



The
United
Reformed
Church

Bamford Chapel & Norden URC

THE LORD bless you
and KEEP you; THE
LORD MAKE His face
shine UPON you,
AND BE GRACIOUS TO
you; THE LORD lift
up His COUNTENANCE
UPON you, AND GIVE
you PEACE.

March 2019

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.



March 2019

Friday 1 st March	1.30 pm	Bamford & Norden Dementia-friendly Café
Sunday 3 rd March	10.30 am	Family Worship with Communion Led by Cath Atkinson
	6.30 pm	Evening Worship Led by Margaret Ogden
Monday 4 th March	7.30 pm	Focus on Prayer Meeting
Thursday 7 th March	1.00 pm	Churches Together Lent Course Meeting 1 of 6 at BCN (see page 6)
	7.30 pm	Elders' Meeting (please pray for the Elders as they meet)
Sunday 10 th March Lent 1	10.30 am	Family Worship Led by Revd Richard Bradley
	6.30 pm	Evening Worship Led by Anne Fitton
Monday 11 th March	7.30 pm	Focus on Prayer Meeting
Tuesday 12 th March	1.00 pm	Lunchtime Concert (12.15 for Lunch) (See page 19)
	8.00 pm	Tuesday Home Group (for venue speak to Richard)
Thursday 14 th March	1.00 pm	Churches Together Lent Course Meeting 2 of 6 at BCN (see page 6)
Saturday 16 th March	1.00 pm	Wedding of Pat Anderson and David Stephenson (see page 19)
Sunday 17 th March Lent 2	10.30 am	Family Worship Led by Revd Richard Bradley
	5.30 pm	Evening Communion led by the Monday Homegroup (note the earlier start time)

March (continued)

Thursday 21 st March	10.00 am	Prayer Walk
Thursday 21 st March	1.00 pm	Churches Together Lent Course Meeting 3 of 6 at BCN (see page 6)
Sunday 24 th March Lent 3	10.30 am	Family Worship Led by Revd Darren Holland
	6.30 pm	Evening Worship Led by Revd Richard Bradley
Monday 25 th March	7.30 pm	Focus on Prayer Meeting
Tuesday 26 th March	8.00 pm	Tuesday Home Group (for venue speak to Richard)
Thursday 28 th March	1.00 pm	Churches Together Lent Course Meeting 4 of 6 at BCN (see page 6)
Sunday 31 st March Lent 4	10.30 am	Family Worship (Mothering Sunday) Led by Revd Richard Bradley
	6.30 pm	Evening Worship Led by Revd Richard Bradley



Church Flowers

*Donations for flowers placed in church
in February were received from:*

*Dot Craig in memory of Peter
Liz and Val - family of Hilda Howard
Anita and Alex Teuton
Brenda Griffiths in memory of Peter
Irene Lucas in memory of Bill's birthday*

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** 5th & 19th March
2.15 pm in the Lounge
Home Group 12th & 26th March
8.00 pm (Venue tbc—see Richard)
- Thursday:** **Ladies Fellowship** 14th March
7.45 pm (see page 17)
Heritage Group 21st March
7.00 pm (3rd Thursday in the month)
- Saturday:** **Ian Newman Community Film Club**
6.30 pm refreshments 16th March **Cancelled**
7.00 pm film Admission £3.00

Further information on the **weekly notice sheet** or visit the website at
www.bcnchurch.org.uk or speak to an Elder.

Message from the Manse



It is hard to believe that by the time the March magazine is printed Lent will be nearly upon us. It only seems like yesterday when we had friends and family in the manse to celebrate the New Year and now, as I write for the March magazine, Ash Wednesday is not far away. Often during Lent we give

something up. In recent years I have heard of Christian charities and organisations encouraging their members/supporters to take something on, as opposed to giving something up. Often the giving up is something we might struggle to live without. For some of us it might be giving up sweet things or a particular alcoholic drink we like. This year I wonder if we can all think of something we can start to do instead. Could it be that if you don't have a daily prayer time that you might start to have one, and one I would advise you continue past Lent too? Could it be that you are challenged to share your faith with friends, work colleagues or family?

During this period of Lent we will be having our annual Lent Study Course (dates listed elsewhere in the magazine). This year we are following the Churches Together in England course "The Mystery of God". It will be led by different people from different churches and will be hosted by us here at Bamford Chapel and Norden URC.



In addition the Revd Darren Holland, the Central Area Mission and Discipleship mentor, will be leading a workshop about giving us confidence to share our faith (poster with dates and venues in this edition of the magazine). Darren says the course will be, "A fun, gentle and interactive workshop on evangelism to help us consider ways to share our faith story".

I also ask that you will pray for the role of Synod Moderator for the North Western Synod. Nominations and applications are being sought; please pray for the person God is preparing to take this role on within our Synod to lead us forward.

During the period of Lent let us focus afresh on God and what God desires of us.

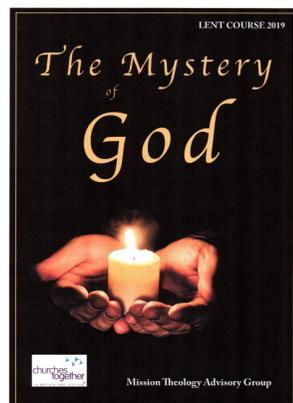
Lent 2019 – Help needed

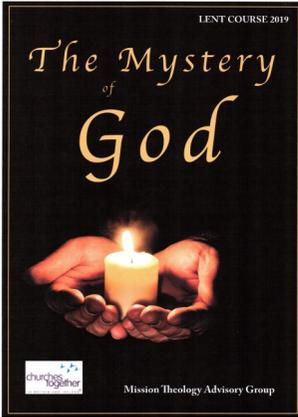
This year for the Churches Together in North-West Rochdale Lent Course we are doing things slightly differently again. We are going back to an afternoon meeting as the course last year was moved to an evening to allow those working or busy during the day to attend. Unfortunately numbers were very low so we have decided to return to a daytime meeting.

You will see the dates on the poster on page 6. **What I am looking for is someone to make drinks and provide biscuits at the start of the meetings.** The meetings will run from 1pm to about 2.15pm each Thursday in Lent. The dates are below. **If you are able to help on any of the listed dates please let Richard know.** The dates I need help for are in the table here:

Thursday 7 th March 1pm
Thursday 14 th March 1pm
Thursday 21 st March 1pm
Thursday 28 th March 1pm
Thursday 4 th April 1pm
Thursday 11 th April 1pm

Thank you, Richard





Churches Together in North West Rochdale Lent Course 2019

The course will take place
at Bamford Chapel
& Norden URC

(The Course will be led by different people)

Thursday 7th March	1pm—2.15pm
Thursday 14th March	1pm—2.15pm
Thursday 21st March	1pm—2.15pm
Thursday 28th March	1pm—2.15pm
Thursday 4th April	1pm—2.15pm
Thursday 11th April	1pm—2.15pm

Tea, coffee & biscuits at 1pm
For more details please contact
Revd Richard Bradley on 01706 369622 or
Richardbradley@cantab.net

Meeting Dates



Just a reminder of Elders’ and Church meeting dates for 2019. Please see the table below. I want to encourage you to put the Church meeting dates in your diary. Some time ago I was concerned about the low number of people attending church meetings. I therefore set the dates in advance and published them. Unfortunately, the numbers haven’t increased greatly. However, the meetings are important as decisions are taken about our Church. As we move towards another HLF Grant Application it is important that we all understand what the church is committing to financially.

Importantly discussions can be had and decisions made about the mission of the Church too. All of which are vital for us to be present. I realise people are busy but with the dates being published well in advance I would hope that people would put them in their diaries.

The dates for the Elders’ meetings are also listed below so that you can:

- 1) Pray for the Elders as they meet and
- 2) If you have any items to raise these can be brought via your Elders or if you let Richard know. The dates for agenda items for Elders’ meetings are listed below too.

Dates of Elders’ Meetings 2019	Dates for Elders agenda items to be with Richard	Dates of Church Meetings 2019
7 th March	Sunday 3 rd March	Sunday 17 th March
4 th April	Sunday 31 st March	
2 nd May	Sunday 28 th April	Sunday 19 th May
6 th June	Sunday 2 nd June	
4 th July	Sunday 30 th June	Sunday 21 st July
1 st August	Sunday 28 th July	
5 th September	Sunday 1 st September	Sunday 15 th September
3 rd October	Sunday 29 th September	
7 th November	Sunday 3 rd November	Sunday 17 th November
5 th December	Sunday 1 st December	

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT
25 FEBRUARY – 10 MARCH



FAIRTRADE



TRAIIDCRAFT
Exchange

Big Brew

40th

**Birthday
Party!**

Welcome to the Traidcraft family
40th Birthday Celebration! Join us
to celebrate, have fun, and raise
money to **change the world...**

Event Guide

Thursday 28 February 10 - 12 Coffee Morning
Including cake stall

Sunday 3 March Look out for Fabulously Fantastic Fair
Trade Fred aka Banana Man

Saturday 9 March 10.00 – 12.00 Bacon Butty Breakfast



Fairtrade Fortnight 25 February – 9 March Traidcraft Exchange

Once again Fairtrade Fortnight is here. This year we are celebrating the 40th birthday of Traidcraft Exchange. Traidcraft Exchange is a charity which brings people together to fight injustice in trade. Global trade feeds the rich and exploits the poor.

Traidcraft Exchange runs programmes which enable small-scale farmers, producers and workers to earn more money and get a fairer share of the value of the products they supply. They support and empower the most vulnerable to improve the way they trade.

Traidcraft Exchange has made it a priority to support women and other excluded groups, like people with disabilities, to benefit more fairly from trade and business. It has worked to help the women organise themselves into self-help groups, which provide the basis for mutual support, training and savings and loan schemes. Women are encouraged to develop new sources of income and get practical training on key topics - from goat-rearing to basic health and hygiene.



Traidcraft Exchange believes in supporting trade and business to become environmentally responsible and climate resilient. It is the poorest and most vulnerable who suffer most from the impact of climate change and pollution, and yet these are the people who contributed least to the problem and get least help to ensure their businesses and trading activities are green and sustainable.

The donations for coffee after the service on 3 March and at the Community Coffee morning on 28 February will be sent to Traidcraft Exchange for their work supporting people to harness the benefits of trade and fighting against injustice in global trade.

Please give generously

Fairtrade Fortnight 25 February – 9 March She Deserves a Living Income Campaign

What is Fairtrade?

Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world. By requiring companies to pay sustainable prices (which must never fall lower than the market price), Fairtrade addresses the injustices of conventional trade, which traditionally discriminates against the poorest, weakest producers. Producers receive a Fairtrade Premium which is an extra bit of money that the co-operatives can use to improve their farms, invest in education or provide access to water, whatever they decide would benefit their community most.

This Fairtrade Fortnight the Fairtrade Foundation is focussing on cocoa. So many farmers rely on growing this much loved product for their livelihood – and too many live below the poverty line. Fairtrade has the power to change this. More sales on Fairtrade terms mean farmers have a bigger chance of making ends meet in their daily lives.



They say hard work pays off. And yet Salimata puts her heart and soul into growing cocoa for our chocolate and doesn't even earn enough to pay for the basics. A living income would change this for the good. Only we can make this happen.

Please sign the postcard which will be available at church, asking the UK Government to make sure our trade with developing countries puts poverty before reduction first, delivering incomes for all, especially women.

Stone-throwing
(John 8:1-11)

A familiar scene ...

*Crowds of people with strong views,
clamouring, demanding their way,
intolerant of others
who made different mistakes, different
choices.*

*A raucous, intimidating, egocentric baying
for action.*

A familiar scene...

LOVE

Where is the love?

Where is the compassion?

Where is the concern for the common good?

*How long Lord, will your teaching be
ignored?*

How long till the stone-throwing stops?

By Daphne Kitching



I have recently signed up for URC Daily Devotions on line. Each day they are emailed to me at around 6.00am!! Firstly there is a Bible passage followed by a reflection and prayer. The writer's name is mentioned at the end of the message. I am telling you because I find this a really helpful daily tool and you may too. Obviously you need to have access to the internet.

Google URC Daily Devotions and then subscribe. It's free. There is also a Facebook page.

**God of mission,
send us out into your world,
trusting that your Spirit is already at work in us and
others.
Help us to go with empty hands
and loving hearts,
that the message and signs
of the Good News
might flourish and grow
in our communities
We ask this in the name of the one who sends us out,
Jesus.
Amen.**

Please ask me if you would like to see a copy and I will print one off for you.

Lesley Sutton

Gone Forever?

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend who has been with us for many years. No-one knows its age, as its birth records were lost long ago in bureaucratic red tape. It will be remembered for having cultivated many valuable lessons, such as 'life isn't always fair' and 'maybe it was my fault.' It lived by sound financial policies, such as 'don't spend more than you earn.' Its health deteriorated when well-intentioned but overbearing guidelines were introduced.



When parents failed to control their unruly children, they attacked teachers for a lack of discipline. It declined further when teachers found they had to get parental permission before giving essential treatment to a sick or injured pupil. And it seemed like the last straw when a burglar could sue for assault when you were simply defending your own home. It wasn't surprising when it gave up the will to live after someone failed to realise that a steaming cup of coffee was hot and, after spilling some, received a huge settlement.

Its death was preceded by several other relations named Truth, Trust, Discretion, Responsibility and Reason. Regrettably, other things have now taken over – things like I Know My Rights, I Want It Now, Someone Else Is To Blame and I'm A Victim. Not many attended its funeral because so few realised it had slipped away.

**Sorry, but I don't think I told you my friend's name.....
Common Sense.**

Let's talk a

A fun, gentle a
workshop on c
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**Monday 25th
February and 4th
March (2 sessions)
7.30 – 9.00pm
Besses O'th Barn URC
Bury New Rd,
Whitefield
M45 7EL**

**Saturday 30
2019
10am – 1pm
St Andrew's
George's U
Bolton BL1
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Way NCP o**

Cost: Free! To book: Contact darren.hollan

about Jesus...

and interactive
evangelism to
consider ways to
faith story

10th March

at
St Paul's and St
John's RC,
2BX
in Topp
(Topp)

enquiries@nwsynod.org.uk or call 07860 800846

**Walking
the Way**
Living the life of Jesus today

Saturday 6th April

2019

10-1pm

Hope URC

Stockport Rd,

Denton

M34 6AB



QUEEN'S PARK, HEYWOOD Thursday 14th February

Cameron and Jane Baines shared Valentine's Evening with the Ladies Fellowship this year. The love myth surrounding the name Valentine was no such concept for Cameron. His love of the natural world was so evident in his descriptions and photos of his work at this Municipal Park. He began his talk with this wonderful quote "Let it not be said [and said unto your shame] that all was beauty here until you came." Think about that ...

Cameron's background in employment was in agriculture. He was first employed by Rochdale MBC in September 1988 to develop, finish building and then run as a visitor centre, Chamber House Farm. This closed in May 2002 after the foot and mouth outbreak.

The park came into being due to a traffic accident. On 9th August 1873, Mr Martyn Newhouse [local business man] died when the railway carriage he was travelling in toppled over leaving him crushed beneath it. He died later in hospital. The inheritance should have gone to his wife but she died soon afterwards, reputedly of a broken heart. After generous donations to family, a sum of £10,000 was left and this went to the Queen who donated it back to the people of Heywood to spend wisely. Finally it was agreed to purchase land and build a park. The Queen stipulated there should be something in the park to remind people of her. The Queen's gardeners were commissioned to help design the park which was opened on 2nd August 1879. Cameron told the meeting of the many expansions, alterations and additions to the park over a hundred years. **It was laid out on land which was formerly part of the grounds of Heywood House (demolished 1956).**

In 1979 a restoration group was formed [now called The Friends of Queen's Park] without whom nothing that has been done since would have happened. From then onwards the park was lovingly restored with the help of an eventual lottery grant, match funded by RMBC over a period of ten years. Other funding was also secured. All repairs and renewals had to be carried out bearing in mind the Park was a Grade One listed building.

In 2003 Cameron was appointed Park Warden – he was the first piece of matched funding. His task to revitalise this area was vast. He talked to us in great detail about all the work that was undertaken. Too much to report here. I am sure he would be delighted to tell you more if you asked him nicely??

Cameron comments “I was lucky that parks were back in vogue when I started after twenty years of neglect. Funding was there with a local pride to succeed. I



worked with brilliant volunteers, with many other RMBC employees acting as volunteers themselves to help finish the work AND helping at events.” The list of current and past users of the park’s facilities is very impressive. The final accolade for the park was achieved in April 2010 when GREEN FLAG

STATUS was awarded [national benchmark standard for publicly accessible parks and spaces in the United Kingdom].

Forty one people attended this talk. Not all Ladies Fellowship members either. One or two men joined us for the evening. Thank you for coming. Pat Anderson gave the vote of thanks on behalf of the gathering. One LF member commented “he’s one of the best speakers we have ever had.” Oh dear, Cameron, WATCH OUT!!

The next meeting is **Thursday 14th March** when the theme will be- **“Who is this?”** Identify members from childhood photos. Please pass your photo to Lesley Sutton if you haven’t already done so.

Lesley Sutton

Midday Concerts



On 12th February, our artistes were the Tee Trio (piano, violin and cello), two young men and a woman. We were pleased to see an audience of 55, especially as one or two of our regular supporters from the Chapel were unwell. The lead-up to the concert was one we hope not to repeat! The trio were travelling by train from

London, and at 12.15 pm we had the first of several messages advising us that the train was delayed. In the event, they arrived on the dot of one o'clock and got themselves ready to play by 1.10 pm!

The trio gave an outstanding performance of music by Beethoven, Rachmaninoff and Frank Bridge. Once again, we had brought to our concerts a highly-talented group, and the audience was clearly delighted. These are young people at the very start of their careers, and our first ever performers from the Royal Academy of Music in London.

Because there was no time for them to eat before they played, Margaret Ogden and Joan Warner made sure that refreshments were available at the end of the concert and Pat Gate cleared up after them. I was deeply grateful for that kindness to our guests before they set off – for London in the case of the men and Newcastle for the lady, whose mother had come all this way to hear her daughter play.

As usual, our final concert in March will feature young musicians from Chetham's School of Music, and once more we hope for a sizeable audience to hear and see these players as they flex their musical muscles before going on hopefully to successful careers. In fact, Laura, cellist of the Tee Trio, is an ex-Chetham's student now in her fourth year at the Royal Academy.

Walter Brisk

Bamford Chapel & Norden URC

Presents

Music at Lunchtime

1.00 - 2.00 pm



12th March

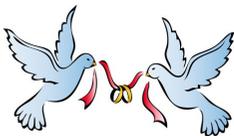


**Young Musicians from
Chetham's School of Music**

Concert Admission £4.00

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

Wedding - Saturday 16th March 2019



One or two of you may have heard that David Stephenson and I are getting married!! The service is at chapel at 1pm on Saturday the 16th of March. We would like to extend a welcome to any of you who wish to attend the service. We hope we can show our family and friends the strength and support of our church family. If you are prepared to sing the hymns with gusto - so much the better! Pat Anderson.

Round, like a Circle in a Spiral, like a Wheel within a Wheel...



Many years ago, at the Pleasure Beach at Blackpool, there was a certain 'ride' or amusement that was strictly for the physically fit. It consisted of a flat wooden disc about 20 feet in diameter and set at an angle of 45 degrees in the floor. When it began to rotate, the aim was to get to the centre where there was a pole. As the disc rotated faster and faster, everyone who failed to get to the pole got flung off. Nowadays there's probably a regulation banning it as far too dangerous!

The principle of the game was a basic law of physics. When any wheel rotates, the outer rim moves fastest of all. Half way to the centre and you are moving a lot more slowly. And, at least theoretically, at the absolute centre will be a point which is totally still. That's why anyone who reached that pole could stand there quite comfortably.

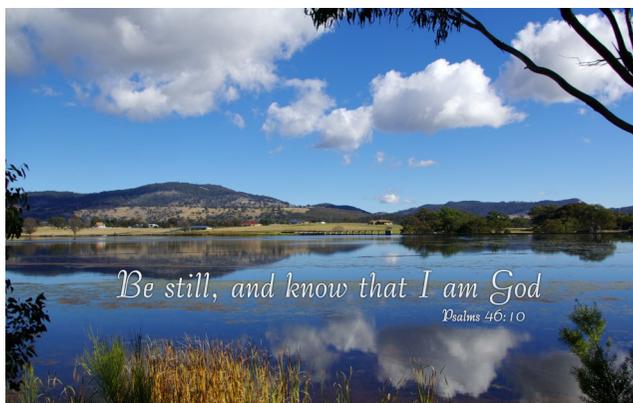
We have just started the Church's season of Lent. It's generally thought of as being a time for giving up chocolate, wine, whatever. But it's really a time to remind us that in our own rapidly spinning world, God is the still centre.

All around God is motion, sound, change and decay – galaxies circling, seasons and years rotating, life developing and decaying. And at the still centre, where there is no variableness, is God, the same yesterday, today and forever.

At Christmas, we thanked God for entering the ever moving and changing life of the world. But one great characteristic of Jesus was His stillness. Busy, harassed, injured people found someone with neither clever chat nor idle gossip, neither vulgar boasting nor loud opinion. His life always seemed to rotate round a still central point, which gave Him His balance and authority.

“Be still then and know that I am God” wrote the Psalmist. Lent is a time for us to stop and remember that. Lent is a good time to be a little more silent than usual – quicker to listen and slower to speak. And the more silent spaces we give ourselves, the more we’ll give that still, small Voice within.

God’s stillness is still full of energy. That still centre of the spinning disc is also the point which drives the rest of the rotating circle. Equally, when we’re in touch with that still centre, we’ll be able to give strength and support to those who feel they’re spinning at the edges.



Being still does mean that we need to take time to pause, to take stock, to take a critical look at our lives. That’s what Lent is about. On the spinning discs of our own lives, we need to remember that there is a still centre, calm and yet full of energy – which is where God is.

By Revd Dr Gary Bowness

John Rowe, one of the Foodbank volunteers, has taken on the task of producing a bi monthly newsletter for volunteers and supporters. This is how the January edition commenced:

"It's been quite a three months, hasn't it! When some volunteers first noticed tins sliding off the shelves in the picking area I thought it was my fault for overloading them. Then others noticed the forward tilt in the shelving and when we moved the shelves the gap between floorboards and skirting was quite extraordinary! Finally we learned that the whole floor in the middle section had to be replaced and since then volunteers have been working in – well let's just say somewhat cramped conditions!

As Iain Wight has repeatedly said, it's thanks to amazing efforts by everyone that the Foodbank has remained open throughout the repairs. During the same period the donations we received have been astonishing in quantity, via our Tesco collection, collections by Rotary, and huge donations through churches, schools and other organisations during the Harvest and pre-Christmas periods. Thanks to everyone who has helped with the collecting, dating, sorting and storing of all this food – a huge task which is still ongoing (only 240 more boxes to sort as I write!)."

Since then the work has been almost completed and we are able to spread our wings a little. However since that letter we have received some disturbing news. Iain and Margaret Wight who set up the Foodbank have decided, after prayerful consideration, that they wish to step



back and hand over the awesome responsibility to someone else so that they can concentrate more on ministry. This has come as a shock to us all, not least the Trustees on whom that responsibility now falls. Various people have offered to take over one of the many jobs which Margaret and Iain have shouldered themselves, so we are now on another learning curve and only time will tell how well we are able to cope. Please hold the work of the Foodbank and its volunteers in your prayers. **Margaret Ogden**

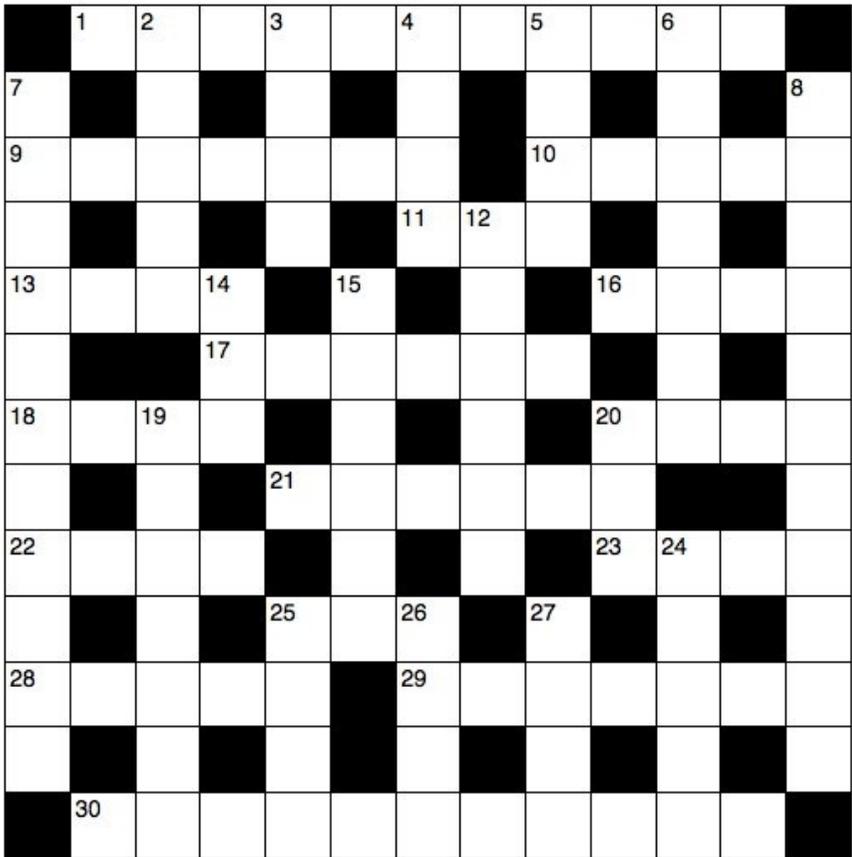


A Career in the Corps of Army Music

Early in 2017 our grandson, Daniel Gordon attended a youth music competition in Blackpool, playing trumpet with bands from Rochdale Music Service. There he saw information about a junior apprenticeship scheme at 16 for a career in the Army as a musician. He started the application process towards the end of 2017 and hoped to join one of the bands in the Corps of Army Music in September 2018; but that was delayed due to setbacks beyond Dan's control. However, for 2 years Dan's determination to follow his chosen career has never wavered and he has continued to develop his musical abilities.

He passed the music audition at adult level last March and recently passed all of the medical, fitness and aptitude tests with flying colours. As he is now 17 and passed all the assessments at adult level, he has been accepted for adult, phase 1 basic army training at Winchester (instead of junior training at Harrogate). His basic army training starts on March 18th for 14 weeks, followed by music training at the Royal Military School of Music. At the end of his training he hopes to be allocated a place in either the Band of the Household Cavalry or the Band of the Scots Guards. Thanks must go to Rochdale Music Service, as well as the music staff at Smithybridge School and Hollingworth Academy, for the dedication and encouragement given to young musicians. I doubt Daniel would have been at this stage without the opportunities to experience a variety of musical groups from a young age. All his family are proud of his achievements and wish him well for the next phase of his career.

Linda & Charlie Peacock



Across

- 1 These letters come between Romans and Galatians (11)
- 9 'You will not — me to the grave' (Psalm 16:10) (7)
- 10 King of Moab to whom the Israelites were subject for 18 years (Judges 3:14) (5)
- 11 Town possessing mineral spring (3)
- 13 Mede (anag.) (4)
- 16 High-fidelity (abbrev.) (4)
- 17 He succeeded his father Rehoboam as king of Judah (1 Kings 14:31) (6)
- 18 A son of Simeon (Genesis 46:10) (4)
- 20 Controversial religious book of the 1970s, The — of God Incarnate (4)
- 21 'He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you — — and hear' (Acts 2:33) (3,3)

- 22 'You — me together in my mother's womb' (Psalm 139:13) (4)
 23 Edit (anag.) (4)
 25 'Who has believed our message and to whom has the — of the Lord been revealed?' (Isaiah 53:1) (3)
 28 Abraham's brother (Genesis 22:23) (5)
 29 'When Mordecai learned of — that had been — , he tore his clothes' (Esther 4:1) (3,4)
 30 Sympathetic (Proverbs 11:16) (4-7)

Down

- 2 'That was why his parents said, "He is — —; ask him"' (John 9:23) (2,3)
 3 [Integrated Services Digital Network \(1,1,1,1\)](#) 4
 4 'Saul has slain his thousands, and David his — of thousands' (1 Samuel 18:7) (4)
 5 [Concept \(John 8:14\)](#) (4)
 6 'Do we, then, — the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law' (Romans 3:31) (7)
 7 [Industrious \(2 Timothy 2:6\)](#) (11)
 8 'I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be — in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you (Ephesians 1:18) (11)
 12 ['Out of the same mouth come — and cursing'](#) (James 3:10) (6)
 14 This was how many of the Jewish leaders described Jesus (John 10:20) (3)
 15 [Vitality \(Job 20:11\)](#) (6)
 19 He urged David to kill Saul at Hakilah (1 Samuel 26:8) (7)
 20 ['So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul — with the church and taught great numbers of people'](#) (Acts 11:26) (3)
 24 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord — — ' (Deuteronomy 6:4) (2,3)
 25 [Parched \(Matthew 12:43\)](#) (4)
 26 'In the image of God he created him; — and female he created them' (Genesis 1:27) (4)
 27 [Disparagement \(Psalm 15:3\)](#) (4)

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**Saturday 19th March**

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## Rotary Club Concert

On a cold, crisp February evening an audience in Bamford Chapel were “warmed” by a concert of unusual, contrasting music by three talented artistes the Rotary Club had invited. In the first half Fool’s Gold (aka husband and wife, Steve and Carol) from County Durham projected animated images and told the stories behind the folk songs from the North East they sang to the accompaniment of flute and acoustic guitars. It was a fascinating presentation with Geordie accents and audience participation!



In the second half Anne Valery, a local cabaret singer from Ramsbottom, gave us a range of popular songs from the 50s, 60s and 70s; there was plenty of nostalgia here.

In addition to our musical enjoyment, the Rotary Club were able to donate £500 to our President’s charities – the Alzheimer’s Society and Medic Malawi. Thanks to Pat and Audrey for organising refreshments.

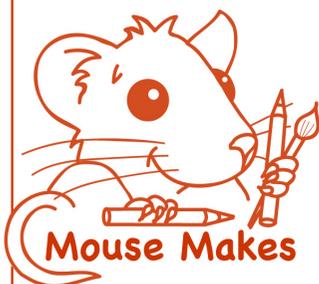
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#### CROSSWORD ANSWERS

**ACROSS:** 1, Corinthians. 9, Abandon. 10, Eglon. 11, Spa. 13, Deem. 16, Hi-fi. 17, Abijah. 18, Ohad. 20, Myth. 21, Now see. 22, Knit. 23, Tide. 25, Arm. 28, Nahor. 29, All done. 30, Kind-hearted.

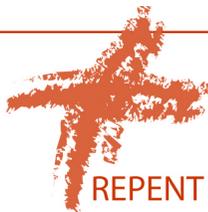
**DOWN:** 2, Of age. 3, ISDN. 4, Tens. 5, Idea. 6, Nullify. 7, Hardworking. 8, Enlightened. 12, Praise. 14, Mad. 15, Vigour. 19, Abishai. 20, Met. 24, Is one. 25, Arid. 26, Male. 27, Slur.

# Children's Page



During Lent read through the Gospel of Luke and each day pray for God to help you become more like Jesus

Lent is the name given to the **40 days** before Easter and is a time to *pray*, to *read* the bible and to *turn* to God. The first day of Lent is **Ash Wednesday**, a day to *repent* and say *sorry* to God for the wrong things we have *said* or *thought* or *done*.



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