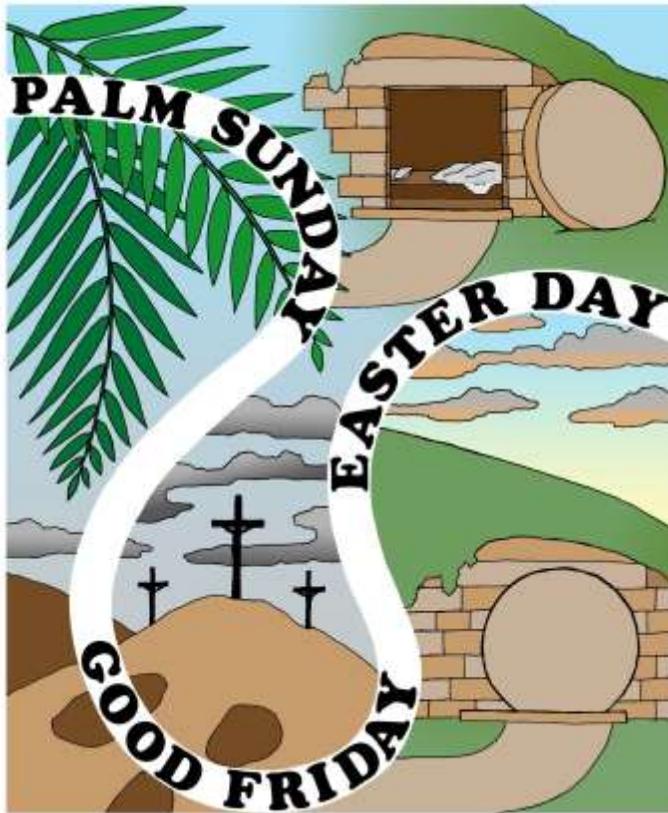




The
United
Reformed
Church

Bamford Chapel & Norden URC



March 2024

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 2024

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.bcchurch.org.uk)

Every Monday	7.30 - 8.30 pm	Prayer Group in the Lounge (all welcome)
Friday 1 March	11.00 am 1.30 - 3.30 pm	World Day of Prayer at Thrum Hall Methodist Church - All Welcome (see page 2) Dementia Friendly Café
Sunday 3 March	10.30 am 6.30 pm	Family Worship with Communion Led by Margaret Ogden Missional Partnership Café Church (page 22)
Tuesday 5 March	7.30 pm - 9.00 pm	Tuesday Home Group On Zoom (see page 6)
Wednesday 6 March	7.30 pm	Jesus-Shaped People discussion In Church (see page 4)
Thursday 7 March	7.30 pm	Missional Partnership Lent Course On Zoom (see page 6)
Sunday 10 March	10.30 am	Family Worship - Mothering Sunday Led by Debbie Wood
Wednesday 13 March	7.00 pm	Midweek Service
Thursday 14 March	1.30 pm - 3.30 pm 7.30 pm	The Friendship Group (see page 6) Helen Fowell "Victorian Villains" Missional Partnership Lent Course On Zoom (see page 6)
Saturday 16 March	6.30 for 7.00pm	Community Film Club (see page 23) "The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry"
Sunday 17 March	10.30 am 2.00 - 4.00pm	Family Worship Led by Daniel Harris Messy Church (see page 18)
Monday 18 March	8.00 pm	Jesus-Shaped People discussion At the Redmond's (see page 4)
Tuesday 19 March	7.30 pm - 9.00 pm	Tuesday Home Group On Zoom (see page 6)

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Thursday 21 March	7.30 pm	Missional Partnership Lent Course On Zoom (see page 6)
Sunday 24 March	10.30 am 12 - 1.00 pm	Family Worship Led by David Watson Church Meeting (please do your best to attend)
Wednesday 27 March	7.30 pm	Jesus-Shaped People discussion In Church (see page 4)
Maundy Thursday 28 March	7.00 pm	Maundy Service Worship Led by Margaret Ogden
Good Friday 29 March	10.00 am 1.30 pm 7.00 pm	Good Friday Worship Led by Revd Daniel Harris Ramble (meet at church) Drama (see page 16)
Easter Sunday 31 March	9.00 am 10.30 am	Easter Breakfast organised by Junior Church Family Worship with Communion Led by Revd Daniel Harris

World Day of Prayer Service



Friday 1st March at 11.00am
At Thrum Hall Methodist Church
All Welcome

The service this year is a service of Peace produced by the Christian Women of Palestine, quite a few months before the conflict began.

Anne Fitton

Message from the Other Manse



Who are your Five Friendly Faces?

Hopefully we all agree that prayer is as important to Christians as breathing. However, the needs of the world can seem to overwhelm our prayer lives. We might also feel unworthy to pray or unmotivated to pray.

The Epistle of James offers some encouraging words on prayer. “Therefore, confess your sins to one another that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.” (James 5.16) God is not enamoured by the prayer life of a self-confident or “self-made” person. In contrast, the prayers of broken and contradictory people, who confess their sins and need for God, carry great spiritual weight. Our prayers can influence the course of other people’s lives.

These simple words from James are encouraging. But where do we start? The needs of the world are complex and overwhelming. This is partly why I’ve adopted a simple approach of regularly praying for five friendly (or unfriendly!) faces.

As with many of us, I find myself uniquely placed among a small group of close friends - people who God wants me to bless and encourage. So I pray for these friends regularly. I try to let my prayer life direct my interactions with these close friends.

Over recent months I have seen progress and movement within some of my friends. One friend’s spiritual journey made a significant jump forward when we attended an evangelistic event in Ramsbottom. Another friend, whose son-in-law is serving a prison sentence in the USA, has specifically asked for prayer. Both of these friends have little prior contact with church, and probably wouldn’t have described themselves as Christians. But my prayers and relationship with them is shaping how they respond to God in their time of need.

Encouraged by my own success, I am trying to encourage people across our Missional Partnership to take a similar approach to prayer. Next time you start to pray, open your hands and look at your fingers. Ask God to inspire you to you identify five people who you might be uniquely placed to love and support. Please pray for them regularly. Ask God’s Spirit to warm their hearts, responding to God’s love for them. Let your prayers shape how you interact with them. Be the reason that these friends might engage in a spiritual journey travelling towards the God of love.

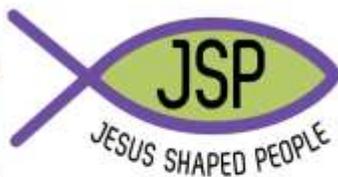
May God grant us every success in this endeavour! Keep the Faith.

Daniel Harris

Jesus-Shaped People Discussions

Continuing to develop our Jesus-Shaped Church

All are invited to continue our discussions and learning together as we grow in faith and trust. From February to July 2024 we will be using the ‘Jesus Shaped People Lite’ materials and as we did during the Autumn of 2023 we will meet to discuss the materials. You only need to attend one of the dates being offered for each JSP session.



JSP Session	Monday—8pm @ The Redmonds	Wednesdays—7.30pm In Church	Saturdays—10.30am In Church
1	12th February	6th March	17th February
2	18th March	27th March	6th April
3	15th April	24th April	27th April
4	13th May	15th May	18th May
5	10th June	19th June	15th June
6	15th July	17th July	20th July

All are welcome at any of the sessions. For further details please contact Richard on:

richard.bradley@nwsynod.org.uk // 01706 369622 // 07483 155807

Friendship Group



Thursday 14th March

1.30 - 3.30 pm

In Church

Helen Fowell

“Victorian Villains”

£4

All Welcome

Easter Ramble & Easter Breakfast

29th March - Good Friday Ramble

1.30 pm - meet at Chapel

Sunday 31st March

9.00 am Easter Breakfast

All welcome

Sign up on the notice board



Tuesday Home Group



The Tuesday Homegroup

Meets fortnightly on Zoom
 Anyone is welcome to join us to share in fellowship and reflecting together on God's Word

We meet at 7.30pm

6th February	16th April
20th February	30th April
5th March	14th May
19th March	28th May
2nd April	11th June

Zoom details:
 Meeting ID: 847 9885 2008
 Passcode: 517449

For more details contact Revd Richard Bradley on:
richard.bradley@nwsynod.org.uk // 07483 155807 // 01706 369622

Lent Course



ROCHDALE, BURY AND NORTH MANCHESTER MISSIONAL PARTNERSHIP LENT COURSE ON ZOOM



THURSDAYS AT 7.30PM



22ND FEBRUARY
29TH FEBRUARY
7TH MARCH
14TH MARCH
21ST MARCH

ZOOM DETAILS:
MEETING ID: 883 1235 9847
(NO PASSCODE NEEDED)

For more information please contact Revd Daniel Harris or Revd Richard Bradley:
daniel.harris@nwsynod.org.uk — 07563 286345
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Prayer for Easter 2024



Almighty, God,

You hold all things in Your hands. You make sense of everything!

So often we only see where we are now, what we feel now, in this moment - but You know the end from the beginning.

In all our troubles, our assurance is in Your sovereignty, in Your mighty act of salvation.

Thank you that, just as after winter comes spring and after night comes morning, so, most gloriously, after death on Good Friday, comes resurrection on Easter Day!

Christ is Risen - and we can know, by the indwelling of his Holy Spirit, that ***He is risen indeed!***

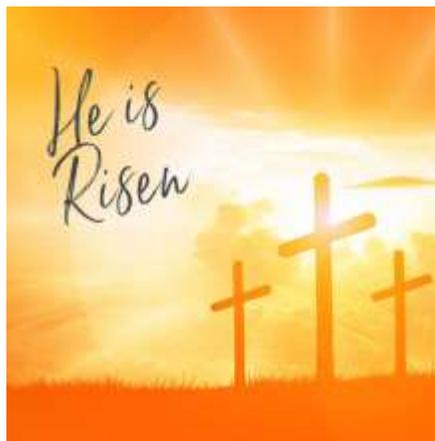
We can know, in our real and every-day lives, where our help comes from.

Hallelujah! Thank you, living Lord,

In Jesus name.

Amen.

By Daphne Kitching



Church Meetings

NEXT MEETING 24TH MARCH 12 - 1 PM AFTER THE SERVICE



We have had some discussions at Elders and at the January Church Meeting about how we can encourage more people to attend church meetings.

It is important that we hold church meetings because this is where we discuss and make decisions on the life and running of our church.

Taking note of the feedback we have received, the next church meeting will be slightly different.

Some information about the meeting will be given out 2 weeks beforehand, so you will have time to think about the items that will be discussed.

We will try to make the meeting less formal and have discussions in small groups, so that everyone can feel comfortable to have their say.

We will make every effort to finish on time at 1pm.

Please come along and have your say in the life of our church.

Thanks and God Bless

Anne Fitton and the Elders

Who is it?



Three of us at BC&NURC have an eye condition named Age-related macular degeneration (AMD). I am going to tell you a little about this and how it affects me. I am no longer able to drive very far, unable to read well, television is

blurred and my main worrying problem is that I don't recognise anyone unless they are at the side of me. This is how you can all help me.... If I don't say hello and name you I am not being discourteous. The answer is that I simply don't recognise YOU. So, if this happens to YOU it would be more than helpful if you could say hello to me first and say who you are. Would that be acceptable?

A number of regular attendees at BC&NURC know my difficulty, bringing me a large print hymn book as I can't read the screen either! They also help me identify people when I ask.

Finally, I am not writing this in an attempt to seek pity or sympathy. I don't feel sorry for myself. It is something that can happen and I am dealing with it the best I can. I can read with a kindle at the moment and have numerous magnifying glasses.

Age-related macular degeneration (AMD) is a common condition that affects the middle part of your vision. It usually first affects people in their 50s and 60s. It does not cause total blindness, but it can make everyday activities like reading and recognising faces difficult.

Lesley Sutton

‘Shared Fear allowed us to be Empowered rather than Consumed’

This article was submitted by Alison Greaves to Reform Magazine and included in the February 2024 issue as part of ‘Here & Now’ which gives voices to younger writers in the Church. Alison is a URC representative to the Council for World Mission, and was a member of BC&NURC before moving to Newcastle.



Just before the start of COP28 the Council for World Mission (CWM) hosted a consultation titled Interfaith Eco-spiritualities, which I attended for the URC. We were a group of representatives from different faiths from across the globe. The aim: to share and explore our experiences of eco-justice. We, as a collective of individuals, dictated the content, guided by our CWM facilitators.

Throughout the week we explored sacred texts that inspire our eco commitments and shared our own stories of eco-justice. Despite the newfound knowledge that was shared between us of the impacts of climate change, there was something far more powerful and arguably important. The consultation was unexpectedly emotional, for all involved.

Although I am aware of the impact climate change is having, sitting shoulder to shoulder with people who are losing their entire islands to rising sea levels was distressing. Lilly, a friend, shared her devastating story, stating that the offers from large neighbouring countries to rehome them is not what her community wants. They want their traditions, lives, and all they have ever known to be safe. While tears poured down her face, she reminded us that many developed nations represented in the room, including Britain, have been instrumental in the climate change that was causing her to lose her home.

The consultation was held in Great Missenden, where the author Roald Dahl lived. He is a well-loved personality for us all at the consultation, even for those from across the world. We visited his grave and his museum. In the museum it stated that at times he was an unkind man who had written and said antisemitic things. I was left rather unnerved. Someone who had been such a comfort throughout my childhood now left me feeling uncomfortable.

Just as my new knowledge of Roald Dahl's life left me feeling uneasy, so did Lilly's story. I felt embarrassed at my lack of understanding for the indigenous communities. The silence after Lilly shared her story made it clear that the guilt and shame I felt was shared by others in the room. Although I am aware life in Britain can be tough, I think we forget how little we have been affected by climate change compared to others. The atrocities that were committed during the building of the British Empire have given us the resources to protect us a little from climate change. We need to remember how privileged we are, with some of our privilege built on the suffering of others. Although this is not our generations fault it should never be forgotten and should empower us to do more to protect our planet.

The most overwhelming feeling from the week was the presence of fear. Professionally, I am a nurse working in A&E. I see fear within people regularly. Although witnessing such fear is challenging, I have chosen to take this on. The fear I feel when I think of the climate is involuntary. It makes me anxious to see the future spiralling. However, during the consultation we all felt the fear together, allowing us to be empowered rather than consumed, a great comfort I haven't found anywhere else.

The last session of the consultation left me with a sense of irony. Throughout the week we discovered that all faiths want to preserve the planet. To have a greater effect on the environment crisis we need to work in an interfaith manner. The irony is in the name of the consultation: Interfaith Eco-spiritualities. It had taken us a week to reach an idea CWM had presented us with months before. An estimated 84% of the world's population has faith. This could drive action that is bigger and bolder than ever before. Faith has an amazing power but when working collectively our voice is louder, stronger and better resourced. We need to use international tools such as the United Nations' Faith for Earth, and work on a bigger scale so the URC is a part of larger, more impactful decisions. There is an overwhelmingness to this task, that I know many people feel, but we must rise to it to protect all of God's creations.

Alison Greaves

Musings on Life...

- ◆ I'm taking care of my procrastination issues. Just you wait and see.
- ◆ I hate it when I see an old person, and then realize we went to school together.
- ◆ My boss calls me 'The Computer'. Nothing to do with intelligence; I go to sleep if left unattended for 15 minutes.
- ◆ If it's true that we are here to help others, what are the others doing here?
- ◆ A worried wife sent a text to her husband from home on a very cold winter's morning: "Windows frozen, won't open." He texted back: "Gently pour some lukewarm water over it." She replied later: 'The computer won't work at all now!'



Midweek Worship

It's great to know that we will now be holding midweek services EVERY month on the second Wednesday of the month at 7pm. We hope you will be able to join us for this more intimate and reflective worship opportunity. Our March midweek worship will be an **Iona service led by Jim Hurst**. All are welcome! Thanks and God Bless, *Debbie Wood*

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MIDWEEK WORSHIP

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11/12/24

pray



Why we should be like Donkeys



Are you a pet-lover? Many people own a dog, a cat or a budgie, but most of us don't own a donkey! Yet in Bible times, donkeys were essential to daily life. They did everything from helping to grind corn, to ploughing, to carrying people, to transporting their belongings. Despite their small frame, donkeys are surprisingly tough. They can survive on poor fodder, can travel an average of 20 miles a day.

There are two occasions in the Christian calendar where donkeys walk into the picture. At Christmas, Mary travelled the 100 miles from Nazareth to Bethlehem on a donkey. And although a donkey doesn't get a specific mention in the manger story, that same one that transported her was probably there; where else would it have been?

On Palm Sunday Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey. Jesus deliberately chose this animal rather than a horse. Why? In Bible times, the horse was associated with war, conquest and worldly might. But the donkey was a symbol of peace and humility. So, Jesus used this animal to show that

He had come with the dignity of the king of peace. His entry into the Holy City also fulfilled Zechariah’s prophecy concerning the Messiah.

Donkeys are hardworking and undemanding. They wait for their master to put them to the work He has chosen for them. And, remarkably, each one bears the mark of the Cross on their backs!

Perhaps that is something we should learn—to wait for Jesus our Master, to be always obedient to Him, to serve Him with all our hearts, and to bear the mark of His grace in our lives.

Lester Amann



It makes you think...

A hospital was told there was the possibility they would have enough money in the following year’s budget to build a new wing. They decided to consult the various medical specialists and their reactions were as follows:

- ◆ The allergists voted to scratch it.
- ◆ The dermatologists preferred no rash moves.
- ◆ The gastroenterologists had a gut feeling about it.
- ◆ The neurologists thought the administration had a lot of nerve.
- ◆ The obstetricians stated they were labouring under a misconception.
- ◆ The ophthalmologists considered the idea short-sighted.
- ◆ The orthopaedists issued a joint resolution.
- ◆ The pathologists yelled, “Over my dead body!”
- ◆ The paediatricians said, “Grow up.”
- ◆ The psychiatrists thought it was madness.



Good Friday Drama



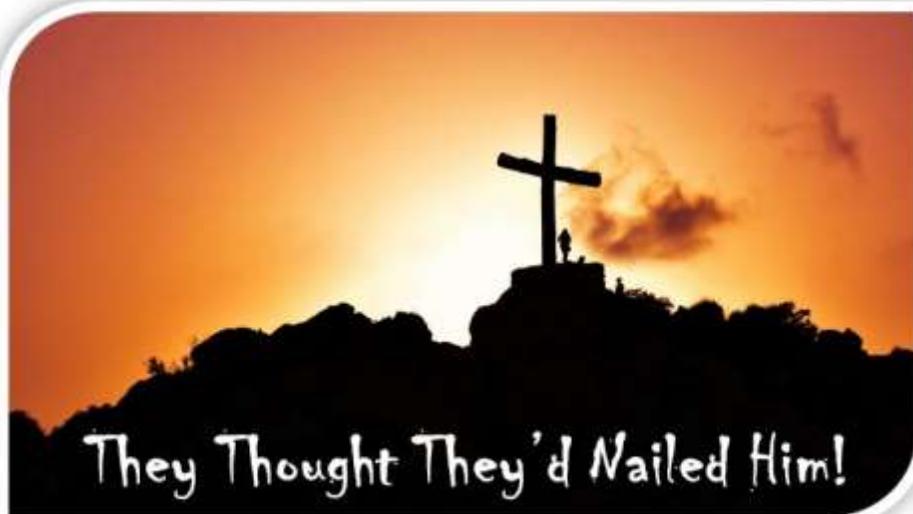
Food for Thought



Bamford Chapel
& Norden United
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Living God, Serving Others,
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presents



They Thought They'd Nailed Him!

Good Friday, 31 March

at 19.00

A free evening of thought-provoking and fun
drama for Easter.

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

THE BIG PLASTIC COUNT

GREENPEACE

11-17 MARCH

We're launching the UK's biggest investigation into household plastic waste.

BCN Eco Group

Save the planet!



*Let's all sign up
and do it*

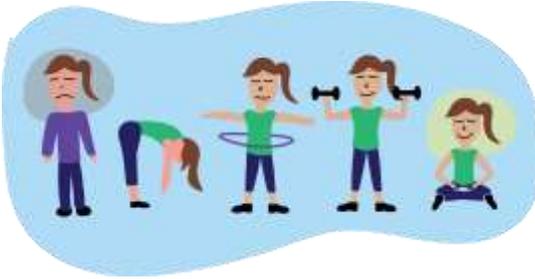
Ministers, supermarkets and big brands need to lead the way in tackling the plastics crisis. This year, when nations come together to agree on a Global Plastics Treaty, they will set new global rules for the production of plastic. With public pressure, they could choose to turn off the plastic tap once and for all.

It's simple to take part in The Big Plastic Count. **Sign up*** today and we'll send you a free counting pack with everything you need for the investigation.

* For further information, google "the big plastic count"

Rules of Living Well after 60

The King is 75. Last year he did 516 engagements, and before his recent diagnosis for cancer, he had no intention of slowing down. Instead, he was keen to be ‘back up and running’ as soon as possible after his prostate operation. Was he right?



“Absolutely he was – you shouldn’t slow down,” says Sir Muir Gray, 80, former chief knowledge officer for the NHS. “Ageing exists as a normal biological process but until the age of 90, it has little effect on your ability to look after yourself, engage

with others or get about independently. In fact, paradoxically, as we get older, we need to become more active – physically and mentally. Ageing doesn’t make you feel old – disease and loss of fitness will.”

A study from the Yale School of Public Health found that people who had positive ideas about their own ageing (“I have as much pep as last year”) lived for an average of 22.6 years after they first participated in the study, while the people who felt less positively about ageing, lived for just 15 years more on average.

Of course, getting older does involve some loss of energy. But slowing down a bit is never something to be ashamed of, and getting enough rest is the very cornerstone of leading a good life.

Exercise is also crucial as we get older. Focus on the four Ss: stamina, strength, skill (balance) and suppleness. Maintain your stamina by brisk walking every day for 30 minutes.

When you are ill, get up again as soon as you reasonably can. Otherwise, you are at risk of ‘deconditioning syndrome’, a physiological decline where muscle strength can decrease dramatically if you are over 70.

Thoughtfully review your personal life-balance. Try to find the ‘sweet spot’

between activity and rest. Gray advises: "If you're only doing activities, you are inevitably going to burn out. But if you only rest, you will become sedentary and you're more likely to fall ill, feel disconnected and lonely."

Finally, don't run on a hamster wheel of someone else's making. This Lent, before God, rethink your real purpose and calling in life. And live it!



Marie Curie 2024 Daffodil Appeal for End of Life Care and Carers



The Great Daffodil Appeal encourages people to donate and wear a daffodil in March to support the Marie Curie charity so it can help people with any terminal illness and their families.

Marie Curie is the UK's leading 'end of life charity'.

It cares for people with any illness they are likely to die from including Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia, heart, liver, kidney and lung disease, motor neurone disease, Parkinson's, and advanced cancer. Today one in four people don't get the end of life care they need.

Superdrug is Marie Curie's 'headline partner' in its campaign to raise much needed funds for Marie Curie Nurses and healthcare professionals to provide expert support and hospice care. You can pick up a daffodil pin in any Superdrug store this March.

Marie Curie is dependent on public donations and last year supporters helped the charity provide direct care to more than 44,200 people across the UK via its nine hospices and through overnight nursing care in people's own homes.

The money raised also funds the charity's free support line and webchat, which is available to anyone with an illness they're likely to die from and those close to them. It offers practical and emotional support on everything from symptom management and day-to-day care to financial information and bereavement support.

For information about volunteering and donation:

mariecurie.org.uk/daffodil

The ECO Group



The Eco group held their inaugural meeting on 15th July 2019. You will see our influence around church. For example, with signs on the light switches asking you to take care to switch them off when not required. We have our own noticeboard in the corridor near to the stage door. We overlap with the gardening team. We lead services. We involve the children as we overlap with the Junior Church leaders and encourage the children to appreciate their environment and take care of it. They enjoyed the litter pick and want to do it again.

Eco Church is a learning community of churches of all shapes and sizes. It provides a framework to support your church and its leadership to take practical action on caring for God's earth. It includes a toolkit of resources and an online award survey.

The unique online survey enables congregations to record their progress and plan future initiatives. There are six headings: Worship and Teaching, Buildings, Land, Community and Global, Lifestyle. We achieved Bronze status and are close to achieving Silver.

If you wish to ask questions or even join the committee, please speak to one of us: Rebecca Abbott, Gillian James, David Watson, Cameron Baines, Barbara and Addie Redmond, Linda Kerford, Mike Davies, Linda Lees, Jess Davis and Debbie Wood.

We aim to add a seasonal recipe to the magazine. This month the ECO Church calendar suggests the following:

MARCH:

Celebrate Spring. Immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of the season – breathe in the fragrance of blossoms, observe budding catkins, note different bird songs, spot footprints, or use the

Pl@ntNet app to identify spring flowers. Nature can boost our happiness, so spend time in your garden, on your balcony, and in local green spaces. Dedicate quality time to appreciate creation's beauty, and thank God for the hope that spring can bring with our Lent resources at:

arochoa.org.uk/connect-with-gods-creation-over-lent

Linda Lees on behalf of the ECO group



February Church Flowers



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

**The Family of Betty Ainsworth for Betty's funeral
Dot Craig in memory of Peter
Anita Teuton in memory of Alex**

If you would like to give a donation for flowers to be placed in church in memory of a loved one, or for a celebration, please put your name on the list in the coffee area, or speak to Elizabeth Hazlehurst.

The Friendship Group



On 8th February Laura Davies gave us a very interesting talk about her experience of visiting the Chateau in France that was the subject of a Channel 4 TV programme. She illustrated her talk with photos, books, maps and other French items. This is what she had to say.....

“I have always been interested in the TV show “Escape to the Chateau” on channel 4. It follows Dick and Angel Strawbridge and family

(including her mum and dad) from the purchase of the Chateau for £280,000 through the full renovation process. Every room needed attention as it had limited electricity, poor sewerage and no heating and had been unoccupied for over 40 years. The Chateau is on the outskirts of the village of Martigne sur Mayenne in the Pays de la Loire region of France.

Dick Strawbridge (64) was a Lieutenant Colonel in the British Army and was awarded the MBE in 1993 for services in Northern Ireland. Angel Adoree (45) is the founder of The Vintage Patisserie in London, but she is also a fully qualified Chartered Accountant. They have 2 children together Arthur (10) was 2 when they bought the chateau and Dorothy (9) was a babe in arms. Dick’s other TV programmes are “Scrapheap Challenge” and “Junkyard Wars”, “It’s not easy being green”, “Crafty tricks of war” and “Planet Mechanics”. He has also done things like Celebrity Masterchef, reaching the final. Angel Adoree was a contestant on “Dragons Den” and got backing

from Deborah Meaden and Theo Paphitis. Angel's parents Stephan and Jennifer Newman also moved to France from Canvey Island Essex where they ran a jewellers shop.



In 2021/2 they embarked on a new venture whereby they did "an Audience with" at various venues around the UK. Myself and my husband Paul went to the Bridgewater Hall in March 2022 and had a really good evening listening to them in person regale their experiences of renovating the chateau and of French life in general. This was just as we were coming out of Covid lockdown. At the end of the evening we were told by Angel they normally come out into the auditorium to

do meet and greet, however due to covid restrictions they were unable to do this. Angel asked us to register an interest in a meet and greet by sending our email address to the one put up on the stage and they would arrange something. Little did we know what that would lead to. Fast forward to Maundy Thursday April 6th 2023 and I get an email in my inbox inviting me to choose between Monday 12th June and Tuesday 13th June for a guided tour round the Chateau, with refreshments of cake and sparkling wine. This is how on Tuesday 13th June my husband and I got to visit and tour the Chateau from the TV programme and we both took lots of photos.

Laura Davies

Eco Group



Let's give an "Earth Hour" for our planet by turning off our lights starting at 20.30 on Saturday 23 March. At that time or another time, do something positive for an hour.

What you can do is:

- Learn more about our planet** maybe watch a Planet Earth documentary, read an article or book, look something up on the internet.
- Reconnect with our planet** spend time with friends or family outdoors to appreciate God's beautiful creation.
- Restore our planet** organise a litter pick in your neighbourhood, find 3 items in your cupboards which are not environmentally friendly and try to find sustainable alternatives, sort out your rubbish at home into bins for different recyclables.
- Inspire others to care for our planet** tell someone about Earth Hour, share an article or video, write to/Tweet your local councillors or MP about an environmental issue.

Addie Redmond

Messy Church - 17 March

Bamford Chapel
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Sunday 17 March 2 - 4 pm

ALL
ARE
WELCOME



Saint Patrick's Day



Come to
Professor
Potty's

Lab

children

please bring an adult with you



Follow us on



BC&N URC Messy Church

**CINEMA
FOR ALL**



THE IAN NEWMAN COMMUNITY FILM CLUB

Please remember that if you are unable to attend the film club but would like to see the chosen film, you can always borrow the DVD for a small donation. See me if interested.

Lesley Sutton

Café Church

MISSIONAL PARTNERSHIP CAFE CHURCH

During 2024 we will have six services - starting at 6.30pm

14th January

7th July

3rd March

1st September

5th May

3rd November

at Bamford Chapel and Norden URC (unless otherwise stated)

Norden Road, Rochdale, OL11 5PQ



**CINEMA
FOR ALL**

The Ian Newman Community Film Club

At Bamford Chapel & Norden URC, Norden Road

Rochdale OL11 5PQ

16th March 2024

6.30pm refreshments : 7.00pm film

Admission £4.00

“THE UNLIKELY PILGRIMAGE OF HAROLD FRY”

12A 2023



Supported by Rochdale Township

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 Meeting**
1.30 pm **Bridge Club**
7.30 - 8.30 pm **Monday Prayer Group** (in Lounge)
8.00 pm **Monday Night Home Group** (at Redmond's)
- Tuesday:** 9.00 – 11.00 am **Toddlers' Group**
1.30 – 4.00 pm **Indoor Bowls** (Upstairs Hall)
From 6.00 pm **Rainbows, Brownies & Guides**
7.15 pm **Singing Group**
- Wednesday:** 12 noon **Luncheon Club**
6.30 pm **Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association**
- 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** 5th & 19th March
7.30 - 9.00 pm On Zoom (see page 6)
- Thursday:** **Friendship Group** 2nd Thursday in the month
1.30 - 3.30 pm 14th March (see page 5)
Heritage Group 2nd Thursday in the month
7.30 pm 14th March
- Friday** **Dementia Friendly Café** 1st Friday in the month
1.30 - 3.30 pm 1st March
- Saturday:** **Ian Newman** 3rd Saturday in the month
Community Film Club 16th March
6.30 pm for 7.00 pm film - (see page 27)

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