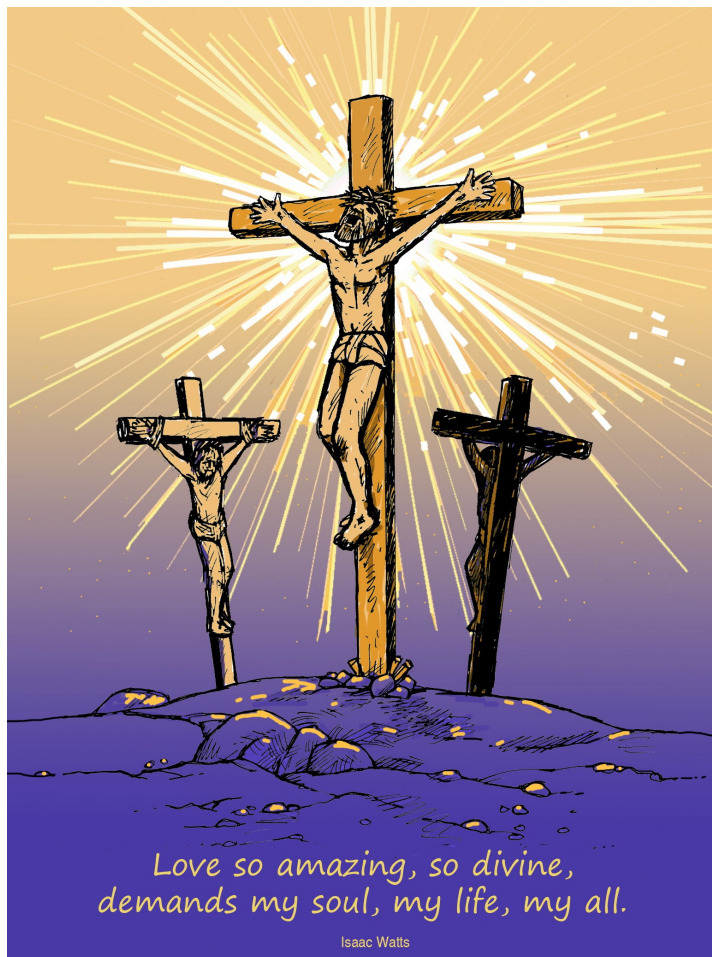




The  
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# Bamford Chapel & Norden URC



**April 2019**

# **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.



April  
2019

<b>Sunday</b> <b>31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Family Worship (Mothering Sunday)</b> Led by Revd Richard Bradley
	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Evening Worship</b> Led by Revd Richard Bradley
<b>Monday</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>Focus on Prayer Group</b> (God Squad Room)
<b>Thursday</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>1.00 pm</b>	<b>Churches Together Lent Course</b> Meeting 5 of 6 at BCN (see page 6)
	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>Elders' Meeting</b> (please pray for the Elders as they meet)
<b>Friday</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>1.30 pm</b>	<b>Bamford &amp; Norden Dementia-friendly Café</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Family Worship with Communion</b> Led by Revd Richard Bradley
	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Evening Worship</b> Led by Revd Richard Bradley
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>9<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>8.00 pm</b>	<b>Tuesday Home Group</b> (see Richard for venue)
<b>Thursday</b> <b>11<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Prayer Walk</b> (meet in the Crèche Room)
	<b>1.00 pm</b>	<b>Churches Together Lent Course</b> Meeting 6 of 6 at BCN (see page 6)
<b>Sunday</b> <b>14<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Family Worship</b> Led by Revd Richard Bradley & Cath Atkinson
	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Evening Communion</b> Led by Revd Richard Bradley
<b>Monday</b> <b>15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>Focus on Prayer Group</b> (God Squad Room)
<b>Thursday</b> <b>18<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday Communion Service</b> Led by Cath Atkinson

<b>Good Friday</b> <b>19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Good Friday Service</b> Led by Cath Atkinson
	<b>Tbc</b>	<b>Good Friday Ramble</b> (see Andy Platt for details)
	<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Food for Thought Drama</b> (see page 7) “Journey to the Cross and Beyond”
<b>Easter Sunday</b> <b>21<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Family Worship with Communion</b> Led by Cath Atkinson
		<b>NO EVENING SERVICE</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>8.00 pm</b>	<b>Tuesday Home Group</b> (see Richard for venue)
<b>Sunday</b> <b>28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Family Worship</b> Led by Revd Richard Bradley
	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Holiday Club Meeting</b> (see page 5)
	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Evening Worship</b> Led by Revd Richard Bradley
<b>Monday</b> <b>29<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>Focus on Prayer Group</b> (God Squad Room)



## Church Flowers

*Donations for flowers placed in church  
in March were received from:*

- Carolyn Divers in memory of Derek Gooding
- Pat and David Stephenson to celebrate their marriage
- Margaret Frain in memory of Geoff
- Linda Kerford in memory of Malcolm
- Linda and Charlie Peacock in memory of their Mothers

## 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:** 6.00 pm onwards Beavers, Cubs and Scouts
- Sunday:** 7.30 pm God Squad (for Teenagers)

## Fortnightly & Monthly Opportunities

- Tuesday:** **Stillness & Sharing** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> April  
2.15 pm in the Lounge  
**Home Group** 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> April  
8.00 pm (see Richard for venue)
- Thursday:** **Ladies Fellowship** **No meeting in April**  
7.45 pm (see page 15)  
**Heritage Group** 18<sup>th</sup> April  
7.00 pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in the month)
- Saturday:** **Ian Newman Community Film Club**  
6.30 pm refreshments 20<sup>th</sup> April (see page 21)  
7.00 pm film Admission £3.00

Further information on the **weekly notice sheet** or visit the website at  
[www.bcnchurch.org.uk](http://www.bcnchurch.org.uk) or speak to an Elder.

## Message from the Manse



At the start of his letter to the Philippians Paul says this: **“I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.”** (Philippians 1:3 - 5)

Two things strike me about these two verses:-

### **1. The word “Partnership”**

Not just partnership with Paul but with each other. Perhaps more importantly the partnership we have with Christ in serving him and the community. The work of being a Christian and a Christian community (church) cannot be done in isolation. Being part of a fellowship of believers is so important.

For me the future of the church needs to be done in partnership together. As a Synod, as we know, we are exploring “Missional Partnerships” with other brothers and sisters in Christ in other churches. The idea being that “Mission” is the focus of our working; that together we can share resources and build each other up as we seek to be God’s people and share the good news of the Gospel.

### **2. The phrase: “from the first day until now”**

Is the second thing that strikes me from these two verses. The Philippians first heard of the gospel in Paul’s second missionary journey some ten years earlier. So Paul is thanking God for the partnership he has had with these believers for approximately ten years. This suggests to me that the work of the church is not done overnight. It is a continuing journey of discovery and partnership with Jesus and with our sisters and brothers in Christ. Likewise as the church today, both as individual congregations and as a Missional Partnership, we need to be committed to the work God has called us to do. It means sacrifice and it means offering ourselves afresh each time we meet together to be the people God has called us to be.

### 3. The word “prayer”

One of the most important words (prayer). In my view our work has to be underpinned with prayer. And what saddens me in Church is how few people attend prayer meetings of whatever format. This is not unique to any one church. It seems to be a challenge in many churches, not just URC ones. I don't think it is any accident that at the very start of Paul's letter he uses the word prayer.



And prayer is vital in the church today as well. I know people pray in the quietness of their homes. But some of the most powerful meetings I have been to have been prayer meetings, when faithful believers have come together to seek God's direction. We are at a time in the life of the church, local and national, that we need to set time aside to allow God to speak to us and transform us.

I plead with you to join with me in praying for our church and whenever possible gathering together as a family to pray for our church and for all churches.

**God Bless, Richard**

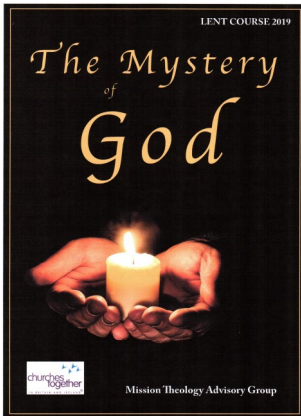
**Holiday Club**



In 2018 we had a hugely successful holiday club for young children. We plan to do another one from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2019. Times to be confirmed but probably 10am – 12pm. If you would like to help with it please speak to Richard or come along to the next meeting on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April after the service at 12pm. You don't have to commit to every day.

**Thanks and God Bless, Richard**

## Lent Course



The last two sessions of the **Churches Together Lent Course** will be hosted at Chapel on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> April** from 1pm to 2.15pm.

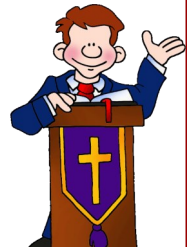
Please come along if you can and join with friends from other churches in discussion and fellowship. Tea, coffee and biscuits served at the start.

For more info see Anne Fitton or Richard Bradley.

**Thanks and God Bless, Richard**

## Pulpit Supply Secretary

We are very blessed at Bamford Chapel and Norden URC with several people who are prepared to lead worship. Some just lead morning services and some just evening services. I want to place on record my thanks to them all. I also want to thank some of our groups who have also led worship recently.



However, as Missional Partnerships take off my time here at BCN will be reduced. The preaching plan has been virtually completed for the rest of 2019. But moving into 2020 we will need to have a serious think about how we allocate preachers to our services.

We have not had a Pulpit Supply Secretary for some time. A Pulpit Supply Secretary is someone who seeks preachers for the services. If you feel you can take this role on please speak to Richard. I have been doing the rota on a temporary basis for some time but would like someone else to take it on. If you feel you can please speak to me.

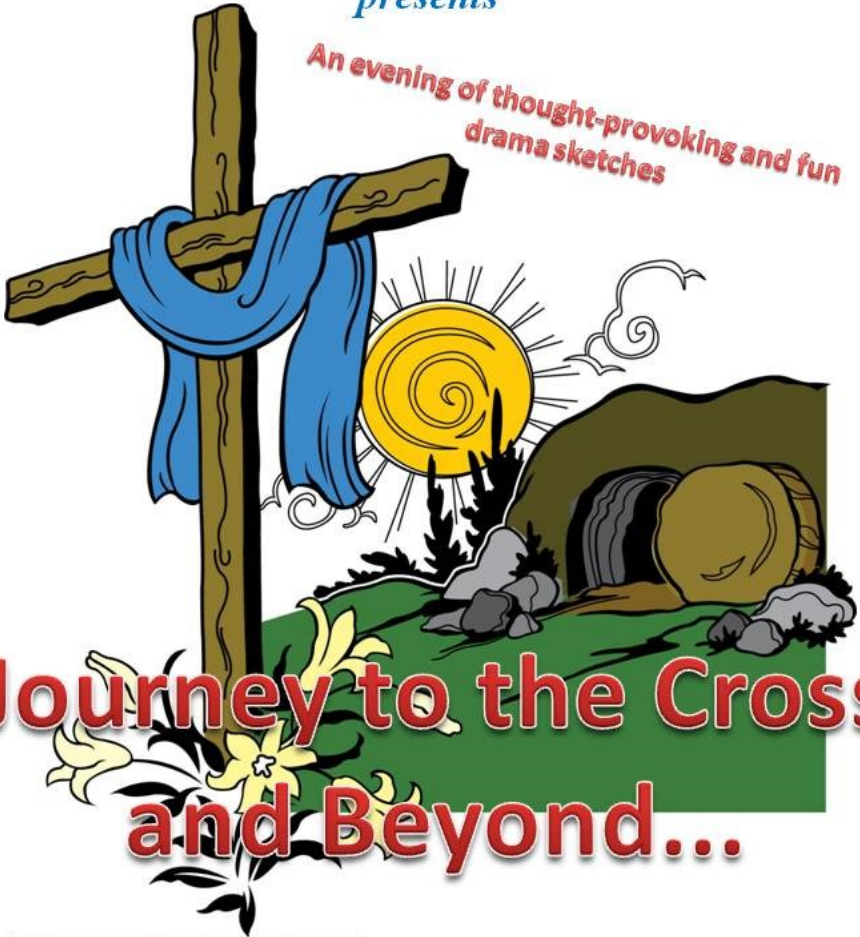
**God Bless, Richard**



# Food for Thought

*presents*

*An evening of thought-provoking and fun  
drama sketches*



# Journey to the Cross and Beyond...



(See John 20:1-18) 03-29-2002  
I WANT YOU TO FOLD UP MY BURIAL CLOTHES,  
WAIT FOR MARY, AND REMEMBER THAT THIS IS  
SERIOUS ... NO HIDING AND YELLING "BOO!"

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

**On Good Friday  
19 April 2019  
at 7 pm**

# EASTER

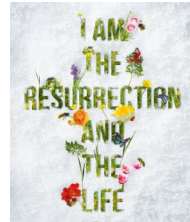
(Acrostic poem where the first letter of each line spells the word EASTER)

Even though the darkness raged  
And all was still, the sun had gone  
Still they shouted their abuse  
Taunting Him – ‘ you’re not God’s Son!



Elijah hasn’t rescued you,  
Renounce your claim, you’re just like me,  
Everyone can see you hang  
Arms outstretched, nailed to a tree’.

So it seemed that all was lost,  
Their hopes their dreams forever gone  
Eternity had other plans  
Resurrection Day was soon to dawn.



By Megan Carter

*Just a note saying thank you from The Bentham family following all the cards, flowers and kind words of condolence received following the sudden death of Karen's mum. My mum enjoyed attending many of the activities at chapel and also watching Rhianna & Savanna performing!! She loved how welcome she was always made to feel. All your kindness is appreciated.*



*Karen Bentham*

## FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

### 25<sup>th</sup> February to 9<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Pages 8, 9, and 10 of the March magazine explained the reasons for holding a Fairtrade Fortnight. Celebrating forty years of raising funds to help people in some of the world's poorest regions to build businesses that support their families and communities. For a number of years now there have been various events held at Bamford Chapel and Norden URC to raise money specially for Traidcraft Exchange.

Please give generously as was the request in the article last month AND YOU CERTAINLY DID. **£431.00 was donated to Traidcraft Exchange, an increase of £58.00 on last year's donation.** Thank you to everyone who helped, donated, bought at the three events held at BCNURC. Firstly the coffee morning on 28<sup>th</sup> February, followed by the arrival of Fairtrade Fred and his trusty assistant Miss Rebecca Abbott on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March, ending on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March with a bacon butty morning. **On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March, the raffle was drawn and a very excited Sheila Varley won the hamper.** Carole Greaves, Nigel Adkinson and Margaret Watson

*Only when we get trade right, can we end poverty*

Imagine if no matter how hard you worked today, you couldn't afford to put food on the table.

For millions of people around the world, that's the reality they face.

A fair income gives you freedom, security and hope for the future. It allows you to feed your family and educate your children.

That is the power of trade done well.

But unfair trade amplifies poverty. It makes the rich richer and leaves the poor behind.

**Traidcraft Exchange exists to do two things...**

- **To support people to harness the benefits of trade**
- **To fight against injustice in global trade**



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# ROCHDALE YOUTH BRASS BAND

## Conductor : Ben Dixon

FANFARE TEAM  
MUSICAL THEATRE  
YOUTH CHOIR

Return  
Visit

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

**7.30pm**

at

*Bamford Chapel and Norden United Reformed  
Church, Norden Road, ROCHDALE OL11 5PQ*

**Raffle [in aid of Cancer Research]**

**Ticket Price : £7.00 [adult]**

**£4.00 [children under 12]**

**Family Ticket : £18.00 [2 adults, 2 children]**

Tickets available from: Lesley Sutton [01706 638005]

Margaret Ogden [01706 642343]

Rochdale Music Service : 01706 926750

*Proceeds to be split between Cancer Research and  
Bamford Chapel and Norden URC*

**PARKINSON'S<sup>UK</sup>**  
**CHANGE ATTITUDES.**  
**FIND A CURE.**  
**JOIN US.**



*Dear All*

*As many will be aware on Friday August 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam and I will be getting married, and as part of the preparations for the big day Adam had a mad idea to run the Manchester half marathon on May 19<sup>th</sup>. He has managed to convince a number of the wedding party into joining him including my dad Paul. They are running in aid of two charities that are very close to Adam and I; Parkinson's UK and Alzheimer's Society. None of the participants are long distance runners, some having never run before so this is a huge challenge for all involved.*



*We as a family would be very grateful to anyone who would like to donate to these great charities. You can donate by either going direct to the link below or alternately speaking to myself to give me a physical monetary donation.*

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Team/AdamandZoesWedding>

*Thanks in advance for anyone who is going to support our cause.*

*Zoë Davies and Adam Watson*

# Rev. Dr. C. M Kao 高俊明 (1929-2019)

Presbyterian Church of Taiwan

**“The United Reformed Church (URC) is sad to report the death of the Revd Dr C M (Chun-Ming) Kao who passed away on 14 February.**

**Dr Kao was the General Secretary of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan (PCT) and a staunch advocate of human rights and democracy at a turbulent time in that country’s history. Many in the Church will recall Dr Kao’s work and his visits to the UK.”**



There are those of us from Bamford & Norden URC who met Dr Kao at CWM Swanwick many years ago, where we learned the song he had written in prison “O Lord, You are the Light of the World”

The following Biography was sent to Barbara Redmond from the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan.

“A third generation Christian KO Chùn-Bêng (Rev. Dr. C. M. Kao) was born 6 June 1929 in Tainan, Taiwan, the twelfth of thirteen children. Following early education in both Japan and Taiwan, C. M. Kao felt called to the Christian ministry and entered Tainan Theological College and Seminary. After graduation in 1953 he served as Evangelist and Itinerant Preacher among indigenous communities/churches in Taiwan.

His passion for indigenous ministries continued and shortly after his ordination to the Christian ministry in 1957 Rev. Kao was appointed as teacher and Principal of Yushan Theological College and Seminary until 1970 when he was elected as the General Secretary of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan - a position he held until his retirement in 1989.

During his years in Yushan he married Ms LI Le-Tin 李麗珍 (Mrs. Ruth Kao) and they were blessed with three children - two daughters and one son.

Throughout his term as PCT General Secretary and following Dr. Kao travelled extensively both home and overseas. Highly respected and esteemed, he gained wide ecumenical experience and knowledge having served on committees and participated in numerous international meetings as delegate, preacher and Bible Study leader over the years.

During the critical period in Taiwan in the 1970s, when he was General Secretary, the PCT issued its prophetic statements (three) which Rev. Kao

signed based on his deep faith conviction. Later, in 1980 Rev. C. M. Kao was arrested and imprisoned and tried by a military court accused and subsequently charged, for his sympathy and alleged help in harbouring an escaping dissident and Human Rights Movement's leader. The original sentence was for seven years but in 1984 Dr. Kao was given early release, on parole for one year, and returned to his duties as General Secretary of PCT.

During the four years, three months and twenty-one days [4321] of his imprisonment C. M. Kao along with the PCT received much prayer and moral support from churches, organizations and individuals worldwide as well as being adopted as a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International. Many church leaders visited him in prison and the international support and protest to the government undoubtedly played a significant part in his early release. Throughout this period his family and home were under twenty-four-hours police surveillance.

A man of prayer and vision, Rev. Kao saw the mission task of the church as twofold where evangelism and social justice/welfare ran parallel. This was reflected in his unrelenting sincere efforts to preach the good news among all peoples; at the same time his commitment to peace and justice issues never wavered. Throughout his life C. M. Kao served tirelessly and humbly for his church and country Taiwan, inspired and strengthened by his living faith and belief in Jesus Christ his Saviour.

A poet and Chinese calligrapher (and once an ardent table-tennis player), over the years Dr. Kao wrote and published poems, hymns, and sermons in Taiwanese, Japanese, Mandarin Chinese, and English languages – some of which he wrote from his prison cell. Although formally retired in 1989 C. M. Kao continued active and went on to pioneer the PCT ministry and university for senior citizens; and was in constant demand as a preacher and speaker for almost three more decades! Along with his wife Ruth he retreated to live in their native home town Tainan for quieter days of reflection and time with their family.

After a time of devotion reading the Bible and praying with his wife and family, C. M. Kao fell asleep and in the afternoon went home to the Lord peacefully on Thursday, 14 February 2019 in Tainan, Taiwan – it was the day of C M and Ruth's 61<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary!

Rev. C. M. Kao has conveyed in an open letter (in Chinese) his sincere will and desire that his funeral should be very simple to give honour and glory to the Lord he loved and served - his family and PCT are respecting his request.

**15 February 2019**  
**Presbyterian Church in Taiwan (PCT)**  
**PCT63GA/ch**

# Let's talk about Jesus...

**A fun, gentle and interactive workshop on evangelism to help us consider ways to share our faith story**



**Walking the Way**  
Living the life of Jesus today

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup>  
February and 4<sup>th</sup>  
March (2 sessions)  
7.30 – 9.00pm  
Besses O'th Barn URC  
Bury New Rd,  
Whitefield  
M45 7EL**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March  
2019  
10am – 1pm  
St Andrew's and St  
George's URC,  
Bolton BL1 2BX  
(Free Parking in Topp  
Way NCP opp)**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April  
2019  
10-1pm  
Hope URC  
Stockport Rd,  
Denton  
M34 6AB**

**Cost: Free! To book: Contact [darren.holland@nwsynod.org.uk](mailto:darren.holland@nwsynod.org.uk) or call 07860 800846**

## Coffee on Sunday Mornings

Unfortunately, a further two ladies have reluctantly decided to step down from the coffee rota after helping for decades and I thank them sincerely for their help.

Most of us on the rota have been participating with the making and serving of refreshments for a good thirty years or more and many of the helpers are finding this increasingly difficult, due to other commitments within the Church, some of these being weekly.

Our rota is only every 8 weeks, but I may have to remove a rota if no one steps forward to help. It only requires a 10.00am arrival to prepare and we usually finish before 12.30am. We also arrange swaps between ourselves if necessary.

Please could I ask anyone who would like to join us to see me or ring me to discuss. It is not an onerous task but a valuable contribution to fellowship after service.



**Thanks and God bless - Diane Healey - 369042**





## Ladies Fellowship Guess Who!

At our March meeting we were presented with photographs of many of our members as they were as a child. What fun everyone had. There was much puzzlement and laughter as people tried to work out who was who. Some were obvious but the majority could not be identified. Only 9 were guessed correctly out of 25 pictures. There was a tie between 2 groups, so the prize of a Traidcraft Easter Egg was given to Carol Hartley for her Chocolate Raffle in aid of the Belarus children. Have you got your ticket?

Unfortunately, the **April meeting has been cancelled** due to a lot of people being on holiday and the lack of committee members available. We are in need of more people to help us organise the monthly meetings. We share the work amongst us so it does not fall on any one person's shoulders. Is this something you might be able to help with? All contributions of help would be gratefully received.

**The next meeting will be the AGM on the 9<sup>th</sup> May. Don't forget our Pot Luck Supper.**

**Linda Kerford**



### With Easter in mind...

Who delivered up Jesus to die? Not Judas, for money; not Pilate, for fear; not the Jews, for envy; but the Father, for love! - Octavious Winslow

Carry the cross patiently, and with perfect submission; and in the end it shall carry you. - Thomas a Kempis

Easter Peace: it does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble or hard work. It means to be in the midst of those things and still be calm in your heart. - Anon

## *Easter Prayer of Thanks*

*Gracious, loving Father,  
Thank you for the wonderful reality of Jesus'  
resurrection on that first Easter Day.*

*Thank you that, because Jesus is alive, life  
has meaning and purpose.*



*When we don't understand why some things  
happen, when life is difficult, when we are  
struggling through pain and loss, help us to  
know your risen presence and love in our  
lives.*

*Help us to choose to trust you.*

*Help us always to be thankful for your  
amazing Easter gift of life and hope.*

*In Jesus name,  
Amen.*

*By Daphne Kitching*

Editor: The Rev Tony Horsfall considers the pain of loss.



## Have you lost someone you loved?

*I grieve for you, Jonathan my brother; you were very dear to me. Your love for me was wonderful, more wonderful than that of women. How the mighty have fallen! 2 Samuel 1:26*

A lament is a passionate expression of grief, a heartfelt cry of sadness. Here David, who composed some of the most memorable and uplifting songs of praise, allows himself the opportunity to pour out his heart to God because of his deep sorrow.

Christians are sometimes confused about how to express grief. Some contemporary teaching has emphasized the power of praise, and of praising God in all circumstances, so they feel guilty about the pain inside them and do not know how to release it.

Whilst Paul does say we are not to grieve 'like the rest of mankind' (1Thessalonians 4:13), he means we should not grieve in the hysterical way that characterizes those who have no hope in God. He does not mean that we should not grieve at all, or that we should suppress our true feelings. That would be cruel, unnatural and unhealthy. Grief is best acknowledged and expressed, and in a way that is consistent with our belief in heaven.

David's own heart feels most keenly the loss of his dearest friend, Jonathan. Those who have known the loss of a 'soul mate' will understand the depth of his feeling and the pain in his heart. His lament enables him to get in touch with his grief, to express it, and so begin the slow process of healing and recovery.

If you are grieving yourself today, be encouraged to pour out your heart to God. You could pray aloud or write your prayer down. You may find a song that helps, or a piece of music. You might talk with a trusted friend. You may just want a good cry. **Whatever you do, remember that it's OK to grieve.**



## Midday Concerts: Season's End

The final concert of the 2018/19 season brought to us a group of 16 most talented students from Chetham's School of Music, together with Simon Passmore, one of the accompanists on the staff at the School. Their programme was, as promised, of baroque music played mainly on period instruments. We have, as far as I know, never had a viola da gamba in the Chapel before, and our Yamaha provided a lovely harpsichord sound. Personally, I prefer my baroque music live because the players are a delight to watch as well as hear. Though the whole group were outstanding musicians, including a gorgeous-sounding soprano, possibly the most memorable performer was Alastair Niven, whose mastery of the recorder was fantastic to watch as well as hear.

The audience too did us proud – 78 in all - and many from our own Chapel community, as well as some new guests from outside. Those of us who organise and staff the concerts are always delighted when our concerts are as well supported as this, and of course our artistes' spirits are uplifted by substantial and appreciative audiences. The Chetham's students went back to School full of praise for the way in which they had been received!



This is the time to thank the wonderful ladies, led by Margaret Ogden and Pamela Harrington, who provide refreshments. Theirs is no easy task when they have no idea exactly how many to cater for at each concert. Your regular attendance obviously helps them and prevents our wasting food or not having enough! The sale of lunches enables us each year to make a contribution to Gift Day. Most of the concert entrance money goes to pay our performers, whom we reward appropriately.



I can tell you that the programme for 2019/2020 is almost complete! We open on 8<sup>th</sup> October with an outstanding jazz pianist, Roger Browne. In November we welcome a fine soprano, Charlotte Hoather, already embarked on a very promising career. In December we have a pianist, Greta Gasser, already well known in Manchester as a teacher and performer. January brings back the A4 Brass Quartet, a truly exceptional ensemble who we deeply appreciated when they were here two years ago. Since that visit, their careers have developed, with international performances a-plenty. Chetham's students return in March with a quite different kind of music from baroque. We are awaiting confirmation only from our February guests. As soon as it is available, we will of course print and publish the full programme.



It is always a delight to welcome not only our own church members but many visitors from outside, who evidently enjoy not just the music and the lunches but the lovely atmosphere of the Chapel. We look forward very much to seeing many of you next season as we continue to bring to the Chapel music of a high standard and a wide variety.

**Walter Brisk**

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 \* *Just to say thank you for the lovely flowers I received a couple of weeks ago. At the time of writing they are still going strong and are greatly appreciated.* \*  
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 \* *With love and thanks - Angela Hall* \*  
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FOR ALL**

**THE IAN NEWMAN  
COMMUNITY FILM CLUB**



**at Bamford Chapel & Norden URC, Norden Road,  
ROCHDALE. OL11 5PQ**

**£3 admission (including refreshments)**

**Refreshments at 6.30pm, film starts at  
7.00pm**

**Saturday 20th April**

Written by Ian McEwan  
directed by Richard  
Eyre. Released in 2018

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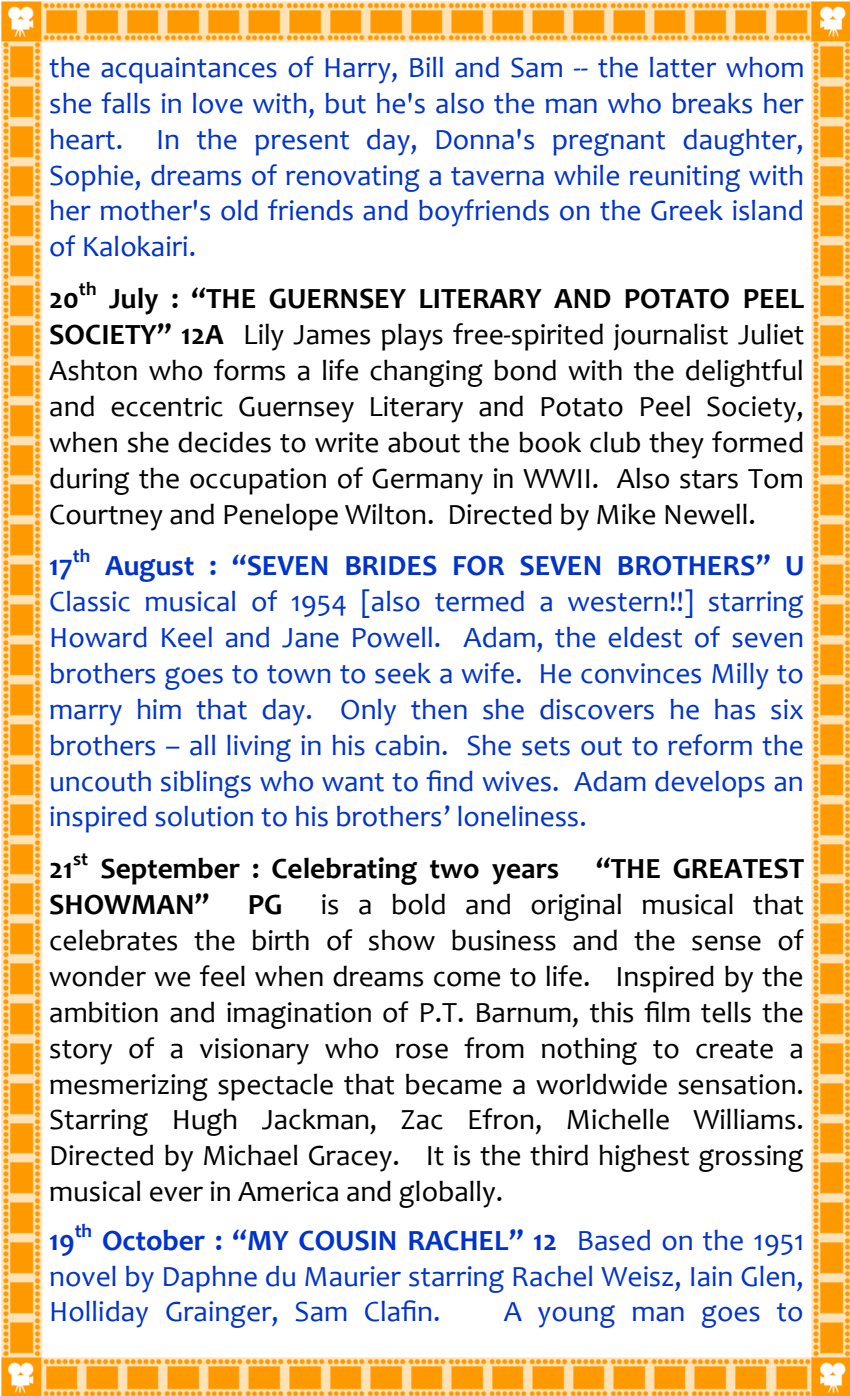


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**CHILDREN ACT” 12**

***SUMMER /AUTUMN SEASON***

**15<sup>th</sup> June : “MAMMA MIA, HERE WE GO AGAIN” PG 2018** In 1979 young Donna, Tanya and Rosie graduate from Oxford University -- leaving Donna free to embark on a series of adventures throughout Europe. On her journeys, she makes



the acquaintances of Harry, Bill and Sam – the latter whom she falls in love with, but he's also the man who breaks her heart. In the present day, Donna's pregnant daughter, Sophie, dreams of renovating a taverna while reuniting with her mother's old friends and boyfriends on the Greek island of Kalokairi.

**20<sup>th</sup> July : “THE GUERNSEY LITERARY AND POTATO PEEL SOCIETY” 12A** Lily James plays free-spirited journalist Juliet Ashton who forms a life changing bond with the delightful and eccentric Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society, when she decides to write about the book club they formed during the occupation of Germany in WWII. Also stars Tom Courtney and Penelope Wilton. Directed by Mike Newell.

**17<sup>th</sup> August : “SEVEN BRIDES FOR SEVEN BROTHERS” U** Classic musical of 1954 [also termed a western!!] starring Howard Keel and Jane Powell. Adam, the eldest of seven brothers goes to town to seek a wife. He convinces Milly to marry him that day. Only then she discovers he has six brothers – all living in his cabin. She sets out to reform the uncouth siblings who want to find wives. Adam develops an inspired solution to his brothers' loneliness.

**21<sup>st</sup> September : Celebrating two years “THE GREATEST SHOWMAN” PG** is a bold and original musical that celebrates the birth of show business and the sense of wonder we feel when dreams come to life. Inspired by the ambition and imagination of P.T. Barnum, this film tells the story of a visionary who rose from nothing to create a mesmerizing spectacle that became a worldwide sensation. Starring Hugh Jackman, Zac Efron, Michelle Williams. Directed by Michael Gracey. It is the third highest grossing musical ever in America and globally.

**19<sup>th</sup> October : “MY COUSIN RACHEL” 12** Based on the 1951 novel by Daphne du Maurier starring Rachel Weisz, Iain Glen, Holliday Grainger, Sam Claflin. A young man goes to

# Church in the World Group Project 2018 Drumbeat Children's Foundation Farm Project



<http://drumbeatuganda.org>

The project group are pleased to let you know that the final figure with Gift Aid is **£7,507.36**. This is an amazing achievement by this congregation and friends of Chapel. Linda and Peter Williams are delighted to be able to send this money to John in Uganda so that he can start to negotiate around the purchase of the farm land. Linda and Peter have agreed to send regular updates of the work being carried out with the money gifted, so watch this space.

## Project 2019

For those new to the Chapel, each year a specific project is selected in a Developing World Country and following a launch in mid-September we raise money through personal giving and a few agreed fundraising activities, up until Christmas Day.

No sooner than one project has been completed and the group start to consider the next project. We would like to invite the congregation to nominate any possible project to the group for consideration, and will always be pleased to welcome anyone interested to come along and support the work of the group. The group also support the work of Christian Aid and Traidcraft.

The following are some of the criteria we consider when choosing a project:

- ◆ **Is the Charity Registered in the UK?**
- ◆ **Is there a specific item or piece of work we can support/deliver with the money we give/raise?**
- ◆ **What will the outcomes be for local people?**
- ◆ **Is the project sustainable?**



- ◆ **Is the country/area of country in significant need?**
- ◆ **Have we contributed to a project in this country previously?**
- ◆ **Is there a local UK contact that will be able to support us and provide feedback?**
- ◆ **Will the project appeal to Bamford Chapel and Norden URC Congregation?**

Please keep your eyes, ears, hearts and minds open for a suitable project where we can once again make a real difference to the lives of others; if you are aware of a previously nominated project which you still feel should be considered please make us aware again and we will consider all the options. Feel free to consider joining us to discuss and share the ideas. The Group is also looking for a new convener so if anyone feels called to this role please contact Barbara, Richard or myself and we can outline what it entails.

The Group will be meeting in April to consider all options.

***Philippians 2:4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.***

Thank you for continuing to support the Church in the World Group.

***Carole Greaves on behalf of the group - March 2019***



## **KEY FOR TRAIDCRAFT STOCK CUPBOARDS**

*If you have once been on the Traidcraft stall rota, you will have a key to the cupboard. Please could you have a look for it and hand to me. I am supplying newly cut keys to recent volunteers on the stall. Each key is costing £4.00. If unused ones could be returned, a lot of expense will be spared.*

***Thank you  
Lesley Sutton***





Crafts  
and food

**ALL  
ARE  
WELCOME**

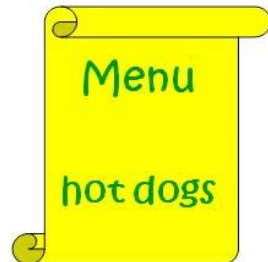


*On Sunday 12 May 2 – 4 pm*

**@ Bamford Chapel and Norden URC**



Come to  
**Professor  
Potty's**  
Lab



## Reminiscences

“I remember”, said the old man, the world when I was young.  
It was a very different place to the one in which we now belong.  
We had no telly in those days, we amused ourselves at night  
By playing cards for matchsticks and went to bed by candlelight.

“I remember”, said the old man, when if you were taken ill,  
you had to pay the doctor before he’d prescribe a pill.  
“Our doctor,” the old chap added, was really very kind  
If he had to wait for payment, he really didn’t mind.

“I remember,” said the old man, the privy down the yard,  
The lock was often broken so you were always on your guard.  
Friday nights were bath nights, before a roaring fire,  
With the old tin bath, a cosy room, no pleasure could be higher.

“I remember,” said the old man, when teachers used the cane,  
“Mind you,” he added jokingly, we didn’t sin again.  
We were boys in short trousers, until we were 13+,  
Our knees were blue and scabby but we never made a fuss.

“I remember,” said the old man, when the country went to war,  
When lads I’d played with round the town, were thereafter seen no more.  
I class myself as lucky, for I came back again,  
But my youth had gone forever In a world that seemed insane.

Our world is very different from the days when I was young,  
Many things are better now but many things are wrong.  
We don’t have to pay the doctor, outside privies are no more,  
But unrest and fear still stalk our land, and there is always talk of war.

“When I was just a lad,” he said we gathered every day  
To join in school assemblies, to sing hymns and to pray.  
Ours is a swift, fast changing world, but memories ever stay  
So let us build the future on the hopes of yesterday.

*Submitted by Angela Hall*



## ACCESS MATTERS

Occasionally I receive a publication from The Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford telling me “What’s On.” This tabloid style is now called “Access Matters.” I am very impressed that no one with a disability is prevented from attending a play there. I think this is happening in more and more theatres and cinemas, etc. Access for wheelchairs was the first step. At most of the plays at Stratford this season there are:

### **CAPTIONED PERFORMANCES**

Allows you to read the words on a



screen while the actors speak the lines.

### **RELAXED PERFORMANCE**

Aimed at those who benefit from a relaxed attitude toward noise and movement in the theatre.



### **CHILLED PERFORMANCE**

Take a more casual approach to noise and movement in the auditorium but the performance itself is unchanged. This performance is for everybody and babes in arms are welcome [not walking or requiring their own seat]. It is ideal for people who feel more at ease knowing they can go in and out of the auditorium during the show including people with dementia.



### **SEMI-INTEGRATED BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETED PERFORMANCE**



For Stratford-upon-Avon performances, the interpreter is in costume as part of the show, up close with the actors. There is also a BSL interpreted Theatre Tour before the performance. A BSL interpreted plot synopsis is also offered on the RSC website for all productions with a BSL interpreted performance.

### **AUDIO DESCRIBED PERFORMANCE**



Allows you to listen to someone describing what’s happening on stage, through a headset.

**Lesley Sutton**

## CROSSWORD – March magazine

Pages 24 and 25 - Solutions Page 27

When I returned home from Church on 3<sup>rd</sup> March with my March magazine, I discovered a crossword. I enjoy the achievement of completing one without referring to Google or a suitable reference book. It is good to be reassured that the grey cells continue to function well. This crossword needed the help of my Bible and not simply the brain but what a lot I learned.

Have you heard of Eglon a King of Moab to whom the Israelites were subject for 18 years? Or Ohad, a son of Simeon? Or Abijam who succeeded his father Rehoboam as King of Judah? *What a fun way to learn more about Biblical characters.* Finally, did you know Abraham had a brother called Nahor? *No neither did I.*

**Lesley Sutton**

### *Thank You!*

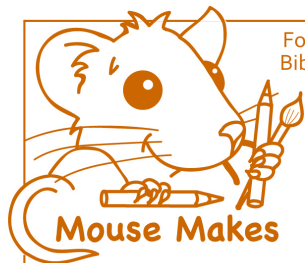
*Frank, Carole, Alison, and Rosie would like to thank our “church family” for the amazing support we have received during the period of Frank’s father’s illness and subsequent death in February. The cards, prayers and flowers have been so appreciated as is the continued support.*



*God Bless*

*Frank, Carole, Alison and Rosie (Greaves) xx*

# Children's Page



Follow the **Easter story** using the Bible references, then look for the words in the puzzle.

## Into Jerusalem

read *Matthew 21:1-11*

DONKEY • ROAD • COATS  
BRANCHES • PALMS  
KING • HOSANNA



**The Last Supper**  
read *Matthew 26:17-30*  
TWELVE DISCIPLES  
PASSOVER  
ROOM • BREAD  
WINE • SON • MAN  
BODY • BLOOD  
CUP • MEAL

**Betrayal and Death**  
read *Matthew 26:36-27:56*  
GETHESEMANE  
PRAY • BETRAY  
KISS • ARREST  
MESSIAH • CHRIST  
SON • ACCUSED  
CRUCIFY • JESUS  
CROWN • THORNS  
ROBE • TREE  
NAILS • CROSS  
DARKNESS  
QUAKE • DEATH  
LOTS • DICE



## Burial and Resurrection

read *Matthew 27:57-28:20*

TOMB • STONE • LINEN • BODY • BURY • THREE DAYS  
MORNING • MARY • ANGEL • HEAVEN • LORD • GOD  
RAISED • JOY • GO TELL • GOOD NEWS • PEACE • SPIRIT  
SAVIOUR • PRAISE • EASTER • I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS

BRANCHESSETS  
CELORDONKEYHKO  
ALTSKMESSIAHJBOG  
TIRSCUPASSOVERAE  
WAAKJEANOSWINECT  
EMYMEALNNOQUBACH  
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