



The
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Church

Bamford Chapel & Norden URC



May 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.



May 2019

Thursday 2 nd May	7.30 pm	Elders' Meeting (please pray for the Elders as they meet)
Friday 3 rd May	1.30 pm	Bamford & Norden Dementia-friendly Café
Sunday 5 th May	10.30 am	Family Worship with Communion Led by Ken Greer
	12.30 pm	Elders' Vision Meeting (please pray for this meeting)
	Bank Holiday Weekend	NO EVENING WORSHIP
Tuesday 7 th May	8.00 pm	Tuesday Home Group (see Richard for venue)
Sunday 12 th May	10.30 am	Family Worship Led by Church in the World Group (Start of Christian Aid Week)
	6.30 pm	Evening Worship Led by Revd Richard Bradley
Monday 13 th May	7.30 pm	Prayer Walk
Tuesday 14 th May	7.30 pm	Churches Together in North West Rochdale Meeting (at St James' Church, Ashworth)
Thursday 16 th May	7.30 pm	Finance Meeting
Sunday 19 th May	10.30 am	Family Worship Led by Andy Platt
	11.45 am	Church Meeting (please see article on page 5)
	6.30 pm	Evening Communion Service Led by Revd Richard Bradley

Monday 20 th May	7.30 pm	Focus on Prayer Group (God Squad Room)
Tuesday 21 st May	8.00 pm	Tuesday Home Group (see Richard for venue)
Sunday 26 th May	10.30 am	Family Worship Led by Revd Richard Bradley
	Bank Holiday Weekend	NO EVENING WORSHIP



Church Flowers

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

Finlay & Gillian Galloway - Family Memories
 Sid Hazlehurst in memory of Dorothy's birthday
 Elizabeth Hazlehurst in memory of Olive's birthday
 Gillian and Martyn James to celebrate
 their Wedding Anniversary
 Dot Craig in memory of Peter
 Anne Fitton in memory of Dorothy and Harry Wilson



Help Needed - Primary Group - Junior Church

We are in need of help in our primary group in junior church. The children are aged between 4yrs/5yrs to 7yrs old. We could do with help every fortnight although this arrangement could be flexible. If you are not confident in preparing lessons then you can be there to provide support. Please come and speak to me, or any of the other junior church leaders, for any more information or to offer your services.

Thank you, Julie Platt

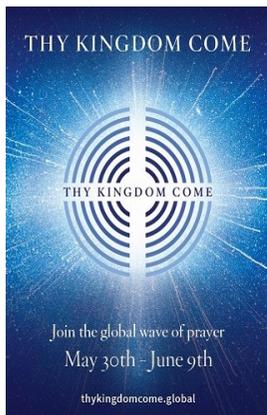
Weekday Opportunities for Learning & Sharing Fellowship

- 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** 7th & 21st May
2.15 pm in the Lounge
Home Group 7th & 21st May
8.00 pm (see Richard for venue)
- Thursday:** **Ladies Fellowship** 9th May
7.45 pm (AGM - see page 17)
Heritage Group 16th May
7.00 pm (3rd Thursday in the month)
- Saturday:** **Ian Newman Community Film Club**
6.30 pm refreshments 18th May (see page 20)
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

"Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. What started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer."

(From

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/about-us>)

In 2018 I was asked to represent the Synod at the launch of this event in York. It was an amazing day as I met some amazing people who were passionate about the growth of the Church. The stress was on this being an ecumenical movement and not events run just by Anglican churches. I spoke to people who had started doing things in a small way and have built that up over one or two years.

This year I hope that we will run three prayer events in the eleven-day period at Chapel. These will be open to any of us to attend and also friends from the Missional Partnership Churches and also within the local Churches Together group of churches too.

Not that our prayers for people to come to faith in Jesus Christ have only to be offered eleven days a year – but it does mean we can focus together on praying for people to come to faith.

The suggested dates are:

Monday 3rd June 7pm – 9pm

Thursday 6th June 10am – 12pm

Saturday 8th June 2pm – 4pm (all three will be confirmed on a poster soon!)

Please come along and enjoy a time of prayer with others from our church and hopefully other churches too.

If you want to read more about this then the website for this prayer movement is <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/> there are lots of things on the website and I would encourage you to take a look.

As I have said we are in a year of prayer for our Church and this is part of that prayer.

God Bless, Richard



Church Meetings

At the Elders' Meeting in April the Elders discussed the low numbers attending the Church Meetings. As I have stressed before Church Meetings are important in the governance of the URC. The Church Meeting is the body which has the final say on most decisions. The dates of meetings are publicised well in advance.

On Church Meeting Sundays the plan is:-

- **To finish the service around 11.15am (ish)**
- **To serve coffee/tea etc. in Church**
- **To start the meeting at 11.45am**
- **To end the meeting no later than 1pm (whether all agenda items are covered or not.)**



We will try this format for the rest of 2019 and the Elders will review it and if needs be make necessary changes.

The dates of the **Church meetings** for the rest of 2019 are: **19th May; 21st July; 22nd September and 17th November.** Unless the continued buildings works requires extra meetings. Please put the dates in your diary.

Thanks and God Bless, Richard (on behalf of the Elders)

Pulpit Supply Secretary

We are very blessed at Bamford Chapel and Norden URC with several people who are prepared to lead worship. Some just lead morning services and some just evening services. I want to place on record my thanks to them all. I also want to thank some of our groups who have also led worship recently.



However as Missional Partnerships take off my time here at BCN will be reduced. The preaching plan has been virtually completed for the rest of 2019. But moving into 2020 we will need to have a serious think about how we allocate preachers to our services.

We have not had a Pulpit Supply Secretary for some time. A Pulpit Supply Secretary is someone who seeks preachers for the services. I have been doing the rota on a temporary basis for some time but would like someone else to take it on. If you feel you can take on this role please speak to me.

God Bless, Richard

Holiday Club



In 2018 we had a hugely successful holiday club for young children. We plan to do another one from **Monday 5th to Friday 9th August 2019**. Times will be confirmed but probably 10am – 12pm. If you would like to help with it please speak to Richard or come along to the **next meeting on Sunday 28th April after the service at 12 noon**. You

don't have to commit to every day.

Thanks and God Bless, Richard

Cath Atkinson's last Sunday with us



Cath Atkinson's last Sunday with us of her 2 year placement will be Pentecost Sunday on the 9th June. Following the service we will be having a 'bring and share' lunch to celebrate her time with us. We will also pray for and with Cath during the service for the next step of her ministry. A sign-up sheet will probably go up in the coffee area in the coming weeks for people to sign up for the lunch.

Thanks, Richard

New Life

On Easter Sunday I returned home from Morning Worship to be greeted by this wonderful flowering daffodil. It was grown from a seed which Cath Atkinson had given to each member of the congregation at a special remembrance service. What an appropriate day for my seed to burst forth.



Pat Gate



Monday Night Home Group (1)

This church group, usually meeting weekly at the Redmond's home, discusses a very varied range of topics, some with theological links and some with no direct link.

Usually one of the group will prepare and lead an evening but there have been "guest" leaders on occasions (e.g. Sarah Fitton introduced us to the idea of a Bread Service).

The topic below was discussed a few weeks ago.
Have a read and see what you think.

Is it fair?

What does the word **FAIR** mean to you?

- ◆ Reasonable and just.
- ◆ In agreement with Rules

Looking at some recent news stories:

Shamima Begum Is it fair that she has been refused the right to return to this country?

Background: She was one of three school age girls who went, entirely of their own volition, from Britain to join ISIS rebel fighters a few years ago. She has since had two babies who have both died and, at the time of writing, was pregnant again. (That third baby has since died). In interviews since, she has not given any indications of remorse.

Caster Semanya Is it fair that she is permitted to compete in female running (Track) events?

Background: She was born with a condition which makes her a "biological male" and the IAAF are preparing to argue in court that she, and other runners like her (there are at least two other international athletes with the same condition) should be treated as female, but because they are biologically male they should take testosterone suppressants before competing in middle distance events in which the hormone has its greatest effect. Caster is a double Olympic Gold medal winner and World champion in the 800m.

High Streets Is it fair that Charity shops are given special (i.e. low) business rates to set up in a High Street compared with standard retail shops.

Background: Local councils give charities an 80% discount on normal business rates for a retail unit. It now costs the taxpayer almost 1.9 billion in "lost revenue". Landlords are in support of this action as, without charities taking over an empty shop, they are liable themselves for full business rates for shops which are empty for longer than 3 months.



Christianity is a violent religion Is it fair that the Home Office denied asylum to an Iranian when he told them he had converted from Islam to a peaceful religion – Christianity

Background: Immigration officials wrote to the man, who had converted to Christianity, citing violent passages from the Bible to support their claim that Christianity was not a peaceful religion. They quoted, for example, from Leviticus which says "You will pursue your enemies and they will fall by the sword before you".

What does the Bible say about fairness?

- ◆ Ecclesiastes Ch 9 v 11
- ◆ Matthew Ch 20 v1-16 Master and labourers

And the question to finish: **Is God fair?**

Come and join us on a Monday.

Finlay Galloway on behalf of the Group



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The
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ROCHDALE YOUTH BRASS BAND

Conductor : Ben Dixon

FANFARE TEAM
MUSICAL THEATRE
YOUTH CHOIR

Return
Visit

Saturday 11th May 2019

7.30pm

at

*Bamford Chapel and Norden United Reformed
Church, Norden Road, ROCHDALE OL11 5PQ*

Raffle [in aid of Cancer Research]

Ticket Price : £7.00 [adult]

£4.00 [children under 12]

Family Ticket : £18.00 [2 adults, 2 children]

Tickets available from: Lesley Sutton [01706 638005]

Margaret Ogden [01706 642343]

Rochdale Music Service : 01706 926750

*Proceeds to be split between Cancer Research and
Bamford Chapel and Norden URC*

Monday Night Home Group (2)

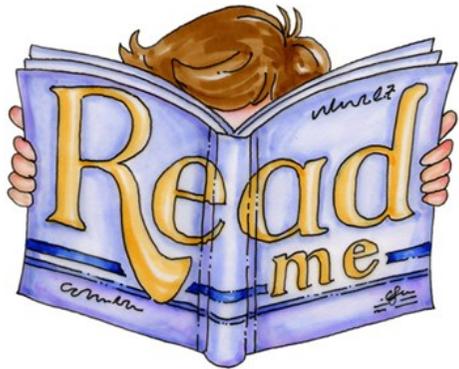


On the 1st April the topic was the **Church Magazine** accompanied by a short quiz on Bamford Chapel. One question from the quiz [answer next month] :- **The Ladies Fellowship was started at Bamford Chapel by this lady. What is her name?**

A few questions I posed were:-

1. *How useful do you find the magazine?*
2. *What kind of articles do you prefer?*
3. *Do you submit articles?*
4. *Would you prefer articles from church members?*
5. *Would you like articles about church activities/ organisations?*

Worthwhile lengthy discussion took place with everyone at the meeting agreeing they found the magazine very useful. They all preferred articles by church members which leads me to the request "would you like to submit an article?" Watch out for me approaching you. I feel sure everyone has something they would like to share with others. I can phrase such an article for you; simply give me the outline.



Idea were suggested for future articles and one which is going to be revived is interviewing current elders. A pen picture of each one with simple questions such as "what is your favourite piece of music?" If you have any ideas for **YOUR** magazine, please have a word with myself or Linda Peacock.

Lesley Sutton

Twenty Years Ago

Each month from twenty years ago I will extract "tit bits" from the magazine. The following is appropriate following the Home Group discussion a few weeks ago. At the time of this entry, myself and Angela Smith were joint editors.

Lesley Sutton

May 1999 Magazine

"Letter from the Editors

When we first took on the magazine (was it really more than 3 years ago) we were delighted by your response to our request for articles. Sometimes we were overwhelmed and more than once reprimanded by the "putting together" team because the magazine was too thick.

Sadly this situation has changed recently and far from trying to keep the magazine slim, we would love to see it put on a little weight. We have often "filled it out" with articles or clip art of our own. This month (May 1999) we have decided to present you with the magazine as it is – without the five pages on Christian Aid and four full page advertisements – it is almost anorexic. It is certainly not an edition full of interesting, thought provoking, funny or challenging reading (*no disrespect to those who have contributed this month*). We are not expecting everyone to write in-depth articles – although a few would be nice – but someone out there must have a favourite recipe, book or film they would like to share with us. Lots of people go on holiday abroad and within the UK – why not share your experiences, recommendations (or otherwise?)

On a more serious note, it would be interesting to share Christian experiences or problems with each other – that is what being part of a church is all about..

SO COME ON, GET YOUR PENS AND SCRIBBLE AWAY (or computers). We do re-type and proove read artickles, so don't worri if uour spelling/grammar is not up to skcratch?"

(So nothing has changed in 20 years. We still need people to contribute interesting articles - it's your magazine!! Linda Peacock)

Teddy Bears

In discussion with three of our churchgoers recently, the topic turned to the beloved teddy bear. One person [mid 60s] still had the bear from his childhood and it wasn't new to him! Another didn't receive one until he was 21 [aww] – now 60ish. Yet another still had her original childhood bear – 70 years of age.



Let me know about the cuddly bear you took to bed with you all those years ago or maybe more recently. I know someone at Bamford Chapel and Norden URC who has a huge collection of all types of bears ... do you?

Do you find cuddling a bear, a comfort? Please let me know for another article.

Lesley Sutton



A teddy bear is a **soft toy** in the form of a **bear**. Developed apparently simultaneously by toymakers **Morris Michtom** in the U.S. and **Richard Steiff** in Germany in the early years of the 20th century, and named after President **Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt**, the teddy bear became an iconic children's toy, celebrated in story, song, and film. Since the creation of the first teddy bears which sought to imitate the form of real bear cubs, "teddies" have greatly varied in form, style, colour, and material. They have become **collector's items**, with older and rarer "teddies" appearing at public auctions. Teddy bears are among the most popular gifts for children and are often given to adults to signify love, congratulations, or sympathy.



Shree GyanJyoti Village School, Nepal

We received an email from Maureen and Michael Hawksworth who have recently returned from a visit to the school we supported in Nepal, where Michael ceremonially cut the ribbon to officially open the new science room. It is a super room and they are so grateful to Bamford Chapel for their very generous gift. They have given us a plaque and a brass jug to pass on as a thank you.

The following report and photos of their visit is by a friend who went to Nepal with them and was visiting the school for the first time. A friend of their daughter has donated £1000 to equip the lab.

There is also a copy of an email sent to the Hawksworths from Devi Prashad

Barbara Redmond

Visit to Shree GyanJyoti Village School, Nepal

For me, the visit to the school supported by LEARN was the absolute high point of a fascinating trip to beautiful, friendly Nepal. I was very, very impressed by the dedication, vision and determination of Devi Prasad, his head teacher Bal Krishna – and indeed, all the teachers and board members of the school. I would be very happy to have my grandsons educated at this friendly, welcoming and successful school!

We were greeted at the school gate by some of



the older pupils, who shyly presented us with posies of marigolds, and taken on a tour of the classrooms by Bal Krishna; starting with the youngest, where delightful 3 year olds gazed in amazement at a bunch of strangers in their classroom. Two were overcome with emotion, and had to be rescued by their mothers. And so we continued, through the classrooms of children, all friendly, polite, cheerful and welcoming. All were neatly dressed, generally in the navy blue school uniform, though some were in Tai Kwondo outfits. Their handwriting was beautiful, neat and regular, and some of the school work the older children were doing was far too difficult for me. They were evidently happy, and seemed to have good relationships with their teachers.

The classes for the younger children were considerably larger than those for the older children, indicating the school's increasing popularity as results continue to improve and its reputation grows. Bal Krishna told us that some of the children, many of whom walk long distances to the school, pass other schools on their way.

The science room, which was ceremonially opened by Michael cutting a ribbon across the door, is a lovely big, open room, with wonderful views over the hills. At the moment it is poorly equipped, but the science teacher, obviously itching to get on with teaching science to enthusiastic students, has provided Michael and Maureen with a very reasonable list of equipment which he feels is necessary.



At the meeting in the head teacher's office after the tour Bal Krishna outlined his vision for the future, and his wish to extend the reach of the school to provide vocational training for adults, for example in agriculture and mechanics. Part of his reason

for this was a desire to reverse the trend of Nepalis moving



from the countryside to the towns, something which we had noted for ourselves in the overcrowded outskirts of Nepal, and the ribbon development along the highways. He appears to be very dedicated to the school, and has demonstrated this by moving to live in the village.

At the entertainment after lunch it was obvious that the children at the school cared for each other, helping each other set out the chairs and benches, co-operating rather than competing, fitting each other in on the benches, helping and applauding, while proud parents and grandparents looked on.

All in all, a lovely school, with a strong ethos of personal development and of caring for each other, which will help the children to grow into confident, responsible adults. I repeat, I was very, very impressed by this amazing school.

Cath Maffia
2nd April 2019

Later: I would like to add that there appears to be an emphasis on equality, treating boys and girls, poor and comfortable, all the same, and the more able pupils helping the less able.



*Respected
Michael and Maureen*

Namaste,

The result of grade 8 was published on the date of 11 April 2019 by our rural municipality on local newspaper. There are 38 schools in our rural municipality. Among them, we have secured the first position. On the same date we have published the result of class nursery to seven. All the students are up graded. We pray with the God to help and give them bless and power for their further study. We have attached the result sheet and photos of grade 8 with this mail.

Teachers are engaging in door to door program to meet the parents to admit their children in our school. The school will be starting on the date of 15 April 2019. After that, we will open the admission for 15 days for the new academic year 2076.

Please pass our lots of remembrances and Namaste to good wishers to all of us.

*God bless to all of us
Devi Prasad Neupane*



Ladies Fellowship

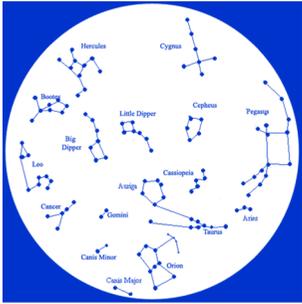
The next Ladies Fellowship Meeting is the Annual General Meeting and Pot Luck Supper, to be held on Thursday 9th May at 7.45 pm. Come and enjoy an evening of fellowship and food as we look forward to further evenings in the future.

All ladies are welcome, please bring your friends too!

Linda Kerford is in the process of organising a meal for the June meeting.

Lesley Sutton

God's Creation



God's creation, what a sensation
Myriads of stars all known
by name,
Each constellation telling
their story,
Bursting with glory, God's
power to proclaim.

Beautiful Pleiades, The
Bear with its Cubs,
Orion's Belt, all set in the sky
Our planet of blue transfixed in the heavens
Touched with the finger of God from on high.

The sun like a bridegroom rejoices on rising
His course devising from east to west
As he leaves his pavilion in golden splendour
With warmth and light on our earth to bless.

Light from darkness, order from chaos
Land and oceans come
into view,
Magnificent Artist,
Architect, Builder,
Not only Creator - but a
Saviour too.

By Megan Carter



Tony Horsfall from Parish Pump considers the place of spiritual self-examination in our lives.

Exam Time

Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test? And I trust that you will discover that we have not failed the test (2 Corinthians 13:5-6)

For many children and young adults May is the time for taking exams. Most adults remember their exams all too well - sitting in the intimidating silence of the school hall waiting for the papers to be given out, and hoping you could answer the questions. Then the wonderful feeling of relief when it was all over!



Here the apostle Paul challenges the Corinthians to examine themselves to see if their faith is really genuine. His aim is not to pull them down in any way, but rather to use his God-given authority to build them up. He wants them to be sure of their faith.

There is a place for self-examination in the Christian life. Not for morbid introspection, but for the kind of honest heart searching that allows the Holy Spirit to reveal to us our true condition. No question is more vital than this: do I have a genuine relationship with God through faith in Jesus Christ? Everything depends on our being able to answer the question with a resounding 'YES!'

Once we are certain of this, everything else falls into place, in particular the foundational truth that Christ lives in me. If Christ lives in me, then I can allow Him to live His life in me and through me, and in this way I can become the person God wants me to be. No longer do we need to be chained to our old sinful ways of behaving. We have the power within us to live a new life and to be transformed from within.

If you are uncertain about your relationship with God, why not talk to someone in your church who can help you?

**CINEMA
FOR ALL**



THE IAN NEWMAN COMMUNITY FILM CLUB

**at Bamford Chapel & Norden URC, Norden Road,
ROCHDALE. OL11 5PQ**

(Every 3rd Saturday in the Month)

£3 admission (including refreshments)

**Refreshments at 6.30pm, film starts at
7.00pm**

Saturday 18th May
"THE BFG" PG



Based on Roald
Dahl's 1982 novel.
Starring the
wonderful Mark
Rylance

Supported by Rochdale Township



Sweet Dreams

Do you, or don't you? Many of us feel reluctant to admit that we would like to do it, even if usually we do not. Have a snooze after lunch, that is.

A 20-minute nap seems to work wonders – many studies find that people awake feeling refreshed, with their energy levels renewed and with a much-improved mental focus.

But getting the chance to have your kip is rarely easy, as most work-places in the UK frown on workers falling asleep on their desks. How different from the Far East, where in Vietnam workers drape themselves over their scooters to sleep, or where in Tokyo and Hong Kong businessmen often sleep in public places.



The Japanese even have a polite term for it: *inemuri* – 'being present while asleep'. Dropping off to casual sleep has been recorded in Japan since the 10th century.

Some UK companies are sympathetic. One CEO of a major advertising company agrees that "a powernap mid-morning or mid-afternoon sets you up for the rest of the day. You are much more alert, and it also promotes creativity."



It was:

200 years ago, on 24th May 1819 that Queen Victoria was born. (She reigned from 1837 to 1901)

125 years ago, on 21st May 1894 that the Manchester Ship Canal was officially opened.

25 years ago, on 6th May 1994 that the Channel Tunnel linking England and France was officially opened.

Also 25 years ago, on 10th May 1994 that Nelson Mandela was inaugurated as South Africa's first black president after many years of white rule.

A Wonderful Day



On Saturday March the 16th, a day when Rochdale made the national news due to the amount of rain which fell, Pat Anderson became Pat Stephenson when we married at Bamford Chapel.

We had a truly wonderful day and it was lovely to see so many of our Church family in addition to our invited guests.

The Chapel was full downstairs and there were a number of people looking on from the balcony. All of our family and friends remarked on how welcoming the Chapel felt and that the warmth of the fellowship was very evident.

We had a wonderful service, enhanced by music from Lifeline, Cameron on the organ and Pat's choir 'More Than Melody'. The weather made photography opportunities difficult but John Lapworth and his daughter Anne did a sterling job as our unofficial 'official photographers', although we think John might prefer to stick with his first love of nature photography from now on!

While we would have liked to have invited more, we were restricted by capacity at our reception at Nutters restaurant. They too had issues with the weather, and our meal was delayed slightly while they 'refined' the table layout to avoid a leak from the roof.

We had a most fantastic day and thank everyone who was involved, or held us in their thoughts, on that memorable Saturday.

We were blessed with a wonderful honeymoon in South Africa, but that's a story for another time!

David & Pat Stephenson

Thank You

I wish to say "thank you so much" to the Pastoral Group for sending me the beautiful flowers following my recent car accident and short hospital stay. I was particularly touched as the flowers were those on display at Pat and David Stephenson's wedding. They lasted all of three weeks. I am fine now by the way!



Carole Hartley

Christian Aid Week - May 12th -18th



Thanks once again to all those who will be delivering and collecting envelopes in the House to House Collection. This year the focus of Christian Aid is the welfare of pregnant women

in Sierra Leone, where provision of birthing clinics is inadequate and many women die in childbirth. Yet again, each of us is able to make a difference to the lives of others just as Jesus commanded.

On the **11th May** we invite you to come and enjoy bacon baps at our **BIG BREKKIE...** another way of sharing fellowship and raising money for Christian Aid.



Thank you - Margaret Ogden



Crafts
and food

**ALL
ARE
WELCOME**

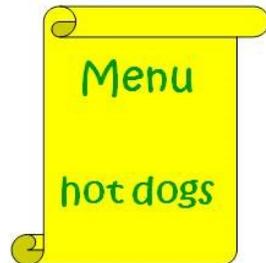


On Sunday 12 May 2 – 4 pm

@ Bamford Chapel and Norden URC



Come to
**Professor
Potty's**
Lab



Summary of Life – Submitted by Margaret Frain

Great truths that little children have learned;



1. No matter how hard you try, you can't baptise cats
2. When your Mum is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair
3. If your sister hits you, don't hit back. They always catch the second person
4. Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato
5. You can't trust dogs to watch your food
6. Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair
7. Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time
8. You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk
9. Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts
10. The best place to be when you're sad is nana's lap

Great truths that adults have learned:

1. Raising teenagers is like nailing jelly to a tree
2. Wrinkles don't hurt
3. Families are like fudge... mostly sweet with a few nuts
4. Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground
5. Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside
6. Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fibre, not the toy





Since the resignation of our founders, Margaret and Ian Wight, the Trustees and other volunteers have had to take on extra responsibilities to ensure that the efficient running of the Foodbank continues.

In the last three months:

- ◆ we have received donations totalling 10,632 kilogrammes
- ◆ we have given out food and other goods totalling 16,890 kilogrammes
- ◆ 1,423 adults have been provided with food during that time and 603 children
- ◆ making a total of 2,026 clients we have helped.
- ◆ The March total of vouchers honoured was 369, an increase of 66 over the same month last year – so you can see how busy we have been!

Nevertheless, thanks to the amazing generosity of the people of Rochdale (including Bamford Chapel and Norden URC) our stores are still well filled, though we are very short of rice pudding, pasta sauce, jam, fruit juice, tinned tomatoes, sugar and custard.



We have recently had some extremely generous donations. The Manchester Fareshare Depot wanted to donate some wrongly labelled, but actually perfectly usable, milk to the Trussell Trust network and at the time of writing we are awaiting delivery of no less than 320 litres of long-life milk! This is an item we constantly need so we are tremendously grateful to Fareshare.



Cutgate and Rooley Moor Co-ops wanted to make a practical demonstration of support to our foodbank and they have generously donated a large number of compostable plastic carrier bags. Since the welcome Government legislation to reduce the use of plastic bags our foodbank has been in need of supplies (we can use 1400 bags every month!) and so this donation will be most welcome and save us a considerable amount of money. We have also received donations of bags from Lovick's furniture store and from Iceland The Food Factory. Many thanks to all of them!

Thank you once again for your continued support. It's so good to know that each of us is able to make a difference to the lives of others as we obey the command of Jesus to "love your neighbour as you love yourself."

Margaret Ogden



Garden Party

to be held on

Saturday 13th July at 2pm

**Rochdale Music Service
will provide a band and
pop choir**

**The mayor and mayoress will
be attending**

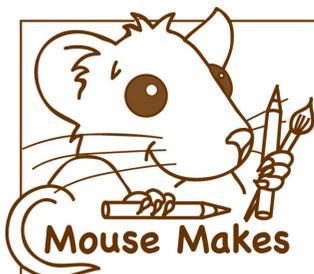
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There are a number of stalls being organised including plants, refreshments and tombola. What I need is offers of help and ideas. I am holding a quick meeting straight after the service on Sunday 12th May.

Please come if possible or speak to me any time.

Julie Platt

Children's Page



You may have read the Bible story of Daniel in the **lions' den**, but have you ever read the whole book of Daniel? Take your time and read a little each day and find out about the **vegetables**, the **statue**, the **gold idol**, the **furnace**, the **tree**, the **writing on the wall**, the **lions**, the **four animals**, the **ram** and the **goat**, and the **man**.




 Ashpenaz changed Daniel and his friends names. Look up **Daniel 1:7** to see what he changed them to.

Can you find these words from the book of Daniel in the wordsearch?
 KING • NEBUCHADNEZZER • DANIEL • DARIUS • ASHPENAZ • HANANIAH • MISHAEL • AZARIAH • DREAM • STATUE • IDOL • FURNACE • TREE • WRITING • WALL • LAW • LIONS DEN • PRAYER • LORD • GOD • TRUST • RESCUE • ANGEL

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