



The  
United  
Reformed  
Church

# Bamford Chapel & Norden URC



**October 2022**

# **BAMFORD CHAPEL & NORDEN URC**

## **MISSION/VISION STATEMENT**



Loving God, Serving Others,  
Building Community

### **Worship**

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

We shall share our praise and dedicate it to God.

### **Ministry**

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

### **Evangelism**

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

### **Discipleship**

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

### **Fellowship**

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

# October 2022

For those who are unable to attend Sunday morning worship, services are live-streamed on YouTube (Bamford Chapel and Norden United Reformed Church) and available on the church website ([www.bcnchurch.org.uk](http://www.bcnchurch.org.uk))

<b>Harvest Sunday</b> <b>2 October</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Family Worship with Communion</b> <b>Led by Margaret Ogden</b>
	<b>2.00 -</b> <b>4.00 pm</b>	<b>Messy Church (see page 8)</b>
	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Missional Partnership Café Style Service</b> <b>(see page 4)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>4 October</b>	<b>7.30 -</b> <b>9.00 pm</b>	<b>Tuesday Home Group</b> <b>On Zoom (see pages 14/15)</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>9 October</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Family Worship</b> <b>Led by Revd Richard Bradley</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>11 October</b>	<b>7.30 -</b> <b>9.00 pm</b>	<b>Tuesday Home Group</b> <b>On Zoom (see pages 14/15)</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>12 October</b>	<b>7.30 -</b> <b>8.15 pm</b>	<b>Missional Partnership Times of Prayer</b> <b>On Zoom (see page 5)</b>
<b>Saturday</b> <b>15 October</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b> <b>for 7.00 pm</b>	<b>Ian Newman Community Film Club</b> <b>(see page 26)</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>16 October</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Family Worship</b> <b>Led by Revd Daniel Harris</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>18 October</b>	<b>7.30 -</b> <b>9.00 pm</b>	<b>Tuesday Home Group</b> <b>On Zoom (see pages 14/15)</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>23 October</b>	<b>10.30 am</b> <b>12 noon</b>	<b>Family Worship</b> <b>Led by David Watson</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>30 October</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Family Worship</b> <b>Led by Lawrence Moore</b>

## Message from the (Bamford) Manse

*<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.*

*<sup>3</sup> Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.” (Hebrews 12:1-3 NRSVA)*



I love the image in this passage of scripture that talks about life as a race. On my early morning dog walks in the last few days I have been listening to podcasts recorded by the American Pastor Rick Warren. One of the series of three I was listening to recently spoke about life as a race

and he used this passage of scripture. A race we are all invited to run.

He spoke about God being like a parent at the school sport's day. He asked at what point in the race does a parent start shouting encouragement to their small child – the answer of course being as soon as they begin, to the moment they finish the race. He said, God does likewise with us. As soon as we begin the race of faith God is encouraging us on until we cross that finish line.

That struck me afresh as I was walking and listening to the podcast. It reminded me of a truth I knew – that God wants the best for each one of His children.

When we think about running a race of faith and a faithful runner we cannot forget the Queen!

96 years which equals: 35,178 days, which equals: 844,272 hours was the length of the life of Queen Elizabeth II.



The television was on in the manse yesterday as we watched the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. It was moving, it was good to be reminded again of her great faith and trust in Jesus Christ who she knew as her Lord and Saviour.

I was so glad that the Royal Family would have the opportunity to say a final goodbye without the public gaze and the cameras rolling.

The Queen certainly ran her race of faith as a faithful servant to the Country, the Commonwealth and most importantly to Christ Jesus.

We give thanks to God for her life and all that she meant especially to her family. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

May her example of faith be an example to us all, to serve Christ right up to the end knowing God is encouraging and leading us all the way.

Thanks and God Bless,

**Richard**

# Church Flowers

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



Irene Lucas remembering Daniel's Birthday  
To remember the life & service  
of Queen Elizabeth II  
In memory of Mike and Doreen Lucas  
Margaret Ogden in memory of Geoff Ogden  
Shirley Sharp

## **Rochdale, Bury and North Manchester Missional Partnership** **Café Style acts of Worship**

**On:**

**Sundays: 3rd July, 4th September, 2nd October & 6th November**

**Time: 6.30pm**

**Venue:**

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

Come and enjoy a relaxed and informal act of worship where there will be refreshments, music, fun and fellowship as part of our worship



**Rochdale, Bury and North Manchester**  
**Missional Partnership**  
**times of prayer on zoom**

<b>Wednesday 15th June</b>	<b>7.30pm—8.15pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 13th July</b>	<b>10.30am—11.15am</b>
<b>Wednesday 14th September</b>	<b>7.30pm—8.15pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 12th October</b>	<b>10.30am—11.15am</b>
<b>Wednesday 16th November</b>	<b>7.30pm—8.15pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 14th December</b>	<b>10.30am—11.15am</b>



**Zoom details:**

**Meeting ID: 836 4636 0141**

**Passcode: Prayer**

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## Reflecting on the death of Queen Elizabeth II



Credit: Jacob King/PA Wire/PA Images.

*Editor: By the Ven John Barton*

### **She was among us as one who serves**

The news of the Queen's death has reverberated round the world; the deep sadness felt in the United Kingdom is shared across the globe, not least in the Commonwealth of Nations which meant so much to her. There was something rocklike in her character which impressed everyone. In times of danger, uncertainty and personal grief, she consistently exemplified courage and confidence. We are reminded of Christ's signal to his disciples: "You will hear of wars and rumours of wars; see that you are not alarmed".

Queen Elizabeth made no secret of her source of inspiration and guidance. ***"For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace", she said, ... "is an inspiration and an anchor in my life. A role model of reconciliation and forgiveness, He stretched out His hands in love, acceptance and healing."***



It was Christ's revolutionary example of leadership which shaped her own sovereignty. He had confounded the prevailing perceptions of authority with a dramatic demonstration. At the Last Supper He noted that none of His disciples was willing to perform the customary task of a servant by washing the dirt off the feet of the others. So *He* did it. Then He gave them this revolutionary definition of leadership:

"The kings of the gentiles lord it over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather, the greatest among you must become like the youngest and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves."

On her 21st birthday in 1947, Princess Elizabeth was touring South Africa with her parents. She made this personal, Christian commitment then and she lived by it throughout her reign: ***"I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service"***.

Right until the end, when she invited the new British Prime Minister to form a Government she was doing her duty. She broke into her Summer holiday at Balmoral to give an audience, first with Boris Johnson as the outgoing Prime Minister, and then with Liz Truss, the 15th Prime Minister of her reign. We will treasure the photograph published then, which showed her at the age of 96 looking frail, but beaming warmth and kindness. And in the midst of national and international mourning, we may also allow ourselves to recall the glorious episode with Paddington Bear during Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations when, solemnly and self-deprecatingly, she drew a marmalade sandwich from her handbag. It gave us a glimpse into the character of a Queen who carried the weight of her office solemnly, but did not take herself too seriously.

The Church of England's historic prayer for the Sovereign concludes with the petition that **"finally after this life she may attain everlasting joy and felicity"**. We hope you will join with us now in saying, 'Amen'.



# Messy Church



# Five Senses

*Editor: Nigel Beeton writes: "After more than two years of pandemic, my wife finally contracted Covid. Ironically she almost certainly caught it from a doctor at the hospital where she works. I never caught it from her! But she, like so many before her, suffered alterations to her senses of taste and smell, and I fell to considering how precious our God-given senses are. She has now tested negative, and I think my wife's sense of taste will return, but so many have lost one of these senses permanently, or, in some cases, were born without them. Do those of us who by the Grace of God have fully functioning senses really take the time to appreciate them?"*

It seems sometimes we live our lives  
Within our walls and fences  
So nothing of the world outside  
Can breach our strong defences;  
So fully do we concentrate  
On stresses and expenses  
We fail to quite appreciate  
Our five God-given senses.



Just touch and stroke a cat's soft coat  
And smell a fragrant flower,  
The taste of honey in your throat  
A song's inspiring power!  
The sight of rolling countryside  
Of nature, gently thrilling  
Just let your senses be your guide  
To daily joys fulfilling.



For sometimes, through our ailing health  
Our senses are denied us  
No doctor's skill or plenteous wealth  
Can put them back inside us;  
So if you have your senses, five  
Thank God – and daily use them  
Part of the joy to be alive –  
And one day we may lose them.

***By Nigel Beeton***

# Church in the World Group: Updates

I am writing on behalf of the group to update on what we have been up to, so here goes:

1. **Developing World Project:** it has felt very strange not to be launching the traditional chapel project in September 22. As agreed with the Elder's and Church Meeting the 2022 will be deferred to the period of Lent in 2023. The Project will be launched on the 19<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

We will be working with Embrace the Middle East (formerly Bible Lands Society) to support one of their partner organisations in the Middle East. Su McClellan led worship earlier this year to introduce us to the work of Embrace. Our project will involve supporting women's empowerment programmes in Egypt. The literacy and numeracy programmes help women from rural communities learn to read and write and manage their household budgets. There is a programme to help women set up income generating projects and also one related to learning about FGM (Female Genital Mutilation which we learnt about in the Tanzania project) which is a problem in Egypt.

<https://embraceme.org/>



## OUR VISION & VALUES

We support our [Christian partners](#) in the Middle East as they work to transform lives and restore the dignity of the most excluded and marginalised communities. Where there is a need – for refuge, a home, for health care, for education, for justice and human rights – we, with our partners, respond.

Our goal is to contribute to a culture of human flourishing in a troubled region.

Ours is a vision of love in action. It is rooted in, and inspired by, Christ's invitation to care for those most in need.

We currently have 50 courageous, inspired, creative and skilled partners in the region. All are working to transform the lives of those most forgotten and on the margins; all are inspired by the Gospel. We feel deeply privileged to work in partnership with them and honoured to be able to bring their witness closer to people in this country.



2. To kick start raising money for Embrace we are selling theatre tickets for the Railway Children Drama which will be presented by Shaw Players on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm @ Playhouse 2, £10 adult, £5 child. It promises to be a good night of fellowship and fundraising.

Please see Rebecca Abbott for tickets. If you require a lift let Rebecca know. Volunteers who are going with spare seats in their car to take others, please let one of the church in the world members know and we will pair you with people in your area to take.

3. Community Coffee Morning on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October, the group are supporting Margaret Ogden to raise money for Christian Aid; coffee, tea, cakes and maybe some meringues will be available!



4. Saturday morning Breakfast in aid of Rochdale and Heywood Foodbanks: Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October from 10am. Please come along and join us for breakfast, fellowship and raise money to support those in the borough who struggle for food. (see article on page 17)

5. The group are supporting the following **RADAR (Rochdale Action with Destitute Asylum Seekers) events;**

**On Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October** there will be an evening of music, quizzes and supper, being run by Cameron Baines to raise money for RADAR.



*“We are delighted to have the band DAVENPORT with us, to provide the musical entertainment for the evening advertised.*

*DAVENPORT are a nine-piece band providing easy listening music with plenty of well-known tunes.*

*Made up of talented young musicians, including Christopher from our church here. They play Brass, Piano, Guitar and Percussion with accompanying vocals, giving a well-rounded sound.*

*Please buy a ticket to support this well deserving cause and have an enjoyable evening, with food and a brain teasing quiz*

*thrown in.*

*Tickets available from Cameron and Barbara or the contact details on the poster, local transport can be arranged, again speak to Barbara or Cameron.”*

**Date to be confirmed in January 2023** for a Saturday morning breakfast... watch this space.

As you can see from the activity above the group is busy and always on the lookout for new members to share ideas and promote the mission of this church across the world.

Please come along to a meeting if you are interested and share in what we do. Sue Travis is the convenor of the group, or talk to Barbara Redmond or myself.

**Our next meeting outside of the above events is on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 7.30pm in the creche room at Chapel.**

**Carole Greaves on behalf of the Church in the World Group**

# RADAR

## (Rochdale Action with Destitute Asylum Seekers and Refugees)



is a registered charity set up by a few members from Rochdale churches to support, as it says, destitute asylum seekers and refugees. They come to this country to seek protection; they are fleeing the effects of war and persecution sometimes because of their political views, religious views or ethnicity in their own countries. They must be desperate to try to cross the channel in small boats.

When they arrive, they are classed as asylum seekers and after registration they are sent to various areas of the country while their claims are being investigated and they stay in accommodation provided by an agency appointed by the Home Office. They get a small amount of money per week for food, clothes, travel etc. If the Home Office accept that they have a genuine case, they are given **Leave to Remain**. Now they are refugees. The responsibility for housing then moves to the Local Authority and they have to leave their Home Office accommodation. It can take a couple of months before they get housing and benefits and so can become destitute – as with Ayman and Kibrom who lived with us.

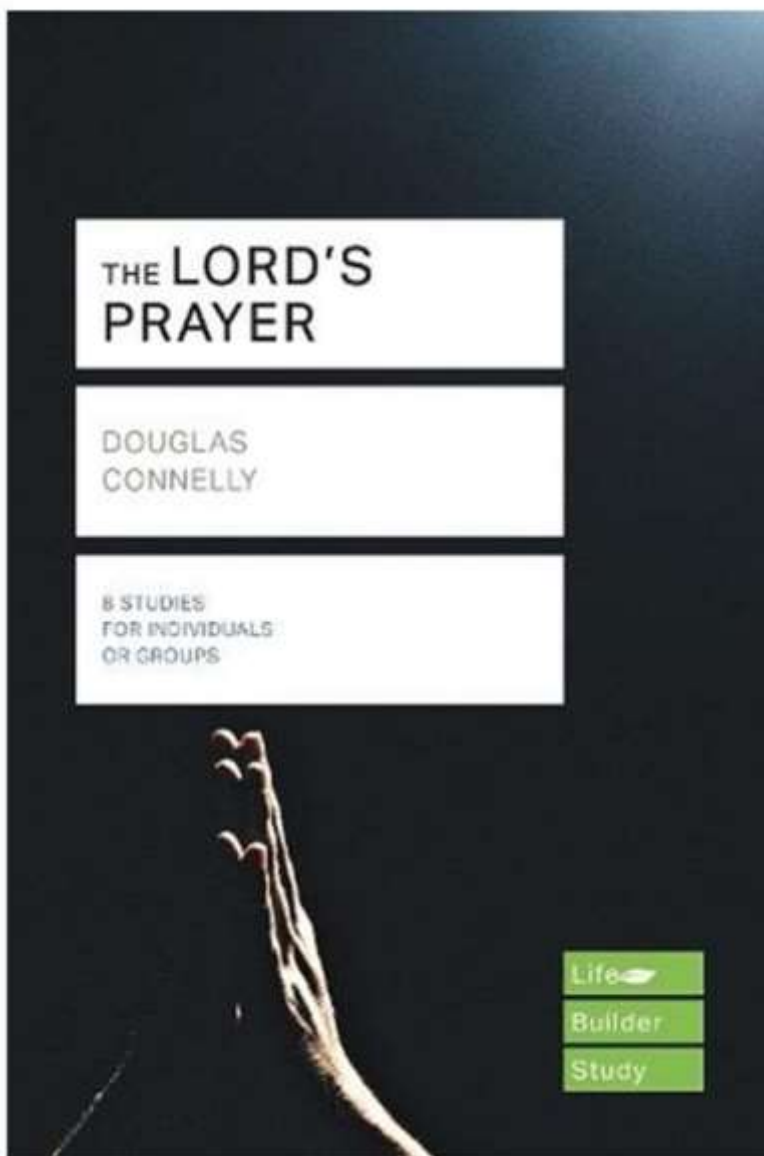
In many cases their asylum applications are refused, often because they do not have the correct evidence. When you flee from your country, you do not always bring the correct documentation. They can make a fresh claim if they can gather fresh evidence. In the meantime, they have to leave their accommodation and have **no recourse to public funds** and they also may become destitute. These are the 2 categories of people we are trying to help.

The Catholic Diocese has agreed that the vacant presbytery at St John the Baptist's RC Church in Rochdale can be used to house 3 destitute asylum seekers and refugees. With the aid of grants of £50,000, the renovation work is about to begin. RADAR will be responsible for the running costs (utilities, council tax and insurance) and they will be giving each of the guests a small weekly living allowance.

If you are interested in supporting this work you can become a member of RADAR (it is free to join) by getting an application form from me.

**Barbara Redmond**

# Tuesday Zoom Home Group Discussion on “The Lord’s Prayer”





Come and join us on a Tuesday evening for  
a Zoom discussion on  
“The Lord’s Prayer”

Tuesday evenings on the dates below

Date	Theme
6th September	Talking to the Father
20th September	Showing some respect
4th October	Who’s really in charge?
18th October	Why pray when you can worry?
1st November	Costly Forgiveness
15th November	Tackling temptation
29th November	The power and glory
6th December	A passion for prayer
13th December	Christmas Social—in person! (venue to be confirmed)

Zoom details:

Meeting ID: 847 9885 2008 Passcode: 517449

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84798852008?pwd=aI9sOST6ZEwyQUp2Z2TnWVJwV0xmQT09>

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## Doctor Watt is back!

Following its last-minute cancellation in March 2020 because of Covid, our gospel panto is returning to the stage 10 and 11 December. "Oh, yes it is!" If you had bought tickets for the cancelled performance, you will not be asked to pay again. Just let the "box office" (Lesley Sutton) know and you will be issued with new tickets.

**Tickets from Lesley Sutton (638005) adults £5, children £3.**

**Bamford Chapel and Norden URC**  
*presents the gospel pantomime*

**Doctor Watt**  
and her  
(steam-powered)  
**Time Machine**

He's behind you!

Oh no he isn't!

Saturday 10 December at 7 pm  
and  
Sunday 11 December at 3 pm

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

**Tickets**  
**Adults £5 Children £3**  
**from Lesley Sutton**  
**638005**

# Big Breakfast

Have you ever been to one of our Saturday morning breakfasts? If so, you will know what a cracking bacon butty we serve, not to mention unlimited toast and tea or coffee. If you haven't been before, now is your chance to.

The Church in the World Committee have traditionally organised two of these breakfasts each year, in aid of Our Church project and Christian Aid, but this year we are holding another one to raise money for **Rochdale and Heywood Foodbanks**. The Foodbank, which was started in 2012 is a project founded by local churches and community groups, working together towards stopping hunger in our local area.



We don't think anyone in our community should have to face going hungry. That's why we provide three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to us in crisis. We are part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK.

If you need any more information about its work, you can speak to Margaret Ogden or Gillian James.



So, please come and join us on **Saturday 8 October between 10am and 12 noon**. Only £3.50 for good fellowship and tasty food with all proceeds going to help those who are really struggling in this cost of living crisis. (see poster on page 11)

P.S. Another way to help us to help others is to donate any carrier bags which you don't need. This will cost you nothing, but means that the charity can spend their money buying food not bags.

**Gillian James**

## The Approach of Winter



As we start to approach winter, we face the uncertainty of energy prices and cost of living crisis. Here are a few tips to help as we get ready for winter.



Start testing your boiler to make sure that it works again after summer. Start thinking about getting the annual gas safety check booked in for the boiler. Have a look at what you have previously set your heating timer and thermostat. Set the timer for only the times you are likely to need it, the boiler doesn't need to be on if you are out during the day. A healthy temperature within the home varies from 18 to 21 degrees depending on individual circumstances such as health conditions. Turn radiators down that don't need to be on full blast.



Start to seal up those unwanted draughts around the house. You can get draught strips for around windows and doors, and radiator foils to go behind radiators on external walls to reflect the lost heat into rooms. Seal up unused chimneys, and unused key holes in doors. As the nights draw in close curtains earlier, keep internal doors shut to keep the heat in the rooms it is needed.

Regarding the energy crisis we are yet to find out how the government's cap on prices at £2500 a year will look. Your energy supplier will update you on what they will charge you when they know more. Starting from October every house in the UK will start to get the £400 government payment. This will be in 2 instalments of £67 followed by 4 lots of £66 starting in October and every month until March. If you pay by direct debit it will be deducted from what your monthly payment should be. For example if your payment should be £166 then your direct debit coming out of your account will be £100/£99. If you pay a monthly or quarterly bill the payments will be

credited to your account. If you are on prepayment meters the money may go automatically on your smart meter or sent out to you as a voucher. Equally the warm homes discount payments of £150 will be automatic this year, so if you claim the eligible benefits you don't have to apply separately you will just receive this.

There is support available in your local areas including: food banks, coffee mornings, mental health cafes and organisations, household funds, and charities offering energy advice. If you are struggling this winter please talk to someone, whether a family member, friend or your Elder and get the support you need. We all have to rally round this winter and offer our homes, hearts and help to those who will be cold and hungry.

I pray there will be an end to the cost of living crisis soon but until then, I pray for strength and hope for every individual this winter.

**Rebecca - On behalf of Eco Church**

## Remembering David Ashton



In our prayers we remember Joan and Nicola Ashton as they mourn the death of a son and brother, David.

# Chapel Men who Died in Service during the First World War

In 2016 the Greaves Family ventured to Belgium and France on a War Graves Tour with a friend, David Galloway and his family who is a local historian and has done much research and produced two books about the war dead of Prestwich and Whitefield. The trip was a moving adventure we will never forget, the enormity of the losses really came to life and I would recommend such a trip to anyone.

On David's advice, to make the trip more interesting, I took the names of the men killed in service from Bamford Chapel, and we visited a grave of one of



the men and viewed another's name on one of the memorials. I never got around to progressing the rest of the research.

However now David has prompted me to return to this and on our behalf has started research on each of the men who did not return from active service. Through looking at records he will attempt to bring the characters of these men alive as part of the history of our church.

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**He has already been able to gather significant information but wonders if**

**anyone in the congregation can provide any information or contact points for any of the families of the men named below who are named in church records.**

**Thomas Ashworth  
Edmund Chadwick  
James T Crompton  
Richard H Martin**

**Tom Martin  
William Murray Porritt  
Arthur Shepherd  
John S Thornley**

Please can you contact me in the first instance and I will give you David's contact details.

*Many thanks, Carole Greaves*

## Prayer Request for Flood Victims in Pakistan

Pakistan is facing devastating floods because of erratic monsoon rains, environmental degradation and global warming. These are the worst floods since 2010. Therefore, we request your prayers for the people of Pakistan, and all relief agencies.

Pakistan has been witnessing floods since last July, caused by the heavy and regular monsoon rains that fall every year. But the amount of rain this year is unprecedented. Southern Sindh province alone received 464% more rainfall this year. The situation worsened in mid-August. The floods have created an emergency situation and epic humanitarian crisis in the country.



Most of the people can't find safe places to live as water is everywhere, and more spells of floods are coming in different parts of the country. Many towns don't have a food supply as roads and bridges have been destroyed, and the crops have been washed away. People are struggling to get food, clean water, clothes, medicine and shelter.

Your prayers for Pakistan will be much appreciated.

### ***Aftab Alexander Mughal***

*Aftab is a Pakistani-British Christian and member of Westbury Gardens United Reformed Church, Blackburn. He has been raising voice for the rights of Pakistani Christians by publishing a quarterly e-magazine "Minority Concern".*

## Smile please! It's Friday 7 October!

Friday is often said to be the happiest day of the week. Traditionally it was pay day, the end of the working week. If this is true, then Friday 7 October could be the happiest day of the year because it is World Smile Day 2022, the day when we are all asked to do a small act of kindness that will put a smile on someone else's face!

And faced this autumn and winter with the worrying threat of the biggest ever cost of living crisis driven by the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the ever increasing threat of violent gun and knife crime, the continuing threat of pandemics, and the increasingly serious climate changes that are having a devastating impact on millions of lives throughout the world, there is a greater need than ever to share some happiness.

The organisers quite rightly point out that what we can all focus on are the small things we can control, like taking a little extra time to help someone with something, or to make them laugh. The idea is that if we all try to do one small act of kindness this World Smile Day, then, together, we can make a huge change in the world.

Why not start by wearing a smiley face emoji that was designed in 1963 by an artist called Harvey Ball. He created the smiley face design for a local company that wanted to boost the morale of their employees. Over time, the design grew and grew in popularity until it became the international symbol of cheer and good will that it is today. Harvey never copyrighted or trademarked the design, so, despite the symbol's enormous popularity, the only money he ever made from the smiley face was the \$45 he was initially paid for it. Harvey, however, maintained a philosophical attitude about this, and was happy to see his design becoming used so much.



In the late 1990s, Harvey decided that we should all set aside one day to simply smile and be kind towards each other, which is how World Smile Day came about. On this day, we can forget all our differences and just focus on being cheerful towards everyone we meet.



When he died in 2001, the Harvey Ball World Smile Foundation was set up to honour his name and memory by raising money for small, grassroots charities that would otherwise receive little attention or funding. There's a lot of truth in that well known song recorded by jazz pianist Seger Ellis in 1928, Louis Armstrong in 1929 and numerous famous singers ever since:

***When you're smiling, the whole world smiles with you!***



## And further smiles!

A few weeks ago David Watson mentioned the value of a Smile in his worship. Here is a beautiful poem to illustrate this.

### THERE'S SUNSHINE IN A SMILE



Life is a mixture of sunshine and rain  
Laughter and pleasure, teardrops and pain  
All days can't be bright but its certainly true  
There was never a cloud the sun didn't shine through  
So just keep on smiling whatever betide you  
Secure in the knowledge God is always beside you  
And you'll find when you smile your day will be brighter  
And all of your burdens will seem so much lighter  
For each time you smile you will find it is true  
*Somebody, somewhere will smile back at you*  
And nothing on earth can make life worthwhile  
Than the sunshine and warmth of *a beautiful smile.*

***Submitted by Lesley Sutton***

# Christmas Boxes for Ukraine & Moldova



Carol Hartley will once again be making up and sending children's Christmas Boxes, this year to Ukraine & Moldova.



**Ladies Fellowship**  
will be filling these much needed boxes on  
**13th October from 1 - 3 pm.**  
**All Ladies welcome.**

It would be a great help if you could please consider donating some of the following items for **boys or girls aged 3 - 5, 6 - 11, or 12+** **If you prefer you can give a money donation which Carol will use towards the cost of transporting the boxes.**

## Practical Items:

- Facecloth & Soap
- Toothbrush & Toothpaste
- Hair Accessories
- Hairbrush/Comb
- Hat/Scarf
- Gloves/Mittens
- Underwear
- Tights/Socks
- Stationery:
  - Notebook
  - Crayons/Coloured Pencils
  - Pens
  - Pencil Case

## Small Gifts:

- Necklace
- Small Soft Toy
- Small Rubber Ball/Inflatable Ball/
- Tennis Ball
- Game
- Puzzle
- Toy Vehicles
- Sweets (NOT Chocolate)  
(use by date from March)

If you would like to donate items, make up a box or help in any way, please contact Carol on 01706 367640 or Linda Peacock on 01706 522593

## Learn to 'wait well' for things

*'My future is in Your hands...'*

In her book, *"When, God, When?"* Author Joyce Meyer wrote: "God has taught me to keep living the life I now have, while I am waiting for the things that are in my heart to come to pass. We can become so intent on trying to birth the next things, that we neither enjoy nor take care of the things at hand. I had a vision from God ten years before I began to see it fulfilled. During those years, I believe I missed a lot of joy, trying to give it birth outside of God's timing."

So why not learn to enjoy where you are, while you're waiting to get to where you want to be? After all, all your life you will spend more time waiting than you will receiving. And when you receive what you're waiting for now – you'll begin waiting for something else. That's life! In other words, if we don't learn to 'wait well', we'll live with endless frustration.

Waiting well will also help us prepare for our dream. The Bible puts it this way: *"in due season we shall reap, if we faint not"* (Gal. 6:9). "Due season" is when God knows we're ready, not when we think we are. He has set appointments to accomplish certain things in our life, so we might as well settle down and wait patiently, because that's when it will happen – and not before.



Isn't it comforting to know that God knows what you need, He knows when you need it and He knows how best to get it to you. All He asks you to do is trust Him.





**CINEMA  
FOR ALL**

***THE IAN NEWMAN COMMUNITY FILM CLUB***

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

**6.30pm refreshments : 7.00pm film**

**Admission £3**

**“LADIES IN LAVENDER” 2004 PG**



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## Winter challenge for Ukrainians

Eight months since Russia's invasion, Christian Aid is warning that millions of Ukrainians face a bleak winter in temporary shelters and damaged homes.

Christian Aid is working hard to help Ukrainians get through the cold months, when temperatures can plunge to -20C.

Alongside its local partners and other charities, the programme for winter includes insulating shelters, restoring toilet and shower blocks, and handing out cash, food, blankets, toiletries and other essentials to support 57,000 people.



Christian Aid CEO Patrick Watt said:

“Thanks to the unprecedented generosity of the British people, Christian Aid is helping local people to take the lead in tackling their own priorities. But with disrupted power, freezing temperatures lie ahead for conflict-hit Ukrainians already struggling with trauma and a lack of medical treatment. We must do more, and quickly.

“One helpful measure would be for the Ukrainian government to lift the tax on humanitarian aid. We urge the UK government to use its relationships in Kyiv to achieve this. We want to complement state activities – not replace them.”



## Pause for thought...

**While good judgement comes from experience, it's worth remembering that experience often comes from bad judgement.**

**If we really want to do something we will find a way; if we don't, we'll find an excuse.**



## Midweek Opportunities for Learning & Sharing Fellowship

- Monday:** 9.00 am Monday Gang / Garden Gang  
(who do work in or around the building)  
10.30 am Pastoral Meeting  
1.30 pm Bridge Club  
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  
7.15 pm Singing Group
- Wednesday:** 12 noon Luncheon Club  
6.30 pm Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association
- Thursday:** 10.30 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:** **Home Group** 4th, 11th & 18th October  
7.30 - 9.00 pm On Zoom (see pages 14/15)
- Thursday:** **Ladies Fellowship** 2nd Thursday in the month  
1.00 - 3.00 pm 13th October (see page 24)  
**Heritage Group** 2nd Thursday in the month  
7.30 pm 13th October In Church
- Friday** **Dementia Friendly Café** 1st Friday in the month  
1.30 - 3.30 pm 7th October
- Saturday:** **Ian Newman** 3rd Saturday in the month  
**Community Film Club** (see page 26)  
6.30 pm for 7.00 pm film 15th October

For further information please see website [www.bcnchurch.org.uk](http://www.bcnchurch.org.uk)  
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