



Bamford Chapel & Norden URC



March 2020

BAMFORD CHAPEL & NORDEN URC



Loving God, Serving Others,
Building Community

MISSION/VISION STATEMENT

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 2020

Sunday 1st March Lent 1	10.30 am	Family Worship with Communion Led by Revd Richard Bradley
	6.30 pm	Taizé Style Service (see page 5) Led by Graham Sivills from St Vincent's
Tuesday 3rd March	8.15 pm	Tuesday Home Group Meeting In the Crèche Room
Thursday 5th March	7.30 pm	Elders' Meeting (please pray for the Elders as they meet)
	7.00 pm	Churches Together Lent Course Session 1 at St Vincent's RC Church (see page 6)
Friday 6th March	1.30 pm	Bamford and Norden Dementia Friendly Café
	2.30 pm	World Day of Prayer at Cutgate Baptist Church (see page 26)
Sunday 8th March Lent 2	10.30 am	Family Worship Led by Walter Brisk
	12 noon	Church Meeting (please do your best to attend)
	6.30 pm	Evening Worship Led by David Watson
Tuesday 10th March	1.00 pm	Music at Lunchtime (see page 15)
Thursday 12th March	10.00 am - 12 noon	Fairtrade Coffee Morning All welcome

Sunday 15th March Lent 3	10.30 am	Family Worship Led by Revd Richard Bradley
	6.30 pm	Evening Worship with Communion Led by Revd Richard Bradley
Tuesday 17 th March	8.15 pm	Tuesday Home Group Meeting In the Crèche Room
Thursday 19 th March	7.00 pm	Churches Together Lent Course Session 3 at St Vincent's RC Church (see page 6)
Friday 20 th March	1.45 pm - 2.45 pm	Prayer 2020 Meeting (see page 7)
Saturday 21 st March	10.00 am	North Western Synod Meeting (in Bolton) (see page 4)
Mothering Sunday 22nd March Lent 4	10.30 am	Family Worship Led by Ken Greer
	6.30 pm	Gospel Panto (see page 22) Dr Watt and her Time Machine
Thursday 26 th March	7.00 pm	Churches Together Lent Course Session 4 at St Vincent's RC Church (see page 6)
Sunday 29th March Lent 5	10.30 am	Family Worship Led by Monday Home Group
	6.30 pm	Café Style New Songs Service (see page 8)
Tuesday 31 st March	8.15 pm	Tuesday Home Group Meeting In the Crèche Room

Stillness & Sharing

'During the Prayer 2020 year, the Stillness & Sharing Group will only meet on the FIRST Tuesday in the month, because the Prayer 2020 session will take place during the third week. We gather from 1.45 pm and the meeting is 2.00 -3.00 pm.

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** 3rd March (see page 2)
1.45 pm in lounge for Coffee: Meeting 2 - 3 pm
Home Group 3rd, 17th & 31st March
8.15 pm In Crèche Room
- Thursday:** **Ladies Fellowship** 12th March
7.30 pm (see page 20)
Heritage Group 19th March
7.00 pm (3rd Thursday in the month)
- Friday** **Dementia Friendly Café** 6th March
(1st Friday in the month)
- Saturday:** **Ian Newman Community Film Club**
6.30 pm refreshments **NO FILM CLUB IN MARCH**
7.00 pm film (See Page 24)

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

Jesus often prayed. Several times in the Bible we read of Jesus going off to pray alone. In [Mark 1:35](#) **“Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.”** This verse comes the morning after Jesus had healed many people.

In [Luke 5:16](#) we read: **“But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.”** This comes immediately after he has healed the man with leprosy.

And in [Luke 6:12](#) **“One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God.”** This account was just before Jesus chose his 12 disciples.

Jesus clearly saw the importance of prayer. At the birth of the church in [Acts 2:42-47](#) we also read about prayer. Prayer here is in the context of the gathering of the early Christians. I always think that personal prayer (like the examples of Jesus) is important as we seek God’s blessing and strength in all we do. But corporate prayer is also important, like we see in [Acts 2:42](#), when the disciples **“devoted themselves”** to prayer.

Opportunities or requests for prayer....



As I hope you know, we are continuing throughout this year following the [“Hope Together – Prayer 2020”](#) initiative; when as Christians we are encouraged to pray specifically on the [20th](#) of each month at [20:20](#). Not that you have to stick rigidly to the timings.

The important thing is that we pray for opportunities to share our faith.

On Saturday 21st March at the Synod Meeting at St Andrew and St George URC, Bolton, the new Moderator Revd Brian Jolly will be Inducted into his role as the North Western Synod Moderator. I am sure he would appreciate your prayers as he takes on this hugely challenging role in the Synod.

Pray also for the [Missional Partnership](#) as we prepare for Daniel and Saskia Harris and their two boys, who will come to serve in the Missional Partnership. Pray also for the 3rd opportunity for ministry, that God would be preparing that person to come and serve among us and with us.



Pray for Bamford Chapel and Norden URC, that as a church we may always discern what God's will is for us. And in that discerning, trust that God will lead is on the right paths for the sake of His Kingdom.

There are so many more prayer points that could be shared. But I encourage us all to reflect on the Bible passages cited about prayer and let us commit to praying for God to speak to us in our times of personal and corporate prayer.

God Bless, Richard

 **TAIZÉ SERVICE**

**...here at Bamford Chapel and Norden URC
on Sunday 1st March 2020, 6.30pm**

**Graham Sivills from St Vincent's Roman Catholic
Church will come and lead a Taizé Service.**

**Taizé Worship is meditative and reflective. The music
emphasises simple phrases often using the Psalms or
other pieces of scripture**

Friendship doubles our joy and divides our grief
Anon

Opening the Scriptures



SETTING OUR
HEARTS
ON
FIRE

What biblical text sets your heart on fire? Any? or None? Are you ever excited by hearing or reading God's Word?

Our Churches Together Lent Group this year is for those who want to understand better what they hear or read.

If you go to Church that's almost certainly – YOU!

The course is prepared by Churches Together in Britain & Ireland and will be presented by local church members.

Where? St Vincent's RC Church Parish Centre * OL127QR

When? Thursday evenings: March 5th to April 2nd

Time? 7:00pm for 7:15 - 8:30pm

***except March 12th when it will be in the Church**

March 5th

The Fire and the Name

Rev Richard Bradley

March 12th

And all the earth shall cry glory

Mike Davis

March 19th

Face to face

Fr. James Manock

March 26th

Heart to heart: sorrow and joy

Rev Ruth Jackson

April 2nd

Bound together in love and sacrifice Rev Brian Davidson

All Welcome



Prayer 2020

Prayer 2020 is launched and we have had two sessions at chapel. We're stronger when we pray together. We have the good news that the world needs to hear; that love is meant to be at the centre of all life; that forgiveness is available and a new start possible for all. The life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus demonstrates the quality of life God intended us to have; loving, thankful, courageous and caring. Prayer is the means by which we connect with the Spirit of God, so that we can be filled with the Spirit and become the people he intends us to be.

Each month the pattern of the hour will be the same; greetings, worship, the lighting of the HOPE candle, the introduction of the focus for prayer, the 20 minutes silent prayer, final song & farewells.

The focus for prayer each month will be different; January was the COURAGE to share our HOPE in CHRIST. The next 8 months will focus on one of the FRUITS of the Spirit. In February the theme is LOVE.

We will meet in the sanctuary whenever possible. We will hope to meet 7.45pm – 8.45pm. But in March when the 20th falls on a Friday we will meet 1-45pm – 2.45pm with the 20 minutes silence at 2.20pm. The focus will be JOY. So why not come along and JOYN us!!

Joan Warner

*If, after church, you wait awhile
Someone may greet you with a smile,
But if you quickly rise and flee,
We'll all seem cold to you, maybe.
All here, like you, have fears and cares,
All of us need each other's prayers.
So, in fellowship we bid you meet
With us, around God's Mercy Seat.*

*(Found in Royton Trinity Methodist Church
and submitted by Irene Lucas)*

New Songs Café Style Service Sunday 29th March (+ other dates)



Rochdale, Bury and North Manchester
Missional Partnership

Café Style new songs Service

@ Bamford Chapel & Norden URC

Sunday 29th March 2020 @ 6.30pm



Other planned dates for 2020 are: 17th May,
12th July, 13th September & 29th November

Please put these dates in your diary



These have been well received by those who have attended. Please come along to these opportunities for worship.

God Bless, Richard



Church Flowers

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

Margaret Frain in memory of Kath Friend

Dot Craig in memory of Peter Craig

Linda & Charlie Peacock in memory of their parents

Jean & Robert Foster in celebration of their daughter Jane's birthday.

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...

Where is the love?

Where is the compassion?

Where is the concern for the common good?

How long Lord, will your teaching be ignored?

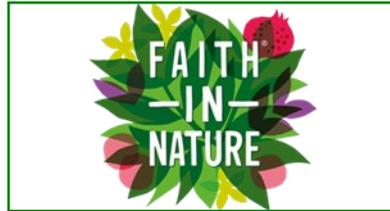
How long till the stone-throwing stops?

By Daphne Kitching

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TIP of the month



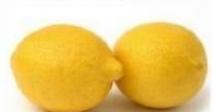
Website: www.faithinnature.co.uk

Last month I promised to tell you where these products can be purchased. Obviously on-line at the website mentioned above. Boots Chemist, Oxfam Shops, Plentiful in Ramsbottom, Holland and Barrett, Bury Natural Health Store.

Lesley Sutton [member of the Eco Church Team]

Have you a recipe for any of these seasonal items? Please give to me and I will put in the magazine. Cherimoya is a fruit!! **Lesley Sutton**

MARCH What's in Season?

 Artichoke	 Cherimoya	 Mint
 Lemons	 Beets	 Pineapples
 Broccoli	 Guava	 Peas
	 Mushrooms	

Eat Seasonally

Eco-warriors who lead protest marches may have good intent, but what are they doing at home? Are they block-paving their gardens or eating avocados, for example?

Alan Titchmarsh, writing in his recent column in *Gardeners' World*, points out: “We cannot berate members of the Royal family and global superstars for flying hither and yon in private jets if we buy strawberries in January, for they, too, will have necessitated the burning of fossil fuel to reach our table.”

Titchmarsh says that if we really want to make a difference, we should eat seasonally. “I yearn for a return to ... English apples and pears in autumn and winter, strawberries and raspberries in summer, and asparagus from April to June.

And while he would not deprive anyone of “a slice of lemon for their G&T,” he does worry “about the growing consumption of avocados, which is causing the destruction of Mexican rainforests to make way for avocado plantations.”

So instead of avocados this month, why not consider some artichoke, beetroot, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage (both Savoy and white), carrots, chicory, cauliflowers, endives, fennel, or spinach, to name but a few of the vegetables in season in March?

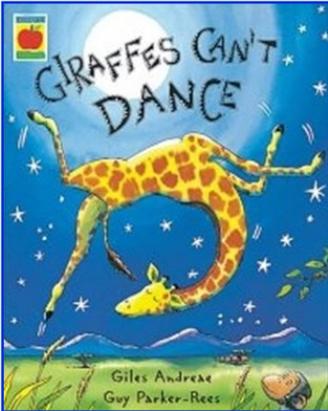


Pause for Thought...

You should never regret growing old – it’s a privilege denied to many

Worrying doesn’t take away tomorrow’s troubles; it takes away today’s peace of mind

Our days will be that much better if, instead of giving people a piece of our mind, we give them a bit of our heart



Many young children's books have a moral both for the child and the adult reading the book.

“GIRAFFES CAN'T DANCE” by Giles Andreae and Guy Parker-Rees is such a wonderful example of this.

Please make time to read this rhyming story, you won't be sorry.

Gerald was a tall giraffe whose neck was long and slim, but his knees were awfully bandy and his legs were rather thin.

He was very good at standing still and munching shoots off trees, but when he tried to run around he buckled at the knees.

Now every year in Africa they hold the Jungle Dance, where every single animal turns up to skip and prance.

And this year when the day arrived poor Gerald felt so sad, because when it came to dancing he was really very bad.

The warthogs started waltzing and the rhinos rock 'n' rolled. The lions danced a tango which was elegant and bold.

The chimps all did a cha-cha cha with a very Latin feel and eight baboons then teamed up for a splendid Scottish reel.

Gerald swallowed bravely as he walked towards the floor, but the lions saw him coming and they soon began to roar.

“Hey, look at clumsy Gerald,” the animals all laughed, “Giraffes can't dance, you silly fool, oh Gerald don't be daft.”

Gerald simply froze up, he was rooted to the spot. “They're right,” he thought, “I'm useless, oh, I feel like such a clot.”

So he crept off from the dance floor and he started walking home, he'd never felt so sad before, so sad and so alone.

Then he found a little clearing and he looked up at the sky, “the moon can be so beautiful,” he whispered with a sigh.

“**Excuse** me!” coughed a cricket who’d seen Gerard earlier on, “but sometimes when you’re different you just need a different song.”

“**Listen** to all the swaying grass and listen to the trees, to me the sweetest music is those branches in the breeze.

So imagine that that lovely moon is playing just for you, everything makes music if you really want it to.”

With that the cricket smiled and picked up his violin. Then Gerald felt his body do the most amazing thing.

His hooves had started shuffling making circles in the ground, his neck was gently swaying and his tail was swishing round.

He threw his arms out sideways and he swung them everywhere, then he did a backwards somersault and leapt up in the air.

Gerald felt so wonderful, his mouth was open wide, “I am dancing! Yes I’m dancing, **I AM DANCING** Gerald cried.

Then one by one each animal who’d been there at the dance, arrived while Gerald boogied on and watched him quite entranced.

They shouted, “It’s a miracle! We must be in a dream, Gerald’s the best dancer that we’ve ever, ever seen!”

“**How** is it you can dance like that? Please, Gerald tell us how.” But Gerald simply twizzled round and finished with a bow.



Then he raised his head and looked up at the moon and stars above. “**We all can dance,**” he said, “**when we find music that we love.**”

Lesley Sutton

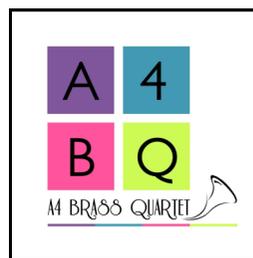
Lunchtime Concert



Our guests in February, during a spell of particularly horrible weather, were the Irwell Baroque quartet – harpsichord, violin, flute and viola de gamba. Despite the poor conditions outside, we enjoyed a delightful programme from four very talented young musicians, who were most warmly greeted by the audience, which included a gentleman in a wheelchair who had come to us by two buses from many miles away! I was deeply grateful to Ian Sturrock, who in his usual quiet way and without being asked, undertook to take this visitor to the bus station. We do so appreciate the efforts of some of our supporters to get to our concerts. Many of the audience took pains after the concert to express thanks and encouragement to our performers.

In March, we welcome back students from Chetham's School of Music. They are bringing 13 young people in the form of two string quartets and a wind quintet. Once again, we ask for your support in good numbers, not just because that helps us greatly financially, but also to encourage yet more talented musicians as they try to embark on their professional careers.

I have already secured the services of the A4 Brass Quartet for next season – this time I have signed a contract so there should be no problems as there were this year! We are also to have the Chris Holmes Jazz Trio and a violinist new to us from Cambridge. Chets have agreed to come to us again, so there are just two slots still to be filled. We have set ourselves a high standard which we hope you appreciate, and again we hope for your presence to make all this worthwhile.



Walter Brisk

**Music at Lunchtime
At Bamford Chapel & Norden URC**



**Tuesday 10th March
13 Students from Chetham's School of Music**

**Concert starts at 1.00 - 2.00 pm
Concert Admission £4.00**

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

Grounds Maintenance

On Monday 9th March there will be a meeting for people who would like to help with the work and projects needed to maintain the grounds around chapel. If you feel you can offer support and contribute in some way, then please speak to myself or the Ground Maintenance crew (part of the Monday Gang).



Linda Kerford



Cherished Memories

Most of us cherish memories of certain happy childhood holidays. Irene and I had many happy holidays with our children and grandchildren on visits to a Lakeside Cottage in Windermere. A recent discovery showed that we perhaps forget the deep impression such holidays can make on the children with you. We discovered an example of this in a piece of writing by a grandson when he was nine years old. He is now practising as a doctor in Australia!

Malcolm Beaumont

The Lost Lake

Summer. It comes every year. My summers were special. For five days we would go to Lake Windermere. We would stay in the best house imaginable. Ten metres away from the front of the house is a perfect lake. Five days seemed like five minutes. It was simple. A kitchen, a living room and two bedrooms. And that's it. The hard stones are a walkway to what seems a motionless lake. Until I get there.

I plunge into the solid water. I went inside to receive a hot steaming mug of hot chocolate. I ate piping hot popcorn in front of the sky high flames. When the evening came, a jigsaw was the usual routine. Nana always made the same thing; pancakes. Hot, sweet, golden pancakes. They made the room smell like a sweetshop.

The mornings were the same all the time. We would gaze out the window onto a calm blue lake. The boats would slice the crystal blue water all day. Each morning, Lauren and me would go and feed the ducks who regularly came for their morning feed. In the day we would stroll past the white rock cliffs into the busy lakeside town of Bowness. We would hire a boat and row out to a secret island and play tag and hide and seek for hours on end.

I wonder if you have ever been in a 95 flavours ice cream shop? I would always get the same flavour. Choc chip and lemon sorbet. The flavour would stay in your mouth for ages.

As time went on so did we. The cottage grew old and quite literally started to fall apart. We grew out of most of the activities and now we have finally stopped going. The wonderful sight of clear blue water and white rock will just stay in photos. The scents, tastes and happiness will just be memories. Though one thing will stay; the people I had to share it with. One day I hope to return to the cottage but until I do it shall just remain a lost lake.

Alasdair Williamson [grandson of Irene and Malcolm Beaumont]



I am thankful, for my blessings are too many to count.

With love and thanks for flowers and concerns,

Gillian Galloway



Ode to the Spell Checker

Eye halve a spelling chequer
It came with my pea sea
It plainly marques four my revue
Miss steaks eye kin knot sea.

Eye strike a key and type a word
And weight four it two say
Weather eye am wrong oar write
It shows me strait a weigh.

As soon as a mist ache is maid
It nose bee fore two long
And eye can put the error rite
Its rare lea ever wrong.

Eye have run this poem threw it
I am shore your pleased two no
Its letter perfect awl the weigh
My chequer tolled me sew.



For those of you who text or compute, this will mean something.
If you are confused, have a word with me.

Lesley Sutton

Editor: By the Rev Tony Horsfall of Charis Training. Courtesy of Parish Pump
More details at: www.Charistraining.co.uk.

When Spring Comes

'See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land.' Song of Songs 2:11-12

March is the month that I associate with the coming of Spring, my favourite time of the year, and such a relief after the darkness and gloom of Winter. This verse beautifully describes the joy that most of us feel as the days begin to brighten, and Nature starts to awaken once again.

These words also speak to us about a new season in life, one that is filled with hope and expectation. Sometimes we experience the darkness of winter in our lives – maybe in the form of depression, bereavement, chronic illness, family difficulties, financial problems and so on. These long winter months of the soul may seem to last forever. Our joy disappears, our energy dissipates, our mood is low. A thick black cloud hangs over us and it seems as if the sun will never shine again.

Then we have this reminder that no season lasts for ever. The cold grip of Winter gradually thaws and gives way to warmer days. The sun does shine again, and the temperature rises. Birds sing and flowers blossom. The sap rises. Love is in the air.



And in the spiritual realm the same happens. Eventually we will enter a new season of the soul. Joy returns and life gets back to something like normality. No darkness lasts for ever. We experience our own awakening, a kind of mini resurrection. We start to feel alive again, to see possibilities and to dream again.

In the depths of Winter, we can look ahead to the certainty of Spring. Faith enables us to believe that the winter of the soul will soon be past as well. In the darkness we choose to hope in God.



Ladies Fellowship



Our February meeting provided an introduction to the history and current management of **Rochdale Children's Moorland Home**.

The current manager gave us a brief history of the home and how it came into being with a donation of £20 to establish a 'Poor Children's Home', with the objective of **"the provision and maintenance of a holiday home for children who are in conditions of need or distress"**.

The home started at Clay Clough Farm in 2up / 2down cottages and a cattle shed. With the appointment of a Housekeeper, and furniture, beds, pots & pans, bedding, towels and other essentials acquired, the home was opened in July 1894 with 10 girls staying for two weeks. This was followed by 10 boys staying for a further two weeks and so the 'holiday home' began. The cost of the first season, which ran from 28th July to 29th September was £29.9s.8d (equivalent to £2,600 today). This covered coal, cleaning, wages, carriage, furniture etc. with volunteers on the ladies committee looking after the children's clothes.

Today the cost of running the home is £70,000 with all the red tape of Health & Safety, insurance and now private pensions for staff. All the money has to be raised by donations and has received no help from either government or the local council. They were even turned down for funding by Children in Need!

The home gives a holiday/respite to children with various needs. These include families in financial hardship, special needs respite for both children and carers, children who have recently suffered a close bereavement and



young carers who need a short break. They are referred by Social Services but more recently are being referred by schools as well.

The evening was very informative and enlightening. Who knew that such a need was being provided by a charitable organisation, without government help, and in Rochdale?

Our next meeting on **March 12th** will be an open meeting for everyone (men included), when we welcome **Greater Manchester Police Scam Busters**. Their presentation will cover how to protect yourself online and fraud scams. An evening not to be missed.

Linda Kerford

Community Coffee Morning



On 30th January, Barbara Lloyd from Springhill Hospice presented Pat Gate with an acknowledgement cheque for £1645 donated from half the proceeds raised at the coffee morning since its inception in 2014. The other half is donated to Bamford Chapel and Norden URC.

Congratulations to Pat and the team.

Bamford Chapel and Norden URC
presents the gospel pantomime



Doctor Watt and her (steam-powered) Time Machine

*Saturday 21 March at 7 pm
and
Sunday 22 March at 6.30 pm*

**Bamford Chapel
Norden Road
OL11 5PQ**

**Tickets
Adults £5 Children £3
from Lesley Sutton
638005**

Editor: Canon David Winter considers the Royal Family.

Family and Freedom

The ructions in the Royal Family in January, widely reported (whether a fact or guess work) remind us that while they are ‘royal’ they are also a ‘family’. God sets the lonely in families, the Bible says. But He also sets the awkward, the odd and the rebellious in them. Families are not associations of the identical, but places where difference is recognised and honoured.

Prince Harry is not Prince William, but neither is he Prince Charles, his father. Perhaps he is a bit more like the independent Diana, his mother.

Recognising difference, and respecting it, lies at the heart of family life, and always has. We may wish our children were replicas of ourselves, but they are not. My late wife was a nurse, and I was a journalist and broadcaster. We had three children. Today one of them manages a posh shop in Covent Garden, one is a musician travelling the world with a well-known folk-rock band, and another is a vicar. Long live the difference!

Families are wonderful. But they seem to work best when the individual members are set free to be themselves. We are not all the same, thank God!



World Water Day – 22nd March

This year, it is all about water and climate change – and how the two are linked.

There is a website offering good ideas and resources if you would like to join in.

Please go to: <https://www.worldwaterday.org/>



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**CINEMA
FOR ALL**

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

**Please note there isn't a film screening in March;
Come to the Gospel Panto instead (see page 22)**

On the 18th January The INCFC screened its 25th film and had its best attendance ever with 94 people sitting down to watch "Fisherman's Friends."

Here are members of the organising team. Mike and Diane Davies weren't able to attend that evening and I forgot to ask my husband, Peter to be on the photograph. (I was in trouble !!) **Lesley Sutton**





Mothering Sunday: 4th Sunday in Lent

There is an old Jewish saying: *God could not be everywhere, and therefore He made mothers.*

Mother Church, Mother Earth, Mother of the Gods - our human mothers - all of them have been part of the celebration of 'Mothering Sunday' - as the fourth Sunday in Lent is affectionately known. It has been celebrated in the UK since at least the 16th century.

In Roman times, great festivals were held every Spring to honour Cybele, Mother of all the Gods. Other pagan festivals in honour of Mother Earth were also celebrated. With the arrival of Christianity, the festival became one honouring Mother Church.

During the Middle Ages, young people apprenticed to craftsmen or working as 'live-in' servants were allowed only one holiday a year on which to visit their families - which is how 'Mothering Sunday' got its name. This special day became a day of family rejoicing, and the Lenten fast was broken. In some places the day was called Simnel Day, because of the sweet cakes called simnel cakes traditionally eaten on that day.

In recent years the holiday has changed and in many ways now resembles the American Mother's Day, with families going out to Sunday lunch and generally making a fuss of their mother on the day.



Courtesy of Parish Pump

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020

Praying with Zimbabwe

FRIDAY 6TH MARCH



World Day of Prayer
Service 2.30pm
**CUTGATE BAPTIST
CHURCH.**

A SERVICE FOR EVERYONE

Rise! Take Your
Mat and Walk

www.wwdp.org.uk



**CANCER
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31st March 7:30pm
Rochdale Rugby Union Club
Moorgate Avenue, Rochdale
OL11 5LU
Ticket £5
Bar and raffle



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Remember when this was in a Chapel Magazine; about two years ago?
Here is a reminder again ...

Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it.

Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about that because he thought that it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realised that Everybody wouldn't do it.

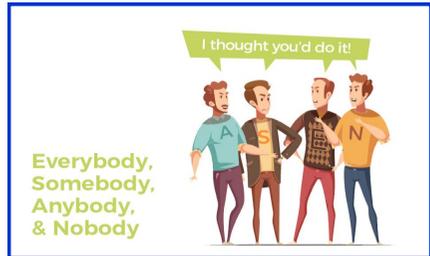
It ended up that Everybody was angry with Somebody because Nobody did what Anybody could have done!

The story may be confusing but the message is clear: no one took responsibility so nothing got accomplished.

Does Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody work where you are?

Do you ever blame them for work that doesn't get done that you could have taken responsibility for?

Think about it!



Makes you smile....

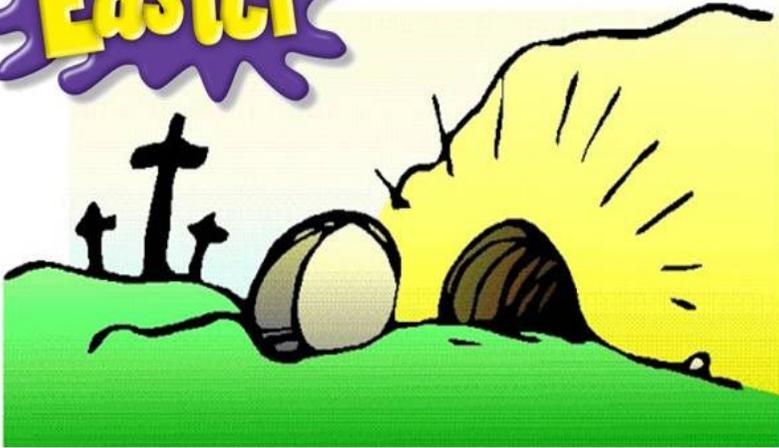
Physics Professor: "What happens when the human body is immersed in warm water?"

Student: "The telephone rings."



Messy Easter

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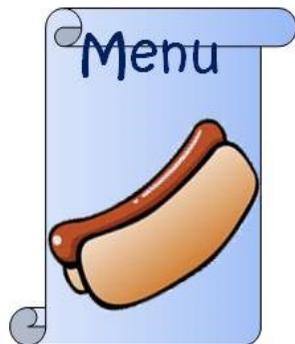


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