



The  
United  
Reformed  
Church

# Bamford Chapel & Norden URC



**July/August 2022**

# **BAMFORD CHAPEL & NORDEN URC**

## **MISSION/VISION STATEMENT**



Loving God, Serving Others,  
Building Community

### **Worship**

In our devotion we will come together to express our joy, love and thanks through worship.

We shall share our praise and dedicate it to God.

### **Ministry**

Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit we will show compassion and love by understanding, supporting and meeting the spiritual, the physical and the emotional needs of others.

### **Evangelism**

We are called as Christians to share the good news; living as examples of Christ in our everyday lives we can spread the word and love of Jesus.

### **Discipleship**

We as a church have a responsibility as Christians to encourage people to know God and to enable them to develop their relationship with Him through prayer, discussion, study and learning.

### **Fellowship**

We welcome to our church family those who want to belong. We show our love for others by sharing acts of fellowship in God's name.

# July 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](http://www.bcnchurch.org.uk))

<b>Sunday 3 July</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Family Worship with Communion Led by Ken Greer</b>
	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Missional Partnership Café Style Service (see page 7)</b>
<b>Tuesday 5 July</b>	<b>7.30 - 9.00 pm</b>	<b>Tuesday Home Group On Zoom</b>
<b>Saturday 9 July</b>	<b>2.00 - 4.00 pm</b>	<b>Garden Party (see page 13)</b>
<b>Sunday 10 July</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Family Worship Led by David Watson</b>
<b>Saturday 16 July</b>	<b>6.30 pm for 7.00 pm</b>	<b>Ian Newman Community Film Club (see page 20)</b>
<b>Sunday 17 July</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Family Worship Led by Andy Platt</b>
	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Church Meeting</b>
<b>Tuesday 19 July</b>	<b>7.30 - 9.00 pm</b>	<b>Tuesday Home Group On Zoom</b>
<b>Sunday 24 July</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Family Worship Led by Debbie Wood</b>
<b>Sunday 31 July</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Family Worship Led by Bernard Vause</b>

# August 2022

Friday 5 August	1.30 - 3.30 pm	Dementia Café
Sunday 7 August	10.30 am	Family Worship with Communion Led by Ken Greer
Thursday 11 August	tbc	Ladies Fellowship Outing (see page 22)
Sunday 14 August	10.30 am	Family Worship Led by Cameron Baines
Saturday 20 August	6.30 pm for 7.00 pm	Ian Newman Community Film Club (see page 27)
Sunday 21 August	10.30 am	Family Worship Led by Jim Hurst
Sunday 28 August	10.30 am	Family Worship Led by Margaret Ogden
Friday 2 September	1.30 - 3.30 pm	Dementia Café

The special person called to do missionary work is every person who is a member of the church of Christ. The call does not come to a chosen few, it is to every one of us. *Oswald Chambers*

## Spider

Whoever said "Out of sight, out of mind" never had a large spider disappear in the bedroom!

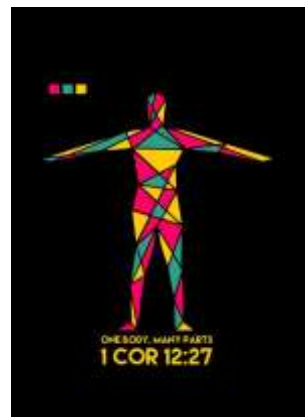
## Message from the Manse

As I pen this article it is very warm! The sun is shining, I am sat in my car with my laptop waiting to pick one of my children up from school and I am very warm! I might even say I am *too* warm! I am not a sun worshipper at all. In fact when we go on holiday as a family and Ruth and I share an umbrella by the pool she follows the sun and I follow the shade.

The weather is a funny topic. We are not always happy when it comes to the weather. When it is summer and we have a heat wave we sometimes long for cooler weather. When it is cold we sometimes long for warmer weather. Some might say we are never satisfied.

That got me thinking about Church. I wonder if we sometimes fall into the trap of thinking about the church a bit like we do with the weather. On any given day it is easy to look back to yesteryear and think how good it was. And yet, if we could go back to the past, we might well remember that which was not so good about that time in our history.

As I go around the different churches I see some brilliant things happening and being discussed by churches in our Missional Partnership. People also engage me in conversations about the Missional Partnership. Some of us are really positive and hopeful about the Partnership and how it is working and can work better moving forward; others of us are less positive and less hopeful. And I think it is important that we are honest about how we feel. But, and there is always a but, I want to encourage us all to be positive about where we are and where God is calling us to be. I have spoken to some churches and groups around the Missional Partnership, the Central Area and the wider Synod recently and have said that I think the model of Missional Partnerships is very much akin to what Paul shares with his readers in 1 Corinthians 12 – “One body with many parts”. And this analogy works for individual churches as



well as Missional Partnerships too. We are all given gifts by God and we are called to use them to build God's kingdom. That for me is one of the exciting things about Missional Partnerships – that we are called to be the people God has called us to be in the places in which God has called us to serve. We are to use our gifts to enhance the work of the church so that people may come to faith in Jesus and the kingdom of God will grow. We aren't all a hand, eye, ear, eye etc. etc. but together, and only together, we are The Body of Christ.

Another thing I see and hear as I go around the churches is that people are tired. The pandemic has had a great impact on local churches and ministers alike. And as we go into the summer I hope and pray, and also encourage us all, to take some time to rest. To rest in the physical sense but also to rest in God's presence. To pray for God to make clear to you/us where God wants you/us to be. To ask God to re-charge our spiritual batteries in order that we can work for God in the ways He has called us to work as we look to the future.



I pray we will all have a blessed and restful summer – whatever the weather!

Thanks and God Bless

***Revd Richard Bradley***  
***Minister in the Rochdale, Bury and North Manchester Missional Partnership***

**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**

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## Message from the Other Manse

Good day, my friends. I want to share a brief reflection on the subject of prayer, but will use a personal story to illustrate it. As we all know, prayer is the engine of the church, and this subject is close to my heart. But first, a story ...

As you may know, a few years ago I had to have a pacemaker fitted due to possessing an irregular heartbeat. It took a while to diagnose exactly what was wrong with me, but a few scans and X-rays confirmed that at least I wasn't heartless.

The medical team's final diagnosis was broad complex tachycardia. This was one of those medical terms which took a year for me to successfully pronounce without tripping over my syllables. But in the meantime my driving licence was revoked on medical grounds. And finally, after about 15 months of cycling 3000 miles on my electric bicycle, I was given the go-ahead to get my licence back. However, post-COVID backlogs and working conditions at the DVLA further slowed my licence's return.



So I decided to turn up the charm offensive. This involved writing polite letters to the DVLA every month asking for an update on my case's progress. And one morning, after three cordial letters of inquiry, my licence was finally returned. So I am now the proud additional driver of my wife's Sheila's Wheel's policy.

As I mentioned, I regard prayer as the engine of the church. But it is often easy to get disappointed with our prayer life and fall out of the habit of it. But if we look at some of the Bible's teachings on prayer, such as Jesus' parable of the persistent widow (Luke 18.1-8) or Abraham's bartering with God about Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen 18.16-33), we find that perseverance and persistence are characteristic of a life of prayer. Much like my faltering heart, we need to find a rhythm that will sustain us in the long term. Prayer is often a marathon rather than a sprint.



We can find encouragement from many places. Recently I have felt God encourage me by reminding me of my campaigning to regain my driving licence. Polite perseverance did pay off. I have a few themes that I am slowly pursuing in prayer, and I am settling down for the long haul. God wants to encourage me, it seems!

So as I close, may I try to encourage you too. It is easy to lose our rhythm and confidence in our prayer life. But may God encourage you in some way. The subjects on your heart are close to God's heart too. I pray that you may find a renewed and sustainable pace as we pursue God's kingdom in prayer.



***Keep the faith***

***Daniel Harris***

***Minister in the Rochdale, Bury and North Manchester Missional Partnership***

**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**



# A Prayer for Today

*Editor: Nigel Beeton writes: This is the month of St Swithun. We all have rainy days. But after a rainy day often comes a sunny evening, and there's a peculiar clarity to the air after rain. You can hear the birds singing from miles around, and you can pick up the scent from flowers that sparkle in the evening sunlight, the droplets of water on the leaves shining like jewels. At times like that we can feel really close to God!*



## Evening Sun

After a day of cloud and rain  
The evening sun comes out again.  
Forget the gloomy day that's gone,  
And listen to the robin's song!

In the sunshine's golden glow  
See the garden's floral show!  
And nature, freshened, can rejoice  
In sparkling colour, scent, and voice.

If your day is damp and grey  
Know the cloud will go away –  
The pouring rain will soon be done  
And then will come the evening sun!

***By Nigel Beeton***

## Community Coffee Morning Thursday 2 June 2022



What a lovely morning we had from 10.00 am to 11.45am celebrating 70 years since Queen Elizabeth II ascended to the throne. There was a good attendance with a few new faces. Perhaps this was because they had heard scones, jam and cream would be on offer!!

Two of our local councillors joined us too – Angela Smith and Pat Sullivan. Tables were laid in the primary school room with traditional red, white and blue - serviettes and beautiful flowers (on loan from Luncheon Club). Elizabeth Hazlehurst wore a t-shirt with a sparkly corgi on it, someone else wore a Union Jack apron and one of the visitors actually wore a tiara!!

A healthy addition to the funding for BCNURC and Springhill Hospice was raised. Thank you to everyone for their generosity and to all who helped, especially Pamela Harrington who baked the most delicious scones at an unearthly hour that morning!



***Lesley Sutton***

# Baptism

## The First Step on a Child's Faith Journey

*You are a child of God, you are wonderfully made, dearly loved and precious in his sight. Psalm 139.*



Earlier this year I took on the role of Baptism Secretary and what a privilege it is to hold this joyous position within our church. I now have the opportunity to meet and get to know parents and families who come to bring their children into the Church community, thanking God for the wonderful gift they have been given and committing to supporting their child on their faith journey. How blessed I am!

I thought I'd just share with you what happens from the moment the parents make contact to ask about this special moment in their child's life.

- \* First, we have a welcome phone conversation to find out a little more about the child being brought to be baptised and the parents and immediate family and godparents and discuss the process we have leading up to the baptism itself including the commitment parents are embarking upon.
- \* A date and liaising with who will be available to lead the baptism ceremony follows (and we are very lucky to have a team of wonderful people who can do this: Margaret Ogden, Ken Greer, Julie and Andy Platt as well as Richard and Daniel- our Missional Partnership ministers)
- \* Once agreed, parents are sent our new Baptism Booklet (I will leave a copy for you to have a look at if you are interested on the Baptism display board that I am intending to establish in the near future) for

them to read through and think about before we meet together.

- \* Next comes the face-to-face meeting with the parents and child (and often siblings) and the person leading the baptism ceremony and myself to again talk about the commitment they are making in bringing their child for baptism and our commitment to the child and family and the commitment that will be made by godparents as well as to discuss and plan for the service and ceremony itself.
- \* To help us fulfil our commitment as a church to support the child on their faith journey and the family we have a church advocate for the child- an individual from our church community who promises to pray for the child on behalf of our church community. The people who have volunteered so far are: Dot, Pat S, Jane, Barbara, Carole, Joan W, David and Margaret W; if YOU would like to be involved in this wonderful journey in a child's life please let me know! The more, the merrier! We will also pray as a whole congregation on baptism anniversaries for the child.
- \* There is much liaison with the family in the run up to the actual service and ceremony and special thanks must go to James Challinor for all the work he does in preparing for the technical side of the service (especially when it is an afternoon ceremony) and to the people who volunteer from the tech team for the afternoon services!
- \* When the special day arrives, how joyous it is to welcome the child, parents, godparents, family and friends into our church. Each baptism is unique as each child and family are, but each one of them is wonderful because Jesus' command of letting the little children come to Him is being answered and I can't help but be moved by the moment of baptism as a child is blessed with the sign of the cross; how privileged we are to witness it!
- \* A special candle is lit and held by the church advocate to symbolise the Light of Christ during the ceremony which is then given as a gift to the



parents along with a URC Certificate of Baptism; godparents and the church advocate are each given a special wooden heart inscribed with the child's name, date of baptism and sign of the cross as a reminder of the promises they have made to support the child and family on this new faith journey (we also display one in church) and the child is given a children's prayer book as a gift from our church family. The child's name is added onto our 'cradle roll'. (I would like to thank Kath Day who makes the hearts and candles).



This is the start of a journey with the child and family and we look forward after the ceremony to continue walking along the path with them and welcoming them whenever they join us!

I am very grateful to have been given the opportunity to take on this role and look forward to many more baptisms in the future. So, to close, a little prayer:

“Dear Lord, we ask for Your blessing on each and every child baptised in our church. We ask that they will grow to know You and know they are loved by You, supported by their parents, godparents and our church family who have made promises as one more step upon The Way they go! Guide them and protect them on their faith journey, filling them with the peace of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit in the name of Your Son, who called the little children to come to Him. Amen.”

**Debbie Wood**



## Church Flowers



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

Carolyn Divers in memory of Wally Divers  
Hazel Gordon in memory of husband Robert

A colorful floral border surrounding the text of a garden party invitation.

Bamford Chapel  
and Norden URC

# SUMMER

*Garden Party*

**Saturday 9th July 2-4pm**

Entertainment by  
**'Sign Along With Us' (BGT Finalists)**  
**RMS Pop Choir**

There will be; cakes and cream teas,  
sandwiches and ice-cream.  
Petting donkeys, Tombola, plant stalls  
children's games  
and so much more!

# School Pastors Project

**Introducing a very exciting project/opportunity to serve in the Rochdale area!**

Most of you will have heard of Street Pastors as a few at Bamford and Norden URC are involved in it. Street Pastors go out on the Streets at the weekend until the early hours to show the love of God to any we find (helping people into taxis, looking out for lone vulnerable people, giving coffee to the street people, and flip flops to those who's feet have become too painful for the heels!)



**School Pastors** is an offshoot of this but involves the same principles of showing the love of God by listening, caring and helping school children. We believe that there is a huge need to show the love of God to a younger generation, who for various reasons no longer attend church, and School Pastors is just one way to do it.

**Jane Baines and Barbara Redmond** are currently involved in setting up School Pastors in Rochdale. Our first job was to select a school to partner with (maybe one day there will be more, but we have to start with one!) To that end we recently met with the Head at Kingsway Park School, having been recommended there by a contact in the police. We were blown away by her general enthusiasm, by her enthusiasm to work with us, and by the need and opportunity in the school. To start with the priority is to be present at the start and end of school and mingle with the students as they enter/leave school.

Following on from this and depending on the number of volunteers we can get, we can progress to other duties in school, such as helping with lunch supervision, breakfast clubs, mentoring. The idea is that we are present, we help, we befriend and listen where needed. God will lead us into opportunities and conversations as we are there.

This will start small and grow and it is very much a long-term, long-haul type of ministry.



## **WE NEED RECRUITS!**

If you have a love for God and a heart for young people to know that love, then **we need you!** Please pray and ask God if this is something you can do, and please get in touch with Jane or Barbara.

Full training and uniform is provided. There may be a cost to this but we are negotiating as yet.

Depending on the numbers we get, there will be a rota. You won't be expected to volunteer every day, or even every week unless you want to!

**Jane - 07941820976**

**Barbara - 07983714195**

## **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration**

On Sunday afternoon, June 5th, Bamford Chapel had its Jubilee afternoon. The weather was poor so it was held inside, in the Church.

About 100 Chapel folk and friends sat down to a lovely tea. Chairs had been moved and tables brought in and the room looked lovely. There was a paper and pen quiz for all and games and craft work upstairs for the Children. After a lovely tea we had hymn requests and a good sing of our favourite ones. Many people were involved in making the afternoon so successful and we say a big 'thank you' to them all.



**Pat Gate**

## Thank You

Thank you for the generosity of those who gave donations in memory of Allyson Phillips, raising over £1200 for The Christie Hospital and Sarcoma UK.

Thank you also for over £1700 raised in memory of Charlie Peacock for The British Heart Foundation and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Both families are grateful that their chosen charities will benefit from such amazing donations.



## Christmas Hearts



Christmas is coming and Dot has been thinking about our Community Christmas Greeting which we have delivered to the locality of Chapel for a few years now. This year she suggests knitting/crocheting little hearts in Christmas colours. If you'd like to be involved let Dot or me know.

There are patterns on the internet or we can provide.

Help will also be required to deliver them round the homes. We know it's early to think about Christmas but it's hand knitting and we need 200 plus hearts.

*God Bless, Gillian and Dot*

**Be happy when God answers your prayer  
but be more thankful when he makes you the answer  
to someone else's prayers.**

# Christian Aid

As usual Christian Aid Week was in May (15<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>) and the WCM Committee (World Church and Mission) felt it was important that we did what we could to raise money to support this important work.

**Pre- pandemic, we did a house-to-house collection which raised:**



**2019.... £2506**

**2018.... £2123**

**2017.... £2168**

In 2021 we were still in the midst of Covid restrictions, so we asked each person who attends church to have two envelopes, one for themselves and one for a friend or neighbour. Together with a Big Brekkie, this raised £1724.

So in May 2022 we decided to try raise even more by giving 6 envelopes to as many church attendees as possible. We hoped they would be able to share them with friends and family. We also held a Big Brekkie. As a result I am now able to tell you that we collected £1831 which is slightly up on last year, but not significantly, so maybe some people didn't choose to take part in the trial.

The WCM committee would be happy to receive your comments and suggestions for next year. How many people, for example, would be happy to go back to house-to house collections? The work of Christian Aid depends on the generosity of individuals and churches to continue its wonderful work of supporting those less fortunate than ourselves in places across the world

**Thank you to all who did take part.**

**Margaret Ogden**

# Recycle your Soft Plastic



You can recycle a lot of your soft plastic waste at supermarkets.

**What is soft plastic?** Carrier bags, cling film, peel-off film from fresh fruit punnets, bubble-wrap, plastic bags used in packaging

## What soft plastic can I not recycle?

1. Dirty plastic (you can wash it before recycling)
2. Any plastic bearing one of these logos



OR



3. Compostable packaging which can be placed with food waste. This should be clearly displayed on the packaging or it will bear this (or similar) logo:

## Which supermarkets have collection points?

Leading the way with collection points in all *major* stores are:

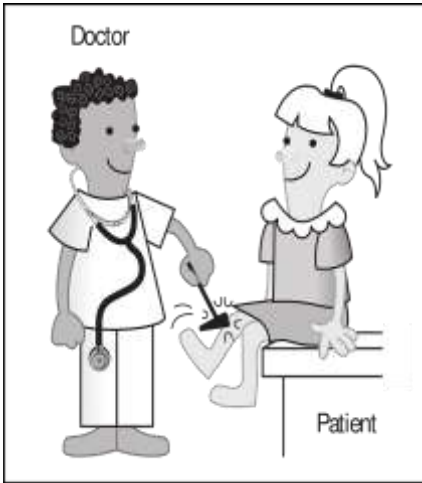


But other supermarkets are expanding their collection points so ask at your usual supermarket.

Remember the steps to reducing plastic waste are (in order of effectiveness):



## A Big Thank you for Prayers & Visits



I have recently experienced another gift of a total knee replacement. It had to be done to remove my debilitating knee joint pain. I unfortunately developed a post op infection, probably due to my rare immunological condition. This set me back 2 weeks post op and am happy to say I'm now able to 'look forward' to my physiotherapy sessions.

I had my first replacement 8 years ago. At that time I wrote in my thank you article: "What does the Bible tell

us about our experiences of pain and anxiety? One reading says: **Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7.** Jesus takes all areas of 'broken people' and his experience of the cross makes them whole again." As I convalesce I hold onto His words and say thank you Lord for your gift of healing.

I'd like to say a big thank you to our Toddlers Team who have taken charge of Tuesday Mornings, to Junior Church and Messy Church where I continue planning crafts. Pastoral care is such a support, knowing prayer is held for you in your time of need. We sometimes forget these people who diligently meet on Monday mornings to specially pray for us all, thank you team. Richard, your time is so precious, thank you for your visit, it was appreciated. Finlay, I wish there was a stronger word than thank you, you have kept me strong throughout the Covid journey of 2½ years. Thank you for your love, strength and prayerful support.

***God Bless, Gillian Galloway***



**CINEMA  
FOR ALL**

**THE IAN NEWMAN COMMUNITY FILM CLUB**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

**6.30pm refreshments : 7.00pm film**

**“WAR HORSE” 12**



**Supported by Rochdale Township**

# Rochdale Foodbank

It seems a long time since I submitted a report, so I thought I ought to bring you up to date with what has happened over the last couple of years and what the future holds.

The work of the Foodbank in Rochdale has continued throughout the Pandemic. Initially it was manned by members of the council but as restrictions were lifted, volunteers returned in restricted numbers. Clients were no longer allowed on the premises on South Parade but had to queue outside and were served at the door. This is still the case and, as client numbers have increased, there is a lot of hanging about, often in the rain. Sadly the amount of food being donated by the public has drastically reduced and much of what is given out now has to be bought in. Even in our own box which is kept at the front of church, there are far fewer donations week by week. It's as if we don't care anymore.

Our premises have been on South Parade since we opened nearly ten years ago but, hopefully by the end of June we will be moving to Newgate where the warehouse has been for about twelve months or so. The building needed a lot of work, rewiring, decorating and so on but should soon be ready. Because covid restrictions have been lifted, clients will be allowed to come into the new premises as before and we will be serving hot drinks. This will mean that we will be needing more volunteers, so if you are interested, do have a word with me or Gillian James who has recently become part of the Thursday team and is helping us to cope with the demands of ever- increasing numbers.

Please pray for the work of the Foodbank and all the volunteers who help it to run smoothly.

Thank you

*Margaret Ogden*



## Ladies Fellowship Summer Outing



After the last two years of not being able to have our summer outing, we have decided to arrange a day out for our members and friends.

Our concern has been not only people's mobility, but the rising costs of petrol which we knew would affect an increase in the cost of the coach. In order to keep costs to a minimum, we decided not to include the cost of coffee stops and meals in the charge. This will mean that people will pay their own way regarding refreshments and lunch, and the option to take a picnic is also available.



**We will be visiting Heskin Hall Shopping Village followed by Astley Hall Park. The cost will be £18.**

A sign-up sheet and further details are on the Ladies Fellowship notice board. **Payment to Linda Kerford please by 24<sup>th</sup> July.**

**Linda Kerford**

## Appeal for Recent Magazines



At Luncheon Club on Wednesdays, we like to put out some magazines in the lounge for when our guests start to arrive, but the magazines are all a bit out of date. Maybe you could help by donating your recently used magazines. I will leave a box in the office for your kind donations.

**Thanks and God bless! Debbie Wood**



# National 'Don't Step on a Bee Day' - 10<sup>th</sup> July

Bees need your help. And we need their help.

## Yellow Stripey Things That Buzz



#Pieces of Soul



### Carpenter Bee

- Acts tough but really can't hurt you•
- Lives in your fence•
- Flies aggressively to intimidate you•

### Honey Bee

- Most helpful bee•
- Very social•
- Excellent pollinator•
- Able to sting only once•



### Bumblebee

- Also pollinates stuff very well•
- So fat it's a miracle it can fly•
- More like a flying panda•
- Will let you pet it without getting agitated•



### Hoverfly

- Only looks scary•
- Can't actually hurt you•
- Hangs out in fields•
- Follows you if it likes you•



### Paper Wasp

- Looks scary, but will only attack if provoked•
- Sting hurts like a banshee•
- Will chase you if swatted•
- Has no concept of personal space•



### Yellow Jacket

- Wants your food & will fight you for it•
- Never leaves you alone•
- Will sting you just because•
- Total jerk•

Not only do bees help provide the honey, propolis and beeswax, but they also help to keep us all fed and watered. Without bees, more than a third of everything we eat would disappear from our tables.

The majority of our honey here in the UK is imported (85%), but there are also many beekeepers on our doorstep. So why not visit a near-by farm shop or deli and enjoy the precious produce of local beekeepers for breakfast?

You can also help bees by planting wildflower seeds that will provide a food supply. Download the Great British Bee Count app

created by Friends of the Earth which allows you to log the bees you spot out and about. This builds a picture of bee health and activity in the UK.

Finally, build a bee hotel! Bees need somewhere to rest when they venture out on their pollen mission. **You can find a step-by-step guide here:**

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2020/04/how-to-build-a-bee-hotel/>



# Messy Church



*Sunday 17 July 2 – 4 pm*

On the field @ Bamford Chapel and Norden URC  
Norden Road, OL11 5PQ



children

please bring an adult with you

# Toddlers' Jubilee Party

## Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022



Eighteen excited toddlers (and their carers) plus siblings still on holiday from school came to this well planned event.

Dot Craig, Elizabeth Hazlehurst, Margaret Watson and Margaret Ogden prepared the variety of treats (food) which was served in the lounge. Julie Heywood helped the children to make crowns whilst Margaret O decorated buns with red, white and blue sprinkles, helped by enthusiastic toddlers. Wendy Cotterill (a neighbour of Gillian's who helps each week) was on holiday so sadly missed the party. She did some shopping

beforehand though. Gillian made her first appearance at the group since her knee surgery. Everyone was so pleased to see her.

Again two of our local councillors, Angela Smith and Pat Sullivan came along to support the group. Gifts were handed to the youngsters as they left. They each received a balloon, pencil, medallion and a party horn.

As usual Finlay G set out the toys and duly put them away at the end of the session.

As you must know I have only been helping (?) at Toddlers for a little time. I have to tell you I am overwhelmed by the commitment from everyone involved and the skills they all have. It is a joy to be part of all this. *THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR INVOLVEMENT REGUARLY ON A TUESDAY MORNING.*

***Lesley Sutton***

# My Bacon, Tomato & Broad Bean Pasta Recipe



Broad beans are an easy vegetable to grow and SO delicious. When you harvest them in the summer or buy them in season from the greengrocer or supermarket why not try this easy recipe I came up with last year? I enjoyed it. If you have tomatoes ready to pick as well it's a perfect recipe!



## INGREDIENTS:

- Eschalions/Banana shallots peeled and chopped
- Bacon cut up into small pieces
- Broad beans (double podded- see below)
- Tomatoes on the vine (small and sweet variety)
- Pasta (I love Casarecce)
- Garlic olive oil
- Sea salt flakes and freshly ground black pepper
- Parmesan and lemon oil (optional) to serve

## METHOD:

- Double pod the broad beans- blanch in boiling water, drain and pod again revealing the tender green broad beans from inside the white casing
- Boil enough pasta for the number of people you are feeding. Whilst the pasta is cooking...
- Sauté the onions and bacon in the garlic oil adding the halved tomatoes and the broad beans, seasoning with salt flakes and freshly ground black pepper to taste.
- Drain the pasta and toss with the bacon and vegetables.



Serve in pasta bowls and add freshly ground black pepper, a drizzle of lemon oil (optional) and freshly grated Parmesan Cheese! Enjoy!

*Debbie Wood*





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