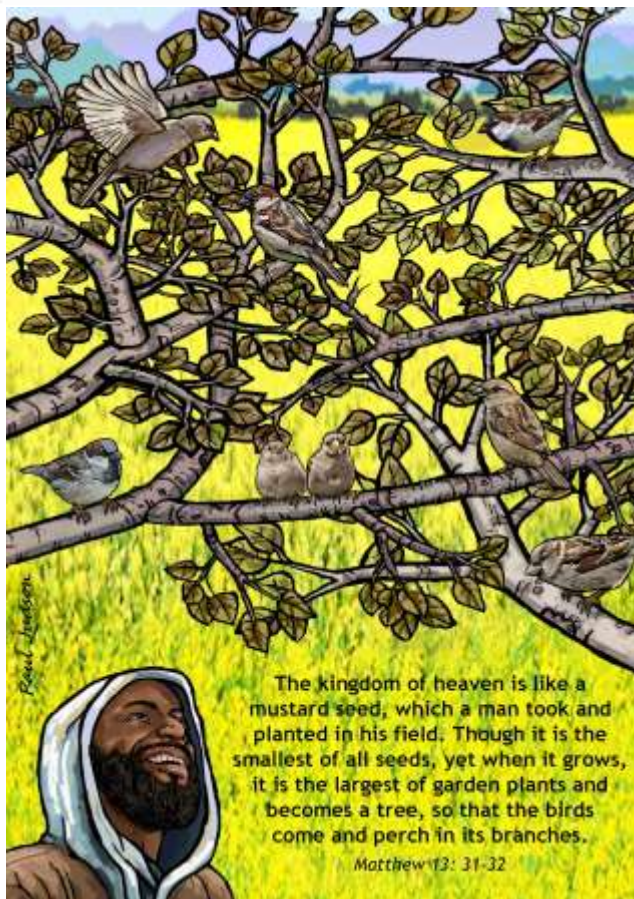




The
United
Reformed
Church

Bamford Chapel & Norden URC



The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.

Matthew 13: 31-32

October 2025

BAMFORD CHAPEL & NORDEN URC

MISSION/VISION STATEMENT



Loving God, Serving Others,
Building Community

OUR JESUS-SHAPED CHURCH IS...

Welcoming!

Jesus welcomed **all** who came to Him without judgment, and we aim to be an inclusive church, welcoming to all.

Developing Faith!

Jesus' ministry was all about sharing the Gospel with others. As a church, we need to make sure we are deepening faith and making disciples, supporting individuals on their own faith journeys, and taking the Gospel and sharing our faith beyond the walls of our church.

Reaching Out!

Jesus reached out to everyone, and we must too: within our own church community, within our local community and beyond. We will serve God by serving others.

Caring!

Jesus said: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." It is essential that all that we do is done in love and that caring for others/serving others is at the heart of our church.

Prayerful!

As it did for Jesus, we will make sure that prayer underpins all that we do as a church, that we might serve the mission of God as He wills.

October 2025

Every Monday	7.30 - 8.30 pm	Prayer Group in the Lounge (all welcome)
Friday 3 October	1.30 - 3.30 pm	Dementia Friendly Café (all welcome)
Saturday 4 October	7.30 pm	Saddleworth Male Voice Choir Concert with Elizabeth Phillips (Soprano) (see page 6)
Sunday 5 October	10.30 am	Family Worship with Communion Led by Ken Greer
Tuesday 7 October	7.30 - 9.00 pm	Tuesday Home Group (see page 5)
Wednesday 8 October	7.00 pm	Midweek Worship Led by Revd Daniel Harris (see page 4)
Saturday 11 October	10.00 am - 12 noon	Big Breakfast (see page 8) In aid of the Malawi Project "Great Minds Bright Futures"
Sunday 12 October	10.30 am	Family Worship & Norden URC Anniversary Led by Linda Lees & Dot Craig
Tuesday 14 October	1.30 - 3.30 pm	Friendship Group (see page 20) Christmas Shoe Box Appeal
Saturday 18 October	6.30 for 7.00 pm	Community Film Club "Mr Burton" (see page 26)
Sunday 19 October	10.30 am	Family Worship Led by Debbie Wood
Tuesday 21 October	7.00 - 9.00 pm	Tuesday Home Group (see page 5)
Sunday 26 October	10.30 am	Family Worship Led by Andy Platt
Sunday 2 November	10.30 am	Family Worship with Communion Led by Richard Bradley

For those who are unable to attend Sunday morning worship, services are live-streamed on YouTube (Bamford Chapel and Norden United Reformed Church) and available on the church website (www.bcnchurch.org.uk)

There is also Midweek Worship at 7pm on the 2nd Wednesday of every month and a Sunday evening Café Church at 6.30pm every 2 months.

Message from the Manse

As I write this article I am looking out on rain. I love the rain. It is the sort of day that my Mum and I say is a good day for a walk. As long as you have the right waterproofs on I think days like today are great for walking. The season is definitely changing. I noticed this morning when I set out on the dog walk that leaves are beginning to come off the trees, which is always a sure sign that Autumn is around the corner. A season where we see the leaves change colour before they drop off the trees. Each of the seasons of the meteorological year bring their own beauty and to some degree challenge! And it is the same in the church calendar too.



I have just led the first of three Harvest Services over the coming Sundays. The festival where we not only think about the food that is grown and harvested, but also the festival which focuses our minds on thanksgiving. Thanksgiving to God for His provision. But it should also focus our minds on, and challenge us, about those who have little or nothing. Much of the food collected will go to Foodbanks or community food hubs of some kind. And it is from those that people who have hit on difficult times can find some help. In many ways, sharing is a key theme of harvest.

Which leads me to think that it is also an opportunity for us to share something of the church's love for people, especially those who can often be overlooked or looked down on. There is someone I know who says that they rarely pass by someone begging outside a shop or supermarket without buying them something. That often challenges me, as I have to admit that I don't always buy something for people in that situation. We can sometimes judge them and wonder what they might do with the money we give them or the food or drink we buy for them.



And yet I am reminded and challenged by the fact that Jesus would be the first one to be stopped in his tracks at such a person, and I would have no doubt he would sit with them and talk to them. For in Jesus we have someone who loves all people, but especially those on the margins. Those that society can sadly ignore.

So, in this Autumn season and in this period of harvest, when we collect foods may we remember that in so doing we are sharing the love of God with those less fortunate than ourselves.

*God Bless,
your servant in Christ,
Richard*

Midweek Worship 2025

BAMFORD
CHAPEL &
NORDEN URC
INVITE YOU
TO....

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



MIDWEEK WORSHIP

pray

08/01/25
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10/12/25



Pop in for Prayer



Look out for the “Pop in for Prayer” sign
in front of the Chapel gates.
It means the Sanctuary is open for prayer.
Why not come along and
“Pop in for Peace”.

Mondays 10 - 11 am
Tuesdays 2 - 4 pm

Tuesday Home Group on Zoom

All are welcome to join us fortnightly on Zoom

Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm - 9 pm

Zoom details are:

Meeting ID 847 9885 2008

Passcode: 517449

If you want to find out more please contact Richard on
richard.bradley@nwsynod.org.uk or 07483 155807

Saddleworth Male Voice Choir

Saddleworth Male Voice Choir



in concert with special guest

Elizabeth Phillips
(Soprano)

on Saturday 4th October, 7.30pm

at Bamford Chapel & Norden United
Reformed Church

Norden Road, Bamford, OL11 5PQ

Tickets £8.00

available from: Ken Barker (Ticket Sec.) 07353 785409,
Linda Peacock (c/o Bamford Chapel) or any choir member.

Tickets will also be available on the door.



Prayer for October 2025

Dear Lord,



In this autumn season, when the harvest is gathered, we thank You for Your provision for us. We have so much, and yet we see terrible images of starving children on our televisions and smartphones and in our newspapers. Lord, prompt us to do what we can to change things, whether that is by writing a letter or email to someone with influence, or by contributing in some way to aid agencies.

Lord, we ask You to touch the hearts of those leaders of nations whose decisions cause such hunger and suffering. Soften those hard hearts, Lord. Fill them with Your compassion. May there be a new harvest of love - and a kinder world.

In Jesus' name, Amen

By Daphne Kitching



October Big Breakfast

Fancy a bacon butty?



Bamford Chapel
Norden United
Reformed Church

Leading Faith, Serving Others
Building Communities

Big Breakfast

Endless tea,
coffee, toast

Vegetarian
alternative

**Saturday
11 October
10.00 – 12.00**

In aid of



**Great Minds
Bright Futures**

*and cake
sale*

£6.00

Bamford Chapel & Norden URC, Norden Road, OL11 5PQ

Website: bcnchurch.org.uk Follow us on  Bamford Chapel and Norden URC

Church Flowers



**Donations for flowers in church
in September were received from:**

**Dot Craig in memory of her Sister
For Harvest**

**Pamela Harrington to remember
family birthdays**

2025 Missional Partnership Café Church

ROCHDALE, BURY AND NORTH MANCHESTER MISSIONAL PARTNERSHIP CAFÉ CHURCH

Dates of the services in 2025:

2 nd February	2 nd March
4 th May	13 th July
7 th September	2 nd November
at 6.30pm	

Venue - unless stated otherwise:

Barnford Chapel and Norden URC, Norden Road, Barnford, OL11 5PQ

For further info contact: Revd Richard Bradley, 07483 155807 or richard.bradley@nwsynod.org.uk

October Messy Church

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



ALL
ARE
WELCOME



Being **Kind**
to All People

Sunday October 12
2 – 4 pm

food

Menu



Hot dogs



Come to
Professor
Potty's
Lab

craft



children

please bring an adult with you

Follow us on



BC&N URC Messy Church

Website: bcnchurch.org.uk

Russian Doll



I picture myself as a Russian doll,
layer within layer, from the first
impression to the mystery of the
soul.

The first layer - that outermost doll
- is what most see: a man in his
fifties, a little overweight, but hair
still holding strong. (Burn with
envy!)

Step closer, and another layer
opens: the parent, the minister, the

lover of the great outdoors.

Deeper still - the third doll down -and you will find the friend who shares
laughter at the pub, who sometimes falters, who occasionally shines.

Further down, a side of me few are blessed (cursed?) to know: the stories
told to the few, old shadows of depression, the tremble of hope, the deep
sharing of lived experiences.

The fifth doll -- getting pretty deep now - well, I'll keep this one for my
beloved wife, Saskia.

But that last doll, hidden beneath every layer, is even a mystery to me. A
bruised and tender soul, beating quietly, known only to God, the One who
knits me together, who calls me fearfully and wonderfully made.

I often forget who I really am.

But God remembers.

And in his remembering, I am held.

Daniel

Haslingden Concert Band



On Saturday 6th September we were treated to a very entertaining concert at chapel by Haslingden Concert Band. There were over 2 dozen instrumentalists, including our own Julie Platt on clarinet, together making a very round sound.

Their program was a mixture of exuberant, rousing, and sometimes reflective music from well-known musicals, film and modern hymn tunes, beginning with the opening theme from Jesus Christ Superstar, which certainly rang round the church, and gave the very competent brass section a chance to show off their skills.

The very tuneful music selection ranged from musicals of the 30's to fairly contemporary. Hearing the 'Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy of company B' - which became a popular World War 2 anthem, originally sung by the Andrews sisters, really made me smile! My ladies' choir learnt and sang it in concert recently, and we had great fun getting our tongues round the words!

We had well known James Bond themes, and show songs, and lovely moving and reflective music from 'Prelude on Lavenham' and 'Hymn to the fallen', which was the theme music to the 2nd World War film 'Saving Private Ryan'.

After the Rodgers and Hammerstein medley, and very appreciative applause, we all enthusiastically did the actions to the YMCA encore.

Each item was introduced by the Master of ceremonies from the brass section, who added humour to the evening - much of which could be tried out on young grandchildren! - and all added to another enjoyable and entertaining evening.

The concert was well attended by 90 plus people, and ticket sales provided a flying start to our new 'Church in the World' project, to provide Malawian children with much needed mosquito nets.

Pat Stephenson

Send your Love with these Flowers



A flower used by Victorians when they wanted to send a 'hidden message' of love is making a big comeback.

It is the aster. It's popularity in bouquets has quadrupled in two years. Sales at Tesco alone have soared by nearly 350 per cent.

And no wonder: asters are vivid, fast-growing British flowers with a good vase life. They come in blue, purple, pink, dark pink, red and white – all

with a bright yellow centre. They originally came from Japan and are related to dahlias and chrysanthemums.

The Victorians believed that asters symbolised love, patience, wisdom, elegance and grace. That made asters a sure winner for bearing discreet messages of affection.

More than five million were grown in the UK this year, so there must be a lot of love about!



Marigold Elisabeth Henderson Edmond



Marigold was born on 28th October 1927, the youngest child and only daughter of Margaret and Kenneth Sutherland. She was a caring person and very loyal to her family. She was born in Thusater, near Thurso where her parents had a farm. Although running a farm is hard work it would appear she had a comfortable life with her two older brothers, Alistair and Jack. There were Shire horses on the farm, which photos suggest she and her brothers even rode or at least sat on. There were of course the obligatory sheep dogs, and the family even had a car!

Marigold's good friend was Christine Shearer and we have many photographs of them together posing in their Sunday best. Another friend lived at a house near Fosse Mill, where they played together on the river bank. Her memories must have been good as she and Neil bought a painting of it in later life.

At some point the family moved to a new farm at Stainland, also near Thurso, which is still farmed today by Marigold's nephew and great nephews.

Sadly, Marigold's elder brother died when she was 12 years old, but prior to that she recalled going to see him every day when she came home from school. In due course, her parents retired from the farm in the late 1940's and Jack, her brother, took over the farm with his wife Christine.

Marigold and her parents moved to Aberdeen where she started her General Nurse Training, qualifying in 1949, and making many new nursing friends. Although she never spoke much of her time as a single lady in the late 40's and early 50's, the photos she has left behind tell an interesting, adventurous, and modern story; of travelling the length and breadth of the UK, visiting London, the Midlands, the Lake District, Perthshire, and they even ventured across the Irish Sea to Dublin. They climbed Ben Nevis and cycled around Glencoe, staying in Youth Hostels.

Following qualification as a General Nurse, Marigold moved to Edinburgh to commence her midwifery training, qualifying in April 1950. Her duties frequently took her to the Royal Mile, which in those days was a slum, and not full of “designer” shops or woollen mills.

Eventually she returned to Aberdeen and started work as a theatre sister at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary. At some point a young doctor was invited to take tea with sister..... enter Neil! Marigold and Neil married on 18th December 1954, and throughout their lives were devoted to each other, celebrating 66 years of marriage together.

National Service took them to Norfolk when Neil was in the RAF for 2 years. During that time Susan was born. Neil’s career path eventually took them to Edinburgh, where Trish was born and then to Rochdale in 1960, to join all the other relocated Scots who made up a large proportion of the medical profession there.

Once established in Rochdale, they made many friends and enjoyed a good social life. Marigold and Neil learnt Latin American dancing and also bridge, which stood them in good stead in the ensuing years.

Although Marigold suffered ill-health in 1966, their enthusiasm for life never faltered. Neil was a founder member of Rochdale East Rotary and their social life blossomed further. Marigold in the meantime pursued her interests in floristry, Cordon-bleu cooking, and archaeology, attending courses at the College.

Throughout the years they nurtured Susan and Trish during childhood, adolescence and beyond, always thoughtful and caring parents. In the early years the family attended the Trinity Presbyterian church in the town but when it closed Marigold and Neil moved to Bamford Chapel, where they were made most welcome.

The family frequently travelled to the North of Scotland visiting grandparents, all in the days before motorways. These were good times. As Susan and Trish became older sailing became a passion for everyone, with a caravan and a boat on Loch Earn, as well as a GP14 dinghy at Hollingworth Lake.

As the children flew the nest Marigold and Neil took advantage of their freedom, and enjoyed cruises with Swan Hellenic, trips to France with Francophiles, and holidays with fellow Rotarians and their wives.

Marigold and Neil always enjoyed going out for meals with family and friends. In the early days it was The Normandy and latterly The Waggon, which were their restaurants of choice. It was also an opportunity to catch up with Sarah and Charlotte. Christmas Eve at The Waggon was always a joyous occasion. In 1990 their grandson Matt was born and Marigold and Neil delighted in giving him their time and love. Nothing was too much trouble, they were devoted grandparents.

Marigold had always been an active member of the Rochdale branch of the Cancer Research Committee. The lead up to Christmas was always a busy time as Marigold's spare bedroom was filled with Cancer Research Christmas Cards (in the days before on-line shopping). She dutifully packaged them up and delivered them around Rochdale from where they had been ordered.

Marigold and her bridge friends met once a week at each other's houses for bridge and afternoon tea. As Matt became older and he developed a passion for golf, family golfing holidays in Portugal were fun.

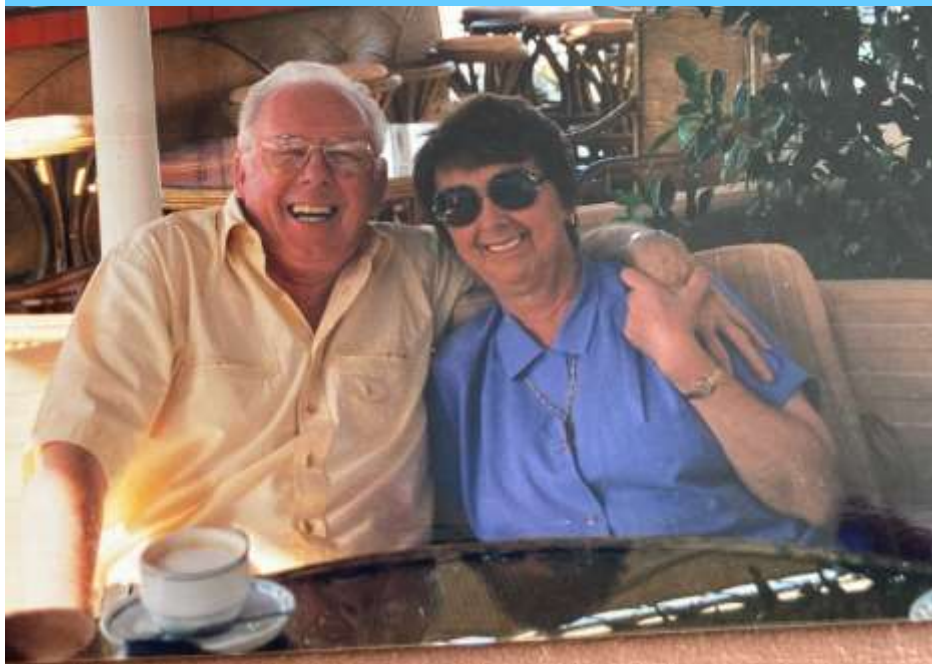
As Marigold and Neil aged holidays became restricted to Scotland. In later years travelling was further curtailed but the family still managed to celebrate with them their respective 90th birthdays in Dumfries & Galloway

In 2020 and 2023 Marigold became a great-grandmother to Ethan and Erin which gave her great joy. As her health deteriorated she last saw them in May when she was intent on reading Ethan's Lego magazine.

Following Neil's death in 2021, Marigold went to live in Beechwood Lodge. In the early days she kept the staff on their toes and headed the "escape committee", but as her health failed she was treated with kindness and respect by the carers for which the family are indebted.

Susan, Trish and Matthew are so grateful for the love and support they received from Neil and Marigold throughout their respective lives.

Thanks for Care and Support



Thanks to Bamford Chapel and Norden URC for care and support during Marigold Edmond's last illness. We want to thank all at Chapel for their support and prayers during the difficult time of Marigold's last few years. It has helped tremendously.

We also thank those who made arrangements and carried out duties at Mum's funeral; you have been so kind and caring. Your prayers, concern and love since her death has been wonderful and helped us in our grief. It has only been matched by similar love shown on the death of our father, Dr Neil Edmond four years ago. We thank God for your love. You should be proud of yourselves.

Trish Adshead and Sue Travis

Our Holiday Club 4 - 8 August 2025

Great fun was had by children and volunteers at the holiday Club. 38 children came at least one day: on most days there were 26 children there. 26 volunteers helped over the week.

We used the URC Holiday club material based on the theme “All are welcome”. As the children arrived, they were allocated to dens in 4 corners of the room. Lots of activities took place in these dens. The kids joined in enthusiastically with the Whacky warm up at the start of the morning and the closing song.

The children really engaged in the prayer times and had meaningful discussions in their dens when preparing for the small group prayer. The foil initials were made into a splendid display which is at the front of church and the Friday pizza prayer a particular favourite. The final prayer was watched by some of the parents who had arrived early for pick up. The prayer with the ball of wool and the footprints being especially moving.



We liked this year's story ideas and some drama took place. Based on Corinthians 12, a few children made a machine with their bodies and the rest made different machine noises. On day 3 we even had a portable stretcher to carry a small child, who bravely volunteered, to be carried over the heads of the children who had been squashed into a “house” marked by tape on the floor.

*A decorated den board
(Boards free from B & Q)*

The craft and science activities were enjoyed. The crafts included finger painting and making a door hanger. The den volunteer helpers enabled the kids to carry out various experiments. Professor Potty demonstrated some surprise experiments – could he keep water in a bottle with a piece of paper? make water disappear? levitate ping pong balls with a hairdryer? and blow up a balloon with vinegar and bicarb in a bottle.

The weather was not good and we had to play parachute games indoors, but we coped. The treasure trail for body parts to make a skeleton was also inside. The rain stopped for us to be able to go outside to toast marshmallows, do an obstacle course, launch rocket balloons and attempt archery. Fortunately the days allocated to team games were fine.

Daily Whacky warm up



Parachute games



Refreshments were prepared everyday by David Watson, David Stephenson and Dot. We mainly had biscuits, fruit and drinks but also gingerbread men one day and a birthday cake for Gillian Galloway on another.

We invited a special visitor each day – Richard and Dan, our partnership ministers, Ed, our student minister and Leo, our CYDO who were welcomed by the different groups and got involved in what was going on.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered.

Friendship Group 14th October Christmas Shoebox Appeal

The next monthly meeting is on
Tuesday 14th October
1.30 - 3.30 pm
Christmas Shoeboxes for Ukraine
All welcome

Once again we will be filling boxes to send to children in the Ukraine. Carol Hartley will supply the boxes.

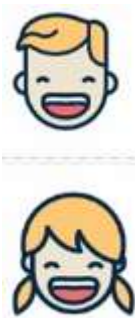
if you (or any group) are interested in supplying items or making up a shoebox, please let Carol (01706 367640) or Linda Peacock (07503 942 630) know, or bring them to the meeting on 14th October.

Carol is also happy to collect any items from you if you telephone her on 01706 367640.

Items to consider when filling the boxes
for boys & girls aged 3-5; 6-11 or 12+

Facecloth & Soap
Toothbrush & Toothpaste
Hair Accessories
Hairbrush/Comb
Hat & Scarf
Gloves/Mittens
Underwear
Tights/Socks
Stationery:

Notebook
Crayons/ Coloured Pencils
Pens
Pencil Case



Small Gifts
Necklace
Small Soft Toy
Small rubber ball
Game
Puzzle
Toy Vehicles
Sweets (NOT Chocolate)
(use by date March 2026 onwards)

Additional cash donations would be most appreciated to pay for transport

Surge in Violent Attacks on A & E Nurses

18th October is the feast day of St Luke, who is the patron saint of physicians. So this is a good month to pray for those in the NHS...



A&E nurses face an increasing barrage of punches, kicks and spitting - and having weapons aimed at them. One was even threatened with an acid attack.

The violence has been blamed on enforced long waits in A&E departments, corridor care, and chronic staffing problems.

The Royal College of Nursing report that the number of attacks has doubled in five years, from 2093 cases in 2019, to 4054 in 2024.

One senior charge nurse in the East Midlands said: “Even patients you would expect to be placid are becoming irate because of just how long they have to wait. So, you can only imagine the behaviour of those who are already prone to violence.” She herself has been punched in the face by a “drunken six-foot-two bloke.”

A senior sister in an A&E in east London was knocked unconscious after being punched in the head by a patient. “The violence is awful,” she said. “And it’s just constant. Nurses, doctors, receptionists – none of us feels safe.”

Another nurse said: “It’s not going to help with our retention and recruitment if you think you’re going to be clobbered every shift.”

The RCN warns that such attacks lead to both physical and mental scarring, lengthy time off and sometimes staff never returning.



Anthony Ashley-Cooper, 7th Earl of Shaftesbury - the Poor Man's Earl

Think of Piccadilly Circus, and that small statue of the angel poised with bow and arrow. Most people think it stands for Eros. It does not. It stands for Anteros, his brother, the god of selfless love. It is a memorial to the greatest Christian Victorian philanthropist, politician and social reformer of his generation – Lord Shaftesbury.



Anthony Ashley Cooper, the 7th Earl of Shaftesbury (1801 – 1885) was a devout Christian who spent his life fighting to help ease the plight of lunatics, chimney sweeps, children in factories, women and children in the mines, opium addicts, and children without any education.

His own early life was loveless and bleak – his parents formal and frightening, his early schooldays a ‘horror’ of ‘cruelty and starvation’. The only love came from the family’s housekeeper, Maria Millis. A biographer wrote: ‘She provided for Ashley a model of Christian love that would form the basis for much of his later social activism and

philanthropic work.’ The reality and homely practicality of her Christian love were a beacon for the young Ashley. She told him Bible stories, she taught him a prayer.

After Christ Church Oxford, where he proved an outstanding scholar, Ashley turned to politics. In 1826, aged 25, he was elected as Tory MP for Woodstock. He was eager to serve on parliamentary committees that got things done; his great life’s work had begun.

Lunatics: In 1827 lunatics were kept chained naked in straw, forced to sleep in their excrement. They were washed in freezing cold water, with one towel for 160 people and no soap. There was gross over-crowding and inedible food: asylums were places to die in.

Shaftesbury’s maiden speech in Parliament was in support of a Bill to improve conditions. He wrote: ‘By God’s blessing, my first effort has been for the advance of human happiness.’

It took years: from 1827 to 1884 he fought for a succession of Lunacy Acts, writing later of ‘the years of toil and care that, under God, I have bestowed on this melancholy and awful question.’

Child Labour and Factory Reform: Again, reform took years. Shaftesbury fighting for the Ten Hours Act from 1833, 1842, 1844, 1846 and 1847 – when it finally got through Parliament. No child under the age of 9 should work in the cotton or woollen industries below the age of 9, and no one under 18 must work more than ten hours a day.

Miners: In 1842 he fought to outlaw the employment of women and children in coal mines.

Climbing boys: Thousands of young boys were dying in terrible pain – scorched, blinded and suffocated by soot, or with cancer of the scrotum. Ashley fought for Bills in 1840, 1851, 1853, 1855, 1864 until finally the Chimney Sweepers Act 1875 closed the practise down.

Education reform: In 1844 Ashley became president of the Ragged School Union that promoted education for poor children. He wrote that if it were to fail, ‘I should die of a broken heart’.

Religion: Lord Shaftesbury was a devout Christian who became a leading figure in 19th century evangelical Anglicanism. He was President of the British and Foreign Bible Society for nearly 30 years. He was very sympathetic to the Jews, and advocated their return to the Holy Land.

Lord Shaftesbury's funeral service at Westminster Abbey on the morning of 8th October 1885 drew thousands of people. The streets along the route were thronged with the poor: costermongers, flower-girls, boot-blacks, crossing sweepers, factory hands and many more. They waited for hours just to see his coffin go by. He was dearly loved by them as the 'Poor Man's Earl'. One biographer wrote: *'No man has in fact ever done more to lessen the extent of human misery, or to add to the sum total of human happiness.'*

The great preacher Charles Spurgeon called him *'the best man of the age'*. He *'lived for the oppressed'*, he was a *'moral anchor in a drifting generation'*, *'friend of every living thing'*, *'he had a 'fervent love to God, and hearty love to man.'*



November Poppies

Are you good at knitting or crocheting?



Linda Kerford is making small poppies to create a display on the Chapel gates during November.

If you would like to help she has a simple pattern you could follow, or you can make your own design.

Please speak to Linda for any further information or let her have any poppies by **25th October**.



What Might Have Been



I ought to have taken up dancing
For whenever the music begins
I simply adore
Getting up on the floor;
Well - after a couple of gins!

Or maybe to sing in a choir,
Perhaps that would be more my style:
O, the wonderful note
To emerge from my throat
Would be certain to thrill and beguile.

I might have done well on the trombone
Or even succeeded on drums
But, alas, sad to say,
I really can't play:
I've no chance of impressing my chums.

I'll just have to sit on the sidelines,
To listen and look and applaud
If I can't wow them all
At the Royal Albert Hall
Well - at least I can clap in accord!

***By Sheila Blackwood
(ACE)***



**Front Cover artwork "A Mustard Seed"
by Paul Judson (Parish Pump)**

October Film Club

The Ian Newman Community
Film Club

**CINEMA
FOR ALL**

Saturday 18th October 2025

6.30pm refreshments : 7.00pm film

Admission £4.00

"MR BURTON" 2025 12



Supported by Rochdale Township

A Helping Hand

There is much we can do just to brighten
This world of all take and no give,
There's a great deal that we can contribute
Through the everyday lives that we live.

By supporting one's elderly neighbours
Or through lending a hand in some way
It's by taking a bunch of spring flowers
To someone to brighten their day.



It's by sparing a few precious hours
In the service of those most in need
It's all about setting a standard
And trying to give others a lead
It's the way that we tend to treat others
And help and aid folks in distress
In the care and assistance we offer
That will set us apart from the rest.

The choice that we face is quite simple
The rewards plain for all men to see
As you did all of this to My brother
Then said Jesus, you did it to Me.

By Colin Hammacott



Midweek Opportunities for Learning & Sharing Fellowship

Monday:	9.00 am Monday Gang / Garden Gang (who do work in or around the building) 10.15 am Pastoral Group Meeting 1.30 pm Bridge Club 7.30 - 8.30 pm Monday Prayer Group (in Lounge) 8.00 pm Monday Night Home Group (at Redmond's)
Tuesday:	9.00 – 11.00 am Toddlers' Group 1.30 – 4.00 pm Indoor Bowls (Upstairs Hall) From 6.00 pm Rainbows
Wednesday:	12 noon Luncheon Club Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association 6.00 pm Anchor Boys (age 5 - 8) 6.45 pm Juniors & Company Section
Thursday:	10.30 am - 12 noon Community Coffee Morning
Friday:	6.00 pm onwards Beavers, Cubs and Scouts
Sunday:	7.30 pm God Squad (for Teenagers)

Fortnightly & Monthly Opportunities

Tuesday:	Home Group	7th & 21st October 7.30 - 9.00 pm On Zoom (see page 5) Friendship Group 2nd Tuesday in month 14th Oct 1.30 - 3.30 pm Christmas Boxes (see page 20)
Thursday:	Heritage Group	3rd Thursday in the month 7.30 pm 21st October
Friday	Dementia Friendly Café	1st Friday in the month 1.30 - 3.30 pm 3rd October
Saturday:	Ian Newman	3rd Saturday in the month
	Community Film Club	18th October (see page 26) 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm film

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