



The
United
Reformed
Church

Bamford Chapel & Norden URC



Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All your works shall praise your name,
in earth, and sky, and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

June 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.

June 2026

Every Monday	7.30 - 8.30 pm	Prayer Group in the Lounge (all welcome)
Friday 5 June	1.30 - 3.30 pm	Dementia Friendly Café (all welcome)
Sunday 7 June	10.30 am	Family Worship with Communion Led by Margaret Bywater
Tuesday 9 June	1.30 - 3.30 pm 7.30 - 9.00 pm	Friendship Group Lunch (see page 20) Tuesday Home Group (see page 4)
Wednesday 10 June	7.00 pm	Midweek Worship Led by Karen Grayson (see page 5)
Saturday 13 June	10.00 am - 12 noon	Big Breakfast In aid of Garden Gang (see page 10)
Sunday 14 June	10.30 am 2.00 - 4.00 pm	Family Worship Led by Andy Platt Messy Church (see page 10)
Saturday 20 June	6.30 for 7.00 pm	Community Film Club (see page 26) Downton Abbey - The Grand Finale
Sunday 21 June	10.30 am	Family Worship Led by Revd Richard Bradley
Tuesday 23 June	7.30 - 9.00 pm	Tuesday Home Group (see page 4)
Sunday 28 June	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.

Message from the Student Minister



The importance of a reset

This picture was taken while I was on holiday with my parents in the Forest of Dean during the May bank holiday a nice short trip away.

We stayed in a cottage near the village of Yorkley, which was down a rural side road with many deep potholes, adding to the difficulty but also the humour of the journey. Once past the deadly potholes we settled in and sat down in the garden with a cup of tea listening to the birds chirping. The birds did not stop, from the dawn chorus at 5am to about 9pm; Chaffinches, Robins, Black

birds, Tree creepers, a distant Woodpecker, all added to the symphony.

Sitting in this tranquillity, I had one of those moments when your soul lifts out of your body, feeling at one with nature and the space. While this was a great feeling, it was a heavy contrast to how I was feeling the week before.

The week before I had to submit an assignment and for various reasons I had fallen behind. I spent days working on it trying my hardest to finish it for the deadline rising on the final morning at 4 am and managing to hand it in at 11am. While I was very relieved, I did not feel a lot of joy, I felt tired, empty, annoyed that I had let it get to this stage. That was why I was so grateful for my reset weekend in the Forest of Dean which was a real privilege.

What I have realised however is that if I had not gone on this holiday I would likely have carried on working, which would have made me more tired and

annoyed. It is important therefore to schedule regular periods of rest in your diary and not rely on occasional holidays.

We are all incredibly busy and often don't have the luxury of full reset time. But I believe that God always wants us to be our best selves and part of that is to take time out, to reflect, to walk, to chill out. I face this challenge as well, so let's all work together to find time away from work, so that we can be happier, healthier and serve God better.

Ed Lyne

Church Flowers



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

Angela Hall in memory of John's birthday

Jean Foster in memory of Robert & father John

Christine Friend in memory of Kath Friend's birthday

Tom Swann in memory of Blanche

Lesley Sutton in memory of Peter's birthday

Audrey Telford in memory of her wedding anniversary

Frank McInnes in memory of Enid

Elizabeth Hazlehurst in memory of Paul

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

Contact:

Revd Richard Bradley

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

Midweek Worship 2026

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



MIDWEEK WORSHIP

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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

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

5th July

1st March

6th September

3rd May

1st November

For further information please contact Revd Richard Bradley on
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Prayer for June 2026



Father,

Here we are in June – a beautiful month and a month when we remember a beautiful follower of Yours, Barnabas. He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith and he encouraged Your people to remain true to You in what must have been dangerous times.

Lord, in these dangerous days, when so much seems alien and out of control, how we all need to be encouraged to be steadfast in our faith and in our lives.

How we need to remember that You are our faithful, sovereign Lord; that You never change; that in Jesus You have won the victory over sin and death. If we put our trust in Jesus, we are secure for all eternity.

Thank You for the example of Barnabas. Help us to be encouraged and to encourage others. May we enjoy June in all its beauty, knowing that nothing can separate us from You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

Celebrating Those Old School Assembly "Bangers"!



On 9th May the good folk of Alkington and Providence URC hosted the first of two *School Assembly Bangers* events — and what an afternoon it turned out to be!

With Maggie McDonald (from Greenmount URC) and Cameron Baines (of Bamford Chapel and Norden URC) at the helm, we were whisked happily back to the days of polished hall floors, wobbly benches, and enthusiastic assembly singing. A room full of voices joined in with classics like *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*, *Give Me Oil in My Lamp*, and *This Little Light*

of Mine — though thankfully nobody was asked to sit cross-legged quietly afterwards.

The whole “school hymns revival” craze actually began in a rather unexpected place: Glastonbury Festival. In 2025 music teacher James Partridge got festival crowds belting out assembly favourites, and before long videos of people wearing festive bucket hats, passionately singing *Shine Jesus Shine*, were going viral on the internet. Truly, nobody saw that coming.

Around fifty people came along to enjoy Alkrington & Providence’s take on the Glastonbury craze, including church members, old friends, and a few new faces too. It was heartening to see people from different backgrounds united through music, laughter, and shared memories — minus the bucket hats — proving that a good hymn tune can travel surprisingly well across generations.

Many churches can sometimes feel a little hesitant about hosting events that open conversations around faith — perhaps worrying it might feel awkward, or simply not knowing where to begin. This event showed that it doesn’t have to be complicated. With a warm welcome, a bit of creativity, and a willingness to give things a go, it’s entirely possible to create something gentle, joyful, and meaningful. We hope it inspires a few more churches to become “have-a-go heroes” themselves!

As Christians, we’re reminded in 1 Peter 3:15 to “always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.” Events like this offer a lovely and natural way to share that hope with others. For some, the afternoon was a celebration of long-held faith. For others, those familiar hymns may have stirred memories and rekindled something quietly waiting in the background. And for anyone exploring faith for the first time, we hope the warmth of the welcome — and perhaps a catchy chorus or two — offered a glimpse of God’s love.

A huge thank you to everyone who came and made the afternoon so memorable. And, as Maggie wisely reminded us all: “Keep singing!”

The next School Assembly Bangers event is being hosted at the Mill Gate shopping centre in Bury, outside T.J. Hughes, on Sat 20th June 12-1pm, organised by Churches Together in Bury.

Garden Gang Big Breakfast



Fancy a bacon butty?

Big Breakfast

Endless toast and drinks

Vegetarian option available

£6.00

Saturday 13 June 10.00 – 12.00

In aid of

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Our Father

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Sunday 14 June 14.00 – 16.00

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A Joy & Privilege to be received by the Pope Says Archbishop of Canterbury



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The Archbishop of Canterbury has praised the Pope for speaking out against injustice and about hope; has commended working together for the common good; and has endorsed the strengthening power of common witness, in an address after a recent private meeting at the Apostolic Palace in the Vatican.

She prayed with Pope Leo and said: **“It is a joy and a privilege to be received by you, together with this delegation from Lambeth Palace.”**

She said: **“Your Holiness, you have spoken powerfully about the many injustices in our world today, but you have spoken even more powerfully about hope. The world needed this message at this time — thank you. It reminded us that, despite our sufferings, people long for life in all its fullness, and countless people are working each day for this vision of the common good.”**

She continued: **“May we continue to work together in that hope, trusting that the one who has begun this good work among us will bring it to completion. Please be assured of a warm welcome from the Church of England should you honour the United Kingdom with a visit.”**



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



The United Reformed Church Youth

The United Reformed Church Children

Snapshots

2026 URC Children's and Youth Work Holiday Club

Church: Bamford Chapel and Norden URC

Date and time: 10 - 14 August 09.30 - 12.00

Location: Norden Road, Rochdale OL11 5PQ

Contact details: bcandnchurch@gmail.com

Bamford Chapel & Norden URC Gift Day



Thank you to all of the organisations and individuals who were able to contribute to our recent Gift Day. It is an important source of income towards financing the running costs of Chapel.

This year raised a fantastic £8500 from organisations and a further £1500 from our Congregation (this will be boosted by a further £350 once Gift Aid is claimed), to supplement regular giving and other fund raising.

It is important that we maintain a solid financial base so that we can continue our Church in the World efforts through the monthly Big Breakfasts and Annual Project, rather than having to focus solely on raising funds to continue the survival of Chapel.

If anyone feels they would like to know more about Chapel finances please feel free to ask me or your Elder. We are but your representatives.

On behalf of the Elders
David Stephenson (Treasurer)

Giving thanks for Fathers



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Editor: By the Revd Roy Shaw, a retired but active priest in the diocese of York, where he is a spiritual director.

There is no finer sound in the world than your child calling you 'daddy', or 'dad'. I love it!

And as I look around our neighbourhood, dads today are far more involved in their children's lives than when I was a child. Pushing prams, holding hands while out on a walk, bathing,

playing games. Dads are in all these activities and more. I see the dads on either side of our house, and they obviously love their kids with all their hearts.

Unfortunately, too many kids grow up without a stable and involved male figure in their lives over the whole of their childhood and beyond. And no prizes for guessing the outcome; when they reach fatherhood, their kids often grow up without a stable and involved male figure in their lives.

The month of June brings Fathers' Day - this year on the 21st June. May all dads reading this be pampered like never before! If it's a fine day, it may be a case of 'Stand back everyone- dad's going to bar-b-q'. But before we get carried away, let's spare a thought for those who for one reason or another couldn't be dads, or whose dads fell far short of the high expectations we invest in them, or who lost a dad at a crucial time in life and feel a permanent ache where 'Dad' should be.

Our Christian faith teaches us to look at God as 'Father' - we address Him as such in the opening words of the Lord's Prayer, and it was Jesus' custom to

talk to God as 'Father'. Maybe, taking into account those who have had a very mixed experience, or a bad experience of fathers, we should qualify what we say of God and call Him 'the Good Father', or 'our Good Father'.

Because that is what the experience of countless Christian would testify to; that God is a good father. I think of the picture Jesus paints in the parable of the Prodigal Son; the father on the look-out for his wayward son day after day, and when he sees him in the distance runs all the way to him to embrace him. Now in Jesus' time, in that culture, fathers did NOT run, least of all to welcome returning no-goods who had wasted half the father's fortune. Fathers were people of dignity. Run? Never!

Jesus has turned that on its head. We can be sure that a welcome awaits us; we turn to God, or return to God, and find that He's already half-way towards us, coming at speed to embrace us.



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Thank you for the life of Alan Townend

Ken, James, Emma and I would like to thank everyone who came to Alan's funeral on 15 May. We were worried that there would be very few people there, but in the end it was lovely. Particular thanks to Pamela, Margaret and Liz, who organised the food for us, and as Liz said, acted as "rent a choir" during the hymn.

Thanks also to Richard, David, Cameron and Addie for their part in the service.

Another thank you for all the kind wishes, cards and love which we experienced during Alan's illness and after his death.

Love from Angela, Ken, James and Emma Smith.

The story behind the Hymn: “Lord, for the years...”

Editor: We present here some of the lyrics of the hymn... the full lyrics may be found on the internet.

*Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord for the years, we bring our thanks today.*

*Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the Word, receive your people's praise.*

*Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;
past put behind us, for the future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.*

**Lord, for our hopes, the dreams of all our living,
Christ and his kingdom one united aim;
Rulers and peoples bound in high thanksgiving,
Lord of our hopes, our trust is in your Name. ...*

By Timothy Dudley Smith

This well-loved hymn was written in 1967 by the Revd Timothy Dudley Smith, who later became Bishop of Thetford. He later confessed: “I wrote it on a train when I was very pressed for time. I’m thankful if something I write gets picked up, but I suspect anyone who does something in a rush later regrets that they didn’t find time to apply the sandpaper a bit more!”

Dudley Smith had been asked to write a hymn for the centenary service of the Children’s Special Service Mission, now Scripture Union, in St Paul’s



Cathedral. His commission was to write words that could be fitted to Jean Sibelius's *Finlandia*, as it was to be accompanied by an orchestra with this tune in their repertoire. And so – 'Lord for the years' was written.

Dudley Smith need not have worried about lack of time – his lyrics were a 'hit' in the cathedral on the day, and went on to become so well-loved that George Carey

chose the hymn to be sung at his consecration as Bishop of Bath and Wells, and then again later, in 1991, on his consecration as Archbishop in Canterbury Cathedral.

The hymn continued to be widely sung and loved, until in 2002 Timothy Dudley Smith was asked to write an extra verse for it so that it could even be sung around the time of the Queen's Golden Jubilee.

Many of the words in the hymn were true for Queen Elizabeth herself. She would have celebrated her 100th birthday this April, and her 'official' birthday on the second Saturday in June. She did indeed thank God 'for the years Your love has kept and guided, urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way'...

And so indeed the 'extra' verse added for the Queen also held true:

*Lord for our hopes, the dreams of all our living,
Christ and his kingdom one united aim,
Rulers and peoples bound in high thanksgiving,
Lord of our hopes, our trust is in your Name.*

Editor: One of my favourite hymns (and of so many other BC&N church members). If you have a favourite hymn, please let me know.)

Remembering Beryl Thomas



Beryl & her daughters Angela and Sandra

I first met Beryl in December 1966 when we moved to Keepers Drive in Norden. Beryl Whitehead lived across the road at no 9 with husband Alan and daughter Angela, before Sandra arrived in 1968. She soon became “Auntie Beryl”. She became a cherished friend and a driving force in my life.

Soon after we arrived, mum’s old church Norden Congregational Church, approached mum with a view to restarting the Sunday School. So began our recruitment drive. It must have been successful because Beryl became the Sunday School Superintendent, David Shepherd our neighbour at number 22 became the Church Secretary and Carol Tattersall at no 11 taught the children. My sister and I, with our cousins, our neighbours, Angela and Jane, later Joanne and Sandra and most of the neighbourhood joined us.

Beryl organised our 100th anniversary dinner in the town hall and our 125th anniversary party in church. She was big on organising fundraisers and often offered hospitality in her own home. She was part of the Ladies Fellowship and hosted fashion shows, strawberry teas, Beetle Drives, coffee mornings and even started up Rose Queen events. I think just about every girl in Sunday School had been a Rose Queen or part of the retinue by the time it ended, including her daughters and myself. It must have been an onerous task for Beryl, but she relished it, even making the velvet capes we wore. I can’t say we appreciated her efforts as much as we should. Wearing a tiara, a very fancy dress and a cape was not cool for us teenagers!! We had to participate in the village and town carnivals too, so people from school saw us. But it promoted our church very nicely.

Beryl trained as a florist at Clapham's Florists. She provided the flowers for church every week and for most of our Norden weddings. For my wedding,

she even took up a paintbrush! The walls and ceiling were NOT up to her exacting standards. So, we employed the Payback Team to assist, but Beryl was there to ensure they didn't get it wrong.

Her laughter was infectious. She had a heart of gold, as my dad would say. He might also say she was quite persuasive. She managed to persuade him and others to help carry the very heavy banner at the Whit Walks. He even played the role of Father Christmas which might have been the end of him when Shelagh Chrimes and Beryl decided to sit on his knees!! That was quite a sight

Beryl was always ready to lend a hand within her community. She was very active in Inner Wheel and again encouraged me and others to join the Rotaract Club, the young version of Rotary. It kept us out of mischief for a while.

She persuaded me to take over from her and become the Junior Church Superintendent when I got married in 1983. Meanwhile, she took on the role of Church Treasurer.

She was married to Alan Whitehead for 29 years and to Martin Thomas for 29 years.

When the grandchildren Nathan, Daniel and Charlotte began to arrive, this reinvigorated our junior church. Their mum, Sandra was our Junior Church leader. Beryl was thrilled for them to come to church. They always provided the entertainment.

When we closed our church in Forsyth Street, Beryl organised the farewell party.

Obviously in later years, Beryl was quite happy to take a back seat and enjoyed the friendship and fellowship of Bamford Chapel & Norden URC. She was persuaded to enjoy the hospitality of others at the Wednesday Luncheon Club.

As we say goodbye, we hold on to the memories, the laughter, and the love Beryl shared with us. Rest peacefully, Beryl. You will be dearly missed and always remembered. How could we forget you?

Linda Lees

Friendship Group



At the Friendship Group AGM in May we reported on the meetings that had taken place from September. These included:

- coffee, cake and chat,
- 2 table games afternoons,
- beetle drive,
- a talk entitled “The Longest Yarn” - a knitted exhibition of World War 2,
- Christmas boxes for Ukraine
- Christmas Meal at The Pack Horse
- Memories of past years
- Donation to Gift Day £200

We discussed the need for the group to continue, despite the low numbers, as those who come enjoy the friendship.

It was agreed:

- to increase the subs to £5.
- to book a lunchtime meal at Summerseat Garden Centre on 9th June
- to help at the Garden Party on 11th July
- to consider a day trip in August
- members to consider whether they could join the committee

For further information please contact Linda Peacock

Feed the Birds - but thoughtfully



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If you enjoy feeding the birds, you are not alone. Up to 60% of all households in the UK regularly feed their wild birds, according to surveys from UK Pet Food. It all adds up to an estimated £250 million in sales annually, with roughly 150,000 tonnes of seed being sold.

When feeding wild birds, here are five mistakes to avoid:

Not keeping the feeders clean. This can spread disease. The RSPB advises cleaning bird feeders once a week with a mild soap such as washing-up liquid. Do it outside, using brushes that you keep for this job alone.

Leaving too much food out. It attracts rodents. Instead, the RSPB advises that little and often is best. But keep an eye on those feeders and keep them topped up. When birds are nest-building and raising broods, they need a lot of energy. Feed peanuts in a rigid mesh feeder, so that large piece of nut cannot choke baby birds. Avoid putting out fat in hot weather – it can go rancid.

Feeding bread. This can lead to malnutrition. Bread is high in carbohydrates, while garden birds require a protein-rich and high-calorie diet. A chick with a stomach full of bread can freeze to death overnight. Ideally, feed a combination of mealworms, seeds, sunflower hearts, dried fruit, peanuts and fat.

Forgetting to provide water. Birds need to drink and bathe daily, especially in hot weather. Change the water every day and keep the basin clean.

Putting feeders in the wrong place. Place your feeders near to shrubs, trees and bushes, to provide cover. Blackbirds and robins are ground feeders, whereas tits and sparrows prefer to feed from hanging stations. Using an array of feeders will attract a wide range of birds.



Annual Garden Party

Saturday 11th July



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24th June - John the Baptist Preparing the way for the Messiah



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John the Baptist is famous for baptising Jesus, and for losing his head to a woman. He was born to Zechariah, a Temple priest, and Elizabeth, who was a cousin of Mary, the mother of Jesus. John was born when his mother was advanced in years, and after the foretelling of his birth and the choice of his name by an angel, we hear nothing more of him until he began his mission of preaching and baptising in the river Jordan c27.

John was a lot like an Old Testament prophet: he lived simply on locusts and honey in the wilderness, and his

message was one of repentance and preparation for the coming of the Messiah and His Kingdom. He went on to baptise Jesus, at Jesus' firm request. When John went on to denounce the incestuous union of Herod Antipas with his niece and brother's wife, Herodias, he was imprisoned and eventually beheaded at the demand of Salome, Herodias' daughter.

John is the only saint to be remembered three times in the Christian calendar, in commemoration of his conception, his birth (June 24), and his martyrdom. When John saw Jesus he said that Jesus was the "Lamb of God", and he is the only person to use this expression of Jesus. In art John is often depicted carrying a lamb, or with a lamb



Well-dressing in Derbyshire

May to September



Derbyshire is known for its wells and well-dressing. The annual tradition followed in many villages of decorating the village wells, or 'well dressing', attracts sightseers from miles away.

By ancient, centuries-old tradition, five wells are decorated. Boards are set up around each one which is then covered in clay. The clay is then impressed with thousands of colourful flower petals to create pictures and tableaux. Often the stories illustrated are from the Bible.

It is thought the practice may date back to the 14th century, and it may have started as an act of thanksgiving when the community

escaped the devastation of the Black Death. Over the years, and before piped water became available, it also became an act of thanksgiving for the village's supply of clean, clear water.

Today more than 80 Derbyshire villages still follow the tradition, and the season extends through the summer. Many wells have a biblical theme, or are inspired by royal occasions or sporting events.

Generally, the Derbyshire wells are *not* considered holy or named after saints. Most were just the original village water tap. However, Buxton does have a celebrated holy well, where people regularly line up to collect its special waters.

Buxton mineral water is bottled and available in supermarkets, but in the town itself, at St Anne's well, it is free. Through medieval times there was a chapel on the spot, and pilgrims came seeking cures and to leave offerings.

Henry VIII put an end to the practice, but later the town became a spa and patients heard of the therapeutic reputation of the waters and came to bathe and drink, much as the ancient Romans had done in pre-Christian times. Today the free Buxton water emerges from a pipe set in a modern plinth containing a statuette of St Anne, the mother of Mary and Jesus's grandmother.



Quotations

"Love is not found in perfection, but in daily choices that honour, nurture, and reflect God's enduring love." Christopher Falconer

God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, "Abba, Father." Galatians 4:6 Good News Bible

June Film Club

The Ian Newman
Community Film Club

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2025 - 100 years of
Community Film Clubs

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Saturday 20th June 2026

6.30pm refreshments : 7.00pm film

Admission £4.00

“Downton Abbey - The Grand Finale” 2025 PG



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Trooping the Colour

Editor: Nigel Beeton writes: Every June the Monarch's 'official' birthday is marked by a military parade in London, Trooping the Colour. It originated as a way of making sure that troops recognised their standard flag – the colour – so that they could rally to it in a battle. This year it takes place on 13th June.



**A National occasion in crimson and black
No button misplaced; no harness is slack.
The rhythmic precision of mass marching feet –
The pulse of the nation and heritage meet!**

**The beat of the drums, the sound of the band
The parade is exquisitely, perfectly planned.
The long months of training, hard effort applied
Build up to this moment of national pride!**

**The horses and soldiers all form up in ranks
The audience watching can't help but gives thanks!
For those standing tall out there on the sand
Prepared to give all for our King and our land.**

By Nigel Beeton



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** 9th & 23 June
7.00 - 9.00 pm On Zoom (see page 4)
Friendship Group 2nd Tuesday in month
1.30 - 3.30 pm 9th June (see page 20)
- Thursday:** **Heritage Group** 3rd Thursday in the month
7.30 pm 18th June
- Friday** **Dementia Friendly Café** 1st Friday in the month
1.30 - 3.30 pm **5th June**
- Saturday:** **Ian Newman** 3rd Saturday in the month
Community Film Club 20th June
6.30 pm for 7.00 pm film (see page 26)

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