



The  
United  
Reformed  
Church

# Bamford Chapel & Norden URC

let us not  
grow weary  
of doing good  
for at the  
harvest  
we will reap  
if we **DO NOT**  
give up



Galatians 6:9

## September 2017

# **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 2017

<b>Sunday 3rd September</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Family Worship with Communion</b> Led by Revd Richard Bradley
	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Evening Worship "informal"</b> Led by Anne Fitton
	<b>7.30 pm</b>	Prayer Meeting
<b>Tuesday 5th September</b>	<b>8.00 pm</b>	Homegroup at the Manse
<b>Thursday 7th September</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	Elders Meeting
<b>Saturday 9th &amp; Sunday 10th September</b>	<b>1.00 pm - 4.00 pm</b>	Heritage Open Days
<b>Sunday 10th September</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Family Worship</b> Led by Revd Richard Bradley Launch of Project
	<b>After service</b>	Project Lunch
	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Evening Service "formal"</b> Led by Richard Bradley
<b>Friday 15th September</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	Prayer Meeting & Prayer Walk
<b>Saturday 16th September</b>	<b>7.15 pm</b>	Ian Newman Community Film Club (Opening Night)
<b>Sunday 17th September</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Family Worship - Harvest Sunday</b> Led by Revd Richard Bradley
	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Evening Worship with Communion "informal"</b> Led by Revd Richard Bradley

<b>Tuesday 19th September</b>	<b>8.00 pm</b>	Homegroup at the Manse
<b>Thursday 21st September</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	Finance Committee Meeting
<b>Sunday 24th September</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Family Worship</b> Led by Revd Richard Bradley
	<b>12.00pm</b>	Church Meeting
	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Evening Worship "formal"</b> Led by Dot Craig
<b>Monday 25th September</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	Prayer Meeting & Prayer Walk

### **Message from the manse**

September always feels like the start of a new year! As our youngsters start a new year in school some may even start a new school.....others may start college....others may start University! In some ways, it feels like the church is starting a new term too. As the groups that have had a break for the summer start again we, as the church, have new things to look forward to as well. We continue the prayer walks and we begin the new format of evening worship. We also have the Ian Newman Community Film Club starting on the 16th September.



For those that have been on holiday I hope you have had

a good and refreshing time. For those who have yet to go on holiday then I hope you have a great and refreshing time.

As everything starts up again this month I want to encourage us all to hold all we do in prayer. I see that there are huge challenges ahead - but not just any challenges but exciting, if not sometimes scary, challenges. As the wider synod and denomination grapple with the ever-decreasing number of ministers (due mainly to a large number of retirements) churches are being encouraged to think differently about ministry and mission. Our Synod have taken the decision to employ 3 full time mission advocates to work in three of the four Areas within our synod. Revd Darren Holland (previously a Methodist minister in a circuit in Oldham) has been designated to serve in our Area (Central Area of the North-Western Synod). Darren is a great guy and passionate about mission. I have had a meeting with him as one of the ministers serving in this Area and he has led a discussion at the Monday night homegroup too.

I hope to invite him to take part in a service and share with us the work he and his colleagues are doing in the Synod. Along with these 3 people Lawrence Moore (former Director of the Windermere Centre) has also been employed by the Synod on a part-time basis as a Mission Consultant (I forget his actual title now) he will work with the three Mission Advocates and be a support to them.

The Synod are investing in people to support local churches in discerning what their mission in their community is. When I say these are exciting times I mean because of what God will do in and through local churches.

What scares me is people (who are the church) not engaging and simply continuing down the same road and seeing further and further decline.

From a Bamford Chapel and Norden perspective I believe there is great hope here for our future but we need to pray that God will call people to serve in specific ways to continue the work that we believe He has begun here.

I hope and pray that some of the new initiatives starting in September this year as well as the initiatives already begun will continue to help us reach out into the community to be the people God has called us to be.

Let us all pray together, worship together and build God's Kingdom here in this place to the glory and praise of God!

God Bless

Richard



## **Weekday Opportunities for Learning & Sharing Fellowship**

- Monday:** 9.00 am 'Monday Gang'  
(do work on or around the building)  
10.00 am Pastoral Meeting  
1.30 pm Bridge Club  
8.00 pm Focus on Prayer (in the Crèche)  
8.00 pm Monday Night Home Group
- Tuesday:** 9.15 am Toddlers' Group  
From 6.00 pm Rainbows, Brownies, Guides
- Wednesday:** 6.45 pm Boys' Brigade  
7.30 pm Home Group 'Exploring the Bible'
- Thursday:** 10.00 am Community Coffee Morning  
1.00 pm Art Group (at Chapel)
- Friday:** Scouts
- Sunday:** 7.30 pm God Squad (for Teenagers)

## **Fortnightly & Monthly Opportunities**

- Monday:** **Joy Group** **25th September**  
6.30 pm at Dolce Vita (optional), then  
7.30 pm at 17 Bamford Mews
- Tuesday:** **Stillness & Sharing** **September**  
2.30 pm in the Lounge  
**Home Group** **5th & 19th September**  
8.00 pm in the Manse 'Exploring Faith'
- Thursday:** **Ladies' Fellowship** **14th September**  
7.45 pm at Chapel Entry £3 (See page 18)

If you would like further information about any of the groups and where they meet, please check the **weekly notice sheet** or visit the website at **[www.bcnchurch.org.uk](http://www.bcnchurch.org.uk)** or speak to an Elder.

## **A Senior Moment**

On a mild and dry evening approximately 80 of us had a whale of a time. The occasion was to celebrate the return from Australia of one of our 9 grandchildren, Gregg Beaumont.

Gregg and a group of fellow students had just spent a year there as part of their degree course.

Incidentally included were other grandchildren, Lauren about to leave for a years post-grad experience in Oz (followed by an ever-growing stream of boyfriends) and Alasdair, her brother, who had just taken up his first post as a doctor in Kent.

All ages from 11 to we in our 80s were present and revelling in the BBQ, drinks, food, dancing, singing and silly games. Encouragingly Irene's 70 sausage rolls, lemon slices and cheese straws were amongst the first to vanish like magic. What was really heart-warming was the lovely behaviour of the young people.

The real magic moment for me and reason for this writing occurred when Gregg's younger brother and Jodie's twin Max dragged me from the small dance area and proceeded to dance around the garden carrying my 12½ stone weight with ease.

This was the young lad whose life was saved shortly after birth by a brave and sharp-eyed nurse who called back the doctor to "just have another look". This was the beginning of many traumatic events, floods of tears and near-death experiences for young Max.

Profound thanks to the highly skilled, experienced and dedicated staff at Alder Hey Children's Hospital, Liverpool are due. There have been successive heart operations, periods of intensive care and 3 successive pulmonary artery replacements during which Max has



bravely worked his way to Nottingham University beside twin sister Jodie.

The family appreciate the prayers of Ministers and congregations of Bamford Chapel and Norden URC over this period. We pray with them also for the other patients of our beloved and beleaguered NHS.

Malcolm and Irene Beaumont.



## Coming soon—Indoor Bowls



Indoor Bowling is going to be starting late September or early October .

Keep your eyes open for notices or see Lesley Hynes if you would like to give it a go.

Sessions will be available one afternoon a week (dates and times yet to be finalised.)

# ***Church in the World Newsround.***

## **Project 2016: Village Rwanda**

As promised in our July / August Magazine please see below an extract from the most recent newsletter received from Tricia Atherton Trustee of Village Rwanda. The complete newsletter is on display on the notice board if you would like to read it in its entirety.



Tricia has sent this message with the newsletter:

*I'm sending the summer newsletter but I would be happy to provide further information and photos if you want them.*

*We are so grateful for the church's dedication and commitment to the scheme and if you want us to come back to the Chapel at any time, just ask!*

*Bless you*

*Tricia*

*We have good news from Gasundwe.*

*The most exciting development is that the boat is now operational! If you remember from the last newsletter our friends at Bamford and Norden Chapel in Rochdale raised money so that the village could have their own transport. The people of the village formed a co-operative entitled 'Gasundwe Transport Kivu Lake Transport Co-operative' and arranged for the boat to be built by the lakeshore, an*



*engine was purchased and transported from Kampala in Uganda, life jackets, insurance, boat safety and registration are all complete. Soon the business of earning money through transportation can begin. Two of our trustees, Lynne and Darryl Gregory have already tested it out and have sent photographs. (Please do keep an eye on the website and the Facebook page as detailed below.) It also means that the villagers will have much improved access to the hospital, health posts, markets and other essential services*

*The progress of the Boat Project has been astounding and has once again proved to me the determination of Rwandans to lift themselves out of poverty and our role is to give them a fighting chance.*

See notice board for additional news.

*Finally, the plans for 'culture tourism' are taking shape slowly but we are keen to see it happen. I will be making my trustee visit between January and March 2018 and I would be very happy to escort you to the village for a few days and to help you to plan the rest of your visit to East Africa if you so wish! Please don't hesitate to contact me, with no obligation or expectation, just a chat.*

*I can assure you, once again, that every penny that is given goes to the project. If you would like to donate or become a regular donor you will find the details at the end of this newsletter.*

*This letter comes with true thankfulness for your generosity, support, encouragement and faithfulness.*

*Tricia x*

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Facebook page  
E-mail address

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## **Project 2017: Devi Prasad School**

The challenge is to raise money to build a science classroom for the children and young people who attend the Devi Prasad School in Nepal. The project will be launched on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September**; our local contacts for the project Maureen and Michael Haksworth will be helping us with the launch service. Following the service we invite you all to a lunch which will kick start our giving. Maureen and Michael will be present and have offered to answer any questions we have. See poster advertising the lunch and don't delay in signing up as it's always a popular event. We do need to know numbers so that we can cater accordingly.

Maureen will have for sale a selection of handmade in Nepal; necklaces and blankets.

**A date for your diaries:** advance notice of our annual project fundraising meal at Bury College: **Thursday 23rd November.**

(Please note change of date)

Carole Greaves

On behalf of the Church in the World Group  
August 2017

# Bamford Chapel and Norden URC

## Annual Project

September to Christmas 2017

*Devi Prasad School,  
Pokharathok, Nepal.*



***Launch date: Sunday 10 September***

***Lunch after morning service***

***Suggested donation adults £5 children £3***





## A Little Something ....



Said the little boy,  
"Sometimes I drop my spoon."

Said the little old man, "I do that too."  
The little boy whispered, "I wet my  
pants."

"I do that too," laughed the little old  
man.

Said the little boy, "I often cry."  
The old man nodded, "So do I."  
"But worst of all," said the boy.

"It seems grown-ups don't pay attention  
to me."

And he felt the warmth of a wrinkled old  
hand.

"I know what you mean," said the little  
old man.

### **Shel Silverstein**

[American poet, singer-songwriter, cartoonist,  
screenwriter and award winning author of  
children's books, actor]

**Submitted by Gillian Galloway**



## THE IAN NEWMAN COMMUNITY FILM CLUB

The opening night of this new venture is  
**SATURDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2017**  
commencing at 6.45pm with Fairtrade light  
refreshments. The film will commence at  
7.30pm with a few surprises. Come along  
to enjoy one of Ian's favourites

### **"RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK."** PG

Admission is £3.00 for all.

There will be a screening every third Saturday of the month with hopefully a children's matinee in December. As soon as the programme for the season has been decided it will be on the notice board in the coffee area following 16th September. Date for your diary after that is 21st October. If you have access to Facebook, check out the page there. **Please "like" AND "share" so we can spread the word.**

If you have any questions about the film club, please speak to either Joan Warner [Chairman] or myself. Others involved in this project are Joan Ashton, James Challinor, Dot Craig, Sam Divers, Diane Davies, John Fitton, Gillian Galloway, Linda Lees [Treasurer], Anne Newman, Addie Redmond, Gareth Rich, Councillor Pat Sullivan, Peter Sutton, Stillness and Sharing Group. ***If you would like to be a part of the team, please again speak to myself or Joan.***

I wish to thank all of you who have contributed to the planning of this film club. I am not singling out anyone but there is one person who is dealing with the technology without whom none of this would be possible.

**LESLEY SUTTON**

Secretary

## **THE PARADOX OF OUR AGE**

We have bigger houses but smaller families;  
More conveniences but less time;  
We have more degrees but less sense;  
More knowledge but less judgement;  
More experts but more problems;  
More medicines but less healthiness;  
We have been all the way to the moon and  
back but have trouble crossing the street to  
meet the new neighbour;  
We built more computers to hold more  
information to produce more copies than  
ever but have less communication;  
We have become long on quantity but short  
on quality;  
These are times of fast foods but slow  
digestion;  
Tall man but short character;  
Steep profits but shallow relationships;  
It is a time when there is much in the  
window but nothing in the room.

**His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama**

**Submitted by JEAN FOSTER**



# **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

**[organised by Ladies Fellowship]**



**"Let's change lives with every slice"**

**Date : 21st September 2017**

[usual Community Coffee Morning]

**Venue :** Bamford Chapel and Norden URC

**Time :** 10.00am to Noon

## **What happens :**

Coffee/Tea/Delicious cakes/Toasted fruit loaf/Raffle/Gift stall/Games

## **Needed :**

Raffle prizes and cakes\* – PLUS YOUR ATTENDANCE.  
Men are very welcome too!!

Last year the Fellowship raised £450 for Springhill Hospice. This year we are back with Macmillan Cancer Support. Catch up over a cuppa, enjoy some gorgeous treats – and the money you raise at the coffee morning will help make sure no one has to face cancer alone.

Visit the wonderful  
Macmillan Cancer Support  
website if you are able.






Raffle prizes and cakes to  
either me or Linda Kerford,  
please.

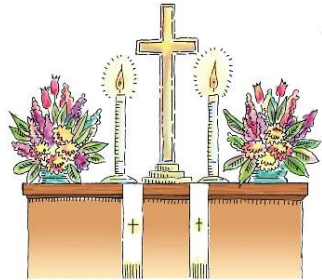
**LESLEY SUTTON**



## Church Flowers

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

-  Beryl Thomas in memory of her Mother
-  Lesley Sutton in memory of her Mother
-  Audrey Telford in memory of John
-  Morag Travis to celebrate her father's 90th birthday
-  Brenda Griffith Wedding Anniversary



## Foodbank Update

Total No Vouchers	259
Total No Adults Fed	340
Total No Children Fed	155



Total Food Weighed In	3076.25k
Total Food Weighed Out	3385.70k

I am pleased to inform you that from next month, Ian Sandiford will be sending you the statistics.

Kind regards  
Margaret Wight,  
Rochdale Foodbank Volunteer Coordinator

Details of our current shortages can be found at:  
<https://rochdale.foodbank.org.uk/>

## Grace's Place

During the summer holidays Toddlers Group have been raising money for 'Grace's Place', a new Children's Hospice. They did this through donations from our church family and Toddler family sponsorship. The Toddlers completed a sponsored walk around our grounds. Thanks Monday Gang for maintaining the grounds.



The Forget Me Not Children's Hospice is due to begin caring for children and families in the Bury, Rochdale and Oldham areas very soon. More than 650 children in the North Manchester area are living with life-shortening conditions, the vast majority aren't getting any children's hospice support at all. Opening a children's hospice in Bury means there will be additional care for more children with life threatening conditions and their families and importantly be based close to home.

Grace's Place has been around for awhile. It's been at the planning stage for a few years, and had gathered a huge amount of local support, Grace's Place is under the management of the Forget Me Not Children's Hospice which already runs a Huddersfield-based children's hospice. All the building needs now is a few finishing touches, and staff.

A big thank you to our Toddlers for taking part and to all who donated monies or sponsored our event.

God Bless, Gillian

## A DELICIOUS CUPPA



I feel sure many of you will remember Rachael Canepari [nee Wilkinson]. In July Barbara Redmond received a request from Rachael all the way from Nice requesting a supply of Traidcraft African Gold tea. Her mother, Celia, was travelling to see her in August and wondered if

she could fill her suitcase with packets of tea? She did. Here are extracts from the e-mail plus comments from one I received from Rachael in August. I have her permission to do this.

**E-mail to Barbara** "Thoughts of life on the French Riviera may well conjure up ideas of an aromatic espresso sipped on a café terrace, or a table with a sea view, set with a bowl of olives and a glass of chilled rose wine but in our house the rhythms of the day are most certainly marked with a scalding hot cuppa!

The children, also shaping up to be good tea drinkers [and against my husband's wishes Marmite eaters!!] all out at any sign of an event, or a weary look, 'shall I put the kettle on?' Incidentally not an appliance found in many French kitchens. Which I guess just goes to prove you can take the girl out of Rochdale but you can't take Rochdale out of the girl!

The African Gold is simply the nicest tea and I've tasted a lot. Everyone who tries it agrees. Such a lot of hard work is required to bring us the cup that cheers, the least we can do is try and ensure the workers get a fair deal!"

Our stocks from Christmas are sadly long gone so I am hoping to order 2kgs of tea this time. The summer holidays are very long!!! I'm hoping that Mum can

travel light.

Take care and thank you for having introduced Mum to this tea. Many a time when I've been sipping my tea I think of you all at Bamford Chapel. The God speaks to us in mysterious ways." **RACHAEL**

**E-mail to me** "Of course I remember you [in my e-mail I asked this question]. Isn't Internet a wonderful thing – except when I'm in direct competition with one of the children's devices that is. Suddenly we can just chat as if we are standing in the coffee area on a Sunday! We are eagerly anticipating the tea arriving. We are making do with some overpriced tea dust at the moment. I know that resources are scant at the best of times but I can't help thinking, if only people could try the tea they would realise just how good it is and available practically on their doorstep. Everything Mum has bought from the Traidcraft stall has been delicious. I remember having a good run on yoghurt raisins and peanuts.

The Traidcraft stall is such a win win situation. It's an opportunity to buy great quality groceries and treats at the same time as respecting the rights and livelihoods of the people doing the hard work, instead of lining the supermarket's pockets.



Best wishes to all."

**RACHAEL**

£3.15 for a pack of 80 tea bags, available from Traidcraft Stall after morning worship.

**LESLEY SUTTON**



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Fighting poverty through trade



## HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY TO THE 999 SERVICE

Did you know that ... The 999 Emergency Service was introduced 80 years ago – on 30th June 1937 in the London area only. It was the first service of its kind in the world and a notice in the Evening News suggested that the public should use it only if “the man in the flat next to yours is murdering his wife or you have seen a heavily masked cat burglar peering round the stack pipe of the local bank building.” For less urgent matters such as a lorry coming to rest in their garden, people were advised to “just call up the local police.”

The first call resulted in the arrest of a would-be burglar but not all were so serious. Of 1336 calls made in the first week, 91 were prank calls. One of the more unexpected results of the 999 service was its effect on telephone switch-rooms where a raucous buzzer sounded when someone dialled 999. It was reported that “a few of the girls found the situation too much and had to be carried out.”

Despite that 999 was a big success but it wasn't until after World War Two that it reached most other parts of the UK. It became available to the entire country only when all the telephone exchanges were automated in 1976.

The idea for an emergency number came after operators couldn't be reached to alert the Fire Brigade to a fire that killed five women in London's Wimpole Street in 1935. The number 999 was chosen because it was easy to dial even in the dark, on old style phones. More than half of genuine 999 calls ask for Police assistance. The next most requested is the Ambulance Service followed by the Fire Brigade and, finally, the Coastguard.

# **Heritage Open Days: an outreach opportunity for our church**



Heritage Open Days take place nationwide in mid-September.

The aim is to celebrate England's rich architecture, history and culture by opening historic buildings that are usually private to the public for free or to make entrance free for buildings where there is usually a charge.

This will be our first opportunity to be part of this event since our renovation works.

**It's a great outreach opportunity.**

***Saturday 9th September &***

***Sunday 10th September***

***1 pm till 4 pm***

Many thanks to all those who have already volunteered to help with this event. However one or two of our usual volunteers aren't available this year. If you can help please speak to Louise Aspinall.

Many thanks



## **Prayer meetings from September to December 2017**

As I am sure you will agree – prayer is a priority for Christians and the Church. In June we began a new format for the prayer meetings. We now alternate between the usual prayer meeting and going out into the community to pray. On the evenings when we “prayer walk” a group of us stay in church praying for those out in the community and another group go out into the community delivering prayer cards and praying for each road where we deliver cards.

Up to the end of July we had pushed cards through 495 households. These were covered over 4 evenings out. We have prayed for each of the roads where we have delivered cards and it has been good to be out in the community. I encourage us all to consider coming to join us for prayer whether in church or outside! Below are the dates, times and whether it is a regular prayer meeting or a prayer walk meeting. Please note some dates are Fridays and some are Mondays!

<b>Day, date and time</b>	<b>Prayer Walk or prayer meeting?</b>	<b>Chapel or God Squad Room?</b>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept 7.30pm – 8.45pm	Prayer Walk	Chapel
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept 7.30pm – 8.45pm	Prayer Walk	Chapel
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept 7.30pm – 8.30pm	Prayer Meeting	God Squad Room
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept 7.30pm – 8.45pm	Prayer Walk	Chapel
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct 7.30pm – 8.45pm	Prayer Walk	Chapel
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct 7.30pm – 8.30pm	Prayer Meeting	God Squad Room
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct 7.30pm – 8.45pm	Prayer Walk	Chapel
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct 7.30pm – 8.30pm	Prayer Meeting	God Squad Room
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov 7.30pm – 8.45pm	Prayer Walk	Chapel
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov 7.30pm – 8.30pm	Prayer Meeting	God Squad Room
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov 7.30pm – 8.45pm	Prayer Walk	Chapel
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov 7.30pm – 8.45pm	Prayer Walk	Chapel
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov 7.30pm – 8.30pm	Prayer Meeting	God Squad Room
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec 7.30pm – 8.45pm	Prayer Walk	Chapel
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec 7.30pm – 8.30pm	Prayer Meeting	God Squad Room



## **Evening worship – new format**

From September 3<sup>rd</sup>, the evening service will be altering its time and alternating the format of service too.

The service will start at 6.30pm and will last up to one hour. Some weeks it will be as it is now (formal) and on other occasions it will be different (informal). The hope is that we might increase numbers attending the evening services as well as encouraging people to experience different types/styles of worship. Some of you expressed a desire to see different styles of worship in a questionnaire sent out during the vision sharing process.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Preacher/leader</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	Informal	Anne Fitton
10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Formal	Revd Richard Bradley
17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Informal (communion)	Revd Richard Bradley
24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Formal	Dot Craig
1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Informal	Revd Richard Bradley
8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Formal	Dot Craig
15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Informal (communion)	Revd Richard Bradley
22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Formal	Anne Fitton
29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Informal	Revd Richard Bradley
5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Formal	David Watson
12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Informal	Revd Richard Bradley
19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Formal (communion)	Revd Richard Bradley
26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Informal	Joan Warner
3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Formal	Revd Richard Bradley
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Informal (Communion)	Revd Richard Bradley
17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Formal (Carol Service)	Revd Richard Bradley & the choir
24 <sup>th</sup> Dec – 11.30pm	Midnight Communion Service	Revd Richard Bradley
31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	No evening service	No evening service

I encourage people to attend these services. My hope is that those leading them

may approach others to be involved in certain parts of worship so that it is not just led by one person. For this to happen we need people to offer their help in taking part in the services. If you are interested in taking a part (however small or large that may be) please speak to Richard. It may be that you are interested in helping with the technology – sound system or computer and projector. If so please speak to Richard.

The “formal” is the same format as we have now. This can vary but on the whole is relatively traditional.

The “informal” is a varied style. It could be reflective....it could be café style....it could be Taize style....it could be a service of praise and worship....it could be a songs of praise service.

Please come along and experience it.

God Bless, Richard.



# Why do Christians pray?

Jesus taught his followers to talk to God in the same way that He did – like a child speaks to an adoring father. When they pray, Christians sense that they are in the presence of God. They are seeking to come close to the maker and shaper of the world's destiny. Christians lay open to God their deepest hope, happiness and anxiety. And they open themselves to God directing and changing them.

Those who take prayer to heart do not see it simply as a series of requests that God will change the world in the way they personally want. Rather it is an active way of participating in the working out of God's plan for the world. Prayer can involve words, silence, reading, responding to art, or listening.

Christians look for answers to their prayers in a change to their own actions and attitudes, and are overjoyed when the result is something that they recognise to be a miraculous intervention by God.

But despite that, God undoubtedly registers and responds in some way to all kinds of prayer – even the desperate cry in an emergency of someone who has barely even thought about whether He exists.

A conversation with God of this kind takes many forms:

**Praising** This involves a human being putting himself or herself in a place of appropriate humility in front of the God who is utterly holy, loving and just.

**Thanking** This is a way of recognising that everything that gives value or joy to life is the gift of a Creator, not merely good fortune.

**Asking** Prayers of this kind can be personal (such as begging for healing for a sick relative) or immense in scale (such as longing for the end of a war).

**Seeking forgiveness** This involves confession of something wrong (either personal or as part of a worldwide injustice) and a recognition that God has mercy on those who regret what they have done and seek to change.

**Looking for guidance** Prayer frequently asks God for direction, or seeks understanding in the face of the mysteries involved in being alive.

You can find answers to questions about Christianity at [www.christianity.org.uk](http://www.christianity.org.uk). Christianity.org.uk is the website of the Christian Enquiry Agency Ltd. This is an agency of Churches Together in England.

## *Prayer for a new student*

*We hold you, at university,  
at the heart of every prayer,  
And we ask our God who loves you  
Just to hold you in His care.*

*May He make His presence known  
To you in every way He can  
And may you know His blessing  
As you grow within His plan.*

*Where your life journeying will lead  
you  
In the future is not clear,  
But we pray that God will guard you  
From all danger and all fear.*

*By Millie Carver*

As we start on our Film Club venture I came across this reflection on one of the latest blockbuster films, Dunkirk. Apologies if the pictures don't copy well.

Films make people think. This provides a wonderful opportunity for Christians to help people to think about the spiritual and moral issues raised by those films. And so it is that EthosMedia.org is working closely with Disney, and other film companies, to create spiritual reflections on new films as they come out in the cinema or on DVD. Parish Pump has teamed up with EthosMedia.org to offer you a series of thought-provoking reflections on various new films.

See their reflection on the following page. Perhaps one of you will feel inspired to write a reflection on our own film showing Raiders of the Lost Ark (being screened in chapel on Saturday 17th September).



# MOVIE MOMENTS

Nick and Carol Pollard from EthosMedia.org share thought-provoking reflections on the latest films.

## Communal heroism

Christopher Nolan, the writer and director of *Dunkirk* describes the true event on which it is based as 'one of the greatest stories in human history'. Brilliantly bucking the trend of recent war films he does not resort to gore and special effects, as he provides an immersive experience that enables the viewer to empathise with the young soldiers in their apparently hopeless situation, trapped between the sea and the advancing German army.

By cleverly moving around the timeline, we experience the different perspectives on land, sea and air. Particularly powerful is the interplay between two characters on one of the small boats heading to Dunkirk. Cillian Murphy plays a shell-shocked soldier picked up from a torpedoed ship, on the outward journey, and desperate not to be taken back towards the beach. Previously having starring roles in Nolan films (*Inception*, *The Dark Knight*) here Murphy is credited only as 'Shivering Soldier', a nameless character representing the 338,000 beaten and demoralised men who were rescued. Also in the boat is the 17-year-old George (played by Barry Keoghan) who is the only character whose back-story is revealed, when he says he has never achieved anything but wants to do something valuable with his life. George's only skills appear to be making tea and carrying life-jackets, thus providing a poignant representation of the many ordinary people who joined together to make the Dunkirk evacuation possible.

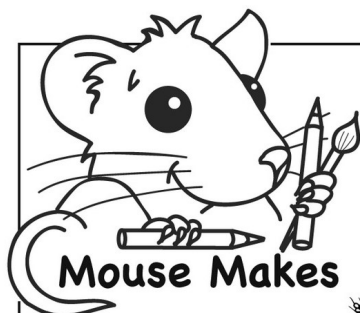


Nolan says: 'as a group of people we can achieve so much more than we can individually', an important message for all of us. At that crucial time in history, King George VI called the nation to pray. As we pray for our nation today, perhaps God will open our eyes to see how we can each use our limited skills and resources for the common good.

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EthosMedia.org provides free resources to help people explore spiritual, moral, social and cultural issues through the latest feature films.

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May all the peoples praise you, O God,  
may all the peoples praise you!  
The land has produced its harvest,  
God, our God has blessed us.  
God has blessed us, may all people  
everywhere honour him.

*Psalms 67:5-7*

Can you find these harvest  
words in the hay bales?

**HARVEST**  
**THANKSGIVING**  
**PRAISE • GOD • BLESSED**  
**SEEDS • SOW • LAND**  
**PLOUGH • SCATTER**  
**SOIL • GROW**  
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