



The
United
Reformed
Church

Bamford Chapel & Norden URC



November 2023

BAMFORD CHAPEL & NORDEN URC

MISSION/VISION STATEMENT



Loving God, Serving Others,
Building Community

Worship

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

We shall share our praise and dedicate it to God.

Ministry

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

Evangelism

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

Discipleship

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

Fellowship

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

November 2023

Every Monday	7.30 - 8.30 pm	Prayer Group in the Lounge
Friday 3 November	1.30 pm - 3.30 pm	Dementia Friendly Café
Saturday 4 November	10.30 am	Preparing the Way for Jesus Shaped Church (see page 4)
Sunday 5 November	10.30 am After Church 6.30 pm	Family Worship with Communion Led by Ken Greer Christmas Fair Planning Meeting - all welcome Café Style Service
Thursday 9 November	1.30 pm - 3.30 pm	Friendship Group (All welcome) Speaker Jan Hicks "Bletchley Park"
Saturday 11 November	10.00 am - 12 noon	Big Breakfast - In aid of Persecuted Christians across the World (see page 10)
Sunday 12 November	10.30 am	Family Worship Led by Andy Platt
Tuesday 14 November	7.30 pm - 9.00 pm	Tuesday Home Group On Zoom (see page 6)
Wednesday 15 November	7.30 pm	Preparing the Way for Jesus Shaped Church (see page 4)
Saturday 18 November	6.30 pm for 7 pm	Community Film Club "Living" (see page 24)
Sunday 19 November	10.30 am 2.00 - 4.00 pm	Family Worship Led by Revd Richard Bradley Messy Church (see page 16)
Saturday 25 November	10.30 am	Preparing the Way for Jesus Shaped Church (see page 4)
Sunday 26 November	10.30 am	Family Worship Led by Lawrence Moore
Tuesday 28 November	7.30 pm - 9.00 pm	Tuesday Home Group On Zoom (see page 6)
Wednesday 29 November	7.30 pm	Preparing the Way for Jesus Shaped Church (see page 4)

Message from the Manse



It's quite amazing how the felling of the tree at Sycamore Gap has caught the public imagination. It is a symbol of the potential for destruction that is within us all. The felling enrages many of us, but I wonder how many of us actually contemplate the destructive nature that inhabits our own lives.

But it is also a symbol for hope. The National Trust report that it is a healthy tree. With luck and careful husbandry, a new sapling can grow out of the old stump. Numerous members of the public have also offered solutions. Our nation feels so pessimistic at the moment, and this news of destruction and new growth has certainly caught the public eye.

This imagery also carries the symbolism of the Jewish and Christian faiths. The prophet Isaiah says ...

**A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.
The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him -
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of might,
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord -
and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.
(Isaiah 11.1-3)**

Jesus (who lays claim to being the ONLY tree of life) was cut down in his prime by those self-same destructive forces. But he rose from the grave defeating those very forces that conspired against him.

But these words of Isaiah also have a cautionary note. God will stand with the poor and the marginalised. Those who stand against the Kingdom of God could face an existential axe of their own folly. (Isaiah 11.4-5)

Sometimes, like the Sycamore Gap tree, we might also feel pruned and cut back by the events of life. Such times of die-back can feel debilitating and depressing. However, the words of Jesus do show us that such times of pruning are actually a sign of preparation for spiritual growth: **“(God the Father) cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.” (John 15.2)**

If we are feeling crushed by the weight of things, we can also take courage from these words. The original Jesus movement was cut down at the trunk with Jesus’ crucifixion. But they found a magnified joy with the resurrection as that new shoot from Jesse’s stump - the church empowered by the Holy Spirit - emerged at Pentecost.

Keep the faith, Daniel Harris

Church Flowers



**Donations for flowers placed in church
In October were received from:**

**Linda Kerford in memory of Malcolm’s Birthday
Elizabeth Hazlehurst in memory of Paul’s Birthday
Hazel Gordon in memory of Bob’s Birthday and
their Wedding Anniversary
Angela Hall in memory of John**

Jesus-Shaped Church



DEVELOPING OUR
JESUS-SHAPED CHURCH
PRAYERFUL, WELCOMING, DEVELOPING FAITH,
REACHING OUT & CARING

As we journey together to develop our Jesus-Shaped Church, we are invited to consider more deeply what it means to be Jesus-Shaped People. To support us on this journey, we are offering opportunities for us to meet and explore what this looks like together through Sunday services led by Richard and Debbie and follow-up discussion groups using



resources.

We hope you will join us on this exciting journey in realising our vision for developing a Jesus-Shaped Church filled with Jesus-Shaped People who can reach out to promote a Jesus-Shaped World. We begin by "Preparing the Way". We hope that you can attend one of the two discussion groups HELD IN CHURCH, offered following each of the services, dates below!

SESSION	SATURDAYS 10.30am	WEDNESDAYS 7.30pm
1	30 th SEPTEMBER	18 th OCTOBER
2	4 th NOVEMBER	15 th NOVEMBER
3	25 th NOVEMBER	29 th NOVEMBER
4	16 th DECEMBER	NONE
5	20 th JANUARY	31 st JANUARY

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A Prayer for November 2023



Father God,

November is not many people's favourite month, unless there is a birthday or a delight in bonfires. Short days, sometimes dismal weather can lower our mood. The days of springtime optimism and summer sunshine seem a long way away, whether we look back or forward.

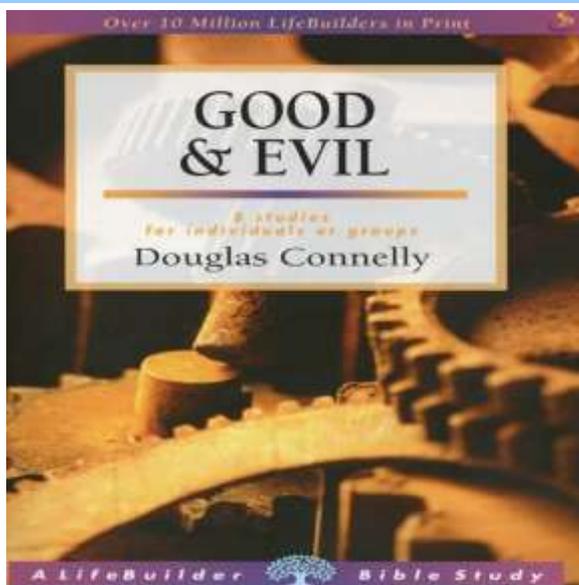
Help us Lord, whatever the month, whatever our circumstances, whatever our mood, to know the reality of Your presence and peace; to treasure each new day and know it is transformed by You into the most precious and beautiful gift. Help us not to waste a single one of them, Lord. Thank You so much for November days.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

By Daphne Kitching



Tuesday Home Group



Tuesday Homegroup – 7.30pm

We are currently exploring the theme of 'Good and Evil' using the Bible Study Book pictured.

All are welcome. We meet on Zoom on a fortnightly basis.

The dates and zoom link are:

19th September, 3rd October, 17th October,
31st October, 14th November, 28th November,
12th December (Christmas Social)

Meeting ID: 895 4958 0284

Passcode: 144171

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Christmas Fair Planning Meeting Sunday 5th November

Your help is needed to plan for this year's Christmas Fair. A meeting will be held after church on Sunday 5 November

Ideas are needed for stalls and offers of help are required, both beforehand and on the day. The success of the day is dependent on willing hands! Please speak to Linda Peacock for more information



*Bamford Chapel and Norden URC
Come and join us at our*

Christmas Fair

Saturday 2 December

10.30 am – 1.30 pm

Festive refreshments available
Stalls **Raffles and tombolas**
Games **Crafts**
Fun and fellowship

Everyone welcome!

Why be a Volunteer?



It's not for the money

It's not for the fame

It's not for any personal gain

It's just for the love of fellow man

It's just to send a helping hand

It's just to give a tithe of self

That's something you can't buy with wealth

It's not for medals won with pride

It's for that feeling deep inside

It's that reward down in your heart

It's that feeling that you've been a part

Of helping others far and near

That makes you be a Volunteer

Submitted by David Stephenson - Author Unknown

St Andrew's Day, Thursday 30 November

The last day of the Church liturgical year is set aside to give thanks for, and to celebrate, the life and work of St Andrew the Apostle, who is recognised by many Biblical scholars as the first person Jesus chose to be one of his 12 apostles. He was born in Bethsaida, Galilee about 10 years after Jesus and we know from the New Testament that he was the younger brother of Peter. The name, Andrew, is not Hebrew, as you might have expected, but Greek – the Greek culture was well known in Galilee. It means manly and brave, a characteristic that he portrayed when he was martyred for his faith in Christ around 60/70 AD.

It is said that he chose to be martyred on a cross like Jesus, although he asked to be bound to a saltire X-shaped cross as he was not worthy to die on the same shaped cross as Jesus. Today, the saltire cross is the national emblem for St Andrew in many countries where he is the patron saint, including: Cyprus, Scotland, Greece (City of Patras), Romania, Russia, Ukraine, the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, San Andres Island (Colombia), Saint Andrew (Barbados) and Tenerife (Spain).

St Andrew's image is on many stained glass windows in churches around the world and these often include a saltire cross as in the picture. *(Picture by Peter Rennie, St Andrew's Church Sonning)*

In the 'top ten' names for UK churches today, 'Andrew' is the fifth most popular after Mary, All Saints, Peter and Michael.

There are several legends from around the world about where the relics of St Andrew are buried, including in Scotland. While it is highly possible that some relics of St Andrew are now buried in Scotland, exactly who brought them is not so clear.



ACE



Big Breakfast

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& Norden United Reformed Church


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Fancy a bacon butty?

Big Breakfast



£5

bottomless
drinks and toast

Saturday
11 November
10.00 - 12.00

In aid of

Persecuted Christians across the world

 **Open Doors**
Serving persecuted Christians worldwide

& release
international
voice of persecuted christians

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

Big Breakfast continued..

We hope that many people will be able to come to the big breakfast on 11th November, which is to help persecuted Christians in many parts of the world.

Some years ago I heard a true story of a beautiful poem about the love of God, which was written on a cell wall of an anonymous Christian prisoner, and only found at a later date.

I hope you love the verse as much as I do. It often comes into my mind at night when I am awake. It has been put to music as the second verse of a hymn called 'The love of God' and is worth googling to hear it sung.

**Could we with ink the ocean fill,
and were the skies of parchment made.
Were every stalk on earth a quill,
and everyone a scribe by trade.
To write the love of God above
would drain the ocean dry.
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
though stretched from sky to sky.**

Pat Stephenson

Cancer Research UK



The Heywood and Rochdale local committee of Cancer Research UK (which includes members of our church) held a fashion show at Rochdale Golf Club when over £1500 was raised for Cancer Research. A "Big Breakfast" was also held on 14th October when a further £300 was raised. We thank the volunteers who tirelessly arrange events to raise money for a cause close to so many hearts, and for those who came to support the events.

Remembering Margaret Watson



Margaret Rose Grieve was born in Salford in October 1936. She had an older brother, Duncan, and a younger sister, Jessie, who I have been in touch with.

In her youth Margaret worked in Jersey as a hotel receptionist. Back in England she met Kenneth Watson at a local cricket match, becoming a familiar figure on the circuit, helping with afternoon teas in the pavilion. They married in 1962 and settled in Ellesmere Park, Worsley, raising their two sons Nigel and Philip. Margaret worked as a designer/seamstress in a prestigious Manchester firm, who made sure that the items on the Paris catwalk that week were in the

Market Street shops the following Monday. She got many commissions and made the bridesmaid dresses for Jessie's wedding.

I met Margaret in 1980 when we were both building our own homes on Bowling Green Way. Sadly, Margaret and Ken divorced around 1985 and our friendship deepened, going on many enjoyable mini holidays. My Bill didn't mind, as he was an avid golfer. We even went to see the Monet exhibition at the Royal Academy, and afterwards afternoon tea at the Ritz!

In the 1990's we were part of the Luncheon Club team at Chapel, which we enjoyed very much. Margaret also attended the Blind Centre on Manchester Road and made many friends. She also worked for many years as receptionist at our own lovely Town Hall. One day I was invited as her guest for lunch in the Mayor's parlour!

Philip married Claire and they have a daughter Megan and a son Felix. Nigel married Kati and they have a son Joe.

Margaret attended Chapel when she was able and became an attendee at our lovely Luncheon Club. In 2022 Margaret rented a flat at the Willows Dementia Hub, due to failing mobility. After Christmas I was told that she was in Hurstead Care Home, where I and other ladies from Chapel visited her. Pat Stephenson was in regular contact with Margaret.

Recently Margaret had been having one-to-one care and was moved in August to Braeside Nursing Home, Smallbridge. She sadly deteriorated and was taken to Fairfield Hospital where she passed away on September 19th. I know that she will be deeply missed by her family and friends, and remembered fondly by all who knew her.

Irene Lucas

Café Style Service



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)

A Trip to Namibia



As I'm sure most of you are aware, I travelled to Namibia this summer along with Addie and Barbara Redmond, their grandson Jacob and my youngest daughter Rosie.

We spent over two weeks staying at a Leonard Cheshire Home in the Zambezi Region in the north of the country. Barbara and Addie had spent a lot of time providing support and friendship to the Cheshire Home when they lived in Namibia. Rosie and I worked alongside the physiotherapist Jesse to provide Occupational and Physiotherapy intervention to outpatients in the mornings, including helping to run a wheelchair/specialist seating clinic and in the afternoons, after the children came home from school, we provided therapy support to the children living at the Cheshire Home. We also went out with the children's nurse to visit children with severe



disabilities who were unable to attend the Cheshire Home due to the level of their needs.

Whilst we were providing therapy Barbara and Addie were visiting schools that they had previously worked in, and catching up with their many inspirational friends whom I now have the pleasure to also call my friends. Testament to the relationships Barbara and Addie have in Namibia we were made most welcome wherever we went, we learnt new skills and feel that we were able to pass on some of our skills too to the benefit of the children and young people we met.

Jacob was a star, certainly being very popular with all the children at the Cheshire Home, he played sports, took photos and entertained. We spent many hours with the children doing crafts and just being together enjoying the company of each other.

I can honestly say this was the best experience I have ever had; the Cheshire Home is a truly special place where everyone is valued, included, encouraged to be the best that they can be and above all loved. I am so thankful to have had the opportunity to visit and certainly hope to return.

We also travelled throughout Namibia enjoying the Etosha Game Park, climbing the sand dunes, crossing the Tropic of Capricorn, star gazing in the Gamsberg Mountains, as well as a day trip to Zimbabwe to see Victoria Falls and a wild game drive; courtesy of Addie along the River Chobe in Botswana. Namibia is a fascinating country of great contrasts, with a lot to see and do, the people are welcoming and keen to share their beautiful country.

Thanks again, Carole Greaves (on behalf of Addie, Barbara, Jacob and Rosie)

(Photographs shared with permission from Cheshire Home, Zambezi Region, Namibia)

Messy Church

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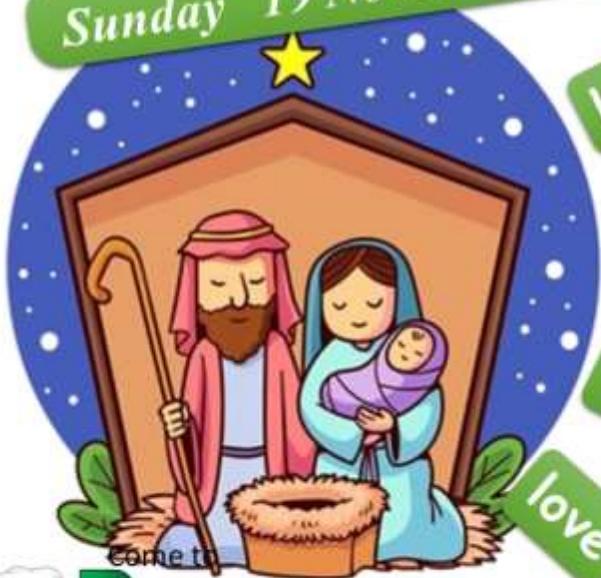

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**ALL
ARE
WELCOME**

Let's Get Ready!

Sunday 19 November 2 – 4 pm



hope

peace

joy

love

Menu

Hot dogs



Professor
Potty's

Lab

children

Follow us on



please bring an adult with you
BC&N URC Messy Church

Christian Barnard the First Transplant Surgeon



100 years ago this month, on 8th November 1923, Christian Barnard, the South African cardiac surgeon, was born. He made history when he carried out the first successful human heart transplant in 1967.

Barnard qualified in medicine at the University of Cape Town in 1946. After practising for several years in Cape Town, he moved to the USA in 1955, where he worked at the University of Minnesota, partly with the open-heart surgery pioneer, Walt Lillehei.

Barnard returned to South Africa in 1958 as head of the Department of Experimental Surgery at the Groote Schuur Hospital in Cape Town. It was here that he established a successful open-heart surgery programme.

In 1967 Barnard led the team that performed the world's first human-to-human heart transplant. The heart of Denise Darvall, an accident victim, was placed into the chest of 54-year-old Louis Washkansky, who then regained full consciousness and could even talk easily.

Sadly, he died 18 days later of pneumonia, probably caused by the anti-rejection drugs which had suppressed his immune system. In all, four of Barnard's first 10 patients survived for more than a year, with two of them living on for 13 and 23 more years respectively.

Barnard retired as head of the Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery in Cape Town in 1983. He was only 61, but rheumatoid arthritis in his hands ended his surgical career. During his remaining years, Barnard established the Christian Barnard Foundation, helping underprivileged children worldwide. He died in 2001, aged 78.



RHS Rochdale in Bloom



Congratulations to the Garden Gang and the payback team for achieving
“Level 5 Outstanding”
for the 3rd year in a row.

Thanks for all the hard work that is carried out throughout the year to keep our grounds looking so neat and tidy. A well deserved award.

Friendship Group



On 12 October the Friendship Group met to make up Christmas Boxes for children in Ukraine. Some shoe boxes had already been covered with Christmas paper as we have done previously, but new ready-made boxes were provided to be assembled, and will also be used in the future. Having a uniform box size means that they pack together more easily for transporting. Carol Hartley thanked everyone for their contributions. Sixty boxes were filled and £120 was donated towards the cost of transportation.



Happy Birthday King Charles!



King Charles was born 75 years ago this month, on 14th November 1948, at Buckingham Palace in London. He was the longest-serving monarch-in-waiting in British history and did not ascend the throne until he was 73, following the death of his mother in September 2022.

Charles was crowned in the first coronation in seven decades, on 6th May 2023. His current title is King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

But King Charles has also become head of the Commonwealth, an association of 56 independent countries and 2.5 billion people. For 14 of these countries, as well as the UK, the King is head of state. These countries are known as the Commonwealth realms. They are Australia, Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Belize, Canada, Grenada, Jamaica, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, St Christopher and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Solomon Islands, and Tuvalu.



A new kind of Remembrance poppy



For the first time in 28 years, there is a new kind of poppy for Remembrance Sunday this year: it is plastic free.

Director of the Poppy Appeal, Andy Taylor-Whyte explains: “We are very proud to introduce the plastic-free poppy. It will not only enable people to support our Armed Forces community but also continues the RBL’s commitment to sustainability.”

The new poppy has been three years in the development and making. The aim was to reduce the use of single-use plastic and to “be economical, sustainable, and less impactful to the environment.”

The new poppy design has a 40% smaller carbon footprint, and is made from “bespoke red and green paper.” The paper comes from a blend of renewable fibres, 50 per cent of which has been recovered from the waste used in the production of coffee cups.

The plastic-free poppy will be available alongside remaining stocks of the current poppy, to reduce any waste of poppies already produced. Poppies containing single-use plastic can be returned to Sainsbury’s stores for recycling.



Be a stained-glass window

**People are like stained glass windows.
We glow and sparkle when it is sunny and bright outside.
But it is only when the sun goes down that our true beauty is
revealed – and then only if there is a light deep within us
– the light of God.**

Friendship Group

The next meeting will be held in Church

On Thursday 9th November

1.30 - 3.30 pm

Speaker Jan Hicks

“Bletchley Park”

All Welcome

Christmas Cards for sale



For Sale Christmas cards.

Just 10p each or 12 for £1.

**Every penny donated to support the work of Bamford
Chapel and Norden URC.**

There is an honesty box for your payment.

Thank you - Louise

Concert in Memory of Mike Lucas



On 30th September the Nightingale Singers gave a wonderful concert, organised by Rochdale Rotary, in memory of Mike Lucas, a member of both Rochdale Rotary and Bamford Chapel & Norden URC. Approximately 90 people attended the concert and a raffle was held. £1000 was raised, £500 of which was donated to Bamford Chapel & Norden URC's general fund, and £500 to the Church Dementia Café.

Thank you to all who made this a happy and successful event.

Think about it

As you grow older, make sure you don't regret the chances you didn't take, the relationships you were afraid to have, and the decisions you waited too long to take.

Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realize how big and important they were.



**CINEMA
FOR ALL**

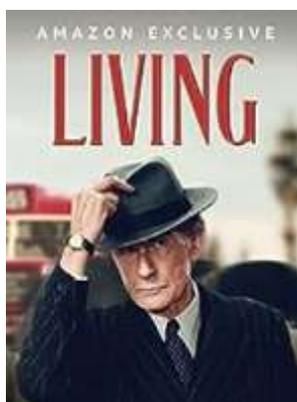
**The Ian Newman Community Film Club
at Bamford Chapel and Norden URC,
Norden Road, ROCHDALE. OL11 5PQ**

Saturday 18th November 2023

6.30pm refreshments : 7.00pm film

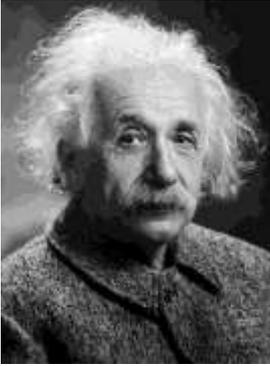
Admission £3

“LIVING” 2022 12



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Be a Barnabas - Encourage One Another



Paul Hardingham considers the power that each of us has been given - to help others.

'You'll never amount to much' said a Munich schoolteacher to the ten-year-old Albert Einstein. Good thing that he did not listen – and instead went on to prove his teacher wrong!

Just as children need encouragement, so do God's children. St Paul urged the Christians in his young churches to *'encourage one another.'* (1 Thess 5:11). In the Upper Room, Jesus used the same word to describe the Holy Spirit, meaning one *'called alongside to help'*.

When we encourage others, we exercise a ministry like that of the Spirit to each other. In Acts we read of Joseph, a wealthy Levite from Cyprus. We know him better by his nickname Barnabas, which means *'Son of Encouragement'* (Acts 4:36). How did Barnabas encourage others?

He was an example of *generous giving* (Acts 4:36-7), when he sold property and offered the money to the church for those in need. In the midst of a caring and sharing community, he was singled out as a symbol of generosity. Are we prepared to be generous to those in need around us?

He later gave *encouragement to a new Christian* in the person of Paul (Acts 9:27). After Paul's conversion and aware of his reputation, Barnabas came alongside Paul and brought him into the fellowship of the Church. Are we ready to help those who are new to the faith to find a place in our church?

Finally, Barnabas was sent to the church in Antioch and there *'saw the evidence of the grace of God'* (Acts 11:23). Here was a church which brought together Jewish and Gentile believers together for the first time. Like Barnabas, are we able to rejoice when we see God doing new things? Are we also willing to encourage others to embrace these things and facilitate change?

Don't forget, *'In the middle of every difficulty lies opportunity.'* (Albert Einstein).

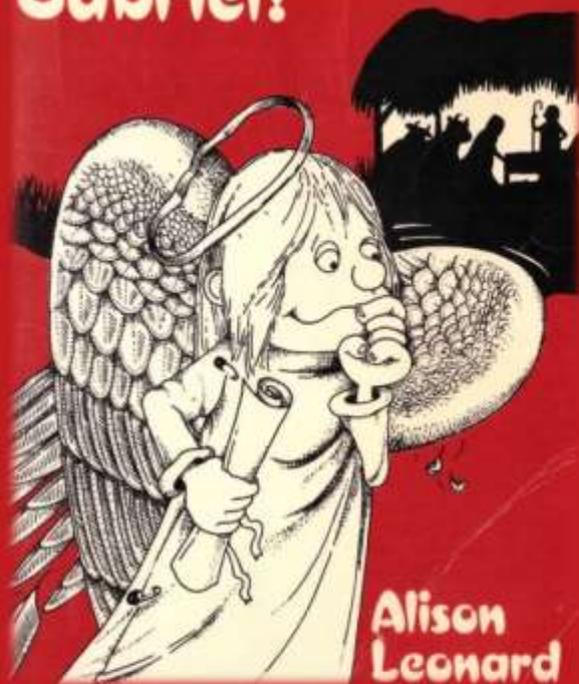


Christmas Play - Sunday 3 December



Food For Thought drama group presents

You've got it wrong again, Gabriel!



Alison
Leonard

Sunday 3 December 2023
18.30

It's fun, makes you think and it's FREE

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

The Son of God

By Jeffrey Archer

He was born in a barn, his father a carpenter, and his mother a decent woman, but they were of no significance and certainly couldn't have afforded to give the boy a private education. And yet, as a teenager he was arguing the toss with his elders and betters in the council chambers.

He never got a proper job, just roamed around the countryside, unshaven, and living off bread and water and the occasional fish, while offering his opinion to those who cared to listen.

He became the manager of a football team known as The Disciples, not one of them a star, in fact the twelfth man rather let the side down by accepting a transfer fee of thirty pieces of silver to play for the opposition.

The authorities eventually arrested him as a rabble-rouser, but couldn't decide what to charge him with, other than the fact he claimed he was the Son of God.

They strung him up with a couple of criminals, and when he finally gave up the ghost, rather assumed that would be the last they heard of him.

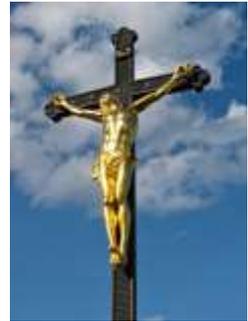
The Disciples were relegated at the end of the season, in fact the captain claimed on more than one occasion that he'd never been a member of His team.

When he died at the age of thirty-three, there were no obituaries in the local press reporting his achievements, no glossy supplements highlighting his colourful career, no radio programmes to discuss his legacy, and no box sets recording any of his miracles.

But then, He's never relied on focus groups to advise him on current trends, or advertising gurus to spend millions promoting his brand, or spin doctors to sharpen his image, and he didn't require social media to keep his followers up to date, so you could be forgiven for assuming he'd be forgotten in a few days.

So how can one explain that over two thousand years later, Jesus Christ is still the best-known celebrity on earth?

Could it just be that He was the Son of God? **(Submitted by Steve Lawley)**



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** 14th & 28th November
7.30 - 9.00 pm On Zoom (see page 6)
- Thursday:** **Friendship Group** 2nd Thursday in the month
1.30 - 3.30 pm 9th November (see page 22)
- Heritage Group** 2nd Thursday in the month
7.30 pm 9th November
- Friday** **Dementia Friendly Café** 1st Friday in the month
1.30 - 3.30 pm 3rd November
- Saturday:** **Ian Newman** 3rd Saturday in the month
Community Film Club 18th November
6.30 pm for 7.00 pm film - (see page 24)

For further information please see website www.bcnchurch.org.uk
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