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United  
Reformed  
Church

## Bamford Chapel & Norden URC



## September 2024

# **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.

# September 2024

Every Monday	7.30 - 8.30 pm	Prayer Group in the Lounge (all welcome)
Sunday 1 September	10.30 am 12 noon 6.30 pm	Family Worship & Communion Led Ken Greer Interment of Revd Joyce Yates' Ashes Missional Partnership Café Church (page 2)
Tuesday 3 September	7.30 pm - 9.00 pm	Tuesday Home Group On Zoom (see page 6)
Friday 6 September	1.30 - 3.30 pm	Dementia Friendly Café
Saturday 7 September	1.00 - 4.00 pm	Heritage Open Day (see page 3)
Harvest Sunday 8 September	10.30 am 12 noon 1.00 - 4.00 pm	Family Worship & Baptism Led by Andy Platt Interment of Walter Brisk's Ashes Heritage Open Day (see page 3)
Wednesday 11 September	7.00 pm	Midweek Worship (see page 2)
Thursday 12 September	1.30 - 3.30 pm	Friendship Group (see page 10)
Saturday 14 September	10.00 am - 12 noon	Big Breakfast (see page 8) Christmas Shoe Box Appeal for Ukraine
Sunday 15 September	10.30 am 12 noon	Family Worship, Project Launch & Baptism Led by Margaret Bywater Project Lunch (see page 17)
Tuesday 17 September	7.30 pm - 9.00 pm	Tuesday Home Group On Zoom (see page 6)
Saturday 21 September	6.30 for 7.00 pm	Community Film Club (see page 24) "The Miracle Club"
Sunday 22 September	10.30 am 12 noon	Family Worship Led by David Watson Church Meeting (please try to attend)
Sunday 29 September	10.30 am 2.00 - 4.00 pm	Family Worship Led by Linda Raynor Messy Church (see page 26)

## Midweek Worship

Bamford Chapel and  
Norden URC  
invite you to....

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

Midweek Worship

*pray*

10/04/24  
08/05/24  
12/06/24  
10/07/24

14/08/24  
11/09/24  
09/10/24  
13/11/24  
11/12/24



## Café Church

# MISSIONAL PARTNERSHIP CAFE CHURCH

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

1st September

3rd November

at Bamford Chapel and Norden URC (unless otherwise stated)  
Norden Road, Rochdale, OL11 5PQ

## Heritage Weekend



Bamford Chapel and Norden URC  
will be open on

**Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th September  
from 1.00pm - 4.00pm**

This year there will be an illustrated talk which  
will be held at 2.00pm on each day.

This year marks 10 years since the congregation from Norden URC joined  
Bamford Chapel. Information on this church will be on display.

Learn about some of the people associated with the chapel.

- What is the connection with the writers of the St James Bible?
- How is the chapel connected to the first war photographer and royal photographer?
- The first Rochdale MP was from Bamford Chapel.
- Sir Robert Kay Shuttleworth, one of the founders of our education system first attended Sunday School here.

Refreshments will be available.

**Please invite friends and neighbours to  
come and take a look at our lovely  
buildings.**

# A Circular Journey by Ed Lyne

Hi there!

My name is Ed, and I've recently joined the Rochdale Bury & North Manchester Missional Partnership as a student from Northern College Luther King Centre, training as a Church Minister of Word & Sacrament. I'll be with you for the next two years so I hope we can create some wonderful Spirit and community together. Also, if you can cope with my tiger-like personality then you get extra brownie points.

In addition to my enthusiastic personality, I also really enjoy pub games, particularly darts in which I'm known as '*Ed Lyne the Headliner!*' I also enjoy pool, snooker, a pub quiz and just a general chat and a pint. Outside the pub I enjoy playing golf, walking, and watching my favorite TV shows which include Star Trek Deep Space 9 & Stranger Things.



I love to learn new things whether it's Theology, Philosophy, History, Geography, anything really and audio books are the main ways in which I learn.

Church wise, I grew up attending Wylde Green URC in Birmingham and have always felt a calling to be a Minister, wanting to share God's love with the world. While I was studying a Theology BA at Lampeter University there was no URC Church, so I attended St Thomas' Methodist Church, which put me on the path towards candidating for ministry as a Methodist Presbyterian. I did so in 2016 while living in Nottingham, but when reaching the Circuit (Synod) interview they told me I was not ready yet. *"Not never" they said, "but we just don't feel God is calling you yet."* I tried to be positive but was really

devastated, shouting at God in private, *“do you want me to be a minister or not!”*

Then a little something called Covid 19 hit us in 2020 and the Methodist Church I was attending was closed. This was a devastating time for all of us, but a positive for me was that it got me back in touch with Wylde Green URC and their excellent online Zoom worship. I attended this most Sundays and led a few services myself. Then I got a letter through the post nominating me to be an Elder at Wylde Green which made me do a double take, *“I don’t live there anymore, why on earth have I received this nomination?”* But then I looked up and smirked, *“is this your doing Lord? Are you calling me home?”*

So, I completed what I call my circular journey starting at Wylde Green URC, doing a big Methodist circle and ended up back at Wylde Green, through which I moved forward and was accepted as an ordinand.

I look back on my circular journey with great fondness; there are friends I never would have met and valuable experiences I never would have had

We have a tendency I think to look at our lives and our journey with Jesus as a straight road. It’s all about staying on the path and deviating from it leads to disaster. Sometimes it does, but we must have faith that sometimes God is leading us to a different destination. Turns out I was never meant to be a Presbyter but a Minister of Word & Sacrament and this I thank God for.

I look forward to journeying with you for the next two years on the straight, bendy, circular, windy road that is being a disciple of Jesus. If we walk this path together, supporting each other, then no matter how difficult things may get we know that we are going the right way.

*Ed Lyne*

**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](http://www.bcnchurch.org.uk)) and available on the church website ([www.bcnchurch.org.uk](http://www.bcnchurch.org.uk)) There is also Midweek Worship at 7pm on the 2nd Wednesday of every month.**



# Tuesday Home Group



## Tuesday Homegroup on Zoom

All are welcome to join us fortnightly on zoom  
Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm—9pm.

From September we will be discussing some of  
the women we meet in the Old Testament

The dates of the meetings are:

3rd September	The First Woman Genesis 3:1-13
17th September	Sarah Hager – Genesis 16; 18:1-15
1st October	Miriam: Number 2
15th October	Rahab: Joshua 2; 6:15-25
29th October	Ruth: Ruth 1-2
12th November	Naomi: Ruth 3-4
26th November	Hannah: 1 Samuel 25:2-44
10th December	Probably a Christmas social

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

If you want to find out more please contact Richard on:  
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## Advice for Life

**The best thing to give**

- to your enemy is forgiveness;
- to an opponent, tolerance;
- to a friend, your ear;
- to your child, good example;
- to your father, reverence;
- to your mother, conduct that will make her proud of you;
- to yourself, respect;
- to all people, charity

***Benjamin Franklin***



## Urgent - Pulpit Supply Secretary

We urgently need a Pulpit Supply Secretary as Ken and Margaret are stepping back from this role, which involves making sure there is someone leading worship every Sunday Morning.

Margaret and Ken will help someone willing to take on the role to prepare the next preaching rota, a lot of which is filled by our own wonderful worship team. Please speak to Ken or Margaret if you are interested.

**This is an essential role that must be filled to ensure we have worship leaders every Sunday. Please consider if YOU could be the person to take on this important role.**

We thank Ken and Margaret for all the work they have done on Pulpit Supply over a number of years.

Thanks and God Bless

*Anne*

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# Big Breakfast

Bamford Chapel  
& Norden United Reformed Church

  
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*Fancy a bacon butty?*

*and  
cake sale*

**Big Breakfast**



**£5**

*bottomless  
drinks and  
toast*

**Saturday**

**14 September**

**10.00 - 12.00**

*In aid of*

teams4U

**Shoe box appeal**

**T4U**



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# A Prayer for Evangelism



**We pray for our churches:**

**For Christians and non-believers,**

**For followers of God**

**and those who wish to know more.**

**We pray for our ministers and elders who lead us,**

**For Rev'd Richard Bradley and Rev'd Daniel Harris.**

**We pray for evangelistic opportunities,**

**For hosts and helpers.**

**Throughout, we pray**

**People's questions will be answered,**

**That lives will be enriched through**

**learning and chatting,**

**Emotions will be challenged,**

**And that all will find the true journey**

**of ourselves and our lives.**

**Amen.**

***Prayer by Pam Rowley of Bury URC***

# Friendship Group

Bamford Chapel & Norden URC

## FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friendship

DAY TRIPS



Coffee..... &  
..... cake



Fun

Everyone Welcome

MEALS OUT

Interesting  
Speakers



Every 2nd Thursday

1.30—3.30

Contact: Linda Peacock

## Friendship Group

The next monthly meeting is on

**Thursday 12 September**

**at 1.30 pm**

**£4**

**Speaker Janice Harvey**

**“Murder at the Vicarage”**

**All welcome**

## Church Flowers



**Donations for flowers in church  
in July & August  
were received from:**

**Margaret Ogden for her marriage  
to Malcolm Bywater**

**Elizabeth & Ken Greer for their Wedding Anniversary**

**Beryl Thomas in memory of her Mother**

**Dot Craig in memory of Peter**

**Tom Swann in memory of Blanche on their  
wedding anniversary, and in memory of David**

**Lesley Sutton in memory of her Mother**

**Irene Lucas remembering Daniel**

# Toddler Day Out July 2024

*“Didn't we have a lovely time the day we went to Jane's House  
A beautiful day, we were ready to play and have an adventure at Jane's  
house*

*Dot was a bit late, she got lost on the way, then thoroughly enjoyed the day  
out*

*Singing a few of her favourite songs as her car went round and round*

*We recall the thrill of it all as we played around the grassland*

*And from the ponds we heard ducks and geese happily swimming round oh*

*We had cake to eat, and butties and treats sitting in the sunshine*

*Julie did crafts in the cool under shade away from the sun blazing down*

*Wasn't it nice to see sheep and horse and goat and moorhen and much more  
Jane walked us around to pat our new friends and we saw newly born lambs  
with their mums*

*Toddlers then jumped into the pool to keep themselves cool and splashed the  
lovely cool water*

*There was lots of laughter as Finlay was splashed and the new game of  
splash was great fun .....*”

My gift of verse is not good so to conclude:

Our Toddler Group day out was magical, a wonderfully exciting adventure thanks to Auntie Jane. We'd filled Jane's horse box with the Toddler toys the evening before and put up gazebos on the lawns to protect both adults and toddlers from the sun. A risk assessment was completed and parents signed a disclaimer. The lawn looked like a huge safe playground thanks to Jane, her husband and friend plus Finlay. The sun shone, there were happy sounds of children and God sat on his heavenly throne watching. It was great to see happy, tired faces as the children went home. That evening, exhausted, the toys were back in the horse box and returned to chapel. Finlay, Elizabeth, Margaret and Malcolm doing the heavy carrying. Jane thanked us for leaving the lawns in a clean and tidy condition. How could we ever top that for a day out!!

Thank you Jane, so very much for a day to remember. The Toddlers now want to play on the back lawn every week!

Thank you Finlay Julie, Elizabeth, Dot and Margaret; so sorry that Wendy and Margaret missed the fun.

### Photographs with parental permission



**Gone quackers with Aunty Jane**

**So Hot**



**Such a beautiful day**

**Gillian G**



# Developing World Project 2024



**Cheshire Home Katima Mulilo**  
For children with physical disabilities

**2024 Cheshire Home first term: 15 January – 12 June**

## Residential Program

In 2024, 33 learners are registered in the Cheshire Home hostel. All 30 children that were in the residential program in 2023, have stayed with us as they are still in need of the hostel and/or rehabilitation services.

3 new children were accepted:



- Iven is in Grade 0. He is one of twin boys, he was born with cerebral palsy (brain damage). He has difficulty with balance and coordination of his whole body. He is in a wheelchair on a daily basis. He has improved a lot since he came in January – he can now keep his balance to stand at the sink and wash his face. He loves to walk with assistance. At first, he was very shy, but more and more we are hearing his voice.

Naomi and Nasilele are in Grade 3.

- When she was a toddler, Naomi fell on her head which resulted in brain damage. The left side of her body is weak, she needs training to learn to walk better. During the short time she has been with us, she has become a friend of all.



- Nasilele was born with deformities of her face, feet and hands. In the school in the village, she was bullied and the mother then took her out of school. When she came to Cheshire Home in January, she was very shy and withdrawn. She has now blossomed into a child with many friends, very caring for others and playing freely like any child should.

## Rehabilitation

As usual, the residential children have regular physiotherapy sessions, to increase their mobility, balance and independence. During the hot months, the therapy pool is used almost on a daily basis.

New this year is the Cheshire Home soccer team! Twice already, the team has gone out to play against the Children of Zion (the orphanage in Katima Mulilo) soccer team. The children who are not in the team, come along to cheer the team on. So far, we lost 4-1 and 4-3; the children are keen to go back for revenge...



## Boat tour

Thanks to friends around the world, the Cheshire Home children were treated to a boat tour. 2 boats were fully packed and off we went to see crocodiles, hippos and the beautiful birds and trees alongside the Zambezi river.



## Outpatient program



In the morning hours, when the residential children are in school, physiotherapist Jesse sees outpatients. Mostly these are children between 0 and 5 years who are delayed in development. The mothers are given health education and advice how to exercise with their children to make them reach their milestones of sitting, crawling, standing and walking.

Children who use wheelchairs are invited for set-ups and reviews/renewals.

The Cheshire Home children have now left the hostel to be with their families for a month of holidays. On 15 July they will be back to start with the second term of this school year.

Our 2024 project will be supporting the work of the Cheshire home for children with physical disabilities, in Namibia

Project launch service  
and launch lunch  
Sunday 15 September

Please sign up on the notice board  
"Under the clock"

## The TV Shows which can Wreck your Home

Don't believe everything you see on TV. Especially those programmes which show you how easy it is to do DIY jobs around your house.

A recent survey has found that many people who watch these programmes and decide to 'have a go' at a home maintenance project, only end up causing damage.

In fact, a fifth of DIY enthusiasts end up having to fork out an average of £329, just to repair what they have done to their homes.

HomeServe, who did the survey, says: "Often TV shows make the job look easier than it is, and can lead to costly errors." And any work that requires sign-off to meet regulations should *always* be left to a registered plumber or electrician.

***Editor: Have you had a DIY project that went wrong? Why not write and tell us about it for the next magazine!***



# Sparks & Stories Holiday Club - Mission for Children

During the summer holidays we offered a holiday club for primary school aged children! From 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> August our church was transformed into an exciting 'campsite' with dens, games and even a campfire! During the week 42 children attended for at least one day and 32 leaders (including 5 young leaders) kept them entertained and fed!



Each morning started with a welcome craft activity in dens with the den leaders and once everyone had arrived it was time for Whacky Warmup! If you want to get a tune stuck in your head, search for "Every Move I Make in You, You are my way Jesus" on You Tube and dance along! I'm still singing it everyday! Then it was time to learn about Jesus' life with a film clip each morning. We then had a challenge activity before sitting down for a story from the Bible - which was sometimes done through drama! There was craft time and a time to Pause4Prayer. We of course had refreshments and then outside time to run off some energy before coming back in for singing (we learnt a song with verses that linked to each day) and dancing before we finished the morning with a prayer. Wow, we did a lot in a few hours!! So let's look in more detail at each day!

## **MONDAY: Starting small – Jesus's childhood; Expect the unexpected!**

We focused on how amazing things can grow from the smallest. We learnt about Jesus as a child and heard the parable of the mustard seed. The challenge was for the dens to make the tallest tower out of balloons and then growing trees were made for our craft prayer. We enjoyed watching popcorn being made and eating it! Back in dens small people craft was enjoyed and for our STEM challenge matchboxes were given out to take home and decorate and fill with as many small items as possible -



there were some brilliant results!  
 Outdoor fun was had with the parachute. Then we started to learn our song for the week with Cameron and Dan and ended with a movement prayer!



**TUESDAY: Shining bright – Jesus’s baptism; Sharing faith!**



We focused on how we need to shine the light of Jesus in the world. We thought about the baptism of Jesus and had the Bible story of the lamp on the stand. The children made tealight holders and CD spinners which we used in our Pause4Prayer time. They carried out refraction experiments for the STEM activity and enjoyed outdoor team sports before ending with our worship song and a sharing the light prayer.

**WEDNESDAY: Jesus’s Ministry - Love God, Love Others!**

We focused on the two commandments Jesus gave us - to love God and to love others! The sharing God’s love banners the children made are hanging up in church. Today’s Bible story of The Good Samaritan was told in drama involving the children It was great! The den challenge was to wrap someone in toilet roll bandages! It was great fun!  
 The children made woven hearts for Pause4Prayer time thinking



of those they love and those in need of love. In dens the children made flame pencil



toppers which took some concentration so after refreshments it was time for fresh air and more team games before heading back inside for our worship and prayer time.

**THURSDAY: The Way Back – Jesus’s Death and Resurrection; Uncompleted stories!**



We focused on the death and resurrection of Jesus. In the early morning den activity the children made compasses - Jesus is our compass in life! The parable today was the story of The Prodigal Son using a puppet end drama. Biscuits were iced

and enjoyed, paper crosses and the word life were made by tearing up a piece of paper for our Pause4Prayer time - ask Addie to show you how to do this! Lots of outdoor fun was had with a real fire and toasting marshmallows to make smores, a treasure hunt and letting off balloon rockets with Professor Potty before ending with worship and prayer!



**FRIDAY: Jesus Commission and Ascension; The ongoing invitation!**

And so our week came to an end, and it was time for celebration! We focused on the Ascension of Jesus and His ongoing invitation to join the banquet. We had a party with lovely food! We had a puzzle prayer to show how we are all joined in Christ; played games and made dragonflies to think about how we are changed with Christ. We held our final worship and sang our action song. Look on our website! Until next year...





# Education Sunday

Education Sunday takes place on 8<sup>th</sup> September, as our children return to school after the summer break. It's a good opportunity to ask what God thinks of children and how we can reflect this in our schools, churches and families.

## **Children are valuable to God:**

*'Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them. Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.'* (Matthew 19:13-14).

Jesus' action shows the importance of children to God. In many cultures around the world, children are often abused, exploited or disregarded. God is committed to caring and protecting them and calls us to do the same.

## **Children need nurture and guidance:**

*'Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it.'* (Proverbs 22:6 ESV). Gardeners will often attach plants to a pole or trellis to guide their growth. Children also need solid structure to keep their physical, emotional, social, and spiritual growth on track. We can support them in their growth and development, and we can be a godly example to them.

## **Children need discipline:**

*'Discipline your children, and they will give you peace; they will bring you the delights you desire.'* (Proverbs 29:17). This is not easy and requires the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). Discipline is a sign of love, reflecting how God deals with us (Hebrews 12:7). In this way, they'll become adults who fulfil all that the Creator wants them to become.

As Jesus said, *'Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me'* (Mark 9:37).

**Canon Paul Hardingham**



## Luncheon Club Train Trip



At the last two Wednesday Luncheon Clubs before the August break, our members were given two very different treats. On 24th July, after they had had their lunch, they were transported to Heywood railway station and enjoyed a return ride on the East Lancs railway steam train to Rawtenstall. Many of our members said that the ride had brought back happy childhood memories.



## Luncheon Club Afternoon Tea



On 31st July our members were treated to a delicious afternoon tea instead of their usual cooked lunch - which included an array of sandwiches, quiche, scones, strawberries and scrumptious cakes. It was provided, and mostly baked by Nita, one of our hardworking kitchen team, and enjoyed by all. Some members said that it would have cost at least £10 in a restaurant, so thought it was excellent value for their usual £5.

My thanks go to all our kitchen, serving and driving volunteers who continue to make this long-standing and greatly appreciated luncheon club possible.

If you feel you have an opportunity to get involved in this joyful community service, please have a word with me or Addie Redmond. Thank you.

***Pat Stephenson***





**CINEMA  
FOR ALL**

**The Ian Newman Community Film Club**  
At Bamford Chapel & Norden URC, Norden Road  
Rochdale OL11 5PQ

**Saturday 21 September 2024**

**6.30pm refreshments : 7.00pm film**  
**Admission £4.00**

**“The Miracle Club” 2023 12A**



***Supported by Rochdale Township***

## Remember This?



On a recent visit to Ilkley Peter and I went to Christchurch for lunch. The church is a Methodist/URC Local Ecumenical Partnership. We enjoyed an excellent light lunch from their extensive, reasonably priced menu, which includes jacket potato, soup, freshly prepared sandwiches, homemade quiche, cakes etc.

I picked up their monthly magazine and this is a little section from the Minister's contribution;

"Mealtimes are the times as a family we most regularly pause to be thankful. The other day our granddaughter started to recite the child's prayer which goes like this:

**Thank you for the world so sweet,  
Thank you for the food we eat,  
Thank you for the birds that sing,  
Thank you, God, for everything.**

The prayer, written by E. Rutter Leaham, was most popular around 1900 and was republished in mid-1950s. I was rather surprised to hear it being spontaneously used by a child in the mid-2020s, but they had been learning it at school!! So, here is a rather old-fashioned prayer being passed on to the next generation."

We can remember singing this prayer at primary school – can you?

Ilkley is an interesting town – well worth a visit.

***Pamela***



# Messy Church



ALL ARE WELCOME



@ Bamford Chapel and Norden URC

Sunday 29  
September

14.00 – 16.00



children

please bring an adult with you

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BC&N URC Messy Church

Website:

[bcandnchurch.org.uk](http://bcandnchurch.org.uk)

# Thank you



Margaret and Malcolm would like to express their appreciation for the hundreds of cards and good wishes received on the occasion of their wedding. Thanks too to all those who attended the service on 6<sup>th</sup> July. I hope you enjoyed the service as much as we did. The congregational singing, led by St Aidan's choir augmented by Liverpool Cathedral choir members and accompanied by Ian Wells was fantastic. Thanks to our trumpeter, Daniel and to all those taking part who made it a day to remember. I suppose the highlight for most people was the address given by the ex-Bishop of Middleton, Stephen Venner, who had the knack of speaking in a light-hearted manner while imparting some amazing words of wisdom.

The celebrations continued at St Adian's where we enjoyed Prosecco and canapés and we were able to chat with so many friends and family. Our thanks go to The Willows who provided the canapés, to Samantha who made the wedding cake and gluten free sponge cakes and Nita Hudson who made enough rich fruit cakes to feed an army!!

The day finished with a family celebration at The Royal Toby where we enjoyed a lovely meal. The following Thursday we flew to Malta to board the P&O cruise ship Azura. We visited Split, Dubrovnik, Corfu and Taranto in Italy. We had a lovely time but found the heat up to 40 degrees rather excessive for getting about!

Now we are settling down to our new life together and enjoying every minute! God is good.

***Margaret & Malcolm***



## 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 & Brownies**
- Wednesday:** 12 noon **Luncheon Club**  
**Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association**  
6.00 pm **Anchor Boys (age5—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** 3rd & 17th September on Zoom  
7.30 - 9.00 pm (see page 6)
- Thursday:** **Friendship Group** 2nd Thursday in the month  
1.30 - 3.30 pm 12th Sept (see pages 10 & 11)  
**Heritage Group** 3rd Thursday in the month  
7.30 pm (see page 3)
- Friday** **Dementia Friendly Café** 1st Friday in the month  
1.30 - 3.30 pm 6th September
- Saturday:** **Ian Newman** 3rd Saturday in the month  
**Community Film Club** 21st September  
6.30 pm for 7.00 pm film - (see page 24)

For further information please see website [www.bcnchurch.org.uk](http://www.bcnchurch.org.uk)  
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**Magazine distributed:**            Sunday 29th September

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