



The  
United  
Reformed  
Church

## Bamford Chapel & Norden URC



## July & August 2023

# **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.

# July 2023

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

Every Monday	7.30 pm - 8.30 pm	Prayer Group in the Lounge (see page 7)
Saturday 1 July	10.00 - 12 noon  7.30 pm	Big Breakfast in aid of Namibia (see page 12) Songs from the Show (see page 6) Rochdale Phoenix Opera Society
Sunday 2 July	10.30 am  6.30 pm	Family Worship with Communion Led by Margaret Ogden Café Church at Radcliffe & Stand URC (page 4)
Thursday 6 July	7.30 pm	Elders' Meeting
Friday 7 July	1.30 pm - 3.30 pm	Dementia Friendly Café
Saturday 8 July	2.00 pm - 4.00 pm	Garden Party (see page 18)
Sunday 9 July	10.30 am	Family Worship Led by Debbie Wood
Tuesday 11 July	7.30 pm - 9.00 pm	Tuesday Home Group On Zoom
Saturday 15 July	6.30 pm for 7 pm	Community Film Club (see page 22) "Military Wives"
Sunday 16 July	10.30 am  2.00 - 4.00 pm	Family Worship Led by David Watson Messy Church (see page 20)
Sunday 23 July	10.30 am	Family Worship Led by Bernard Vause
Tuesday 25 July	7.00 pm	Tuesday Home Group "Bring & Share" Social in Church
Sunday 30 July	10.30 am	Family Worship Led by Cameron Baines

# August 2023

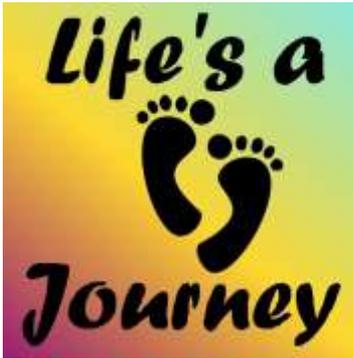
Every Monday	7.30 pm - 8.30 pm	Prayer Group in the Lounge (see page 7)
Tuesday 1 August	7.00 pm	Churches Together 'Coffee, Cake and Chat' (p 26) at St Paul's CE Church, Norden (all welcome!)
Friday 4 August	1.30 pm - 3.30 pm	Dementia Friendly Café
Sunday 6 August	10.30 am	Family Worship with Communion Led by Ken Greer
Wednesday 9 August	7.00 pm	Midweek Worship at Chapel (see page 4)
Thursday 10 August	TBA	Ladies Fellowship Outing Details to be advised
Sunday 13 August	10.30 am	Family Worship Led by Debbie Wood
Saturday 19 August	6.30 pm for 7 pm	Community Film Club (see page 27) "Where the Crawdads Sing"
Sunday 20 August	10.30 am	Family Worship Led by Clive Rotherham
Sunday 27 August	10.30 am	Family Worship Leader to be advised

## Annual Gift Day

A massive thank you to all the Organisations, Clubs and individuals who were able to contribute to our annual gift day.

A fantastic total of **£7925** was pledged, which is a significant contribution towards the ongoing running costs of Chapel - it's a hungry animal!! (but we all love it nonetheless). *David Stephenson*

## Message from the Manse



In my services recently I have been exploring with different churches in the Missional Partnership the theme of 'journeys'. We have been looking at and exploring various Bible passages where people are called/ invited by God to journey with Him. The idea of journeys when it comes to faith is a good one. There are times on my own faith journey when I have been moving forward and learning new things and exploring where God is leading me. There are other times

when I need to stop, to rest and to wait on God in focused quiet times.

If it was a motorway journey we might think of the moving as journeying along on the motorway; some cars may travel past us at a faster pace and we might also pass others who are going slower than us. The speed isn't necessarily important, what we learn of ourselves and God and the destination is important!

And when that comes to faith there are times when we might look at others and almost be envious of the journey they are on. We might feel as though they are speeding past us in the outside lane of the motorway and we are slowly going along in the inside lane.

Like the car journey, the speed isn't important, the destination and what we learn of ourselves and God is important.

So, as we break for the summer let us all take some time to rest in God's presence and to wait on Him. To wait for His often still small voice speaking to us and when we return in September let us do so ready to act on what God may be saying to us and the way in which God is leading us.

I hope and pray we all have a blessed and restful summer.

*Your servant in Christ, Richard*

## Café Church & Midweek Worship



Rochdale, Bury and North  
Manchester Missional  
Partnership Café Church

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July –  
6.30pm  
(at Radcliffe and Stand URC)

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November  
(unless otherwise stated  
services at Bamford Chapel  
and Norden URC)



### Midweek Worship

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August, 7pm  
Bamford Chapel and Norden URC  
All Welcome!

Other dates: 11<sup>th</sup> October and 13<sup>th</sup> December.

## Storms of Life

The boat was tossed from side to side  
Buffeted by the wind and rain,  
Alarm and panic filled their hearts  
Would they ever reach the shore again?



The sky was dark and looking out  
They thought they saw a ghost appear,  
Transfixed with horror, what could it be  
Treading on water and drawing near?

Their hearts were stilled as hope arose  
As they heard the voice of the One they knew,  
'Do not be afraid, this storm will pass'  
And the sea grew calm and the wind withdrew.

When storms of life assail our boat  
And our hearts are filled with dread and fear,  
Remember the One who treads the waves,  
He sees our plight – He's drawing near.

*By Megan Carter*

# Phoenix Opera



ROCHDALE PHOENIX OPERA SOCIETY PRESENTS...

# SONGS FROM THE SHOWS



*An evening of entertainment, featuring songs  
from your favourite Broadway Shows.*

Saturday 1st July 2023,  
Bamford Chapel, OL11 5PQ.

7.30pm

Tickets: £7.50



Purchase your tickets via  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/rochdale-phoenix-opera-society](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/rochdale-phoenix-opera-society),  
or from Penny on 07761116304.



# Monday Prayer Group



**True Prayer is a way of life, not just in case of emergency.**

**Our re-formed Prayer group gives an opportunity each week to devote one hour to Prayer.**

**We meet on Monday evenings at church from 7.30 to 8.30 pm.**

We pray for individuals; groups; events. We pray for local issues; national issues; world issues and all

sorts of other things that have caught our attention.

We may even have prayed for YOU!!!

There are opportunities to pray out loud or just listen to others who do. There are quiet times for silent prayers or just to listen for God's word for us.

We would like to invite as many as possible to share in this important aspect of our Christian faith as we follow Jesus' example, for he often set aside time for Prayer.

The invitation then is to join us in person (no pressure to pray out loud) if you are able; or set aside one hour, maybe 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm on Monday evenings, and pray at home or wherever you are.

Also, please let us know of anything that is on your heart that you would like the group to pray for on your behalf, and please hold the group in your prayers as we are in need of Prayer as much as the next person.

If you wish to know more, or if you have a Prayer request then speak to me and I will answer your queries, raise your Prayer requests or put you in touch with other members of the group.

Keep praying, our church needs prayers and PRAYers.

**David Watson**

## A Welcome from your new Treasurer



I wish to thank everyone for their support during my first two months as Treasurer. It is a privilege to be able to support the Church in this role. Steven's hard work over a number of years has made the transition a lot less painful than I anticipated. I know there are still many annual accounting procedures I have yet to encounter, so Steven's telephone number will stay in my

'favourites' list for some time yet!

Finance is always a thorny subject in any organisation, however big or small, and there are probably as many different opinions about it as there are people involved. I have only been a member of Bamford Chapel and Norden URC for a short time relative to many, but delving a little way back I can see that funding the running of Chapel has been an ongoing dilemma. I recently saw a leaflet produced by David Edmonds when he was Treasurer explaining a similar situation that we have now. The acronym T. R. I. O. - The Responsibility Is Ours, has frequently been mentioned at meetings I have attended. I think to summarise this, we are indebted to our Church forebears for the present strength of Chapel, and we must strive to pass on a strong Chapel to future generations.

Chapel is in a fortunate financial position but, and it is a big but, in general monthly expenditure exceeds income. To quote Charles Dickens: 'Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure nineteen pounds, nineteen and six, result happiness. Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure twenty pounds, nought and six, result misery.' (Ask me if you need it converted to decimal!).

This puts the Elders in a difficult position as they have a LEGAL responsibility to run Bamford Chapel on a sustainable footing.

We need to spread God's word and grow; that is our mission. Wouldn't it be great to task the Eldership with seeking out ways to invest Chapel resources to further reach out, rather than looking over their shoulders at a likely, dwindling reserve?

If anyone has a suggestion for an event or activity to generate income, please speak to any Elder; rest assured you won't just be told 'great, go ahead and you organise it'. I think BC & N is a fantastic Church. We need to let more people know.

*David Stephenson*

## Ladies Fellowship



Afternoon Tea at St Paul's, Norden on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> June

About 100 ladies from various churches in the area met on a beautiful day for a lovely afternoon tea. What a credit it was to the ladies who prepared it. One of the ladies had been up since 7.00am that day baking scones! They were delicious [with jam and cream or is it cream and jam?]. I lost count of how many sandwiches they had prepared – over 200, I think. Home made cakes plus tea, coffee OR Prosecco!!! were also available.

The entertainment was brilliant; a gentleman singing songs our generation remember well:  
"Raindrops keep falling on my head"  
"Y.M.C.A."  
"Is this the way to Amarillo?"  
and a few quieter ones.



Fourteen ladies from Bamford Chapel and Norden URC really enjoyed themselves {I know I did}.

*Thank you so much to St Paul's ladies for their wonderful hospitality.*

*Margaret Frain*

## Church in the World Group Update



For the first time in over 30 years the Developing World Project was launched at a different time of year, instead of around Harvest time it ran up until Christmas Day. The Project was launched on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February and ran for the period of Lent, with the last day of personal giving being Easter Sunday.

This year we supported Embrace the Middle East, supporting women in the poorest parts of Egypt to learn the skills to earn a sustainable living. We are grateful to Su McLellan who works for Embrace. She visited us to talk about the charities work in 2022 and more recently at the Project Launch she inspired the group members and congregation.

Through personal giving and money donated from events, including the “Famous Brownie Coffee Evening”, we have raised the fantastic amount of £4,400 inclusive of gift aid monies.

See below a “thank you” from Su on behalf of Embrace.

***We may often hear the phrase “Be the change you want to see in the world”. The phrase is often mistakenly attributed to Gandhi, but whoever first coined it was clearly trying to get across the fact that change starts with us. The generosity that you, as a church community, have shown to the women of Egypt over your Lent appeal has been amazing and will enable real change to happen for some of the most vulnerable women in the country.***

***An example of where your money will go, is the Sorteira project, based at the Anafora Retreat Centre, between Cairo and Alexandria. The project is***

*currently working with 162 women from poor villages, where opportunities for women are almost non-existent. The project helps to build their self-confidence, improves their literacy skills and trains them to become agents of change in their own communities.*

*Many of the women have suffered terrible trauma, and the coaches and counsellors at the centre support and help them come to terms with what has happened to them, so that they can move on with their lives. But of course, the women don't live in isolation. So, the project has also worked with 112 men to challenge prejudice and inappropriate behaviour.*

*Along with other Embrace partners in Egypt, the Sorteria programme is transforming lives and communities. Thank you being part of the change we want to see in the world.*

**The Revd Su McClellan**  
**Senior Church Engagement Manager**

**Embrace the Middle East**

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Web site: <https://embraceme.org/>

The web site is very informative and gives examples of the organisation's work across the Middle East. The Church in the World Group are having a catch up meeting with Su and the Manager for the Egyptian Projects at the end of June. We will provide more information regarding how the money from this church is impacting on families in Egypt.

Many thanks to all who contributed financially and prayed for the project, Embrace, and the families being supported.

If anyone is interested in joining the group please contact myself or any of the following group members, Susan Travis, Carol Hartley, Gillian James, Margaret Ogden, Addie Redmond , Barbara Redmond, and Rebecca Abbott.

***Carole Greaves***  
***(On behalf of the Church in the World Group)***

# Big Breakfast in aid of Leonard Cheshire Disability, Namibia

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*Fancy a bacon butty?*

# Big Breakfast



*In aid of*

**Leonard  
Cheshire  
Disability**

**cheshire homes  
namibia**

**£5.00**

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

# Mary Magdalene

Six Marys are mentioned in the New Testament, including Mary Magdalene, who is remembered this month in the church's calendar. What can we learn from Mary's story?

*We don't have to be defined by our past:*

When Jesus encountered Mary, He cast seven demons out of her (Luke 8:2). As a result, her life was transformed and she became a follower of Jesus. Her life as a disciple was no longer defined by the person she had been before. Like Mary, we don't have to let our past without Christ dictate how we see ourselves today.

*Put Jesus at the centre of our world:*

Along with some of the women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases (Luke 8:1-3), Mary followed Jesus and His disciples and supported them in ministry. She was there at the cross (Matthew 27:55-56) and one of the first to the tomb on the Sunday (Matthew 28:1; Mark 16:1 and John 20:1-18). Like Mary, we are called to serve Jesus as dedicated disciples.

*Jesus uses the weakest in the world:*

Mary is a great example of Paul's words: *'But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.'* (1 Corinthians 1:27). At a time when women were regarded as second-class citizens with no real autonomy, Jesus had a special compassion and care for women. Alongside Mary, the women's witness to the resurrection was taken seriously.

We should be careful not to dismiss the things that don't follow our expectations, because Jesus doesn't always do what we expect! He delights in working out His plans through unlikely people and in surprising ways. He did this through Mary, and if we let Him, He can do it through us!

**By Canon Paul Hardingham**



# Returning to Church

Finlay and I have thought about our recent return to The Chapel building.

Our church stopped meeting due to the pandemic and followed the rules which ensued, allowing those who were able to meet in confidence and supporting the vulnerable.

We've zoomed, watched recorded services and received service sheets by post. We've also had some amazing Communion celebrations together.

Lots of folks have been back to Sunday worship and meetings for some time, others afraid and uncertain. After all, it is comfortable watching worship in an armchair with a cup of coffee and a slice of toast. No matter how safe we feel some of our church family still can't come due to health concerns.

We were reluctant to return till given the ok from my neurologist. So now let's wake up, what were we missing?

We are part of a family, a community of needs..... we learn , we seek, we pray together to build up our relationship with God and with other human beings. God made us to be together and not to live in isolation.



Many years ago Jeff Yates taught us the song 'I am the church, You are the church, We are the church together.' Each of us has different gifts to offer to Church. From making coffee, praying , leading worship etc etc, we are all as important in God's kingdom as the person who sits quietly next to us or sits at home alone.

Ken spoke in one of his sermons about the one constant; as disciples of God we are called to carry out the work of The Trinity. Being together, hearing God's word, reading the Bible, praying and singing hymns is so much more encouraging together, encouraging passers by to feel tempted to enter in.

God still hears us but do we feel the same encouragement and lift of the spirit in isolation?

Ken also spoke in a recent sermon of times of doubt and that's also ok. It can happen even in a crowd. The disciples had times of doubt. God will hear us all.

It's good to be back even if we seem a little cautious. When we stay home, we can still listen and join in worship. But there are many ways we simply can't serve, encourage or build up Christ's body unless we're physically present.

It's good to be back.

*God Bless, Lovely to meet up again, Finlay and Gillian*

## Guide Dogs for the Blind



On 8<sup>th</sup> June Freda Farnworth came to speak to Ladies Fellowship about the charity organisation Guide Dogs for the Blind, and its training of guide dogs. The puppies are socialised in a Puppy Raiser's family home until they are about 18 months old and then begin their specialist training. This takes many months of patient handling with the trainer and the blind person.

The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association have their own kennels in the south, where the puppies are bred and trained. The cost of breeding, training and keeping one puppy over its lifetime is around £84,000, which is covered by the association. When the dogs have finished their working life they are rehomed with families or they may stay with their owner.



*Hazel Gordon*

# Obituary on the Passing of Common Sense

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved friend, **Common Sense**, who has been with us for many years. No-one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape.

He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

- Knowing when to come in out of the rain
- Why the early bird catches the worm
- Life isn't always fair
- And maybe it was my fault



**Common Sense** lived by simple, sound, financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

**Common Sense** lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children. It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student, but could not inform parents when a student become pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

**Common Sense** lost the will to live as the churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

**Common Sense** took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

**Common Sense** finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to

realise that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

**Common Sense** was preceded in death;

- By his parents, Truth and Trust
- By his wife, Discretion
- By his daughter, Responsibility
- And by his son, Reason

**Common Sense** is survived by his 5 stepbrothers;

- I know my rights
- I want it now
- Someone else is to blame
- I'm a victim
- Pay me for doing nothing

Not many attended his funeral because so few realised he was gone.

If you still remember him, pass this on. If not, join the majority and do nothing.

*Submitted by Ian Sturrock from an article in the Cleadon Courier*

## Church Flowers



**Donations for flowers placed in church  
In June were received from:**

**Addie Redmond in memory  
of Mum's birthday**

**Chris Divers in memory of  
Dad's anniversary**

**Hazel Gordon in memory  
of husband Bob**

**Margaret Frain in memory of  
daughter Christine**

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Come and join us in our beautiful grounds for our  
annual sell-out event

# Garden Party



Saturday 8 July  
2 - 4 pm

**FOOD**

cakes  
cream teas  
sandwiches

Fun  
games  
and  
more.....

**ENTERTAINMENT**

Sign Along With Me  
(Britain's Got Talent finalists)  
Rochdale Pop Choir

Sponsored by  R E S I D E

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

# 15<sup>th</sup> July - St Swithun (or Swithin)

## Saint for a rainy day



St Swithun is apparently the saint you can blame for rainy summers. It is said that if it rains on his special day, 15<sup>th</sup> July, it will then rain for 40 days after that. It all began when Swithun was made Bishop of Winchester in 852 by King Ethelwulf of Wessex. It was an important posting: Winchester was the capital of Wessex, and during the 10 years Swithun was there, Wessex became the most important kingdom of England.

During his life, instead of washing out people's summer holidays, and damping down their spirits, Swithun seems to have done a lot of good. He was famous for his charitable gifts and for his energy in getting churches built. When he was dying in 862, he asked that he be buried in the cemetery of the Old Minster, just outside the west door.

If he had been left there in peace, who knows how many rainy summers the English may have been spared over the last 1000 years. But, no, it was decided to move Swithun. By now, the 960s, Winchester had become the first monastic cathedral chapter in England, and the newly installed monks wanted Swithun in the cathedral with them. So finally, on 15 July 971, his bones were dug up and Swithun was translated into the cathedral.

That same day many people claimed to have had miraculous cures. Certainly everyone got wet, for the heavens opened. The unusually heavy rain that day, and on the days following, was attributed to the power of St Swithun. Swithun was moved again in 1093, into the new Winchester cathedral. His shrine was a popular place of pilgrimage throughout the middle ages. The shrine was destroyed during the Reformation and restored in 1962. There are 58 ancient dedications to Swithun in England.



# Messy Church

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**Messy Church**  
outdoors!

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

parachute  
games



craft

Sunday 16 July 2 – 4 pm

indoors if wet



children

please bring an adult with you

# Come and join the new monthly Friendship Group

Do you enjoy good company?  
Do you enjoy presentations by interesting speakers?  
Are you free once a month on a Thursday afternoon?  
Then come and join us.

## **“The Friendship Group”**

A new monthly meeting  
open to men and women

**commencing on 14 September**

Then meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in the month  
At Bamford Chapel & Norden URC

**1.30 pm to 3.30 pm**

at a cost of **£4** per meeting

**Speakers to be arranged**

**All welcome**

**Please bring your friends to join us  
to make this a successful venture**

**Further information from Linda Peacock**

**Friendship is the only cement  
that will ever hold the world together  
Woodrow Wilson**

*The Ian Newman  
Community Film Club*

**CINEMA  
FOR ALL**

**Saturday 15th July 2023**

**6.30pm refreshments : 7.00pm film**

**Admission £3**

## **“MILITARY WIVES” 12A 2020**



*Supported by Rochdale Township*

# God's Garden



**Plant three rows of peas:**

**Peas of mind**

**Peas of heart**

**Peas of soul**

**Plant three rows of squash:**

**Squash gossip**

**Squash grumbling**

**Squash selfishness**



**Plant three rows of lettuce:**

**Lettuce be faithful**

**Lettuce be obedient**

**Lettuce love one another**

**Plant three rows of turnips:**

**Turnip for services**

**Turnip for meetings**

**Turnip to help one another**



**Plant three rows of thyme:**

**Thyme for God**

**Thyme for Bible study**

**Thyme for prayer.**

**Finally –**

**Water freely with patience,**

**Cultivate with love,**

**And remember –**

**you will only reap what you sow.**



## Thoughts from a Holiday

In early June this year we spent a gloriously sunny week in Rock, on the north coast of Cornwall. I felt so blessed to be able to enjoy some of my greatest pleasures in life - spending quality time with our family, walking (as far as I am now able) the beautiful Cornish coastline and everywhere surrounded by a myriad of wild flowers of every colour in the lanes, hedges and coastal paths, buzzing with bees and butterflies. I ran out of superlatives, marvelling at God's wonderful creation.

On one of our walks we visited the little church of St Enerdoc in the parish of St Minver, with its crooked spire, nestling in the dunes above Daymer bay. It is only accessible on foot, a 10 minute walk across the golf course from the nearest road. Why this lovely chapel is there is a mystery. There is no doubt that it was an ancient place of worship, as some of the architecture can be traced back to the 12th century, but for many years it was buried in the sand and was presumably recovered and beautifully renovated in 1864. There had obviously been a very recent wedding there on our visit, and the doorway and inside screen were beautifully decorated with real white flowers.

The poet laureate, John Betjeman was particularly fond of the church and the area, and he lies buried in the churchyard. His poem 'Sunday afternoon service at St Enodoc church' is written in his evocative style, and is too long to print here, but is well worth a read. In the church pictured here we found this leaflet about the Lord's Prayer called "What does it mean to you", which I found humbling and challenging.



Maybe it will help us all to think more about the familiar words we say in the service each Sunday.

**Pat Stephenson**

# What does it mean to you?

## Our Father who art in Heaven

Don't say "Father" if you don't behave like a son or a daughter. Don't say "Our" if you only ever think of yourself



## Hallowed be thy Name

Don't say "Hallowed" if you don't honour that name

## Thy Kingdom come

Don't say "Thy Kingdom come" if you are weighed down only with material considerations

## Thy will be done

Don't say "Thy will be done" if you don't accept the hard bits

## On earth as it is in Heaven

Don't say "As it is in Heaven" if you only ever think about earthly matters

## Give us this day our daily bread

Don't say "Our daily bread" if you have no concern for the hungry or the homeless

## Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us

Don't say "Forgive us our trespasses" if you remain angry with your fellows

## Lead us not into temptation

Don't say "lead us not into temptation" if you intend to continue sinning

## But deliver us from Evil

Don't say "deliver us from Evil" if you won't make a stand against injustice

For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory for ever and ever,  
Amen

Don't say "Amen" without considering the words of your prayer.

*Most of us have, as it were, grown up with the Lord's Prayer. It may be one of the few prayers we know by heart, but we need to let its words live in our hearts and our minds.*

## North-West Rochdale Churches

### Coffee, cake, and chat

Come and meet friends from other churches in the North-West Rochdale area

Date	Time	Church
25 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30am	Norden Methodist
15 <sup>th</sup> June	2pm	Bamford Chapel & Norden URC
1 <sup>st</sup> August	7pm	St Paul's CE Church
5 <sup>th</sup> October	10.30am	St Clement's CE Church
6th December	2pm	St Vincent's RC Church

An opportunity to enjoy fellowship together and meet friends

For more information feel free to contact Revd Richard Bradley on:  
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*The Ian Newman  
Community Film Club*

**CINEMA  
FOR ALL**

**Saturday 19th August 2023**

6.30pm refreshments : 7.00pm film  
Admission £3

**“WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING”  
15 2022**



*Supported by Rochdale Township*

## Midweek Opportunities for Learning & Sharing Fellowship

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

## Fortnightly & Monthly Opportunities

- Tuesday:** **Home Group** 11th & 25th July  
7.30 - 9.00 pm On Zoom
- Thursday:** **Ladies Fellowship** 2nd Thursday in the month  
1.00 - 3.00 pm 10th August - Outing TBC
- Heritage Group** 2nd Thursday in the month  
7.30 pm 13th July & 10th August in Church
- Friday** **Dementia Friendly Café** 1st Friday in the month  
1.30 - 3.30 pm 7th July
- Saturday:** **Ian Newman** 3rd Saturday in the month  
**Community Film Club** 15th July & 9th August  
6.30 pm for 7.00 pm film - (see pages 22 & 27)

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