



Bamford Chapel & Norden URC



October 2017

BAMFORD CHAPEL & NORDEN URC

MISSION/VISION STATEMENT



Worship

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

We shall share our praise and dedicate it to God.

Ministry

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

Evangelism

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

Discipleship

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

Fellowship

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



October 2017

Sunday 1st October	10.30 am	Family Worship with Communion Led by Revd Richard Bradley
	6.30 pm	Informal Evening Worship Led by Revd Richard Bradley
Tuesday 3 rd October	8.00 pm	Tuesday Home Group (Venue to be decided)
Thursday 5 th October	7.30 pm	Elders' Meeting (Please pray for the Elders)
Sunday 8th October	10.30 am	Family Worship Led by Revd Richard Bradley
	6.30 pm	Formal Evening Worship Led by Dot Craig
Monday 9th October	7.30 pm	Reformation Talk in Church by the Revd Dr John Parry (see page 14) (refreshments to follow the talk)
Sunday 15th October	10.30 am	Family Worship Led by Revd Richard Bradley
	6.30 pm	Informal Evening Worship & Communion Led by Revd Richard Bradley
Tuesday 17 th October	8.00 pm	Tuesday Home Group (Venue to be decided)
Sunday 22nd October	10.30 am	Family Worship Led by Margaret Ogden
	6.30 pm	Formal Evening Worship Led by Anne Fitton
Sunday 29th October	10.30 am	Family Worship Led by Ken Greer
	6.30 pm	Informal Evening Worship Led by Cath Atkinson
Tuesday 31 st October	8.00 pm	Tuesday Home Group At the Manse
NB: For weekly Prayer Meetings/Prayer Walks see page 5		

Weekday Opportunities for Learning & Sharing Fellowship

- Monday:** 9.00 am Monday Maintenance Gang
(who do work in or around the building)
10.00 am Pastoral Meeting
1.30 pm Bridge Club
7.30 pm Focus on Prayer (God Squad Room)
8.00 pm Monday Night Home Group
- Tuesday:** 9.00 – 11.00 am Toddlers' Group
From 6.00 pm Rainbows, Brownies, Guides
7.00 pm Choir Practice
- Wednesday:** 6.45 pm Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association
7.30 pm Home Group 'Exploring the Bible'
- Thursday:** 10.00 am Community Coffee Morning
- Friday:** Beavers, Cubs and Scouts
- Sunday:** 7.30 pm God Squad (for Teenagers)

Fortnightly & Monthly Opportunities

- Monday: Joy Group 30th October**
6.30 pm at Dolce Vita (optional) then
7.30 pm at 17 Bamford Mews
- Tuesday: Stillness & Sharing 3rd & 17th October**
2.30 pm in the Lounge
- Home Group 3rd, 17th & 31st Oct**
8.00 pm (venue to be decided)
- Thursday: Ladies' Fellowship 19th October (see page 10)**
7.45 pm at Chapel (NB Change of date)
Entry £3
- Saturday: Ian Newman Community Film Club**
6.45 pm at Chapel **21st October (see page 11)**
(3rd Saturday in the month)

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

Message from the Minister

Many of you will be aware that we are going to be officially welcoming Cath Atkinson a student at Northern Theological College. She will carry out her major placement with us as part of her 3rd and 4th year of training for Stipendiary Ministry. Some of you met Cath on Sunday 30th July when she was introduced to the congregation and I asked her a few questions.

Cath will be with us for 8 hours per week in her 3rd year and about 10 hours per week in her 4th year. This may vary depending on her workload and essay deadlines at college. It may be that some weeks she comes for less time and is here for longer on other weeks.

Cath will not be able to do everything straight away! I know groups will be keen to invite her to be involved. Cath and I (with support from the College) will discuss what she hopes to achieve and what she wants/needs experience in doing. I know Cath is keen to visit all the groups in church but this could take some time. Preparation for worship is included in her hours with us. So it may be that if she is taking a full service then most of her 8 or 10 hours could be taken up with planning.

As I said to the Elders and to the Church I see this as a two-way process. We will be able to offer her a vast array of experience from which Cath will learn. We in turn will learn from her as well. I know I am looking forward to what I will learn from her experience and her training thus far. I see this as beneficial to both the church and to Cath.

Cath and I have yet to meet to discuss some goals up to Christmas. I will have Supervisors' days at the College where I, and other supervisors from other placement churches, will learn what is expected of us.

I am looking forward to the new journey God will take us on and I hope that we and Cath find this a beneficial time and a time of growth and learning as we seek to continue to seek God's mission and live out our faith as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Thanks and God Bless - Richard

Evening Services

As I write this article we have had three services at the new time and two of those three services have been the “informal” type. The first was led by Anne Fitton and was on the theme of “praise and worship”. The comments and feedback to Anne and me has been positive and the service was welcomed. On the 17th September Richard led a service on the theme of “thanksgiving” as it was the day when we had our Harvest Service.

I encourage you to come along and experience this new format of service. The services listed as “formal” are as they were when we had a 6pm service. With the “informal” services we are trying to use different ways and styles of worship. Some weeks the services may be upbeat and interactive. Other weeks they may be more quiet and reflective. Come along and experiences the different ways of worshipping God! **(Services are now at 6.30pm!)**

Date	Service	Preacher/leader
1 st October	Informal	Revd Richard Bradley
8 th October	Formal	Dot Craig
15 th October	Informal (Communion)	Revd Richard Bradley
22 nd October	Formal	Anne Fitton
29 th October	Informal	Cath Atkinson
5 th November	Formal	David Watson
12 th November	Informal	Revd Richard Bradley
19 th November	Formal (Communion)	Revd Richard Bradley
26 th November	Informal	Joan Warner
3 rd December	Formal	Revd Richard Bradley
10 th December	Informal (Communion)	Revd Richard Bradley
17 th December	Formal (Carol Service)	Revd Richard Bradley & the
24 th December	Midnight Communion	Revd Richard Bradley
31 st December	No Evening Service	No Evening Service

Prayer Meetings / Prayer Walks

As I write this article we have had 5 prayer walks in the community and we have delivered 656 cards on 27 roads and have prayed for each of the roads as well.

It is great to be out in the community as a visible presence of the Church in Action. Please pray that God would continue to bless this ministry.

Day, date and time	Prayer Walk or prayer	Chapel or God Squad Room?
Friday 6 th October 7.30pm – 8.45pm	Prayer Walk	Chapel
Monday 9 th October 7.30pm – 8.30pm	Cancelled due to Reformation talk	
Monday 16 th October 7.30pm – 8.45pm	Prayer Walk	Chapel
Monday 23 rd October 7.30pm – 8.30pm	Prayer Meeting	God Squad Room
Friday 3 rd November 7.30pm – 8.45pm	Prayer Walk	Chapel
Monday 6 th November 7.30pm – 8.30pm	Prayer Meeting	God Squad Room
Monday 13 th November 7.30pm – 8.45pm	Prayer Walk	Chapel
Friday 24 th November 7.30pm – 8.45pm	Prayer Walk	Chapel
Monday 27 th November 7.30pm – 8.30pm	Prayer Meeting	God Squad Room
Monday 4 th December 7.30pm – 8.45pm	Prayer Walk	Chapel
Monday 11 th December 7.30pm – 8.30pm	Prayer Meeting	God Squad Room

Advanced Notice of a Christmas Service.....

I hope to run a child friendly service on Christmas Eve afternoon. Perhaps about 4pm. It will be a Christingle Service of some description. The service won't just be for children: everyone is welcome. This is something we have not done before on Christmas Eve in my time here.



Thanks, Richard



Chapel Project 2017 Devi Prasad School Pokharathok, Nepal

On Sunday 10 September we launched the 2017 Chapel Project. We are raising money to pay for a Science Lab in the Devi Prasad School, in a poor village in Nepal. Depending on the exchange rate we need to raise about £6,000. At the

service Maureen and Michael Hawksworth told us about the school and about life in Pokharatok Village. Children have to pay for education in Nepal but Maureen and Michael raise money to provide scholarships for the children who cannot afford it which is a high proportion of the children in the village. Maureen raises money by selling jewellery that a group of women make and also bags and blankets. During the service the congregation were asked to write any questions on post-it notes.

The service was followed by a lunch with lasagne, baked potatoes, fillings and salads followed by fruit. Maureen and Michael answered a couple of the question and there will be more answers to the questions in the next magazine. The lunch raised £160 which gave a good start to the project. Thank you to all those who attended.

**A date for your diaries - Thursday 23rd November
Annual project fundraising meal at Bury College**

Barbara Redmond

On behalf of the Church in the World Group

Reap a Good Harvest



If you've been out and about in the countryside in recent months, you'll have noticed that there was a bumper crop of blackberries and other fruit this year. That was no accident. It was because, from Spring onwards, there has been just the right amount of heat

and cold, rain and sun, to make the plants bring forth their best.

It's the same when we are making Jesus known. Only God knows if the people we meet are ready to respond to the Gospel. We might be simply planting a seed, and that person still has years to go, or it may be that the person is finally ready to become a follower of Jesus.

This autumn, as we prepare for Christmas, let's be intentional – praying for friends and family members who don't yet know Jesus. Let's ask God for opportunities to sensitively share the Good News of Jesus. And let's be ready to serve and speak in Jesus name.



by Roy Crowne, executive Director of HOPE 2018

"One's philosophy is not best expressed in words; it's expressed in the choices we make. In the long run, we shape our lives and we shape ourselves. The process never ends until we die. And the choices we make are ultimately our responsibility"

Eleanor Roosevelt



Love (Mt 22:34-40)

When we don't know what to do,
when we don't know where to turn,
how to deal with that situation,
how to manage that difficult person,
Jesus says,

LOVE, love, love.

Receive my love.

Know my reality in your heart,
then reach out and love.

Love God,
love others,
love yourself
and everything will change.

Jesus says love will do it.
Believe Him!

By Daphne Kitching



Ladies Fellowship

14th September

Bamford Chapel Archives



Our first meeting of the 2017/2018 programme was led by our very own Louise Aspinall in her role as Bamford Chapel Archivist.

She started getting our brains to work with a quiz on chapel events and when they took place.

A workout for the memory and an eye opener as we learned how time has flown quicker than we thought. Louise showed photos of the changes made at chapel and talked about the very big task of digitalising records. She also gave thanks to Gillian Galloway for her endeavours in laboriously scanning the documents. We were shown two of the old books which had been repaired by experts and told of others that also needed repairing. A table was laden with documents and many photographs for us to peruse at the end of the evening and Louise asked for our help in naming some of the people in the photos, which some of the fellowship members did happily.

A request for additional photos and for people to write up their memories of events at chapel was also made. In fact this appeal is open to all members and visitors to Bamford Chapel.

There is a lot of archive material that needs to be sorted, including hundreds of magazines going back nearly 100 years, and Louise asked for help in sorting through all the archive material. It was hoped that an Archive Group would be set up in the near future to start on this enormous task, so watch out for news in the magazine (see page 23) or service sheets.

Next month (**Thursday 19th October**) we will be filling the Belarus Christmas boxes as we do each year and in November we will be learning how to make Christmas Angels. Why not join us at one of our meetings.



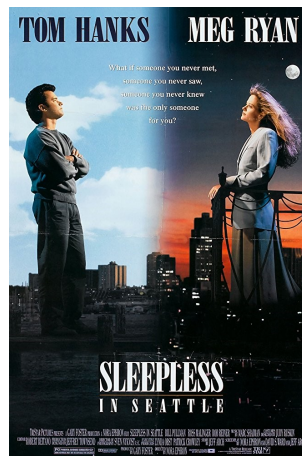
Linda Kerford



The Ian Newman Community Film Club

A large, enthusiastic audience, plus Ian’s family, enjoyed the Gala Opening of the Ian Newman Community Film Club. The red carpet was rolled out and guests were greeted by the “Master of Ceremonies”. The film (Back to the Future) was preceded by Fairtrade light refreshments and an opportunity to chat with friends old and new. Thanks are due to all those who have contributed in any way to this new venture, but particularly to Councillor Pat Sullivan for her support both before and at the Gala Opening, and to Pat Anderson for her humorous song “The Usherette”.

Please come and join us for
“SLEEPLESS IN SEATTLE” (PG)
on Saturday 21st October
6.45 pm Fair Trade refreshments
7.30 pm Film Starts
Admission £3.00



Christmas Eve Midnight Communion



We are in need of a musician (pianist or organist) to play for our midnight communion service on Christmas Eve. The service starts at 11.30pm and ends no later than 12.30am. If you are able to play please speak to me.

Thanks, Richard



What's a *Pantivity*? You may well ask. It's a *Nativity* story delivered in the form of a *pantomime*.

It will be performed on **3 and 4 Feb 2018** and we

are offering *you* *you* the opportunity to be involved!

"Wow, thanks I'd love to. What do you need?" I hear you ask. Well here's a list for you to choose from:

- Acting
- Lighting/sound
- Costumes
- Props
- Front of House
- Publicity
- Ticket sales

When you have made your selection, please sign up "under the clock."

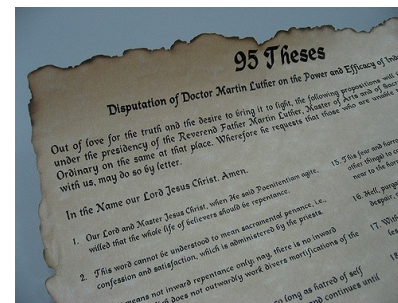
500th Anniversary of the Reformation



October 31st marks the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther nailing his 95 Theses to the Wittenberg church door in 1517, signalling the start of the Protestant Reformation. He was protesting against the practice of indulgences, where the good deeds of the saints could be purchased to reduce time spent in purgatory, before arriving in heaven. For Luther, this cheapened grace, repentance and forgiveness: 'You can't buy God's friendship!'

Luther rediscovered the truths of God's grace: 'For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed – a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: 'The righteous will live by faith'.' (Romans 1:17). He recognised that righteousness (being right with God) and forgiveness is not earned by good works, but faith. The undeserved love of God and his acceptance is a matter of trust. This challenge to the church of Luther's day remains so today! At the Diet (Council) of Worms, he refused to recant his views: 'Here I stand; I can do no other!'

Luther stood for the free forgiveness of the gospel, by which God accepts us because of the death of Jesus on our behalf to deal with our sin. Is this what we believe? Only trusting Jesus can make us right with God. **We will continue to get things wrong, but God never gives up on us!**



Churches Together in North West Rock
500th Anniversary c

'Reformed and Reforming - what does

The speaker is: Re
(formerly of Northern Theolo

On: Monday 9th October at 7.30

At: Bamford Chapel and Norden URC

All Wel



ochdale invite you to a talk to mark the
/ of the Reformation

es it mean to be 'Reformed' today?'

Revd Dr John Parry

ological College, Manchester)

.30pm followed by refreshments





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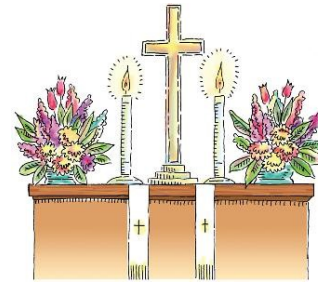
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Church Flowers

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

-  Mike Lucas in memory of Doreen
-  Irene Lucas for her grandson Robert
-  Robert & Jean Foster in memory of Marjorie & Ken
-  Brenda Griffiths to celebrate her birthday



Foodbank Update

Total No Vouchers	332
Total No Adults Fed	407
Total No Children Fed	212
Total Food Weighed In	2329.7k
Total Food Weighed Out	3923.25k

August 2017 compared with August 2016 shows an increase of 35 vouchers.

Kind regards
Ian M Sandiford
Rochdale Foodbank Volunteer
Coordinator



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

Thanks to God For Answered Prayers

We would like to thank everyone for your concerns, thoughts and prayers for our son David and family (who live in Florida) during the recent devastating hurricane "Irma".



All are safe and damage to their home is being repaired.

We continue to pray for those who have been affected by this disaster.

May God bless you all

Sheila and Stephen Lawley

<p style="text-align: center;">Matilda the Musical Wednesday 2.30 pm 24th October 2018</p> <p>I have an option on tickets for half term next year which must be confirmed by 24th October 2017. Tickets cost £55 with no reduction for children – sorry, no under 5s can be admitted. Full details are on the notice board by the toilets. I am hoping for an extension of the date by which the tickets must be paid for in full.</p> <p>I still have tickets available, so come on folks – give your children/grandchildren a real treat next October half term.</p> <p>Thanks Ian Sturrock</p>

MUSIC AT LUNCHTIME

I wrote in the magazine a few months ago about the series of concerts that begins in October. In all the years that we have held concerts, the season has run from October to March. We moved from the first Tuesday in the month to the second because sometimes the first Tuesday in January came very close to New Year's Day, so you will always find us in action on the 2nd Tuesdays – easy, we hope, to remember!

The full programme was published in the July/August magazine and is now available in a handy leaflet form that Margaret Ogden has produced for us. Please make these available as widely as possible to friends who may be interested. If you cannot find one in the coffee area, Mike Lucas or I have copies.

It is our policy to find the best possible performers at the price we can afford, and this year has been no exception. Let me just mention now our first three programmes: I will still remind you of each one as it comes round.



On **10th October**, we welcome the return of the **Chris Holmes Jazz Trio**. This highly talented group of a highly professional standard should get us off to a splendid start – provided we are here in the numbers they deserve.

On **14th November**, we will enjoy the first visit to Bamford of the **A4 Brass Quartet**. When Mike and I first heard them last winter in Whitworth, they won us over with the quality and the variety of their music, and I count us very fortunate to have persuaded them to come here for, by their expectations, a modest fee. You will not be disappointed.



Then on **12th December** we are to be host to yet another group that have come together through the Royal Northern College of Music.. This is the **Prima Wind Quintet**. More information about them in the December magazine.



We on the committee believe we are bringing to Bamford Chapel and Norden URC some of the best music around. The ladies who work very hard to provide lunches have our lasting gratitude, because taken together the lunches and concerts are really very joyous events. But we need you, our audience, not just to pay our way and reward our artistes generously, but to create with us an ambience that is truly heartening. So put us in your diaries now for the whole season, and bring friends as well!



Walter Brisk


Bamford Chapel & Norden URC
Music at Lunchtime

Tuesday 10th October
1- 2 pm

Chris Holmes Jazz Trio



Concert Ticket £4

Reasonably priced Lunch Available from 12.15 pm


The Summer Fair



We started July with our Summer Fair,
which was officially opened by the
Mayor!

But long before, it all began
with Julie and Clair coordinating the
plan.

At a meeting it was all agreed
just how things would proceed.
Into Church donations were arriving;
Samantha got on with the advertising.
People signed up to volunteer
to ensure it would be a day of summer
cheer.
Into piles, all that had been given was
sorted;
only by the weather could we possibly
be thwarted!

The day arrived with clouds of grey
for sunshine we could only pray.

Whilst tables and chairs were carried outside
the kitchen gang mixed toppings for sandwiches inside.

Marquees were erected by a determined team
as stalls were filled, all looked supreme!

Balloons and bunting a welcome waved
to all those who came along to support the day.

Up above the sky was now blue,
our prayers answered, the sun shone too!

The brass band and community choir
performed to lift spirits even higher.
With smiles and laughter everyone came,
children enjoying playing games;
Plants, crafts, gifts, sweets, raffles and more
Something for everyone, that's for sure!

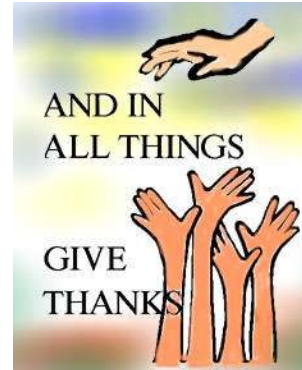
A stop off at the cafe to meet and chat,
to listen to the music, to take a moment to
stand back

and MARVEL at what our community can
achieve:

Through our teamwork and spirit and of
course what we believe.

Each with our gifts, God brings us together
let's thank the Lord for a day we can
treasure!

Debbie Wood



Preserve it with a Photo

Do you struggle with clutter? Many of us have so much STUFF in our homes. But the stuff reminds us of various events in our lives, and brings back precious memories that we can't bear to lose. So, what do we do?



One solution may be to take some photographs of those possessions, and then de-clutter a bit. That idea came out of recent extensive research at Pennsylvania State University.

As one researcher explained: 'What people really don't want to give up are the memories associated with the item. We found that people are more willing to give up these possessions if they have a way of keeping the memory and the identity associated with that memory.'





Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers from Bamford Chapel and Norden URC. I am having to miss services until after my hernia operation as I find it so painful to sit for lengthy periods. Walking is fine and so is lying down but sitting can be agonising. I am looking forward to returning to Chapel in the not too distant future.

Sarah Gall

A LITTLE DIFFERENT ???? ?

Here are seven questions. The answers will be an amount in pre-decimal coinage. Can you still recall pounds, shillings and pence? When you have answered the questions and put in the individual amounts you should arrive at the total of £31 6s 2d.

Here are the questions [answers next month]

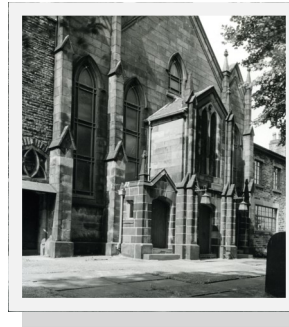
- ♥ A Royal hat
- ♥ An ailing sea creature
- ♥ A bicycle
- ♥ A type of pig
- ♥ A stone
- ♥ Mars, Saturn and Jupiter
- ♥ A singer



LESLEY SUTTON

Heritage Group

Your help is needed to protect and preserve the heritage of Bamford Chapel and Norden URC.



A group of us plan to meet one evening per fortnight to :

- Sort through the many copies of the magazines.*
- Identify the people, events and dates on our collection of photographs.*
- Collect additional photographs and memorabilia .*
- Digitise and organise our archives.*

This is a fascinating way to spend an hour or two of your time. If you are interested in getting involved please see Louise Aspinall or Finlay and Gillian Galloway.

You are sure to unearth many fascinating facts.

Provisional first date is

Thursday 19th October at 7.00 pm.

Please check on the noticeboard "under the clock" for further information.

Carol Hartley would like
to invite you to a

Coffee Morning



At Trinity Methodist Church

Bethel Street

Heywood

On Friday 20th October

(Please note the change of day to Friday)

10 am - 1 pm

In aid of
The Children of Belarus

Bring & Buy Stall
Raffle

Admission £1

Children of Swaziland

*Please could you thank, on our behalf,
all the committee of the Church in the
World Group for organising the
fundraising dinner at Bury College. We
will spend the money wisely. The
proceeds are now safely tucked away in
our "Swazi" bank account to go with us
next Easter*

Love - Pauline and Bernard Thompson

* We would like to thank *
* GOLDEN everyone for the cards, *
* WEDDING gifts and good wishes we *
* received on the occasion *
* of our Golden Wedding. We enjoyed *
* various events throughout the year *
* but celebrated the day with a family *
* meal at Madisons. Obviously we *
* missed the Kuwait side of the family *
* as Stephen, Becky, Dylan and Reuben *
* spent their summer this year in Bali. *
* Love - Linda and Charlie Peacock *

World Challenge Uganda 2017

As some of you may be aware, I spent almost three weeks of my summer in Uganda on a World Challenge expedition, which had taken two years to plan, and nearly as long to fundraise for the trip. I would firstly like to extend not only my own thank you, but those of the Kyengeza Muslim School, where we spent most of our time whilst in Uganda; to everyone who donated either money or time along the way to make this all possible.

Upon arriving at the Kyengeza Muslim School, we found ourselves sat in a dusty, dark and desolate classroom with only a blackboard for inspiration. Suddenly, the room burst into life with the sound of music; choral voices, handmade drums and dancing feet created a spectacle which I hadn't even imagined before boarding the plane to Entebbe, Uganda. The enthusiasm shown by the young children, aged between four and sixteen, didn't relinquish throughout the whole week. Whether they were cleaning the classrooms or participating in PE, the same smiles were present across the faces of the students at all times.



During our time at the school we were tasked with plastering the bare brick classroom walls. This involved: pumping and carrying water from the village water pump (a task which I found surprisingly relaxing); mixing the sand and cement to make the plaster, with no electric cement mixer in sight; and applying the plaster to the walls. Once completed, this will give the

young people the opportunity to learn and progress in a dust free environment, leading to more time being spent on teaching and learning as opposed to cleaning, which was formerly needed both before and after morning and the afternoon sessions. Just imagine what it must feel like to have to sweep the floors and dust the tables before you can commence your day at school. Now imagine having two hundred children happy to do this, as they knew that school commenced once they had finished.

We soon realised that the only thing the young people of Uganda wanted from life, was to be blessed with education; an education that will allow them to provide for their families; an education which can allow them to escape poverty; an education which we take for granted.

Joshua Gordon

World Challenge Africa 2018

We are holding a Barn Dance in order to help our eldest grandson Korben to raise money to go to South Africa on a World Challenge in 2018. He will be doing project work to support local people and helping with the children in schools whilst in the local community.

Please come and support if you can.

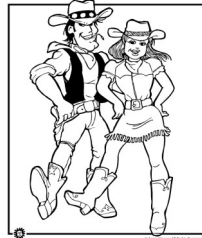
Thank you, Caryn & Stuart Dean

Barn Dance & Potato Pie Supper

In aid of funds for Challenge Africa

Saturday 28th October

7.30 pm start



At Bamford Chapel
& Norden URC
In the Upstairs Hall

Caller Stephen Gooding

Adults £7.00

Children £5.00

Family Ticket (2 adults 2 children) £20.00

(Larger families or groups please contact)

For Tickets or more information –
Telephone Stuart & Caryn on 01706 632264
Or Sarah on 07828934734

Children's Page



MIXED UP MONTHS

Words that begin with 'oct' mean to do with the number eight – an octopus has 8 tentacles, an octagon has 8 sides. So October should be the 8th month of the year, shouldn't it? But it isn't.



The reason goes back to Roman times. October was the eighth month in the Roman calendar until July was added to celebrate the birth month of Julius Caesar.

This was followed by Augustus who also added another month (guess what that one was called!). With these two extra months fitted into the calendar what was the eighth month became the tenth month. Which gets more muddled: because words beginning with 'dec' mean to do with the number ten, so under the old way December was the tenth month. Shall I stop now before we all get even more confused?

OOOOOOs

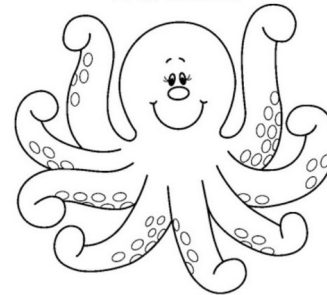
All these names begin with O – which ones aren't the real name of a saint?

1. Odo
2. Olaf
3. Osyth
4. Oliver
5. Olympias
6. Odilia
7. Omer
8. Oudoceus
9. Osburga
10. Ouen



How does an octopus go into battle?

Well armed.



What's round, orange and can't sit down?

A seatless Satsuma.



Answers: the answer is that they all are real saint's names! Aren't you glad that they didn't call you after some of these saints?

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