



The
United
Reformed
Church

Bamford Chapel & Norden URC



May 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.

May 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.bcnchurch.org.uk)

Tuesday 2 May	7.30 - 9.00 pm	Tuesday Home Group On Zoom (see page 9)
Sunday 7 May	10.30 am	Family Worship with Communion Led Revd Daniel Harris
Thursday 11 May	1.00 - 3.00 pm	Ladies Fellowship Annual General Meeting (see page 21)
Saturday 13 May	10.00 - 12 noon	Big Breakfast In aid of Christian Aid
Sunday 14 May	10.30 am 6.30 pm	Family Worship Led by Revd Daniel Harris Missional Partnership Café Church
Tuesday 16 May	7.30 - 9.00 pm	Tuesday Home Group On Zoom (see page 9)
Wednesday 17 May	7.30 - 8.00 pm	Missional Partnership Prayer Time (on zoom - see page 6)
Saturday 20 May	6.30 pm for 7 pm	Community Film Club "Dream Horse" (see page 24)
Sunday 21 May	10.30 am 2.00 - 4.00 pm	Family Worship Led by Revd Daniel Harris Messy Church
Sunday 28 May	10.30 am	Family Worship Led by Revd Daniel Harris
Tuesday 30 May	7.30 - 9.00 pm	Tuesday Home Group On Zoom (see page 9)

Message from the Manse

*Open our eyes, Lord,
we want to see Jesus –
to reach out and touch Him
and say that we love Him.*

*Open our ears, Lord,
and help us to listen:
O open our eyes, Lord,
we want to see Jesus.**



This is as much a prayer as a song. One I think lends itself to be sung in quiet reflection. As I write this article we are in Easter Week. Ruth, Evie, my sister, one of my nieces and I visited Cannon Hall Farm in Barnsley yesterday. We saw many glimpses of new life. Newly born lambs... goats... piglets... calves, some of whom I suspect were only born that very day. As we reflect on this Easter period

and as we ponder the words of the song above my mind goes to the post-Easter Bible reading from Luke 24:13-35 when Jesus appears to Cleopas and his friend on the Emmaus Road.

On that journey, the risen Jesus appears to them both and talks to them. Neither of them recognise who Jesus is until Jesus breaks bread and suddenly it is as if the scales in their eyes were removed and they knew who was speaking to them.

I like this reading. It says something to me about Jesus' concern that these two people recognised who Jesus was. And in that moment of recognition, Jesus disappeared. It was only after they realised who Jesus was that they

asked each other: **“Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us.”** (Luke 24:32 NRSV)

Jesus was concerned that these two people knew who he was and that he had been resurrected from the dead.

And like the two people on the road Jesus is also concerned that we know exactly who he is and what he came to do.

So, may our prayer be that Jesus would meet us on our respective journeys of faith and open the scriptures to us that we may be fed and our eyes opened to who Jesus is and what he came to do.

May God bless us as we continue to journey with him.

*Your servant in Christ,
Richard.*

*Hymn 545 in Mission Praise

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Missional Partnership Café Church



Rochdale, Bury and North
Manchester Missional
Partnership Café Church

Sunday 14th May – 6.30pm
(changed from the 7th)

Sunday 2nd July – 6.30pm
(at Radcliffe and Stand URC)

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

Community Coffee Morning Thursday 4th May



**CELEBRATING THE CORONATION
OF KING CHARLES III**

10.30 am - 12 pm

**Home-made scone with
jam and cream**

£1.50

ALL WELCOME



**Weekly Coffee Morning
Thursdays
10.30 am - 12pm**



**at
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Norden Road, OL11 5PQ**

Revd Clare Downing



INVITATION TO ATTEND THE
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CORONATION PARTY

Sunday 7 May

Starting at 3pm

and ending after a 'Songs of Praise' service at 5pm

All welcome

Come and join us!

Fun, games and quizzes

Afternoon tea

Weather permitting it will be outside on the field

Songs of Praise

I am leading a half hour Songs of Praise service on the afternoon of the 7th May when we have the Coronation party at Chapel.

I am looking for people's favourite hymns (older or modern) from which I will select a few. Please don't suggest "Jerusalem" as I don't want to disappoint anyone by not using it!



If you email me or text me to let me know that would be appreciated.

richard.bradley@nwsynod.org.uk or 07483 155807.

Thanks and God Bless, Richard

A Prayer for Pentecost



How much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him... (Luke 11:13b)

Heavenly Father,

In these troubled times we need your help, just like those first disciples did when Jesus came back to you after his resurrection. They must have wanted him to stay with them. They must have felt puzzled and bereft – and wondered how to go on.

But you, Lord, knew a better way. You sent them a helper, the Holy Spirit to fill them with your life. We thank you so much that the same Spirit will be our helper too, if we are willing to ask you for him. We will be able to face each day, each challenge, with your Spirit living in us to guide and empower us, to enable us to carry on even when we don't understand. So, we pray, *come Holy Spirit, fill us, encourage us to carry on sharing your love and life and truth*, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

By Daphne Kitching



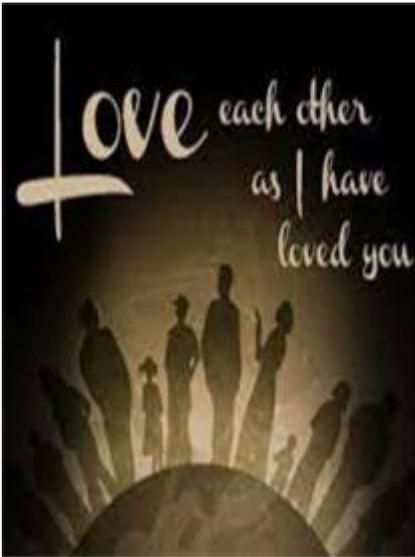
Moved by a Hymn

On Maundy Thursday, in his service, Richard used a hymn that I was first introduced to at the March café style evening service by Cameron and the singing group - **All the Room was Hushed and Still by Graham Kendrick**. I can't stop singing it and playing it on YouTube! It is really beautiful (I'd recommend a listen if you've not heard it yet) and I used it in our first Wednesday evening service which was thinking about being a disciple and/or apostle. Why has this hymn captured my heart and imagination? Well as well as loving the tune, it's the words. The first verse captures the mood of the act of Jesus washing His disciples' feet: the incredulity and humility the disciples would have felt at this final piece of teaching:



**All the room was hushed
and still
And when the bowl was
filled
He stooped to wash their
feet
And when it was complete,
he said**

And then we launch into the chorus and the tune lifts, it is calling out to us, is inspiring us but more, MUCH MORE, is that in the words we are given the charge of what it means to be a disciple, to be a servant of our Servant King, what it means to be His church:



**This is what I'm asking you to do
This is why I'm kneeling here
beside you
This is what I want my church to be
This is what I want the world to see
Who it is you follow
Love each other
One another
Love each other
In the way that I have loved you
Walk together
And whatever comes
Love each other
In the way that I have loved you**

It's so inspiring, so uplifting to sing - the new command He gave his disciples and us in John 13:34! But I love those words too about His church, the church that we are called to be, one that serves in humility, puts others before itself, is led by the example of Christ, is Jesus-shaped; that is why he's kneeling beside us!

In the second verse we are called as his disciples, to join Him and learn about Him:

**Let the room be hushed and still
Let us go to where he kneels
And join him as he serves
And learn his ways of love,**

and we must ALL be ready to respond to His call, in whatever way we are able, and what is so encouraging in the words of this hymn is that recognition that we can walk together whatever comes; we just need to trust in the One whom we follow, the one kneeling beside us as we answer His call!

Debbie Wood

The Coronation of King Charles III



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On 6th May His Majesty King Charles III will be crowned alongside Camilla, The Queen Consort, in Westminster Abbey. How can we pray for him, as he approaches

this important event? Paul says: *'I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.'* (1 Timothy 2:1,2).

For God's presence - to guide every aspect of King Charles' life as he prepares for his Coronation and future roles. At his Accession, he was proclaimed Defender of the Faith, the Supreme Governor of the Church of England. Charles has talked about *'the Sovereign's particular relationship and responsibility towards the Church of England - the Church in which my own faith is so deeply rooted.'*

For God's wisdom - as he provides leadership that will honour God and promote the wellbeing of our society. King Solomon prayed for wisdom for

himself: *'So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong.'* (1 Kings 3:9).

For God's love - to strengthen all relationships within the Royal Family; for reconciliation, understanding, forgiveness and good communication.

For God's purpose - to be fulfilled through the work of the King and Queen Consort and their family in the years to come. He has said: *'and whatever may be your background or beliefs, I shall endeavour to serve you with loyalty, respect and love, as I have throughout my life.'*

A Prayer for the new King:

Everlasting God, we pray for our new King. Bless his reign and the life of our nation. Help us to work together so that truth and justice, harmony and fairness flourish among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

By Canon Paul Hardingham



	<p>ZOOM MISSIONAL PARTNERSHIP HOMEGROUP</p> <p>Tuesday Evenings at 7.30pm</p> <p>We will be exploring the letter to the Colossian Church in this series of studies</p> <p>The dates are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Tuesday 7th MarchTuesday 21st MarchTuesday 4th AprilTuesday 18th AprilTuesday 2nd MayTuesday 16th MayTuesday 30th May <p>Zoom details: Meeting ID: 847 9885 2008 // Passcode: 517449</p> <p>There are 7 sessions to the course but some sessions make take longer than one evening</p> <p>For more info please contact Revd Richard Bradley on: richard.bradley@nwsynod.org.uk 01706 369622 // 07483 155807</p>
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Your Church Needs You



This is the first in a series of articles that will celebrate the ways in which people serve in our church. I hope you might be encouraged to get involved with one or more of the areas that I focus on over the next few months; to support those who have already committed to help our church make a difference and without whom we would not be able to make the difference we do!

This month we shine the spotlight on **THE TECH TEAM!**

The team consists of: James Challinor, Fiona Challinor, Addie Redmond, Duncan Cooper, David Stephenson, Linda Lees, Rebecca Abbott, Frank Greaves, Andy Platt, Dan Greenhalgh, Peter Cooper, Chris Divers, Gareth Rich, Bryan Scott and our youngest team member Benjamin Holt.



We have been fortunate to have been using technology to support our services for some time. No need for fumbling through hymn books to join in worship, the microphones and hearing loop system ensuring all can hear, but recently the demand for our use of technology has expanded dramatically!

The need for a tech team really grew as our use of technology grew during and in the wake of Covid - as we were producing services online during the lockdown which were shown on YouTube. We continued this, moving to



livestreaming services as we came out of lockdown, meaning that we could reach out as a church to engage people in worship who might not otherwise be able to access it. As a church we invested in the technology to allow us to reach outside of the doors of our own church to further our mission of sharing the Good News of the Gospel, as a way of responding to the Great Commission to go and make disciples.

As someone who leads worship in our church, I am so indebted to the whole team but must give a special shout out to James who is the person I and the other worship leaders send all our tech requirements to. He weaves his magic and produces the tech schedule to be run by the team on the rota on a Sunday morning. The team must manage the different microphones as well as the schedule, including visuals, video clips, hymn words and Bible readings, and managing the livestreaming whilst following the worship leader's script! I don't know how they do it! They work as a team, managing coordinating the visuals and sound and solving problems which inevitably arise from time to time in a calm and supportive way. **THEY ARE MARVELS!!** I hope that each one of us really appreciates what these wonderful people do each Sunday to ensure we have the best worship experience possible! And yes, things don't always work as we'd hope but it's not for the want of trying. Each person who gets involved is always doing their best to make sure things work as smoothly as possible.

So, I'd like to finish by asking you to take time to pray for these wonderful people who are prepared to have a go, to learn new skills, to be part of a team to work together for the good of our church and its mission- to bring God to others! Thank God for them and all they do and thank them too! And remember we are always looking to expand the team - especially as we gradually start to expand the services we offer into evenings! The more



people who are available the better spread the workload! Training and support will be provided! So, if you would like to get involved in this essential work in our church just contact Addie on: 07906 599966



*God bless all in the TECH TEAM,
Debbie xx*



Missional Partnership Prayer on Zoom

Rochdale, Bury and North
Manchester Missional Partnership
time of prayer on Zoom

Dates and times

19th April: 10.30am – 11am

17th May: 7.30pm – 8pm

21st June: 10.30am – 11am

ALL WELCOME!



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Fancy a bacon butty?



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*Saturday
13 May
10.00 – 12.00*

In aid of



Christian Aid Week
14 – 20 May

**Fighting global
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Easter at Toddlers



Each Easter time we try to inject a little of our Christian faith into the Toddler Group and each Easter we ask ourselves how can we explain this to 3 years old and younger? If you have any ideas please let the Group know!

Easter takes on many meanings in today's community. Our Toddlers are too young to understand so Margaret introduces the name of Jesus as a friend and we pray our parents and carers extend Jesus' stories as their Toddlers grow. All are invited to join in church and Junior Church and extended activities when they join the Group.

Our Easter activities consisted of crafting cards which would delight any parent and grandparent, the making of chocolate nests with eggs, most eaten before they were completed, and consuming our weekly banquet of drinks, hot and cold, toast, biscuits and fruit. We had a happy time playing and sharing. The Toddlers learn the sharing word very quickly.

This Easter we introduced the children into our Chapel Sanctuary. You could see the adults a little anxious as they tried to control their little ones from chatting and running around. We put the adults at ease and by doing this most of the Toddlers sat on the carpet at the front and listened to Margaret as she spoke a little about the Easter message. The message continued with a Peppa Pig video, family and friends of Peppa and George hunting for Easter eggs. The children picked up on this activity amazingly fast! and were soon running around chapel hunting eggs, which were collected in buckets to share at hometime.

We have been happy that one of our mums has taken the lead in a 10 minute sing song at the end of each session. We now have tears if we don't sing! Following the 'Easter worship' and Peppa Pig we sang Chick Chick Chick Chick Chicken and our now favourite rhymes 'See the little bunnies sleeping' and 'Goodbye everyone'



We do have a great supportive group of volunteers and would love more so that we can share the load on rotation. Once you've been you'll be hooked. Thank you to The Monday gang who put up our outdoor banner each week and plug in our electric bikes. and to Finlay, The Man, who looks after the toy cupboard.

Gillian Galloway

Church Flowers

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



**Glenda Brisk in memory of Walter
Linda Kerford in memory of Malcolm
Beryl Thomas in memory of Martin
Linda Peacock in memory of Charlie
Dot Craig in memory of Peter
Gillian & Martyn James on their
40th wedding anniversary
Anne Fitton in memory of Mum and Dad**

Memories of Revd Joyce Yates



We were all saddened to hear of the death of Joyce Yates who played a big part in the life of Bamford Chapel from the 1980's, becoming a non-stipendiary minister in 1994 serving at Bamford and Norden.

Joyce, born in 1931 in Peterborough, trained as a PE teacher and eventually went on to lecture in PE and Education. She married Alan Ashworth in 1977 and they moved to Midge Hall Drive in 1984. Sadly Alan died in 1991 and Joyce went on

to marry Derrick Yates in 1998.

Joyce was a talented musician, playing both piano and viola. She got great pleasure playing her viola with the Todmorden orchestra and would spend many hours on her grand piano at home. She was also a fine artist, enjoyed writing poetry, loved her garden and the many holidays taken with both Alan and Derrick.

Joyce's whole life was within the Christian Church. She was brought up as a Plymouth Brethren, then moved to the Baptist Church. Later she moved to the Anglican Church until finally she settled at Bamford Chapel URC.

Joyce felt called to become a Lay Preacher in the URC and then, after Alan's death, did the necessary courses and was ordained and inducted to the Ministry of Word and Sacraments. She attended the Wednesday night Bible Study group at the home of Auriel and Ray and her contributions there were appreciated by all who went.

Life became difficult for her due to failing health issues and she spent the last few years in Oaklands Care Home. As a result, we saw very little of Joyce at services and those people who have joined the Chapel in recent years would not have had the pleasure of knowing her. However, some of those who do remember her have shared some of their memories of her and we give thanks for her years of faithful service.

Margaret Ogden

More Memories of Joyce..



When we celebrated 40 years of marriage in September 2006 I asked Revd Joyce Yates if she would bless those years at a small service in Bamford Chapel. We had a lovely, brief blessing with daughters and partners present and, I think, one month old grandson at the time. We were very grateful to Joyce for this recognition of 40 years together (soon to be 57) which she agreed to do without hesitation.

Lesley & Peter Sutton

For several years Joyce was a member of the Bible Study group held at the home of Ray and Auriel Atkins each Wednesday night. She always had something worthwhile and thoughtful to say and was very knowledgeable about the Bible. When Revd David Wiseman retired, we held a concert in church, with each group doing a “turn.” Our group sang a song, which I sadly can’t remember now, about our Bible studies, which Joyce wrote. The only bit I can remember was the chorus, “but what about the Greek?” It was great fun; we all wore paper hats too.

Joyce had a very strong belief in angels and she told us of her experience one stormy night on the M5. She was driving in bad weather and traffic conditions and pulled off the road into a service area. Once she was ready to resume her journey she found that the way back to the motorway was blocked. She didn’t know what to do or how to continue her journey. Suddenly, as if from nowhere a man appeared and motioned for her to follow him to a gate, which he opened for her and indicated that she could drive through. As she drove through she turned, but could no longer see her guide. She was able to rejoin the motorway and continue safely on her journey home, convinced that the man had been an angel.



Angela Smith

Speak Out

As a little boy growing up during World War II, I spent night after night in a bomb shelter. Why were those wicked Germans strafing us? Why was everything rationed (especially sweets)? After the war I began to understand that many other countries had suffered too, and unspeakable atrocities had been inflicted on Jews and other defenceless minorities. In my own lifetime, history had shown what happens when a failure to recognise the unique worth of all other human beings turns civilised people into monsters.

It was hard to accept that Germans were an enlightened, cultured people whose history, like ours, was steeped in the Christian faith. Yet as I grew older, I came to the conclusion that if they could succumb to an evil ideology, despite the values which must have been instilled in them as children, so could we, and it would be arrogant and blinkered to imagine we were immune from the influence of inhuman propaganda.

We need to highlight disinformation and speak out when other people are demeaned, even if that makes us unpopular. Keeping silent when others are being oppressed is not an option. The German Pastor Martin Niemöller issued this warning:

First they came for the

Communists

And I did not speak out

Because I was not a

Communist.

Then they came for the

Socialists

And I did not speak out

Because I was not a Socialist.

***Then they came for the trade
unionists***

And I did not speak out

Because I was not a trade

unionist.

Then they came for the Jews

And I did not speak out

Because I was not a Jew.

Then they came for me

And there was no one left

To speak out for me.

Niemoller was a one-time supporter of Hitler, but changed when Nazis imposed their racial ideology on churches. He was incarcerated in concentration camps from 1938 to 1945. That's the price he paid for speaking out.



By the Ven John Barton

Ladies Fellowship



The next two meetings will be on:

Thursday 11th May 1 - 3 pm (AGM)

Thursday 8th June 1 - 3 pm

Speaker - Freda Farnworth - Guide Dogs

The group is desperately in need of new committee members, particularly to take on organisational roles, otherwise Ladies Fellowship will have to close. If you think this is something you would be interested in, please speak to Linda Kerford or Linda Peacock.

Just a Thought..

- ◆ **Ambitious people climb, but faithful people build.
(Julia Ward Howe)**
- ◆ **Common sense is genius dressed in its working clothes.**
- ◆ **Instead of counting your days, make your days count.**
- ◆ **Never say no when it comes to what God can do.**



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 th April	10.30am	Norden Methodist
15 th June	2pm	Bamford Chapel & Norden URC
1 st August	7pm	St Paul's CE Church
5 th 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:
richard.bradley@nwynod.org.uk // 01706 369622 // 07483 155807



To Eat or Heat?



While I work I listen to radio 5 live as they have some interesting discussions. One of many I have listened to recently was on the subject of eat or heat, which is now a very relevant subject. This particular one got to me and actually made me cry. A lady phoned in to say that her family eat jacket potatoes and beans nearly every night because it is sort of "nutritious" but mainly because it is filling. For a treat they sometimes have tuna or cheese.

I have a dog, she eats "Kibble", but to make it more interesting I add things to it and the night before I heard this report I added tuna and a little cheese to her kibble. I didn't even think about it, I just went to the cupboard and in there amongst other things was a tin of tuna and I got some cheese from the fridge. How lucky am I, and my dog. I certainly didn't think about how lucky I was at the time, not until I heard what this family have to survive on.

It really saddens me to think people are struggling to have decent food in their cupboards. So I had a thought; what if when getting ready to come to church on a Sunday morning, we all make a point of looking in our food cupboards and take at least one or two items to church and put them in the food bank collection box at the front of church. Hopefully we will be able to see there is food etc in there every Sunday, which will go to people who are really struggling to get by. I know people already give regularly but I'm sure many of us, including me, could donate some food every week.

So, Sunday mornings, when getting ready for church have a look in your cupboards and bring something for the food bank to church, let's make it a thing!

If you want to know what particular items are really needed, please speak to Margaret Ogden or Gillian James who volunteer at the food bank.

Thank you - Lyn Jefferies



**CINEMA
FOR ALL**

THE IAN NEWMAN COMMUNITY FILM CLUB

Saturday 20th May 2023

**6.30pm refreshments : 7.00pm film
Admission £3**

“DREAM HORSE” PG 2021



Supported by Rochdale Township

The Ian Newman Community Film Club



On the 15th September 2017 the film club began. It is named after the person whose idea it was. What a joy to welcome members of Ian's family to our inaugural evening. September 2023 will obviously be the 6th anniversary. Covid's intervention has reduced the performances but, nonetheless, the film club continues despite this. Attendee numbers vary; due mostly to the chosen film. The team of volunteers continue to "fine tune" the club. Changes have been made over the years and we now consider the set up to be almost perfect. Advertising in locally produced booklets [delivered through letter boxes] and social media spread the word. The most difficult part is choosing films. Twice a year meetings are held to discuss this topic. IF YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS [initially there was a suggestion box placed in the coffee area which wasn't very fruitful] FOR FILMS, PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

The wonderful team running the club are:-

Chair – Joan Warner
Secretary – Lesley Sutton
Treasurer – Linda Lees
Projectionist – Gareth Rich
Announcers –
John Fitton [and projectionist on occasion]
Michael Davies
Welcomer and refreshments – Diane Davies
Refreshments – Pat Gate, Margaret Ogden and Dot Craig [standby]

In last month's magazine I listed ALL the films shown since September 2017. They are projected via DVDs for which a copyright fee is paid each time.

Lesley Sutton

Messy Church - 21 May

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**ALL
ARE
WELCOME**



On Sunday 21 May 2 – 4 pm

**@ Bamford Chapel and
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Norden Road Rochdale

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Come to
Professor
Potty's
Lab

Menu



Children please bring an adult with you

Midweek Worship



Midweek Worship

Wednesday 14th June, 7pm
Bamford Chapel and Norden URC
All Welcome!

Other dates: 9th August, 11th October and 13th December



We would like to thank everyone at Church for their good wishes and flowers received for our 60th Wedding Anniversary. Family and friends made it a very special day and we very much appreciate all the kind thoughts. God Bless.

Jean and Robert Foster

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**
8.00 pm **Monday Night Home Group** (at Redmond's)
7.30 - 8.30 pm **Monday Prayer Group** (in Lounge)
- 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** 2nd, 16th & 30th May
7.30 - 9.00 pm On Zoom
- Thursday:** **Ladies Fellowship** 2nd Thursday in the month
1.00 - 3.00 pm 11th May (AGM - see page 21)
Heritage Group 2nd Thursday in the month
7.30 pm 11th May in Church
- Friday** **Dementia Friendly Café** 1st Friday in the month
1.30 - 3.30 pm 5th May & 2nd June
- Saturday:** **Ian Newman** 3rd Saturday in the month
Community Film Club 20th May (see page 24)
6.30 pm for 7.00 pm film

For further information please see website www.bcnchurch.org.uk
contact Anne Fitton or speak to an Elder.

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