

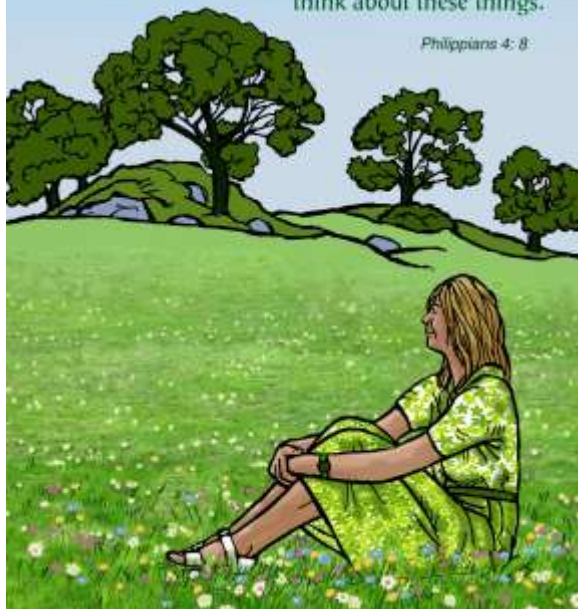


The
United
Reformed
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Bamford Chapel & Norden URC

Finally, beloved, whatever is true,
whatever is honourable, whatever is just,
whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing,
whatever is commendable,
if there is any excellence
and if there is anything worthy of praise,
think about these things.

Philippians 4: 8



July & August 2026

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.

July 2026

Every Monday	7.30 - 8.30 pm	Prayer Group in the Lounge (all welcome)
Friday 3 July	1.30 - 3.30 pm	Dementia Friendly Café (all welcome) (Guests - St Michael's School Choir)
Saturday 4 July	10.00 am - 12 noon	Big Breakfast In aid of Maggie's (see page 6)
Sunday 5 July	10.30 am 6.30 pm	Family Worship with Communion Led by Debbie Wood Missional Partnership Café Church (page 6)
Tuesday 7 July	7.30 - 9.00 pm	Tuesday Home Group (see page 7)
Wednesday 8 July	7.00 pm	Midweek Worship Led by Linda Lees (see page 3)
Saturday 11 July	2.00 pm	Annual Garden Party All welcome (see page 15)
Sunday 12 July	10.30 am	Family Worship Led by Margaret Bywater
Saturday 18 July	6.30 for 7.00 pm	Community Film Club (see page 22) Woman in Gold (see page 22)
Sunday 19 July	10.30 am	Family Worship Led by Revd Richard Bradley
Sunday 26 July	10.30 am	Family Worship Led by Linda Lees

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.

August 2026

Every Monday	7.30 - 8.30 pm	Prayer Group in the Lounge (all welcome)
Sunday 2 August	10.30 am	Family Worship with Communion Led by Margaret Bywater
Friday 7 August	1.30 - 3.30 pm	Dementia Friendly Café (all welcome) (Guests - More than Melody Choir)
Saturday 8 August	10.00 am - 12 noon	Big Breakfast In aid of Bury Hospice (see page 16)
Sunday 9 August	10.30 am	Family Worship Led by Andy Platt
10 - 14 August	9.30 - 12.00	Holiday Club (see page 18)
Wednesday 12 August	7.00 pm	Midweek Worship Led by Debbie Wood (see page 3)
Saturday 15 August	6.30 for 7.00 pm	Community Film Club The Jane Austen Film Club (see page 26)
Sunday 16 August	10.30 am	Family Worship Led by Linda Rayner
Sunday 30 August	10.30 am	Family Worship Led by Debbie Wood
6 September	10.30 am	Family Worship with Communion Led by Revd Richard Bradley

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Midweek Worship 2026

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TO....**

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



MIDWEEK WORSHIP

pray

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Message from the Minister

The Miracle We Keep Missing

Have you ever run a thought experiment of taking a familiar biblical story and transplanting it into the modern world?

Take the famous feeding of the five thousand (John 6.1-14) but re-imagining it play out at the Glastonbury Festival. Thousands gather to hear the headline act. The set runs long. The queues at the food stalls stretch into the distance. By evening everyone is hungry. Jesus then turns to his road crew and tells them to sort something out.

The disciples do a quick audit. The catering vans are empty. The vendors have sold out. One volunteer eventually finds a teenager clutching a portion of fish and chips. It's hardly enough for one person, never mind a crowd the size of a small town.



Jesus takes the fish and chips, gives thanks, and somehow everyone eats. Not only that, but there are also leftovers galore.

Now re-imagine the same story playing out in our churches.

Our congregations know the needs of their communities. Loneliness,

poverty, injustice and anxiety - a hunger for meaning and belonging. Yet when we look at ourselves, all we tend to see are ageing buildings, dwindling congregations, and declining finances. Sometimes it feels as though all we have to offer is the ecclesial equivalent of a soggy portion of fish and chips.

But notice what Jesus does. He doesn't begin with what is missing. He begins with the resources already present.

He could have rained baguettes from heaven. He could have stocked the catering vans with artisan sourdough and ethically sourced hummus. Instead, he takes the one thing the disciples dismiss as inadequate and places it at the centre of the miracle.

Something extraordinary happens. The little they have is amplified.

Perhaps this is where many churches misread the story. We often treat it as a lesson in miraculous provision, waiting for God to send us the resources we lack. More money. More people. More clergy. More certainty.

But perhaps the miracle begins earlier than that.

Perhaps it is the moment when the disciples stop calculating what they don't have and start offering what they do possess to Jesus. Now, that's a much harder miracle to achieve.

Many churches today are trapped in a story of scarcity. We spend our energy trying to preserve institutions, balance budgets, maintain buildings, and postpone decline. We become experts in managing leftovers before anyone has been fed.

Jesus tells a different story — a story of abundance.

The invitation is not to ignore reality or pretend resources are limitless. It is to place what we have into God's hands and ask a different question. Not, "How do we keep this institution alive for a few more years?" but "How might God use these resources for his mission?"

The twist in the story is not that there was enough food for everyone. The twist is that the disciples spent the whole day worrying about scarcity while Jesus was already thinking about abundance.

Two thousand years later, the crowds are still hungry and the challenge for the Church remains the same: will we keep counting what we lack, or place what we have into God's hands? Perhaps the question is not whether we have enough, but whether we're willing to hand over our soggy fish and chips.

Daniel Harris

July Big Breakfast

Fancy a bacon butty?



endless drinks
and toast

vegetarian
alternative

*Saturday
4 July 26
10.00 – 12.00*

In aid of



£6.00

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

Missional Partnership Café Church

Rochdale, Bury and North Manchester
Missional Partnership
Café Church Worship 2026

Start time: 6.30pm

Venue: Bamford Chapel & Norden URC
(Unless stated otherwise)

4th January
1st March
3rd May

5th July
6th September
1st November

For further information please contact Revd Richard Bradley on
Richard.bradley@nwsynod.org.uk , 07483 155807 or 01706 369622

Tuesday Home Group

TUESDAY HOMEGROUP (ZOOM)

7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Theme:
Listening to God



28th April: *The God Who Speaks* Genesis 1–3

12th May: *Listening to the God Who Hears* Genesis 16:1–15; 18:1–33

26th May: *Listening to the God of the Covenant* Exodus 33:7–34:14

9th June: *Listening to God When All Is Lost* 1 Kings 19:1–21
& 2 Kings 2:1–13

23rd June: *Listening as Worship* Ecclesiastes 5:1–7

7th July: *Responsibility of a God Listener* Ezekiel 33

Zoom Details:

Meeting ID: 847 9885 2008

Passcode: 517449

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All are welcome – Come and listen, reflect, and grow together.

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We want to make sure we are all following copyright rules.

Linda Peacock (Editor)

Communion Cloths



We **urgently** need someone willing to take on the job of maintaining the communion cloths after each monthly communion service.

Most times they can be folded carefully and put back in the cupboard, sometimes they need ironing; about once a year they need washing and ironing.

Anne Fitton has stepped down from this role; please see Anne if you can help.

Thank you.

Christian Aid



The final amount collected for Christian Aid this year was £890.54.

Thanks to all those who contributed in the envelopes provided and to those who contributed on line, which is not included in our total.

Last year the total raised was £1371.30

Below is a letter received by David Stephenson from Christian Aid

Dear David

Fridah with her sons Eliud and Abiud and grandson Quillan.



Your gift of £890.54 - whether given personally, through your church, or your Christian Aid Group - is helping communities thrive. Thanks to support like yours, people are gaining the skills, confidence and opportunities they need to build a brighter, fairer future.

Your generosity is helping communities thrive by supporting

partners like Beacon of Hope, equipping urban farmers like Fridah with training, tools and seeds.

"When I harvest what I've planted, it makes me happy. Urban farming has changed my life."

Thanks to support like yours, Fridah can now grow food for her family and earn a reliable income.

Your gift is helping people gain the skills, confidence and opportunities they need to build a brighter, fairer future.

Thank you again for your support,

Jay Senior - Community Fundraising and Volunteering Lead

Time Prayer



Father,

We are all so busy. We rush here and there, trying to meet deadlines, trying to fit more and more into our already full days. So often we seem to run out of energy and time. Sometimes we wonder what it's all about.

Help us, Lord to recognise that we *have* time. You have given us every day of our lives. Help us to choose wisely how we use our life time. Help us to spend time with you first; to learn your ways; to encounter the living Jesus in the Bible and in prayer. And everything else will fall into place.

In Jesus' name, Amen.



By Daphne Kitching (Parish Pump)

World Cup 2026

Editor: Canon Paul Hardingham considers football.



Many across the world are united in watching the World Cup in the United States, Mexico and Canada. However, football is more than just a game; it can illustrate some key points about the Christian life.

As Paul writes: ***‘But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the***

goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus.’ (Philippians 3:13b,14).

A prize to be won: The dream of every player in the competition is to be able to hold up the World Cup themselves. Christians grasp to the prize of eternal life, God’s gift to us of relationship with Jesus for now and eternity. However, there’s an important difference between football and the Christian faith. To win the World Cup you have to be good enough, while Christ’s love for us is underserved and not dependent on how well we’ve done.

Training to be undertaken: If a team is going to win the World Cup, training is vital! Our training, as Christians, starts the moment we accept the gift of God’s life. On a daily basis, we train ourselves to say *no* to the wrong things in our lives. As we build up our *godly muscles* we are better able to choose to do what is right in God’s eyes. To enable us to do all this we need to engage in the spiritual disciplines

of prayer, studying the Bible and being part of a church and small group. How is your training going?

The former Liverpool Manager Bill Shankly famously said, *'Some people believe football is a matter of life and death, I am very disappointed with that attitude. I can assure you it is much, much more important than that!'*

1966

When England won the FIFA World Cup

Editor: Tim Lenton looks back on an unforgettable game.



Sixty years ago, on 30th July 1966, the 1966 FIFA World Cup final took place. England beat Germany 4 – 2. English player Geoff Hurst became the first (and only) player to score a hat-trick in a World Cup final.

Hurst is also the only surviving member of the England team that started the 1966 final, held at Wembley, where England played all their matches. Others were spread around the country.

The 1966 World Cup was unique in that it was the only one in history that had no matches played on a Sunday, because of the Sunday observance laws in force at the time. Professional football was in fact not played on a Sunday in England until 1973-74, and then to a much lesser extent than it is now.

The 1966 tournament was also significant in other ways – not least for the famous commentary snippet from Ken Wolstenholme, still quoted

today. This occurred when it seemed the crowd might be invading the pitch as Hurst advanced on the German goal. "They think it's all over!" said KW. Pause, then as Hurst's shot hit the back of the net, "It is now!"

Many matches in the tournament were marred by violent play and contentious sendings-off. Vicious tackles on Pelé, the world's leading player, put him out of the tournament, and one angry player in another match had to be escorted off the field by police. As a result, the yellow and red cards familiar to us today were introduced, as was the use of substitutes. Inconsistent refereeing was also tackled through training and clearer interpretation of the laws of the game.

Before the tournament started, the Jules Rimet trophy was stolen from an exhibition. A dog named Pickles discovered it wrapped in newspaper under a bush in a South London garden.



Friendship Group



There will be no Friendship Group meetings in July and August.

The next meeting will be held on:

8th September, 1.30 - 3.30 pm

Speaker - Anne Ashton

"Curiosities of our Legal System"

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

Annual Garden Party

A colorful poster for the Annual Garden Party. At the top left is a bright yellow sun with rays. The background is a light blue sky with white clouds. In the center, the text 'BAMFORD CHAPEL AND NORDEN URC' is in a dark green, sans-serif font. Below it, 'Garden Party' is written in a large, yellow, cursive font. Underneath that, in a smaller dark green font, it says 'A great day out for all the family held in the beautiful grounds of the church'. The date and time 'Saturday 11th July 2-4pm' are in a large, dark green, sans-serif font. Below this, it lists activities: 'Homemade cakes, refreshments, games for children, pocket money stall and lots more.' and 'Entertainment by Sign Along with Us and Rochdale Pop Choir.' On the right side, there is a cartoon illustration of a green church with a brown roof and a cross on top. At the bottom left, there is a small logo for 'RESIDE' with the text 'Sponsored by Reside Estate Agency, estate agents' below it. At the bottom right, there is a green banner with the text 'A local sell out event, come and join in the fun!' in a yellow, cursive font.

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Garden Party

A great day out for all the family held
in the beautiful grounds of the church

Saturday 11th July 2-4pm

Homemade cakes, refreshments,
games for children, pocket money stall
and lots more.

Entertainment by Sign Along with Us
and Rochdale Pop Choir.

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A local sell out event, come and join in the fun!

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

August Big Breakfast

Fancy a bacon butty?



Bamford Chapel
& Norden URC

Big Breakfast



Endless toast and
drinks

Vegetarian and
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Saturday
8th August
10:00-12:00

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The Five Fingers Prayer

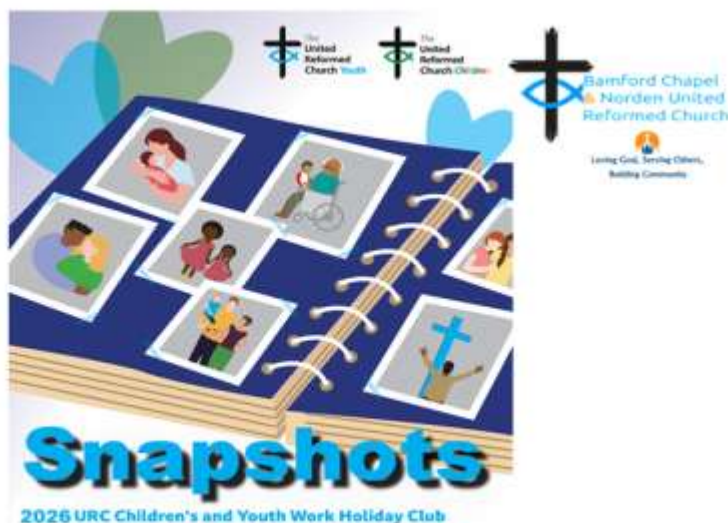
1. Your thumb is nearest to you, and without it you are helpless. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you, without whom you too, would be lost. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C S Lewis once said, a “sweet duty”.
2. The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.
3. The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the UK Prime Minister, the national leaders in Europe, the President of the USA, the leaders in business and industry and administrators. These people shape our nations and guide public opinion. They need God’s guidance.
4. The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger; as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.
5. And lastly comes our little finger; the smallest finger of all. Which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, “The least shall be the greatest among you.” Your ‘pinkie’ (as the Americans call it) should remind you to pray for yourself.



By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

Submitted by Linda Kerford

2026 URC Children's & Youth Work Holiday Club (August)



Holiday Club

@ Bamford Chapel and Norden URC

for primary age children
5 – 11 years

10 – 14 August 2026

09.30 – 12.00



Registration of interested forms are available through our website:

bcnchurch.org.uk

Remembering Eleanor Bevan



I first met Eleanor sitting after Sunday worship near Mike Lucas. We had a conversation about where she had lived, and she mentioned Darlington. As I was originally from Middlesbrough and Mike's wife Doreen was from Darlington we obviously got chatting about the area, and our friendship began.

Once visits were allowed again during Covid I visited Eleanor regularly. She loved to chat about her training as a nurse and her previous health problems (even if she had told me the same many times!). She talked about the love for her family, happy to be able to support her granddaughters. She talked about the roles she'd had at Bamford Chapel; toddlers, coffee mornings and more; and her friendship with Joyce Harding, taking her to many hospital/GP appointments.

Eleanor always asked about my family and how I was coping after losing Charlie. In recent times when her memory was failing and she no longer came to services, whenever I visited she still asked about Church and whether everything was ok.

I visited her when she moved to Millfield Care Home and was so sad when I realised how quickly she was deteriorating. On my last visit 3 weeks before she passed away, although frail she walked with her zimmer frame towards me with a big smile on her face. I think she knew who I was, but her memory had gone and sadly there was none of our usual conversation.

Eleanor was a good friend to me and I will miss her so much.

Linda Peacock

Beatrix Potter

Editor: Nigel Beeton writes: Beatrix Potter was born in Kensington on 28th July 1866, so that date this year marks 160 years since her birth. Born into the restrictive middle-class Victorian society, her world was one of rules and limits, but she had the courage to shake off those limits and her legacy to us of the unspoilt beauty of the lake district and her vivid imaginings of what the animals there got up to are almost timeless:



Miss Potter By Nigel Beeton

A rabbit in a coat of blue,
A hedgehog laundress, a badger, too;
A kitten – now, his name was ‘Tom’
Whose clothes were off much more
than on!

Jemima was a ‘puddle duck’
Who thought a fox would bring her luck
Till Kep, the farmer’s collie dog
Saw through the fox’s scheming fog!

Although she dwelt in London’s dusts
Brought up with can’ts and don’ts and
musts;
Her eyes just twinkled with the light
Of scenes beyond the smoky night!



Miss Potter saw the trees and woods
Which turned her 'couldn'ts' into
'coulds'.

And she could – with ink and paint
Show us a world both rich and
quaint.

So many summers since her birth
Her vivid creatures bring us mirth!
Her rabbits bring us timeless joy,
Her ducks that fox nor time destroy,

She brings us from the city's smells
To brooks that weave through
soaring fells!

So many summers since her birth –
Yet still she brings such joy to Earth!



Hymns for Professionals

Dentist:	Crown Him with many crowns.
Contractor:	The church's one foundation
Obstetrician:	Come, labour on.
Golfer:	There is a green hill far away.
Politician:	Standing on the promises.
Librarian:	Let all mortal flesh keep silence.
Barrister:	In the hour of trial.
Dry Cleaner:	O for a faith that will not shrink.
Census taker:	All people that on earth do dwell.
Tax officer:	We give thee but thine own.
Traffic patrol:	Where cross the crowded ways of life.
Credit card user:	A charge to keep have I.

July Film Club

The Ian Newman
Community Film Club

**CINEMA
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2025 - 100 years of
Community Film Clubs

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Saturday 18th July 2026

6.30pm refreshments : 7.00pm film

Admission £4.00

“Woman in Gold” 2015 12



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St Joseph of Arimathea - the Man who buried Jesus



Have you ever suffered from gossip? Ever discovered that people are saying some really wild things about you? If so, Joseph of Arimathea would understand – and sympathise with you. This decent, godly man of the gospels seems to have fired the imaginations of all sorts of odd people down the centuries.

Joseph was a rich, prominent member of the ruling Jewish council – the Sanhedrin. Mark's gospel describes him as having been 'waiting for the kingdom of God' for years, and even being a secret disciple of Jesus. He played no part in the trial or crucifixion.

When Jesus was pronounced dead, Joseph had the seniority needed to approach Pilate for the body – and get it. Near to where Jesus had been crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, cut deep in the rock. Joseph himself already owned it – and it was still new and empty. So Joseph laid Jesus there, and wrapped him in a linen cloth, according to Jewish burial custom. Joseph did not bury Jesus alone - Nicodemus helped him, while some women who had followed Jesus trailed miserably behind.

Matthew tells us that the last thing Joseph did for Jesus was to sadly roll a big stone across the entrance to the tomb, and then go away. With that, Joseph passes out of history - and into legend. For in the centuries that followed, Joseph was swept up into the Legend of the Holy Grail, the Legend of Glastonbury, and even bits of the Arthurian legends. It was said that the Holy Thorn, which flowers at Christmas, had sprung from his staff.

The mind boggles at what Joseph would have made of it all. One suspects he would have preferred to stick to the simple, but far better, true story: as having had the immense, unique privilege of laying the body of Jesus Christ in the tomb. Even if Jesus didn't stay very long!



Church Flowers



**Donations for flowers in Church
in June were received from:**

Peter Howarth in memory of Auntie May

Michael Grundy in memory of Maureen

Addie Redmond in memory of Alice Redmond

Hazel Gordon in memory of Bob

Margaret Frain in memory of Christine

Cancer Research Strawberry Sparkle



An afternoon of scones, jam, cream, strawberries and prosecco raised an amazing £980 for Cancer Research.

The event was intended to be held in the garden of Margaret Bywater, but as rain was forecast the event was moved into Bamford Chapel & Norden URC. Over 50 people attended the fundraising event which was enjoyed by everyone.

Burning Calories as you Garden



The average British gardener burns 51,428 calories a year in their garden, and mowing the lawn is one of the highest ways of using energy – about 600 calories a month.

Mowing the grass takes 5.7 calories per metre. Weeding takes 4.5 calories, as does potting plants. Digging burns 5 calories per metre, while raking uses only 3.8 calories a metre

Gardening has long been known to be extremely good for you – giving you a chance to be outside, time to think, and beneficial exercise – all at the same time.

Why not think about burning calories in the Chapel Grounds!!

Linda Kerford

August Film Club

The Ian Newman
Community Film Club

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Community Film Clubs

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Saturday 15th August 2026

6.30pm refreshments : 7.00pm film

Admission £4.00

“The Jane Austen Book Club” 2007 12



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Emergency Political Message!



Despite the UK's revolving-door politics, rollercoaster bond markets, and Prime Ministers whose tenure sometimes rivals that of a supermarket lettuce, we must take comfort where we can.

Through every crisis, reshuffle, leadership contest, and hastily arranged resignation speech, one steady figure has remained at Downing Street, quietly serving the nation with dignity, resilience, and occasional naps in the sun.

That figure is Larry the Cat, Chief Mouser of Downing Street and Britain's most enduring public servant.

Larry entered political life after being adopted from Battersea Dogs & Cats Home to provide rodent control and, perhaps more importantly, entertainment for the Cameron children. Since then, he has outlasted Chancellors, Cabinets, party leaders, and enough Prime Ministers to require extra paws for counting.

Now 19 years old and enjoying a well-earned semi-retirement, Larry nevertheless stands ready to welcome the next occupant of No. 10. Governments may come and go, markets may wobble, and manifestos may be forgotten, but Larry remains.

Deep down, we all know who's really running the country. The humans are just temporary staff. 🐱 GB

Daniel Harris

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** 7th July
7.00 - 9.00 pm On Zoom (see page 7)
Friendship Group 2nd Tuesday in month (page 14)
1.30 - 3.30 pm **Restarts in September**
- Thursday:** **Heritage Group** 3rd Thursday in the month
7.30 pm 16th July & 20th August
- Friday** **Dementia Friendly Café** 1st Friday in the month
1.30 - 3.30 pm 3rd July & 7th August
- Saturday:** **Ian Newman** 3rd Saturday in the month
Community Film Club 18th July & 15th August
6.30 pm for 7.00 pm film (see pages 22 & 26)

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