

BAMFORD CHAPEL & NORDEN URC MISSION/VISION STATEMENT



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.

September 2022

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)

Sunday 4 September	10.30 am	Family Worship with Communion Led by Andy Platt
	6.30 pm	Missional Partnership Café Style Service (see page 4)
Tuesday 6 September	7.30 - 9.00 pm	Tuesday Home Group On Zoom (see pages 14/15)
Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 September	12 noon - 4.00 pm	Heritage Weekend (see page 10)
Sunday 11 September	10.30 am	Family Worship Led by Clive Rotherham
Wednesday 14 September	7.30 - 8.15 pm	Missional Partnership Times of Prayer On Zoom (see page 5)
Saturday 17 September	6.30 pm for 7.00 pm	Ian Newman Community Film Club (see page 26)
Sunday 18 September	10.30 am	Family Worship Led by Revd Richard Bradley
Tuesday 20 September	7.30 - 9.00 pm	Tuesday Home Group On Zoom (see pages 14/15)
Sunday 25 September	10.30 am 12 noon	Family Worship Led by Linda Raynor Followed by Church Meeting
Harvest Sunday 2 October	10.30 am	Family Worship with Communion Led by Margaret Ogden (see page 8)

Message from Radcliffe

Dear Friends,

I have called my occasional missives to this magazine "Message from the Other Manse." However, my family have now moved out of our manse and into our own house in Radcliffe and I'm not sure what to call it. "Message from Radcliffe" will do for the interim, and suggestions are most welcome.

As my family have moved quite a bit, I thought I'd share some experiences of our slow migration to the North West. As you will know from my accent, I come from the south. I recall some reactions from southern friends regarding the news of moving up north. Most were polite, curious, but some a bid befuddled. You could



almost imagine a raised eyebrow and the reply, "Does anything good come from Up North?" (That strange land where there be dragons.)

But I have also noticed a similar reaction when some people discover I have moved from Bury to Radcliffe. You could almost imagine a raised eyebrow and the reply, "Does anything good come from Radcliffe?"

All of this reminds me of people's reactions to the knowledge of Jesus' own hometown. "Nazareth?" Nathaniel exclaimed. "Does anything good come from Nazareth?" (John 1.46). You can almost imagine the raised eyebrows, and more, as Jesus' friends encouraged Nathaniel to find out for himself. It is not by coincidence that Jesus frequented places and made friendships that often raised eyebrows. As disciples, we are expected to follow this road too.

So, my friends, we can see that God is into this levelling up business too. For some of us Jesus desires to lift us up, for others we might need a bit of "levelling down" so that we can serve Jesus in humility. But for all of us, God levels us up to heights we can barely imagine:

"You made them a little lower than the angels; you crowned them with glory and honour" (Hebrews 2.7)

This is the mission of the Gospel - to help people to discover their new citizenship of the Kingdom of God, and live a Spirit filled life proclaiming God's presence to a world in desperate need of levelling up.

Keep the faith,

A Twist on Apple and Blackberry Crumble!



(By Debbie)

Foraging blackberries is a great way to get free food and demands new recipe ideas! Here's one of mine!



Here's a twist on apple and blackberry crumble: scoops of vanilla ice cream surrounded by crushed hobnobs (or any oaty biscuit) topped with apple and blackberries* that have been heated together with butter and sugar! Very yummy!

*(I use eating apples rather than baking apples in this recipe and use 1 apple per 100-150g of blackberries)







Church Flowers

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



Margaret Frain for her 90th birthday and in memory of Christine Elizabeth Greer for family celebrations Dot Craig in memory of Peter Pamela Harrington Joyce Harding in memory of Harry Audrey Telford in memory of John Elizabeth Greer in memory of parents

Rochdale, Bury and North Manchester Missional Partnership Café Style acts of Worship

On:

Sundays: 3rd July, 4th September, 2nd October & 6th November

Time: 6.30pm

Venue:

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

Come and enjoy a relaxed and informal act of worship where there will be refreshments, music, fun and fellowship as part of our worship









Rochdale, Bury and North Manchester Missional Partnership times of prayer on zoom

Wednesday 15th June	7.30pm—8.15pm
Wednesday 13th July	10.30am—11.15am
Wednesday 14th September	7.30pm—8.15pm
Wednesday 12th October	10.30am—11.15am
Wednesday 16th November	7.30pm—8.15pm
Wednesday 14th December	10.30am—11.15am



Zoom details: Meeting ID: 836 4636 0141 Passcode: Prayer

For more information please contact Revd Richard Bradley on: richardbradley@cantab.net - 07483 155807 - 01706 369622

A Prayer for September

Father,

September – a month of new starts for many. We pray for all starting school, university or college, or moving into a new class or job.

> We pray for the new Prime Minister to prove to be a person of integrity, dedicated to working for the good of all.

We especially ask you to help those struggling with the rising cost of living who don't know how they are going to make ends meet.

Have mercy on this nation, Lord and bring us back to Your ways.

Thank You for Jesus and that through trusting in Him we can know You, as Father and God of truth, mercy and compassion.

> Thank You that You never give up on us. You will help us if we turn to You, In Jesus name, Amen.

By Daphne Kitching



Back to School



Editor: Canon Paul Hardingham consider what we will 'do' this autumn

September is that time of year when we get back to school after the summer break, along with our other routines. As disciples (lit: *learners*) we are all called to learn from Jesus

and live like Him. God wants us to make a difference as disciples in our school and workplace, family and friends. As Paul writes:

'And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.' (Colossians 3:17).

'WHATEVER you do': God is at work in every aspect of our lives. He can use whatever we do to make a difference to those around. Do we believe this? Our lives shouldn't be like an orange, segmented into the sacred and secular, but more like an apple, in which the whole is available to God.

'Whatever YOU do': God wants to use us to share God's love with the people around us, wherever we spend time. We can trust Him for the resources we need hour by hour, day by day, year by year. What do we need from Him?

'Whatever you DO': Our work is for God alone, as a response to God's love for us. How does this perspective make a difference when what we do seems hard, unrewarding, or unappreciated by others?

A man standing on a train platform was asked one day: 'Who are you?' He replied, 'I am a Christian thinly disguised as an accountant.' If we were asked the same question I wonder what we would say. As disciples of Jesus Christ, our identity is



rooted in God and His call upon our lives. For each of us, September represents going back to school with Jesus, to learn how we can live for Him.

Harvest

Our Harvest Service this year will be held on Sunday 2nd October.



Tins/packets of food needed to be distributed to Rochdale and Heywood Foodbanks



Please bring flowers/foliage on Saturday 1st October from 9.30 am and help to decorate the church

Looking at Rochdale Differently

On a drizzly grey Saturday in July (I know that is hard to believe in Rochdale!), we were looking for a walk to get us out of the house; one which would offer more opportunities to shelter and be less muddy than a circuit of one of the reservoirs.



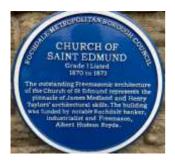
I came across details of 'Rochdale Town Centre Blue Plaques' - a series of 21 (or maybe 22......) circular plaques fixed to significant buildings and structures in Rochdale's history.

The plan does not give any suggested route, so we just picked a start point with easy parking (we chose St. Chads church) and set about finding the plaques.

It was a bit of a 'treasure hunt' (which may appeal to children and grandchildren) as the map is fairly vague, and we did resort to a well-known internet search engine to pinpoint some of them.

A different tour of the town, and for lifelong inhabitants, like Pat, lots of nostalgic memories to be triggered, while for newcomers, like me, a lot of interesting information. It certainly puts a different context on Rochdale to the, all too frequently, negative news reports about the town recently.





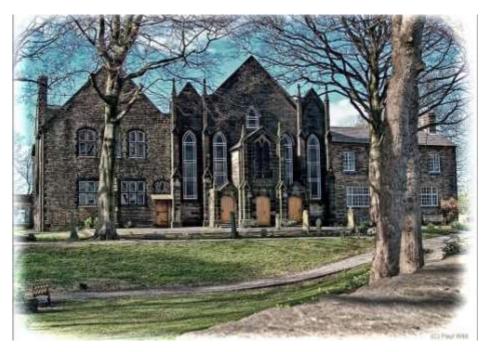
There is also a Purple Plaque Trail marking significant places in Gracie Fields' life which could be combined into approximately, a 4-miles walk; or if you have less time and energy just pick a few plaques out while you are on an errand in town.

All in all, an interesting and uplifting view of our town.

David Stephenson

Bamford Chapel & Norden URC Heritage Weekend

Saturday 10 September: 12 noon till 4.00pm Sunday 11 September: 12 noon till 4.00pm



Bamford Chapel and Norden URC have worked hard in recent years to preserve and present a fabulous archive. This has been helped by the chapel receiving a Heritage Lottery Grant. Come and see the progress made and the plans to continue to make our heritage more accessible. Maybe you'd like to get involved? Everyone is welcome. You do not have to be a church member to help us in this work.

Our archive includes records of births, deaths and marriages and original books of minutes going back to the chapel's founding in 1801. These provide a fascinating insight into the lives of local people over a significant

period of time. We have posters advertising plays and events going back over a hundred years.

The chapel has a large graveyard. Come and find out more about the lives of people buried here.

The life of the church continues to be at the heart of the community. This event will also give you the opportunity to find out about the many services, activities and events taking place here. Perhaps you will find something you would like to get involved in? You will be made very welcome.

Self guided tour of chapel and graveyard with guides on hand for help and information. It is suggested that you leave at least an hour to make the most of your visit. Bamford Chapel embraces over 220 years of serving the local community. Much work has taken place in the extensive grounds. This has been reflected in being awarded an Outstanding Award in Britain in Bloom for our very first entry. Come and see how beautiful they are looking and learn more about the hundreds of burials in the graveyard and garden of remembrance. Extensive records will be available to view on the day. You will be made very welcome.

Contact for the day: Louise Aspinall 01706 369622 www.bcnchurch.org.uk/

Remembering David Milnes



The family of David Woodall Milnes would like to thank you for the cards, flowers and kind expressions of sympathy shown following his passing.

Your support at this difficult time was much appreciated and a comfort to all of the family.

God bless. Norma and family

The URC's 50th Anniversary Bowl comes to Bamford Chapel & Norden URC





Here's How It Was Used!



The Garden Gang used it to carry seeds to scatter in the grounds!



Toddlers' Group used it for a world craft!

Luncheon Club used it to serve chocolates at the end of the meal!







It was used as a memorabilia bowl at our Dementia Café!



The Fairtrade stall which is set up every Sunday after the service used it to offer free samples of goods on the stall!



It was used at the Community Coffee Morning to serve biscuits!



The bowl was used in our Sunday Service by our worship leader that day, Bernard Vause. Everyone who

arrived at chapel wrote their name on a piece of paper

and placed it in the bowl. Bernard then prayed for everyone in his service about prayer; holding up the bowl as he offered up all those whose names were in the bowl to God.

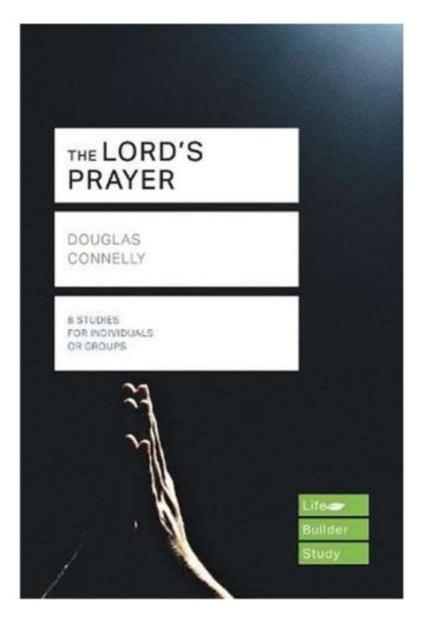




The bowl was then handed over to Judith from Shaw and Heyside URC to carry on its journey.



Tuesday Zoom Home Group Discussion on "The Lord's Prayer"



Come and join us on a Tuesday evening for a Zoom discussion on <u>"The Lord's Prayer"</u>

Tuesday evenings on the dates below

Date	Theme	
6th September	Talking to the Father	
20th September	Showing some respect	
4th October	Who's really in charge?	
18th October	Why pray when you can worry?	
1st November	Costly Forgiveness	
15th November	Tackling temptation	
29th November	The power and glory	
6th December	A passion for prayer	
13th December	Christmas Social—in person! (venue to be confirmed)	

Zoom details:

Meeting ID: 847 9885 2008 Passcode: 517449 https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84798852008?pwd=ai9sOSt6ZEwyQUp2ZTNnWVJwV0xmQT09

For more information please contact Revd Richard Bradley on: 01706 369622-07483 155807-richard.bradley@nwsynod.org.uk

Remembering Michael Lucas



In 1970 the Lucas family moved from Darlington to Rochdale and became part of the family of churchgoers at Bamford Chapel. The family attended the chapel regularly, and took great interest and gave good support in the religious and pastoral care of its community. There are many aspects of life at the Chapel which reflect their considerable involvement.

Michael Lucas was kind and caring, always interested in the lives of his family and friends. He showed an immense understanding of how the pleasures and obstacles in our daily lives had an impact on our

physical and moral well-being. He gave love and support always. Michael was precise in the planning of any task and thorough in its execution. His expectations were always high but achievable. We have all benefitted from his determination and skill as he participated amongst us.

Michael played an active part in many local and national organisations often connected to his love of music. A favourite pastime was to attend performances of classical music in Manchester, Birmingham or London. His enthusiasm for all types of music inspired others to join him, including in concerts which he arranged at the Chapel with Walter Brisk. Similarly, with Doreen his wife, he shared his love of bridge, setting up a members' club at the Chapel. Other organisations have benefitted from his loyalty and love too. Within the Rotary organisation, he promoted local speakers and events and organised international exchanges. Our family had a long and meaningful relationship with a family in Hungary, arranged by Michael. As a keen member of the Masonic Lodge, Michael promoted the charitable influence of its members across several valuable causes.

Recently reflecting on his life, Michael stated 'my life has been full and satisfying and I have given of my best in all endeavours'. How proud must be Anne, Helen and his family that, in his many interests, his considerable achievements met his expectations.

Michael's advice for the future 'Be strong'.

Bernice Magson Family friend and past member of Bamford Chapel

Thank You

Helen and I would like to say thank you for the many cards, phone calls, visits and words of comfort at the loss of our beloved Dad. Thank you for the love, support and friendship which you have given to our family for over 53 years. Bamford Chapel sustained Dad's faith and even when he was unable to attend church in person, he loved joining in the online services on Sundays. The Bridge club on a Monday was a big part of his life and he loved his role in helping to organise the Tuesday Lunchtime concerts at Bamford Chapel.

Thank you to the church for kindly providing tea and coffee after the service of celebration. Thank you to you all.

Anne and Helen (Michael Lucas's daughters)

Summer Holidays

Have you enjoyed a good holiday this summer? Would you like to share your memories with us? There will be room in the October magazine for this. Please consider the idea. If you want to give me the outline of any thoughts, I would be



pleased to make a commentary out of them. I may even approach you if I know you have been somewhere interesting.

Lesley Sutton

Garden Party: Saturday 9th July



What a glorious day. The weather was perfect. Attendance was outstanding. Fun was evident. Hard work by the organisers especially Julie Platt was obvious.

Thank you, thank you to all who helped make this first party in two years such a lovely occasion. It certainly lifted everyone's spirits to be together in such a beautiful setting with entertainment by "Sing Along with Us" [BGT finalists] and Rochdale Music Service "Pop Choir."



The Mayor of Rochdale, Councillor Ali Ahmed opened the proceedings. He was very impressed with the set up.

Much needed ice cream





The favourite football and toilet activity





Delicious cakes, cream teas and sandwiches

Great fun throwing wet sponges



WEDNESDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2022 at 7.30pm At Bamford Chapel and Norden URC

HOPE WOMENSWEAR FASHION SHOW

Refreshments from 6.45pm Wine, Prosecco, fresh orange, tea and coffee [donation required]

Ticket £7.00: available from Elizabeth Greer, Elizabeth Hazlehurst, Margaret Ogden

Encounter Father's Love



ENCOUNTER FATHER'S LOVE

Join us for an evening of encountering Father's love to a deeper level with Guest speaker Dass Supperamaniam of Fatherheart Ministries September 13th 7.30-9.30pm Venue Bamford Chapel and Norden URC, OL11 5PQ For further info contact Edward edamhasg@gmail.com

Congratulations

Congratulations to all our young people who have been successful in A levels, GCSEs and University degrees. We wish them well as they continue the next phase of their career in 6th form, college, university or in employment. Well done.

10k Run in Memory of Allyson Phillips

Following the tragic passing of Allyson Phillips, both Rachel & Sarah, Amanda's sisters rushed to Rochdale to support Amanda & her family. As a family, we decided to raise funds in Allyson's memory, to help research into the terrible illness that had taken Allyson from us. Half the money raised at Allyson's funeral had been donated already to Sarcoma UK. Rachel & Sarah decided to challenge Amanda to take part in a 10K run and found a run where they could raise money for the charity of their own choice. The girls approached Sarcoma UK, who have provided details for sponsorship. Since then, two of Sarah's friends have joined in to do the 10K run and raise more funds for the charity.

The run is the "Edinburgh Women's 10K", to be held in the centre of Edinburgh on Sunday 23rd of October. The girls are currently doing 5k runs in training for the event.



To make a donation, Sarah has set up a just giving page, where Sarcoma UK can access the funds directly. The page is on: https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sarah-griffiths96 or alternatively sign up on the Sponsor Form "under the clock" in the kitchen area.

Amanda and Mike Phillips

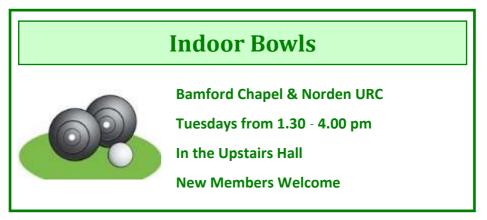
Further Memories of Mike

Charlie and I first met Mike and Doreen Lucas on the Sunday we arrived at Bamford Chapel in 1978. We had moved to Rochdale from Middlesbrough in the North East and Bob Gate introduced us, as Doreen and Mike had lived nearby in Darlington.

When Covid hit in 2020 I still produced the magazine with limited copies and regularly delivered a copy to Mike, which he would read avidly to keep in touch with the church. Over the following 2 years I got to know him really well. We had many conversations putting the world to rights and sharing our love of music, initially on the doorstop and eventually in Mike's home when meeting indoors was finally allowed. We talked about our families and how proud we were of them all. Mike had followed my grandson Daniel's music career since Dan's grade 5 music exam, where Mike had officiated. Every Sunday he asked me what Dan's current ceremonial duties were in the Band of the Irish Guards and was keen to watch Trooping the Colour on tv, with the hope of catching a glimpse of Dan!

Mike was kind and caring, interested in people and appreciative of all the support he received from Bamford. He was positive about life and left a message on my answerphone to let me know he was pleased to have been given a date for his heart surgery. Sadly that was not meant to be. Mike was a great comfort to me when Charlie passed away suddenly and I will miss our weekly chats. RIP Mike.

Linda Peacock



Thanks from Whitby



Over the years Steve and Sheila Lawley have been regular worshippers at Flowergate URC in Whitby when they stayed at their caravan. They always passed on a copy of our church magazine to Keith, Church Secretary. Below is a letter sent to Steve in July.

"Hi Steve

Many thanks for your June Church Magazine. As always it is filled with interesting stories but this time, I think, more than ever. From Kate Hunt, your student Minister, the Queen's Jubilee, to the very sad "Memories of Allyson Phillips. The Father's Day connection to Star Wars with the Biblical connections and the "U" in Jesus poem. I think Linda has produced an inspired magazine (as always).

Please pass on my thanks to her and of course Thank You for sending it to me.

Kindest regards to you & Sheila

Keith"

Action for Happiness (1)



Action for Happiness (2)







THE IAN NEWMAN COMMUNITY FILM CLUB

Saturday 17th September 2022 6.30pm refreshments : 7.00pm film "WEST SIDE STORY" 2021 PG



Supported by Rochdale Township

Messy Church



Midweek Opportunities for Learning & Sharing Fellowship

Monday:	 9.00 am Monday Gang / Garden Gang (who do work in or around the building) 10.30 am Pastoral Meeting 1.30 pm Bridge Club 8.00 pm Monday Night Home Group 9.00 – 11.00 am Toddlers' Group 	
Tuesday:	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: Friday: Sunday:	10.30 am Community Coffee Morning 6.00 pm onwards Beavers, Cubs and Scouts 7.30 pm God Squad (for Teenagers)	

Fortnightly & Monthly Opportunities

Tuesday:	Home Group	6th & 20th September		
	7.30 - 9.00 pm	On Zoom (see pages 14/15)		
Thursday:	Heritage Group	2nd Thursday in the month		
	7.30 pm	8th September In Church		
	Heritage Weekend 10th & 11th September			
	12 noon - 4.00 pm	n (see page 10)		
Friday	Dementia Friendly Café 1st Friday in the month			
	1.30 - 3.30 pm	2nd September		
Saturday:	lan Newman	3rd Saturday in the month		
	Community Film Club (see page 26)			
	6.30 pm for 7.00 pm film 17th September			

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

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