leading soon, I began reading the whole book to make sure I was up to speed....boy, is it long!

But I survived with my sanity intact...or perhaps not because there has been a part of me that has wanted to read some of the books of the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) that I don't know as well. So, I have begun with the book of Joshua and have continued reading, most recently reaching 1 Kings.

I was particularly looking forward to reading about King David, the brave shepherd boy who slaid the giant Philistine Goliath (1 Samuel CH17). Most of us will have learnt in Sunday school about how David overcame impossible odds with his sling to defeat Goliath, teaching us that if we use our wits, we can overcome any foe. After reading on however I remarked to myself, ‘wow David killed a lot of people!.’

One of the most difficult passages being 2 Samuel CH8 in which David defeated the Moabites and “made them lie down on the ground and measured them off with a length of cord. Every two lengths of them were put to death, and the third length were allowed to live” (verse 2).

This brings to my mind someone who not only defeated the enemies of the people of God but tortured them afterwards, I can only imagine the terror in the eyes of the Moabites as they lay on the ground.

I did not set out to upset you today, but this is a testimony I wanted to share. It made me realise the savage world our scriptures often inhabit, in which there are no heroes but Kings like David who to cement their authority brutalised his enemies. There is no mention of his personal feelings or reaction to this.

But amid this sea of despair there also rises hope.

Another passage that really grabbed me was the one mentioned above 2 Samuel 12:15-23 in which one of David's sons (born to Bathsheba and that's another story! See 2 Samuel CH11) is dying. Like many of us would, David goes into mourning pleading with God to spare his son. But the child dies and his household fear what David will do next, how will he react to this terrible news?

They are surprised to find that David has taken off his mourning clothes and is going about his business much as before. When asked he says, "while the child was alive I fasted and wept...but now that he is dead why should I go on fasting? can I bring him back again?"

Everyone of course deals with terrible events like this differently but David's reaction I thought was a positive one. That he will no doubt remember the child in his heart but there is no need to bring physical suffering upon himself, he has passed away, it is time to move on...

This for me does not excuse the fact that David killed so many in horrific ways or conspired against people so that he could get what he wanted. But that he like us was human and suffered emotionally as many of us do.

So, if you wish to embark on a reading of the more difficult scriptures, do so with self care and empathy and let them wash over you. To witness the dark and, in all honesty, REAL world in which they inhabit. But who knows, amidst the darkness you might find some light that can give you hope; it certainly has been that way for me.

Ed Lyne

Friendship Group



The January meeting was cancelled due to bad weather. We hope Louise will be able to talk to us about Canada later in the year.

The next meeting will be a social afternoon with coffee and cake on:

Thursday 13 February

1.30 - 3.30 pm

All welcome

PS The Christmas boxes we filled in October for the Ukraine were added to those Carol collects from the Greater Manchester area. The total sent out from Greater Manchester was 3,436 and the national total was 60,000. A very worthwhile cause. Thanks to Carol for all her hard work.

Developing World Project 2024



Cheshire Home Katima Mulilo
For children with physical disabilities

The total raised for our project is £7,475
(including Gift Aid)

February Film Club

The Ian Newman Community
Film Club

**CINEMA
FOR ALL**

Saturday 15th February 2025

6.30pm refreshments : 7.00pm film

Admission £4.00

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That Big Freeze of 1955



Seventy years ago, from early February 1955 and well into March, a Big Freeze took place in Britain. Deep snow and freezing temperatures caused havoc, with many places cut off. The RAF dropped food and medical supplies to affected areas, while thousands of sheep died from exposure.

Although the winters of 1947 and 1963 have attracted more publicity, 1955 saw severe weather in most parts of Britain, as well as in other parts of Europe and North America.

Snow fell in many areas of the UK from 11th February onwards, with night frosts gradually worsening and blizzards developing over the north of Scotland, where the RAF scrambled to do several rescues: in Caithness the response by emergency services was known as Operation Snowdrop. An exhausting search for a postman from Thurso, who went missing in the deep snow, eventually led to his being found at a remote farm where he had sought refuge.

Several snowploughs were stranded, and the heavy snow spread gradually south, reaching as far as the Scillies and the Channel Islands. In North Norfolk there were 10ft drifts on the coast road, and Lancashire had its worst storm for 14 years. Devon, Cornwall and the Peak District had similar experiences.

More than 70 roads in Britain were blocked by snow, according to the Automobile Association, and hundreds of vehicles were abandoned in snowdrifts. Many parts of the country were cut off from essential supplies, and rail travel was disrupted. Church attendance was also hit, of course. Temperatures in some places fell below 28F (-3C) – the lowest for 30 years, and February's record UK minimum was set. That year also experienced the last May snowfall of the century, but despite all that, there was plenty of sunshine, and as a total contrast, there was a drought and a heatwave the following summer.

By Tim Lenton



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 & Brownies**
- 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** 4th & 18th February
7.30 - 9.00 pm On Zoom (see page 6)
- Thursday:** **Friendship Group** 2nd Thursday in the month
1.30 - 3.30 pm 13th February (see page 25)
Heritage Group 3rd Thursday in the month
7.30 pm 20th February
- Friday** **Dementia Friendly Café** 1st Friday in the month
1.30 - 3.30 pm 7th February
- Saturday:** **Ian Newman** 3rd Saturday in the month
Community Film Club 15th February
6.30 pm for 7.00 pm film - (see page 26)

For further information please see website www.bcnchurch.org.uk
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