



The
United
Reformed
Church

Bamford Chapel & Norden URC



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

Galatians 6:9

October 2018

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 2018

Sunday 30 th September	10.30 am	Family Worship Led by Margaret Ogden
	6.30 pm	Informal Evening Worship Led by Anne Fitton
Monday 1 st October	7.30 pm - 8.45 pm	Prayer Walk (meet in the God Squad Room)
Tuesday 2 nd October	8.00 pm	Tuesday Home Group (venue to be confirmed)
Thursday 4 th October	7.30 pm	Elders' Meeting
Sunday 7 th October	10.30 am	Family Worship with Communion Led by Cath Atkinson
	2.00 pm - 4.00 pm	Messy Church (see page 6)
	6.30 pm	Formal Evening Worship Led by Dot Craig
Monday 8 th October	7.30 pm - 8.30 pm	Focus on Prayer Group (In God Squad Room)
Tuesday 9 th October	7.30 pm	Churches Together in NW Rochdale (AGM) At St Vincent's Roman Catholic Church
Thursday 11 th October	10.00 am - 11.00 am	Prayer Walk (meet in church)
Saturday 13 th October	10.00 am - 4.00 pm	NW Synod Meeting
Sunday 14 th October	10.30 am	Family Worship Led by Revd Richard Bradley
	6.30 pm	Informal Evening Worship Led by Revd Richard Bradley (Remembrance 100 Prayer Service)



October 2018

Monday 15 th October	7.30 pm - 8.30 pm	Focus on Prayer Group (In God Squad Room)
Tuesday 16 th October	8.00 pm	Tuesday Home Group (venue to be confirmed)
Friday 19 th October	7.30 pm - 8.45 pm	Prayer Walk (meet in church)
Sunday 21 st October	10.30 am	Family Worship Led by Revd Richard Bradley & Cath Atkinson
	6.30 pm	Formal Evening Worship with Communion Led by Cath Atkinson
Monday 22 nd October	7.30 pm	Focus on Prayer Group (In God Squad Room)
Sunday 28 th October	10.30 am	Family Worship Led by Andy Platt
	6.30 pm	Informal Evening Worship Led by Joanne Ackroyd
Monday 29 th October	7.30 pm	SPECIAL Church Vision Prayer Meeting (1 of 5) (see Message from the Manse p4)
Tuesday 30 th October	1.30 pm	SPECIAL Church Vision Prayer Meeting (2 of 5) (see Message from the Manse p4)



Do you feel you are being called to work with the youth of the church? If so we have opportunities in crèche and junior church. You would be on a rota so not expected to help every week.

If you want to have a chat without committing please speak to Julie Platt.

Weekday Opportunities for Learning & Sharing Fellowship

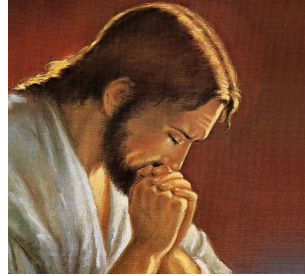
- Monday:** 9.00 am Monday Maintenance Gang
(who do work in or around the building)
10.00 am Pastoral Meeting
1.30 pm Bridge Club
7.30 pm Focus on Prayer (God Squad Room)
8.00 pm Monday Night Home Group
- Tuesday:** 9.00 – 11.00 am Toddlers' Group
1.30 – 4.00 pm Indoor Bowls (Upstairs Hall)
From 6.00 pm Rainbows, Brownies, Guides
- Wednesday:** 12 noon Luncheon Club
6.30 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

- Tuesday:** **Stillness & Sharing** 2nd & 16th October
2.15 pm in the Lounge
Home Group 2nd & 16th October
8.00 pm (Venue to be decided)
- Thursday:** **Ladies Fellowship** 11th October
7.45 pm Games Night (see page 17)
Heritage Group 18th October
7.00 pm (3rd Thursday in the month)
- Saturday:** **Ian Newman Community Film Club**
6.30 pm refreshments 20th October (see page 27)
7.00 pm film Admission £3.00

Further information on the **weekly notice sheet** or visit the website
at www.bcnchurch.org.uk or speak to an Elder.

Message from the Manse



Philip Yancy in his book *“Prayer – does it make a difference”* says this: “I have said that the simplest answer to the question “Why pray?” is “Because Jesus did.””¹ It is true there are many accounts in scripture when we read about Jesus spending time in prayer. It might be a somewhat simplistic question and answer given by Philip Yancy but it is no less true.

Richard Foster writing in his book *“Celebration of Discipline”* says this: “To pray is to change. Prayer is the central avenue God uses to transform us.”²

I have been thinking quite a lot about prayer recently. I have spent time praying for this church as we work with other churches to think about and explore the theme of “Missional Partnerships”. I have also been praying for this church and the elders as we discern what God is saying about the direction of travel that He wants us to take.

What I think is important is that the mission of the church and the future of the church is something we are all a part of. For us to discern what direction we are meant to travel in it is vital that we spend time praying (speaking and listening). Recently the Elders have been thinking about what the priorities should be for the church as we move forward. The more I think and pray the more I believe it is right that as a church we spend some time praying *together*. I know the thought of ‘prayer meetings’ or ‘prayer services’ fills some people with dread and fear! BUT... I feel the need to challenge us as a church (and I include myself in this challenge!) to come together in prayer. One of the aspects of my sabbatical study of two years ago both in reading about church growth and also visiting churches that were growing - was prayer. I am not talking about a weekly prayer meeting, where in a lot of churches there are a handful of faithful people praying regularly together, I mean focused prayer on what God wants of His Church in any given place.

So with this in mind, before the Elders and I set on a course that we feel is right, I want to invite us all to meet together to pray for God’s church here at Bamford Chapel and Norden URC. The work of the

church is for each of us and I believe it is right that we spend set time meeting together to pray for God to reveal His plan and purpose to us. I am a firm believer in prayer and I feel that we ought to spend some focused time in prayer.

I have set 5 days at the end of October and the start of November for us to meet together to pray. It is not my intention that people come to each of the 5 sessions – but if you can make more than one then great!

The dates and times of the special prayer gatherings are:

Monday 29 th October	7.30pm – 8.30pm
Tuesday 30 th October	1.30pm – 2.30pm
Wednesday 31 st October	10.30am – 11.30am
Thursday 1 st November	1.30pm – 2.30pm
Friday 2 nd November	7.30pm – 8.30pm

I am firm believer that God blesses people and churches when people gather together to pray. I am *not* suggesting that prayer on your own at home is less powerful or effective. But I do believe when we come together as the family of God to pray for God's church – God is blessed, and we must believe God will speak to us and help us know what the next steps for mission are.



So I *plead* with you all to come along to one or as many of the prayer times as you can possibly make, so that we can pray together for God to reveal His plan and purpose to us as a church.

To coin a phrase from a recent Prime Minister – “we are all in this together.” When it comes to the work of mission and praying for God's will to be done, we are indeed all in this together.

God Bless, Richard

¹Philip Yancy, *Prayer – does it make a difference?* Hodder and Stoughton, London, 2006, page 68.

²Richard Foster, *Celebration of Discipline*, Hodder and Stoughton, London, 1980 (edition used was 2008), page 42



**ALL
ARE
WELCOME**



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On Sunday

7 October 2 – 4 pm

@ Bamford Chapel
and Norden URC



Come to

**Professor
Potty's**
Lab

children

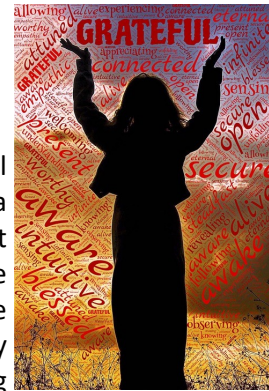
Menu
Hot
dogs

please bring an adult with you

Editor: The Rev Tony Horsfall, a former missionary in East Malaysia and now retreat leader based in West Yorkshire, considers the power of being thankful.

Grow an Attitude of Gratitude

Harvest is a time of thanksgiving to God for all His provision for us. It is good to cultivate a grateful heart, and studies have shown that people who practise thankfulness tend to have a more positive outlook on life, be more optimistic about the future, and are generally healthier than those who do a lot of grumbling and complaining.



On one occasion Jesus met a group of ten lepers (Luke 17:11-19). They called out to Him in *a loud voice*, asking for Him to have pity on them, which He did. He sent them to the priest, and on the way they were healed. However, only one of them returned to give thanks to Jesus, and he was a Samaritan. He threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked Him, giving praise to God in *a loud voice*.

It occurs to me that most of us make a loud noise when we are in need of help, but we are much quieter about giving thanks. We are not inhibited when making our needs known to God, but how many of us make a point of giving Him thanks when we have received His help? Do we sing His praises loudly? Do we give clear testimony to what the Lord has done?

Why not try and cultivate the discipline of gratitude in your life? Make it a rule to thank anyone who helps you in some way, or who encourages you. Let them know you appreciate them. Review each day before you sleep, reminding yourself of every good thing that happened and offering your thoughts to God as a prayer. Introduce a short time of giving thanks in your church service. In your home group have a time of praying short, sentence prayers of gratitude to God. Keep a gratitude diary.

Rather than focus on what you don't have, or what has gone wrong,

*We Remember Thomas 'Derrick' Yates
who passed away on 10th August Aged 91 years*

Derrick, along with Joyce, attended our church for many years until frailty prevented them from coming. Derrick's contribution to church life was as a member of our 'Monday Gang', the group that meets each Monday to do small odd jobs and bigger jobs around our church.



Derrick along with Philip Mackimm had an engineering background and between them they could always find a solution to any job that cropped up. They inevitably each had their own preferred method of doing the job so the less talented members of the group tried whenever possible to give them separate jobs to do, which prevented any ensuing discussion from taking up most of the morning.

Meeting Derrick at Monday Gang and benefiting from his talents there did not tell half the story of this remarkable man. It was on the occasions of visits to see him and Joyce that the other parts of his life came to light. His incredible memory of bygone days and his ability to tell a story made these visits unforgettable. He told of his young days in Wigan, of local characters and anecdotes as he relived those times in the telling.

Derrick wrote short stories, poems and reminiscences, some that he left in a folder for Joyce to read. Some of these pieces he submitted to local magazines for publication. He composed music and the piece that

was played by Geoff on the occasion of his funeral was one that Derrick had composed himself.

Derrick's life in Wigan involved the local wrestling club and amateur dramatics among other things. Derrick had a wonderful way with words bringing to life tales of goings on at these and of other occasions. He was also a great listener and would give great attention to those who visited him and Joyce.

His care and concern for Joyce over the almost twenty years of their marriage was evident in all that he did for her.



He will be lovingly remembered and greatly missed by those who knew him.

David Watson



I could write pages of Thank Yous to you all, for the loving care you gave to my dear Derrick. He used to sit and talk about you and often soon afterwards one of you would call.

Our home seems sadly empty now he has gone, although I can remember his smiling face and hear his gentle voice in every room.

Please continue to come to visit me.

JOYCE YATES

Midday Concerts 2018 – 19



During the summer, I have been working on the programme for the coming season. Details are in last month's magazine and are also available in leaflet form to be handed to friends who may be interested.

It has been our policy over many years to engage the best artistes available. Last season, dreadful weather on one Tuesday meant that performers who had travelled some way to us were greeted by a very small audience. The pavements were impossible for pedestrians that day! The young artistes quite understood, and gave immense pleasure to those who made it to the Chapel, though the caterers had many filled rolls to spare!

Our committee has decided not to raise the price of admission so as to encourage as many as possible to attend. At the same time, we have had to increase the payments to our artistes, not by as much as we would like but at least to keep them willing to come. It is only the diligent and faithful work of our catering teams that enables us each year to make a substantial contribution to Gift Day. Visitors can still have a substantial buffet lunch and a first-class concert for under ten pounds, though of course we welcome those who choose just to come for the concert at £4.

We have just six concerts each year, and I again invite you to join us. Some of our artistes can command much higher fees than we pay them at events across the country, including at the Wigmore Hall and the Bridgewater Hall. They come because they enjoy playing to audiences in smaller, more intimate venues like ours, and even ask to be invited back. So please do support us. It is very rewarding to us when you

come in good numbers, and I can assure you the music you hear will be of excellent quality. Moreover, we try to cater for a similar number each month, so regular attendance helps our catering teams immensely and avoids either surplus food or an occasional embarrassing shortfall!

Walter Brisk

See you on 9th October

Bamford Chapel & Norden URC

Presents

Music at Lunchtime

1.00 - 2.00 pm

Concert Admission £4.00

**Lunch items priced individually
are available from 12.15 pm**

**The Munch Manship
Jazz Trio**



We Remember Norman Oldfield who passed away on 9th August 2018 aged 83 years

Norman and Yvonne Oldfield and their children Tim, Bridget and Gilly were members at Bamford Chapel for many years. They were both elders; ran a Sunday night group for young people in their home, as well as adult house groups. Yvonne trained for non-stipendiary ministry and served at Norden URC before moving to Frome URC as minister. Yvonne now lives in Nantwich and sent this card and letter to the church family.



Artwork by Paul with carer Carol

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Dear Friends at Bamford Chapel

Forgive me for not writing to you personally to thank you for your kind words and lovely memories that you shared with me. I am trying to reply to the huge number of cards and love that I have received, but it is going to take some time.

Bamford Chapel was always a very special place in Norman's and my heart. We were so fortunate to worship with such lovely folk under the guidance of such special ministers, Tom Vause and Jeff Yates. It was there that our faith was fed and nurtured and our time there coloured all that happened afterwards.

This special card was drawn by a very special young man who has a wonderful faith too. I love the hair on end to show their shock at the words of Jesus, and his obvious shock at their lack of faith.

Thank you all and may God continue to bless you all in your journey.

Love, Yvonne and family





Thanks to all those who have conscientiously continued to donate food during the summer. These are the statistics for July and August.

JULY

Total food weighed in : 4539.7Kg

Total food weighed out : 4196.99Kg

Number of vouchers fulfilled : 298 compared to the 2017 figure : 258

Number of adults fed : 362

Number of children fed : 130

TOTAL PEOPLE FED : 492

AUGUST

Total food weighed in : 3688.96Kg

Total weighed out : 4472.98Kg (784.04Kg given out more than received)

Number of vouchers fulfilled : 312

Number of adults fed : 377

Number of children fed : 162

TOTAL PEOPLE FED : 539



In sending these statistics, Ian Sandiford also included this message which, at his request, we pass on to you.

Thank you for your continued support, but could you please pass on to your congregations and friends that we are very short of certain stock lines which I have listed below:-

- ◆ **Biscuits/Snacks**
- ◆ **Custard**
- ◆ **Fish**
- ◆ **Fruit**
- ◆ **Fruit Juice**
- ◆ **Jam/Honey**
- ◆ **Mash/Potatoes**
- ◆ **Pasta Sauce**
- ◆ **Noodles/Savoury Rice**
- ◆ **Potatoes (Tinned)**
- ◆ **Rice Puddings**
- ◆ **Sugar**



It's so easy to add an extra item or two to your shopping trolley, so I hope that many of you will respond accordingly. Thank you.

Margaret and Anne



Church Flowers

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

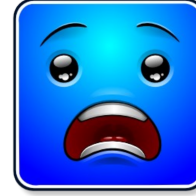
Sybil England

Mike Lucas in memory of Doreen

Debbie Wood in remembrance of Mick's birthday on 26th and Dad's birthday on 21st September

Linda Kerford in memory of Malcolm and their Wedding Anniversary on 4th Oct

PANIC!!



*Lord of the morning I don't know why
but I sometimes I feel a panic rising inside me.
I know it is irrational yet some days
I am afraid.*

*The letter that falls on the doormat, the
sudden ringing of the telephone fills me with fear.
I'd like to escape, to run away but there's nowhere to run
Except to you.*

*Lord of life, why do I anticipate the worst.
When time and time again the worst never happens.
Even when it does, life goes on and every day comes to an end.
Lord, help me to overcome my fears.
In this brief moment of reflection, calm my mind, help me to
relax, let Your comforting spirit enter in me
And fill me with peace.*

*In this hour open my eyes to all things that you have given
That help, support and lift troubled minds.
Let me find joy in the beauty of a single flower,
a branch of a tree, or the vast embracing sky.
Help me to hear the love that lies in the ordinary words
of friends and family
To remember the words of guidance that wait for me in the
rarely opened Bible or prayer book.
I know your love will lift me up
Help me to trust YOU*

*Lord help me to be thankful that yesterday's problems
have passed.
Help me to measure today, not by the difficulties I might meet
but by the good things the day will bring.
Help me to know that this day will be full of gifts.
Give me the knowledge that no matter what happens today,
or any day, nothing can separate me from YOU and YOUR LOVE.
Lord of the morning, help ME.*

Indoor Bowls



Indoor Bowls will re-start on Tuesday 2nd October at 1.30 pm in the upstairs hall.

If you have any queries please contact Lesley Hynes - 01706-355175

CINEMA FOR ALL

Team committee meeting at 2.30pm on Wednesday 3rd October at 68 Greenvale.

Lesley Sutton

11TH OCTOBER



There is to be a GAMES EVENING on this date at Bamford Chapel and Norden URC to commence at 7.45pm. Please bring any board games you have which could be played during the evening.

Admission £3.00

Lesley Sutton





The Pianists and Musicians

A long row of black and white keys

You'd think you could master with ease!
But blood, sweat, and tears
And practice for years
Are needed before one can please!

Yes, singers must be in no doubt
Musicians don't simply come out
To support all we singers
With those skilful fingers –
If they did, you know you'd soon shout!



I'm afraid
there's
way

that
only one

That these people can skilfully play
In order to wow us
They practice for hours
They practice by night and by day!

Next Sunday, when they have played well
Their music entranced, like a spell
Set aside what you've planned
And go – shake their hand!
They won't know you're glad 'less you tell!

By Nigel Beeton

Psalm 121 – the God who Knows and Cares

A man asked a friend about the two greatest problems in the world. The friend responded, *'I don't know and I don't care!'* *'You got them both!'* the man replied.

Psalm 121 presents a God who both knows and cares about our problems. As the first Song of Ascent (Psalms 120-134), it was used by pilgrims going to the great festivals in Jerusalem. Just as this road was full of dangers, this psalm speaks to our problems and set-backs, whether illness, family or work issues, or fear.

Where do we look for help? *'I lift up my eyes to the mountains... My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.'* (1,2). The hills speak of a Creator God, who is bigger than our troubles, for whom nothing is beyond His reach.

What is His care like?

It is constant: 'He will not let your foot slip - He who watches over you will not slumber' (3). God is never off duty in His care, as we are constantly His concern.

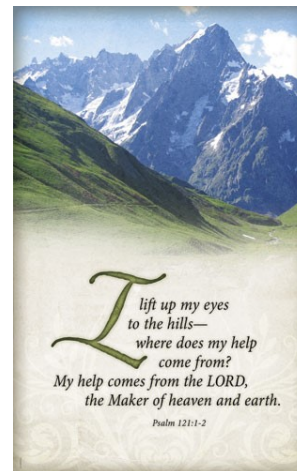
It is close: 'The Lord watches over you - the Lord is your shade at your right hand' (5).

God is not watching us *'from a distance'* as the songs says! His care operates at close quarters, to take the heat out of situations, or when circumstances are dark and uncertain.

It is continuing: 'the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and for evermore.' (8). God's care is all encompassing, through life and eternity. We are not immune from difficulties, but in the bigger picture, God will use these in His eternal purpose for our lives. The psalm is fulfilled in Jesus, who has secured eternal life for us.

So let's trust His care for us, and not be like the lady who asked: *'why pray when I can worry?'*

Rev Paul Hardingham





DRUMBEAT CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION FARM PROJECT: CHURCH PROJECT 2018

The project was launched on Sunday 9th September during morning worship. Our local contact Peter Williams and his wife Linda, fresh from Uganda, provided us with further information about the overall organisation and gave us a taste of what the money gathered by this church will be used for.

The project launch was followed by a lunch which kick started our funding by raising over £170. Each week the total will be announced in family time with the help of another of Addie's famous totalizers!!

The Drumbeat Children's Foundation seeks funding to purchase two acres of land to be used for farming purposes, involving growing of crops and rearing of livestock.

Although most of the population in Uganda is dependent on subsistence farming, many deprived households do not have access to land to grow enough food for their families. 90% of the children Drumbeat Children's Foundation support come from households that are faced with the problem of inadequate land for farming activities. The organisation will not be able to fund this development without our help and support.

Specific items we can support/deliver with the money we raise and costs?

- ◆ *Acquisition of land*
- ◆ *Land surveying to establish boundaries*
- ◆ *Land preparation and clearing*
- ◆ *Seeds and seedlings*
- ◆ *Labour (Planting, weeding, pruning etc.)*
- ◆ *Farming implements and equipment*



**Totals: 25,800,000 UGX equivalent to £5,160
(£1 is equivalent to 5,000 shillings)**

Objectives of the Farming Project

Once implemented, the project will aim to achieve the following objectives:

- ◆ *To produce food crops, vegetables and fruits so as to attain food security and better nutrition for the deprived children and households that are being supported.*
- ◆ *To raise livestock (pigs & goats) for generating income to support the organisation's charitable purposes.*
- ◆ *To produce quality seeds and seedlings that can be distributed to deprived households and communities during the planting season.*
- ◆ *To engage and increase participation of deprived communities in the agricultural sector with the aim of reducing poverty thus improving their livelihoods.*



Sustainability

- ◆ *This project when fully implemented will also serve as a model/ pilot project, which can be replicated in other areas.*
- ◆ *Once the crops are ready for harvest, some of them will be supplied to those deprived households that do not have enough land or the capacity to grow their own food and where there is any surplus, it will be sold and the funds generated will be used to support the organisation's activities.*

Date for your diary!

**Fundraising Meal at Bury College 3CZons Restaurant
Thursday 29th November 2018**

Further details to follow, watch out for the sign-up sheet under the clock, numbers limited.

Uganda Challenge:

The Church in the World Group thought it would be good to learn a little more about Uganda, Lyn Jefferies has compiled a quiz to challenge our knowledge. Answers elsewhere in the magazine.



UGANDA QUIZ

1. WHAT IS UGANDA'S NATIONAL LANGUAGE: -
- a. SWAHILI
 - b. ZULU
 - c. ENGLISH

2. APPROXIMATELY HOW MANY TOURISTS VISIT UGANDA EACH YEAR: -

- a. 250,000
- b. 500,000
- c. 1,000,000

3. UGANDA HAS AN ENDANGERED SPECIES IS IT A TYPE OF: -
- a. RHINO
 - b. LION
 - c. GORILLA

4. WHICH INSECT IS A TASTY TREAT IN UGANDA: -

- a. MOPANE WORM
- b. GRASSHOPPER
- c. CRICKET

5. THE STAPLE FOOD IN UGANDA IS: -
- a. MATOOKE BANANA
 - b. FUFU
 - c. COUSCOUS

6. UGANDA'S FAVOURITE SPORT: -
- a. BASKET BALL
 - b. FOOTBALL
 - c. CRICKET



7. WHAT IS UGANDA'S MAIN EXPORT: -

- a. BANANAS
- b. TIMBER
- c. COFFEE



8. ABOUT HALF OF THE UGANDA POPULATION ARE UNDER WHICH AGE: -

- a. 14
- b. 35
- c. 60

9. WHICH YEAR DID UGANDA GAIN INDEPENDENCE FROM BRITAIN: -

- a. 1959
- b. 1962
- c. 1970



10. WHICH RIVER ORIGINATES FROM UGANDA: -

- a. NILE
- b. GANDES
- c. AMAZON

Uganda Quiz Answers



- 1. English
- 2. 1,000,000
- 3. Gorilla
- 4. Grasshopper
- 5. Matooke Banana
- 6. Football
- 7. Coffee
- 8. 14
- 9. 1962
- 10. Nile

From Gillian Galloway

Thank you for being such a kind, caring community.

Over the past eighteen months I have been struggling with health issues. Along with the wonderful loving support and care given to me by Finlay and our family I have felt the warm prayerful support of our church family. We now have a diagnosis and once we can get treatment initiated we pray we will move forward in a positive manner.

For flowers and caring thank you so much. X

All Free!

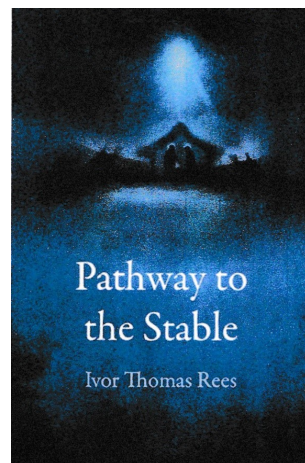
The nursery teacher decided to tell her class about democracy.

‘We live in a great country,’ she began.

‘One of the things we should be happy is that, in this country, we are all free.’

One little boy stood up and looked indignant.

‘I’m not free,’ he protested. ‘I’m four.’



Pathway to the Stable

Ivor Thomas Rees

Publication Date: September 2018

A 21st century introduction to the story of the birth of Jesus, with reference to the promises of the Old Testament, for those seeking a deeper understanding of the Bible's Christmas story. Ideal for individuals or groups seeking a deeper understanding,

Copies are available from Circle Books (John Hunt Publishing), OR, at £11 , including postage and packing from the author, a

retired URC minister, at 125 Parkway, Sketty, Swansea SA2 8JE.

It is also available as an e-book.

Revd. Kevin Watson, Moderator, URC General Assembly, 2016-18

“How timely is “Pathway to the Stable!” Ivor Rees invites us on this journey of discovery of the riches of the Christmas story. Ivor invites us to join those who were on that first journey to Bethlehem, to meet Jesus’ family.... but also some unexpected guests.... the saintly, and also to the palace to meet the ungodly..... So, be prepared for the journey, for nor does Ivor leave us 2000 years ago, but this book speaks into our lives today. I am sure, that for many there will be a rediscovery of what we were taught, but each of us will also discover new understanding and see new perspectives of the Christmas story.... Reading “Pathway to the Stable” is like receiving the gift of a railway ticket home, to join the family again for a true Christ-centred Christmas celebration. Enjoy the Feast”

Revd. Dr. Densil Morgan. Professor of Theology, University of Wales, Trinity St. David.

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THE IAN NEWMAN COMMUNITY FILM CLUB

Celebrating twelve months – Saturday 15th September

We had the best attendance ever on this wonderful evening. Seventy six cinemagoers enjoyed a screening of “Murder on the Orient Express” with Sir Kenneth Branagh as the Belgian detective.

There was a special cake made by Wendy Anderson and Linda Lees had bagged lots of flavours of popcorn. Each person was handed a piece of the delicious cake [pictured above] on leaving the “cinema.” Popcorn was 20p a bag.

The evening opened with Cath Atkinson offering a prayer and then Councillor Angela Smith said a few words about how Rochdale Township had helped the club begin with financial backing {in the absence of Councillor Pat Sullivan who is on the organising team}. To start the evening in style, John Fitton and Addie Redmond, dressed as Belgian police, sang a parody of the Gendarmes Duet “We run them in” from Pirates of Penzance accompanied by Cameron Baines on piano with the help of his dear wife, Jane.

Thank you to all those who helped make this evening a wonderful occasion. The helpers and the audience.





THE IAN NEWMAN COMMUNITY FILM CLUB

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

6.30pm refreshments : 7.00pm film
every third Saturday in the month
£3 admission [refreshments included]

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**Saturday 20th October**

*Classic film starring James Stewart*

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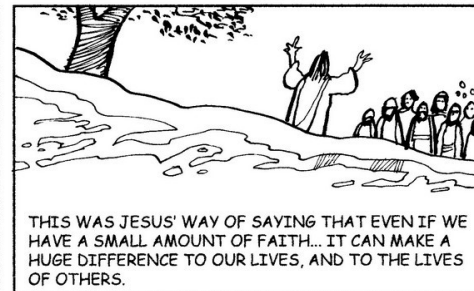
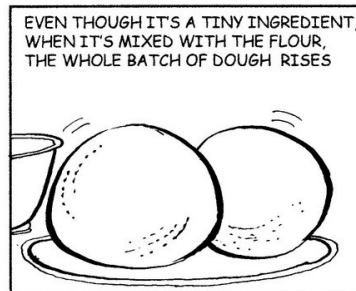
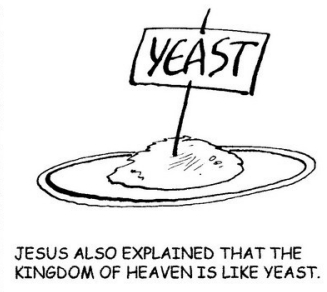
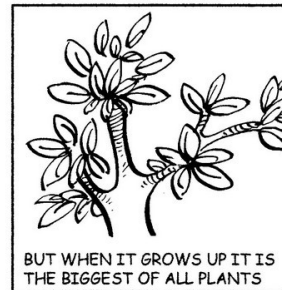
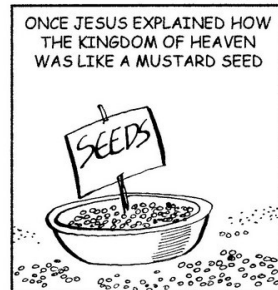
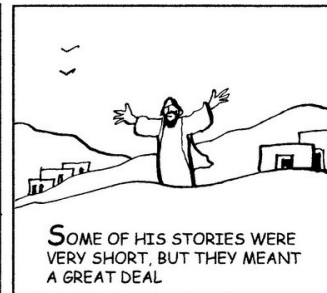
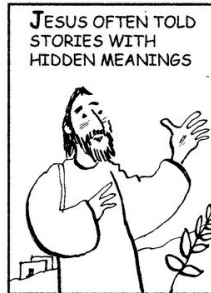
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