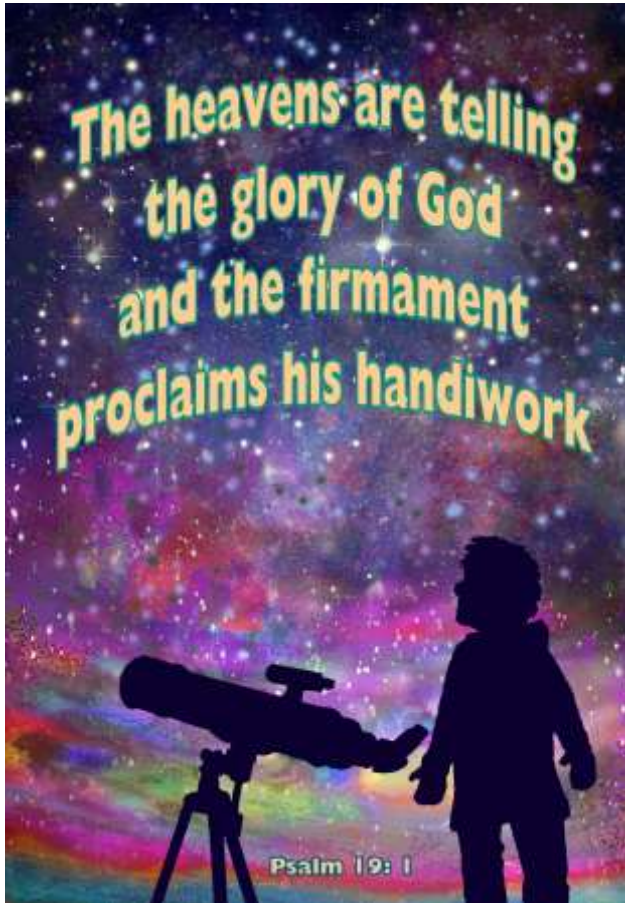




The
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Bamford Chapel & Norden URC



June 2024

BAMFORD CHAPEL & NORDEN URC MISSION/VISION STATEMENT



Loving God, Serving Others,
Building Community

OUR JESUS-SHAPED CHURCH IS...

Welcoming!

Jesus welcomed **all** who came to Him without judgment, and we aim to be an inclusive church, welcoming to all.

Developing Faith!

Jesus' ministry was all about sharing the Gospel with others. As a church, we need to make sure we are deepening faith and making disciples, supporting individuals on their own faith journeys, and taking the Gospel and sharing our faith beyond the walls of our church.

Reaching Out!

Jesus reached out to everyone, and we must too: within our own church community, within our local community and beyond. We will serve God by serving others.

Caring!

Jesus said: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." It is essential that all that we do is done in love and that caring for others/serving others is at the heart of our church.

Prayerful!

As it did for Jesus, we will make sure that prayer underpins all that we do as a church, that we might serve the mission of God as He wills.

June 2024

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)

Every Monday	7.30 - 8.30 pm	Prayer Group in the Lounge (all welcome)
Sunday 2 June	10.30 am	Family Worship with Communion Led by Margaret Ogden
Friday 7 June	1.30 - 3.30 pm	Dementia Friendly Café
Saturday 8 June	10.00 am - 12 noon	Big Breakfast & Plant Sale In aid of Garden Gang (see page 12)
Sunday 9 June	10.30 am	Family Worship Led by Debbie Wood
Monday 10 June	8.00 pm	Jesus-Shaped People discussion At the Redmond's (see page 5)
Tuesday 11 June	7.30 pm - 9.00 pm	Tuesday Home Group On Zoom (see page 4)
Wednesday 12 June	7.00 pm	Midweek Worship (see page 4)
Saturday 15 June	10.30 am 6.30 for 7.00 pm	Jesus-Shaped People discussion In Church (see page 5) Community Film Club (see page 26)
Sunday 16 June	10.30 am	Family Worship Led by Andy Platt
Wednesday 19 June	7.30 pm	Jesus-Shaped People discussion In Church (see page 5)
Sunday 23 June	10.30 am	Family Worship Led by Cameron Baines
Tuesday 25 June	7.30 pm - 9.00 pm	Tuesday Home Group On Zoom (see page 4)
Sunday 30 June	10.30 am	Family Worship Led by Linda Lees

Message from the Manse



*Wind & Fire Artwork by Francesca Ross
(Parish Pump)*

By the time you read this article we will have celebrated Pentecost in our churches. But as I write this article I am preparing the service I will lead on Pentecost Sunday.

We could be forgiven for thinking that Pentecost is a New Testament festival/event in the Bible. But its roots are in the Old Testament. Jews flocked to the Temple in Jerusalem for Pentecost, although then it was a Festival where Jews

gathered to give thanks to God for the wheat harvest. It is during the Festival that God gave the promised Holy Spirit to his disciples. Jesus had promised before his ascension that the disciples were to wait for “the helper” (John 14:15-17). The “helper” we believe was then and is now the power and the presence of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit transformed the life of Peter, the confident yet somewhat fragile disciple, who as Jesus told him he would, denied Jesus three times. And yet in the Pentecost narrative (Acts chapter 2) we read of Peter being filled with the Holy Spirit and being able to preach God’s message of love. It is in the Pentecost narrative that we read about many, many people coming to faith and belief in God.

So what does this say to us as followers of Jesus today? Do we believe that the same power is available to us as we seek to be messengers of God’s love and grace? I hope we do! It can seem tough when we hear of many churches declining and struggling. I was in a meeting today where someone

had attended a church leaders' event. One of the speakers shared about how the church he was a pastor of was growing in numbers. When asked what he put it down to, one of the reasons was prayer. The church he pastored were invited to pray continuously. That is not to say that the church prayed 24/7.... but the church encouraged prayer to be a priority.

Dan and I are both using prayer as a key theme in the Missional Partnership throughout 2024 (not that prayer isn't a priority in any other year!)

I firmly believe that prayer is vital. It may seem like a really obvious thing to say, but it is worth repeating – prayer is vital. Prayer can be personal. Jesus himself taught us the Lord's Prayer and the preceding verses say about going into your room and closing the door and then praying.

But I have experienced some very powerful moves of God when Christians have gathered together corporately to pray. To share our prayers with God and to listen to God. Sometimes I am not all that good at listening, but when we gather together as churches to pray we can share with each other what we believe God is saying to us. There is little more heartening than another sister or brother in Christ confirming what God might be saying to us.

So, friends, I want to invite us all to continue praying and re-committing ourselves to praying for God to show us His priorities for His Church. And may we all trust God's guiding and leading. May our prayers include God blessing us and filling us with the Holy Spirit.

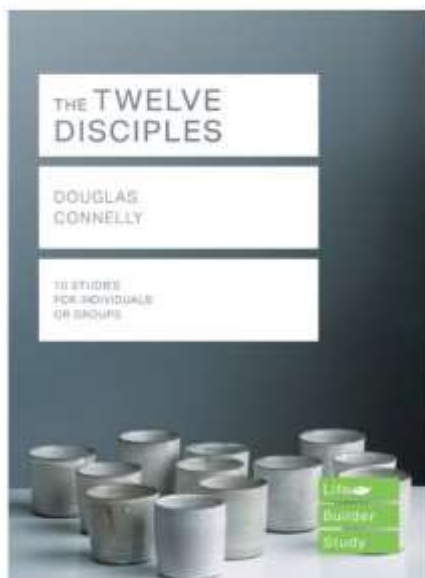


Please be assured of my prayers for each of our churches and all that we do to build God's Kingdom.

God Bless, Your servant in Christ, Richard.

Front Cover artwork by Paul Judson (Parish Pump)

Tuesday Home Group



The Tuesday Homegroup

Meets fortnightly on Zoom
Anyone is welcome to join us to share in fellowship and reflecting together on God's Word

We meet at 7.30pm

6th February	16th April
20th February	30th April
5th March	14th May
19th March	28th May
2nd April	11th June

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

For more details contact Revd Richard Bradley on
richard.bradley@mwsynod.org.uk // 07483 155807 // 01706 369622

NB Additional Home Group dates with new material are 25th June, 9th & 23rd July, then a break until September

MISSIONAL PARTNERSHIP CAFE CHURCH

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

5th May 1st September
7th July* 3rd November

*The 7th July service will be at Greenmount
URC Old School

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

Jesus Shaped Church

Continuing to develop our Jesus-Shaped Church

All are invited to continue our discussions and learning together as we grow in faith and trust. From February to July 2024 we will be using the 'Jesus Shaped People Lite' materials and as we did during the Autumn of 2023 we will meet to discuss the materials. You only need to attend one of the dates being offered for each JSP session.



JSP Session	Monday—8pm @ The Redmonds	Wednesdays—7.30pm In Church	Saturdays—10.30am In Church
1	12th February	6th March	17th February
2	18th March	27th March	6th April
3	22nd April	24th April	27th April
4	13th May	15th May	18th May
5	10th June	19th June	15th June
6	15th July	17th July	20th July

All are welcome at any of the sessions. For further details please contact Richard on:

richard.bradley@nwsynod.org.uk // 01706 369622 // 07483 155807

Midweek Worship

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

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

Midweek Worship

pray

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

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



June Messy Church



Lab

children

please bring an adult with you

Follow us on  BC&N URC Messy Church

Alpha Course



**Rochdale, Bury and North Manchester
Missional Partnership
Alpha Course — All welcome**

Where?

Bury URC, Parson's Lane, Bury, BL9 0LY

When?

Thursday 5th September @ 7pm—9.15pm
Thursday 12th September @ 7pm—9.15pm
Thursday 19th September @ 7pm—9.15pm
Thursday 26th September @ 7pm—9.15pm
Thursday 3rd October @ 7pm—9.15pm
Thursday 10th October @ 7pm—9.15pm
Thursday 17th October @ 7pm—9.15pm
Saturday 19th October @ 10am—4pm (venue for the away day to be confirmed)
Thursday 31st October @ 7pm—9.15pm
Thursday 7th November @ 7pm—9.15pm
Thursday 14th November @ 7pm—9.15pm
Thursday 21st November @ 7pm—9.15pm

What is Alpha?

“Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation.”
(from www.alpha.org.uk)

“Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith.”
(from www.alpha.org.uk)

Alpha is for anyone wanting to learn more and deepen their faith

For more details or to put your name down to attend please contact:
Revd Richard Bradley
(Minister in the Missional Partnership)
richard.bradley@nwsynod.org.uk
01706 369622 // 07483 155807

Food will be included as part of the course
(please note no meeting on Thursday 24th October)

Prayer for June 2024



Dear Lord,

Here we are in June. Halfway through this year already! How the years fly by and often we are so busy, so taken up with everyday concerns that we forget to take time to be still; to consciously be in your presence; to be aware of the wonders of your world.

June is such a beautiful month, so we take this moment, Lord – and we thank you for your goodness to us and your provision for us. Especially we thank

you for the gift of Jesus who is the only way to you, who is your truth and who offers us eternal life, if we will turn away from our self-centredness and put our trust in Him.

For June and for Jesus, Lord, we praise you and we glorify you. And we move into the rest of the year in hope and trust.

In Jesus name, Amen.

By Daphne Kitching



A Sunday School teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took the boy Jesus with them to Jerusalem.

A small child replied “They couldn’t get a babysitter”.

The Euros 2024

Editor: Canon Paul Hardingham from Parish Pump considers the similarities between faith and sport.



A former Liverpool Manager Bill Shankly famously said, *'Some people believe football is a matter of life and death, I am very disappointed with that attitude. I can assure you it is much, much more important than that!'*

This month sees the start of the UEFA Euro 24 football tournament, which will be watched by millions across Europe

and the world. Yet it also illustrates some key points about the Christian life. As Paul writes: *'But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus.'* (Philippians 3:13b,14).

A prize to be won: The dream of every player in the competition is to be able to hold up the Cup themselves. For us the prize is the eternal life, God's gift of relationship with Him for now and eternity through Jesus. But there's an important difference between football and the Christian faith. To win the Euros you have to be good enough, while Christ's love for us is undeserved and is not dependent on how well we've done.

Training to be undertaken: If a team is going to win Euro 24, they need to have trained hard beforehand. Our training, as Christians, starts the moment we accept the gift of God's life. On a daily basis, we must train ourselves to say *no* to the wrong things in our lives.

As we build up our *godly muscles*, we are better able to choose to do what is right in God's eyes. To enable us to do all this we need to engage in the spiritual disciplines of prayer, studying the Bible and being part of a church and small group. How is your training going?

Parish Pump turns 25!



Parish Pump is an online subscription resource that has been used by Bamford Chapel editors for many years. It has now reached its 25th anniversary and has been produced every single month since the July 1999 issue. On reading about this I was surprised to realise that I have been editing the church magazine

for 10 years since March 2014!! I've used Parish Pump each month for the front covers and for many articles.

(Linda Peacock)

Premier Christian Radio in London has done a seven-minute live interview with Parish Pump, and a news story has gone out to the Christian press. It was written by the Revd Peter Crumpler, a former communications director for the C of E. Extracts from the news story are below:

Peter writes:

[The Archbishop of York Stephen Cottrell has praised the work of church magazine editors, as a service providing them with news, features and illustrations celebrates its 25th anniversary.]

Parish Pump has supplied up to 3,000 publications each month since its launch at the Christian Resources Exhibition in May 1999. The online resource regularly reaches many tens of thousands of readers in the UK and overseas.

Journalist Anne Coomes has edited the subscription service throughout the quarter century from her home near Macclesfield.

In a message to celebrate the anniversary, Archbishop Cottrell said, "Well-produced magazines can play a vital role in helping churches reach out into their local communities, and to bring the Christian gospel into many people's homes. Even in a digital world, paper-based communications can help build bridges for local churches."

“I’m deeply appreciative of the effort put in by numerous church magazine editors, and of the important, creative support that Parish Pump has provided over the past 25 years. I congratulate its editor, Anne Coomes, on her commitment to first-class communications through those years.” Looking back, Anne says: “It has been a real labour of love to edit and produce Parish Pump over all those years. I have a wonderful group of contributors who write on a wide range of subjects, and we receive so many grateful messages from magazine editors.

“Parish Pump is a key part of my vocation to serve the Church. I feel passionate about church magazines, as they may be the only Christian literature that many people ever see, and so they are a wonderful way in which local churches can communicate the gospel to their communities.”

The increase in online communications and the difficulty in recruiting editors has led many churches to stop producing a printed magazine. That, and along with the effects of Covid, means that the number of Parish Pump’s subscribers has now dropped to below 1,400.

Anne said: “Each month, I receive news of magazines closing down – but also of new ones opening up. Overall, the trend is downwards, and that’s a shame as not everyone is able to go online. Magazines can reach people who would never search out a church website.

“The suspension of printed magazines during Covid was very difficult for many churches and editors. Many began posting their magazine online and that trend has continued.”

Anne, who co-founded and owns Parish Pump, intends to celebrate the Silver Anniversary with friends and contributors.]

Anne says “25 years is a long time – Parish Pump has been around for an entire generation!

And though I doubt PP will last another 25 years (I certainly won’t!) we have no plans to close at present. We are very happy to simply carry on as usual. And we hope that you are, too!”

Warm wishes

Anne Coomes and the Parish Pump Team

Fancy a bacon butty?



Bamford Chapel
& Norden United
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Big Breakfast



Saturday

8 June

10.00 – 12.00



£5.00

In aid of



*Garden
Young*



*and
Plant Sale*

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

Gift Day 2024



A massive thank you to all the organisations who were able to make a contribution to our annual Gift Day.

We cannot overstate the importance of the financial contribution towards keeping Chapel (in David Watson's words) "a seven days a week Church".

Thank you to the many volunteers who run the groups, and also to the group members, who contribute towards keeping Chapel in the centre of our community, spreading the love of Jesus and not solely as a place of worship.

We know some individuals have been able to make an additional contribution to their giving which is also much appreciated.

David Watson mentioned in the Service on the 19th of May a potential way for individuals to increase their giving through Gift Aid. Briefly, anyone who pays Income Tax can sign a declaration to allow Chapel to claim tax back on any regular giving which equates to an additional 25% of the amount given.

If you haven't thought of doing this previously, or your tax situation has changed due to pension or salary increases meaning your income is no longer within the, frozen, personal allowance, please have a word with David who can explain it to you. Don't worry, we won't be prying into your finances!

***Many thanks everyone,
David Stephenson, Treasurer***

My Life in Somerset



I moved to Wedmore in Somerset in 2020 to be near my family. I live in an apartment just a few minutes' walk from the centre of the village. There are a variety of shops in Wedmore, two pubs, two coffee shops, a butcher, fish monger, paper/ grocery shop, two gift shops, a chemist, dentist, chiropodist and reflexologist. Let's not forget three ladies' clothes shops and four hairdressers: quite a lot for a small village.

Wedmore is conveniently situated just twenty minutes

from the M5 and a short car journey to both Wells and Cheddar, which I visit regularly with friends and approximately thirty minutes' drive to a coastal walk at Burnham-on-Sea. I am always happy to meet up with friends from Bamford Chapel as they take a break in their journey to Devon and Cornwall.

Having previously visited Wedmore when staying with my daughter's family I knew there was a very lively local community. I joined the bowling club which has indoor and outdoor facilities second to none, also social events. I am a member of the over 50s club which is very similar to the Ladies Fellowship with a monthly speaker in winter and monthly coach outings in summer. I also joined the local U3A.

I miss Bamford Chapel and I have looked for something similar here. I tried the church in the centre of the village, which is Church of England, but found it too high church for me. I have eventually settled on the Cheddar Methodist; the people are very friendly, but

it doesn't quite compare to Bamford Chapel. The congregation consists of approximately 25 people (all elderly) - no families, which is a shame.

I don't know when I will be in Rochdale next. I don't tend to drive such long distances now or I would have attended Margaret and Malcolm's wedding, which I am sure will be a lovely day and I wish them all the best for their future together.

My friends put flowers on Ian's bench at the front of Chapel and send me photos for which I am very grateful. I am pleased to hear that the film club is still going strong; Ian would be really chuffed.

My very best wishes to everyone. *Anne Newman*

Goodbye to Patricia



Irrespective of your political leaning, I am sure you would wish to join me in wishing this Christian lady a very happy retirement plus best wishes to her as she leaves the North moving to London to be near her family.

On 2nd May she paid her final visit to Bamford Chapel and Norden URC at the weekly coffee morning and we even had a homemade sponge cake [courtesy of Pamela Harrington] to celebrate her support of this church and all activities. There were hugs and tears that morning.

Without Pat the Film Club would never have begun. She attended every group meeting at my home and came to as many screenings as she could. She was instrumental in helping set up the club with legal information. She supported many Chapel activities both financially and personally. She will be greatly missed by many. God bless your future life, Patricia Sullivan.

Lesley Sutton

Using Rest to Pray



Editor: Following Richard's article about prayer I thought this was appropriate, by Tony Horsfall, a retreat leader and author who recommends a different type of prayer....

Most of us think of prayer as a very demanding activity, but did you know it can be extremely restful?

One of the great verses in the Bible says this: 'Be still and know that I am God' (Psalm 46:10). It suggests we experience God most fully when we are still. When we cease rushing around, pausing for a moment of thought and recollection, we are becoming prayerful, and God is very near. Even a break for a morning coffee can be a moment of prayer, if we slow ourselves down and allow our thoughts to turn towards God.

An essential part of resting is to breathe slowly. Christian tradition has always made a connection between prayer and breathing. You can learn to pray to the rhythm of your breathing, using chosen prayer words to focus. As you breathe in, you might say 'Abba', and then as you breathe out, add the word 'Father'. Choose words which are meaningful to you, deliberately slowing your breathing so you become relaxed and peaceful.

Perhaps you have a favourite chair where you are able to unwind easily. For a few moments sit and do nothing. Simply become aware of the present moment, reminding yourself you are in the presence of God. As you feel yourself relax, bask in the knowledge of God's love and acceptance of you. Sense His smile of approval upon you. You don't have to do anything, just 'be' for a moment. This too is prayer.

Sometimes we are forced to rest by circumstances... illness, disability, growing older and so on slow us down and we can't rush around like we used to do. Never mind. Don't fight against your circumstances. Enter into the place of rest that God is giving you. He loves you for who you are, not

for what you do. Turn your thoughts into prayer and offer them to God. You don't need to advise God as to what He should do; simply hold people before Him, leaving the outcome to Him.

Prayer should be a natural expression of our relationship with God. Sometimes we have words, sometimes silence is enough. We don't need to impress God with our fervour. We can relax and be rested, even as we pray.



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Holiday Club

Sparks and Stories

2024 URC Children's and Youth Work Holiday Club

5 – 9 August 09.30 – 12.00
for 5 – 11 year olds

Contact: bcandnchurch@gmail.com

The poster features a central illustration of a campfire with silhouettes of people sitting around it. The background is dark with some starburst effects. The text is arranged in a clear hierarchy, with the church name at the top, the event title in the middle, and the dates and contact information at the bottom.

Kindness



Have you ever given or received an ARK?
No, not one of these!!



An **ARK** is an
Act of
Random
Kindness

If so, you may have changed a life. It doesn't have to be a big thing, often it's the ordinary everyday things, a phone call or message to ask how someone is; an offer to walk together, shop for someone; let someone know you are praying for them.



Jesus was a great proponent of kindness. When we read the word “love” in the bible it rarely means the romantic sort. It infers kindness. Love one another, or, be kind to one another. Jesus said, love, or be kind to, your enemies – people you don't like or think of as undeserving. That can be so difficult! Yet a little kindness can reap huge returns as hearts and minds respond to a touch of kindness.

“For the fruit of the Spirit is love joy peace patience **KINDNESS...**”Galatians 5, v22”

Follow this link for a lovely video and song:

https://youtu.be/gmlmUsx_O68

For your prayers in this season of Pentecost perhaps think of a positive act of kindness to perform. Here is a suggestion for each day in the coming week

K is for kin, or family. They appreciate a touch of kindness too!

I is for interest. Pray for those who are neglected, those who nobody seems to bother with. Maybe reach out in some way?

N is for nourishment. There are fewer better ways of showing kindness than with food. Pray for those in countries where there just isn't enough; give thanks for those who contribute to and work in food banks.

D is for difficult, pray for someone you struggle with and pray for a way to hold out the olive branch with a little kind gesture – maybe easier than words?

N is for nature. Remember to care for our environment with kindness; choose environmentally kind products, perhaps do a litter pick or increase your recycling.

E is for the extra mile, make an effort to be kind in situations when its difficult. Pray for those who you feel don't deserve kindness and open up your heart to Gods healing – it may lead to an ARK!

S is for saturation. Fill your life with prayers for kindness to become widespread in our villages, our town, our country. Let your prayers saturate the whole earth.

S is an extra day! Be kind to yourself. God loves you so much, his heart longs to show you kindness, count your blessings and give thanks.



JOANNE ACKROYD

(Joanne thoroughly enjoyed preaching at BC&NURC on 4th May that she was moved to agree to the request for a magazine article. Here it is)

The D-Day Normandy Landings



Eighty years ago, on 6th June 1944, the D-Day Normandy Landings took place. More than 150,000 Allied troops landed on the beaches of Normandy. The Battle of Normandy ended on 25th August with an Allied victory.

The question of what the *D* stood for has never been absolutely determined: some say it just stood for Day; others maintain it was

Disembarkation, because it was an amphibious operation. What is sure is that there was a spiritual dimension. General Eisenhower, the commander of Operation Overlord, urged those taking part to “beseech the blessing of Almighty God upon this great and noble undertaking”, and President Roosevelt broadcast a prayer to the nation – the United States, that is.

Before June 5 – the original date for D-Day, before bad weather forced a rethink – a massive and successful series of deceptions were put in place to make the Nazis think the invasion would come elsewhere. The Germans were certainly confused. Hitler, thinking the attack was a feint, refused to send reinforcements, and their strategy was hampered by the absence of their brilliant Commander Erwin Rommel, who was on leave.

Nevertheless, the Americans suffered over 2,000 casualties at Omaha Beach, which was the most heavily defended. Altogether it was reckoned that over 4000 Allied troops were killed, but about 156,000 successfully stormed the beaches, and many landed behind the lines, including

American paratrooper Private John Steele, who descended on to the pinnacle of the church tower in Sainte-Mère-Église, the first village to be liberated by the U S Army. Lit up by searchlights, he survived by pretending to be dead, was captured and then escaped, joining the invading soldiers.

This year handmade silhouettes of almost 1,500 servicemen were transported to Normandy for an art installation, *Standing with Giants*, to mark the anniversary.

By Tim Lenton

Open Farm Sunday - 9th June



Hundreds of farms across the UK are preparing to open their gates to the public.

Open Farm Sunday is back for its 18th year and offers the public a chance to see how farmers can produce food sustainably, while also caring for the environment and wildlife.

It is organised by the global sustainable farming charity LEAF (Linking Environment And Farming). The event has been praised as being a “great family day out”.

Some farms opening on Open Farm Sunday are also LEAF Marque certified. This means that they are farming regeneratively, nurturing healthy soil, protecting water, supporting nature conservation and enhancing wildlife habitats.

On those farms, people can find out more about the LEAF Marque, which they may have already seen on fruit, vegetables and other products in the supermarkets.

More details at: www.farmsunday.org



Friendship Group Annual General Meeting



The first AGM of the group took place on Thursday afternoon, 9th May, chaired by Linda Kerford (Treasurer) and Linda Peacock (Co-ordinator). Linda K opened the meeting with a prayer followed by Linda P outlining why The Friendship Group was started and saying how successful the first year had been. Inviting men to the meetings was the initial aim and this was reasonably successful. Attendance at the first meetings was quite high (30) but numbers have dropped to an average of 20.

Linda P talked about the eight meetings held since August 2023. The best attended one was Jan Hicks telling us about Bletchley Park. It was good to share the Christmas Meal at The Willows with a few men!! Mention was made of a Township Fund grant to help with the cost of the day out to Astley Hall in August.

Linda K informed the meeting about future plans and asked if the current "committee" was willing to stand again. Everyone agreed and the committee comprises (as well as the two Lindas), **Hazel Gordon - Booking Secretary, Margaret Watson - Refreshments, Angela Hall, Carol Hartley and Lesley Sutton.**

In June the Ladies Fellowship at Norden always invite ladies from BC&NURC to their afternoon tea (20th June this year). There will be no regular Friendship Group meeting in June. The Garden Party is on 13th July and this represents the July gathering. In the meantime Linda K is researching an afternoon trip in August; somewhere to incorporate afternoon tea. At this time the programme for the year starting in September will hopefully be ready to distribute. In October gift boxes will be planned once more for

Carol's Ukraine effort.

The meeting closed with the news that Linda K as Treasurer would be able to hand over some funds to the church on gift day; something she had not been able to do in the final year of the Ladies Fellowship.

The afternoon ended with delicious sandwiches and cakes (tea/coffee too of course) brought by Linda K. Thank you, Linda.

Lesley Sutton

Church Flowers



Donations for flowers in church in May were received from:

Angela Hall in memory of John

Tom Swann in memory of Blanche

Elizabeth Greer in memory of Mother's/Father's birthdays

Christine Friend in memory of Kath Friend

Elizabeth Hazlehurst in memory of Paul

Linda Peacock in memory of Charlie's 80th birthday

GARDEN PARTY

Saturday 13th July

SPONSORED ONCE MORE BY



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SIGN ALONG WITH US



- ◇ **Offers of help and ideas will be VERY welcome**
- ◇ **There is a signing up sheet under the clock**
 - ◇ **or have a word with Julie**

Father's Day 16th June 2024



Community Coffee Morning



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To let you know that there **WILL NOT** be
a Community Coffee Morning on

THURSDAY 8th AUGUST 2024

Because the holiday club is being held
week beginning 5th August.



**CINEMA
FOR ALL**

The Ian Newman Community Film Club

**At Bamford Chapel & Norden URC, Norden Road
Rochdale OL11 5PQ**

Saturday 15th June 2024

6.30pm refreshments : 7.00pm film

Admission £4.00

“My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3” 2023 12A



Supported by Rochdale Township

Church Groups & Contacts 2024

ORGANISATION	CONTACT
Bamford Forum (Run alternately at BC&NURC and Brimrod)	Rachel Hudson
Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association	Emma Hynes
Bridge Club	Roger Mallinder
Brownies	Rebecca Pearson
Rainbows	Zoe Watson
Community Coffee Morning	Pamela Harrington & Lesley Sutton
Dementia Cafe	Carole Greaves & Lyn Jefferies
Community Film Club	Lesley Sutton & Joan Warner
Focus on Prayer	Margaret Watson
Friendship Group	Linda Peacock
God Squad	Julie and Andy Platt
Heritage Group	Louise Aspinall
Indoor Bowls	Lesley Hynes
Lifeline	Steven Gooding
Luncheon Club	Patricia Stephenson
Monday Gang & Garden Gang	David Watson & Linda Kerford
Monday Night Home Group	Addie and Barbara Redmond
Pastoral Group	Margaret Watson
Scouts, Beavers, Cubs, Explorers	Mark Pickard
Singing Group	Cameron Baines
Toddlers	Gillian Galloway
Tuesday Home Group	Revd Richard Bradley

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 June
7.30 - 9.00 pm On Zoom (see page 4)
- Thursday:** **Friendship Group** 2nd Thursday in the month
1.30 - 3.30 pm No meeting in June
Heritage Group 2nd Thursday in the month
7.30 pm 13th June
- Friday** **Dementia Friendly Café** 1st Friday in the month
1.30 - 3.30 pm 7th June
- Saturday:** **Ian Newman** 3rd Saturday in the month
Community Film Club 15th June
6.30 pm for 7.00 pm film - (see page 26)

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