



Bamford Chapel & Norden URC



November 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.



November 2019

Friday 1 st November	1.30 pm	Bamford and Norden Dementia Friendly Café
Sunday 3 rd November	10.30 am	Family Worship with Communion Led by Walter Brisk
	6.30 pm	Evening Worship Led by Revd Richard Bradley
Monday 4 th November	8.00 pm	Monday Home Group (at the Redmond's) Led by Gillian James
Thursday 7 th November	7.30 pm	Elders' Meeting Please pray for the Elders as they meet
Remembrance Sunday 10 th November	10.30 am	All Age Worship/Parade Led by Revd Richard Bradley
	12.20 pm	Elders' Vision Discussion Meeting Please pray for the Elders as they meet
	6.30 pm	Evening Worship Led by David Watson
Monday 11 th November	8.00 pm	Monday Home Group (at the Redmond's) Led by Andy Platt
Tuesday 12 th November	1.00 pm	Music at Lunchtime (see page 15)
	8.00 pm	Tuesday Home Group Meeting (in the Crèche Room)

Sunday 17th November	10.30 am	Family Worship Led by the Elders
	11.45 am	Church Meeting Please do your best to attend
	6.30 pm	Evening Worship with Communion Led by Revd Richard Bradley
Monday 18th November	8.00 pm	Monday Home Group (at the Redmond's) Led by Carole Greaves
Thursday 21st November	7.30 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
Sunday 24th November	10.30 am	Toy Service Led by Revd Richard Bradley
	6.30 pm	Missional Partnership - New Songs Café Style Service (All Welcome) (see page 6) Led by Revd Richard Bradley & Darren Holland
Monday 25th November	8.00 pm	Monday Home Group (at the Redmond's) Led by Lesley Sutton (Quiz)
Tuesday 26th November	8.00 pm	Tuesday Home Group Meeting (in the Crèche Room)
Saturday 30th November	10.30 am - 1.00 pm	Christmas Fair
Sunday 1st December	10.30 am	Family Worship with Communion Led by Revd Richard Bradley
	6.30 pm	Evening Worship Led by Margaret Ogden

Prayer Meetings (reminder!)

Whilst the Missional Partnership Alpha Course is running on Monday evenings the **Monday night prayer meeting will be cancelled**, due to four of the regular attendees being involved in leading or participating in Alpha.

Thanks and God Bless, Richard

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** 5th & 19th November
2.15 pm in the Lounge
Home Group 12th & 26th November
8.00 pm (in the Crèche Room)
- Thursday:** **Ladies Fellowship** 14th November
7.45 pm (see page 24)
Heritage Group 21st November
7.00 pm (3rd Thursday in the month)
- Friday** **Dementia Friendly Café** 1st November
(1st Friday in the month)
- Saturday:** **Ian Newman Community Film Club**
6.30 pm refreshments 16th November (see page 26)
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

This is the first article I have written since becoming a Missional Partnership Minister. As we know, on Sunday 15th September the 'Rochdale, Bury and North Manchester Missional Partnership' came into existence. The service was well attended and the young people from Bamford Chapel and Norden URC did us proud in the sketch they delivered.

Two things that have gone well and are going well in the Partnership:

1. The Alpha Course being held at Radcliffe and Stand URC. About 15 people have signed up to do the course. Representatives from three of the churches are attending including five from BCN.
2. The Café Style New Songs Service that was held at BCN on Sunday evening the 29th September. This was a great act of worship. Circa 60 people attended this from about 7 of the 12 Missional Partnership churches. All comments from that service were extremely positive and people asked if we would lead one before Easter next year! There is one planned for Sunday 24th November (see the poster in the magazine) as we look at Advent and Christmas songs/hymns. I would encourage people to come along to this act of worship. New dates will be set for 2020!

Please pray also for the process of seeking two ministers for the "Opportunities for Ministry" positions in our Missional Partnership. They are being advertised on the national "Vacancy List" that is open to all ministers in the URC. Please pray that God will prepare ministers to serve and prepare the Missional Partnership churches for the ministers.




Thank you to all those who have shown and expressed concern for my workload! It is appreciated. But please note that I have not become

the minister of 12 churches in the way we have understood ministry in the past. I am not attending most events/meetings in all 12 churches. That is not the intention at all. The intention, as my service on the 29th September stated, as does the letter being made available to all on the Church Directory, I will eventually work with smaller numbers of churches on specific pieces of work.

Please pray for me and my family as we begin this new chapter of ministry and also pray for one another as we seek to fulfil God’s purpose and plan. It will be “all hands to the pump” of ministry. God calls and equips and the journey of faith is exciting; let’s journey together, trusting and believing that God will guide us as a church and a Missional Partnership.

God Bless, Richard


Pulpit Supply Secretary



I am pleased to say that this role has now been filled. **Thanks to Margaret Ogden and Ken Greer for taking this role on.** Another example of busy people doing more. Please hold them in your prayers as they fulfill this important role in the life of the Church.

God Bless, Richard

Missional Partnerships



Minutes from the Steering Group Meetings and the Missional Partnership Newsletter will be available to read on the Notice board to the right of the Crèche room in the Coffee Area.

Alternatively if you would like them emailing to you, please let Anne Fitton know.



Rochdale, Bury and North Manchester
Missional Partnership



Café Style new songs Service

@ Bamford Chapel & Norden URC

Sunday 24th November- 6.30pm

All Welcome!



Refreshments will be served as part of the service

Dates for 2020 will be confirmed soon!



Church Flowers

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

Linda Kerford in remembrance of her 50th Wedding Anniversary

Elizabeth Hazlehurst in memory of Paul's birthday

**Karen Bentham in memory of her father,
James Adamson's birthday**

Angela Hall, one of our regular flower arrangers, has sadly decided to retire from the flower rota after many years of loyal service. I would like to thank her on behalf of everyone for her lovely floral displays over the years, which have been such a valued part of our worship and pastoral care.

Thank you Angela.



Statement for NW Synod Meeting on 12th October

The Nominating Group for the Moderator's post in North Western Synod recently fulfilled its task of bringing a name forward to serve as the next Synod Moderator. The Group, which included four representatives of Synod and four experienced people from other parts of the URC, met in Manchester last Monday. Three applicants had been shortlisted. After careful interviews with these people, and thorough deliberation afterwards, the Group agreed to nominate the Revd Brian Jolly. Brian's name will now come before the URC's Mission Council next month, where the nomination may become a formal decision of the Church.



Brian impressed the Group with his long ministerial experience in the Synod, his extensive knowledge of its people and churches, his commitment to service, and the high level of respect and trust that he has gained from many around him in the context of complex and weighty responsibilities within the URC and beyond. It is anticipated that his appointment would begin on 01 January 2020, and run until 2024, when he will retire. In that ministry of up to five years, Brian would expect to help and support the Synod's churches as they engage with the Missional Discipleship strategy, so that changes agreed in the last few years can bed in securely, and the churches can go confidently forward in new patterns of service and relationship.

Val Morrison, Convenor of the Nominating Group
John Proctor, General Secretary
09 October 2019

Please pray for Brian and the Synod as he takes up this new role in the New Year.

Peace

*On the eleventh day of the eleventh month
The guns had ceased and peace had come,
Another war with so much loss
As brave men fought and victories won.*

*We honour those who gave their lives
And took up arms against the foe,
Not knowing if they would return
But faithful to the call to go.*



*Battles rage throughout the earth,
It seems that wars will never cease
Until the day that Christ returns -
And only then will there be peace.*



*The Prince of Peace, Emmanuel
Will come to end this world of strife
And as He brings His kingdom in
He'll usher in eternal life.*

By Megan Carter (Parish Pump)

In a Fog?



November is the month that in my mind is forever associated with fog. Growing up in a mining village, where everyone had a coal fire and chimneys spouted dark smoke all day long, we used to get some real ‘pea-soupers’ in November. Sometimes it was so thick the buses would stop running and we would be sent home early from school. Thankfully with the introduction of smoke-free zones we don’t have so many thick fogs now, but I still miss a coal fire.

Sometimes in life it can feel as if we are in a bit of a fog. Nothing seems straightforward anymore and we don’t know which way to turn. We lose our sense of clarity and our mind seems befuddled. We have decisions to make but we are uncertain and hesitant. It feels like driving in a fog.

We all experience such times, so what can we do? My advice is to wait patiently for the fog to lift, which it will do in time. Don’t rush into making any decisions until you are clear, especially important ones. Waiting requires not only patience, but trust. Trust that God is still with you, even if you can’t feel His presence, or hear His voice. He will not leave you or abandon you, and is aware of your need.

The wise St Ignatius said that we should never doubt in the darkness what God had told us in the light. When you are in a fog hold on to what God had already given you, to the truth of His word. Eventually the fog will disperse, and a new day will dawn for you, when you can clearly see the way ahead.

(by Tony Horsfall - Parish Pump)

GAP KENYA

'Letter from Mombasa'

I am Bethline Jembe, manager at Joseph center a wing of Gap Kenya located in Mombasa about 500meters from Mwakirunge dumpsite; the area is moderately populated with poor families who rely on scavenging and live at the dumpsite.



The center currently works with 12 women from the area together with their children. The women arrive at the center at 8.00am, the day starts with a session of spiritual nourishment where all the women and the teachers are involved. This session comprises of prayer, worship and praise and brief word from one of us; we believe God is the center of everything. Breakfast is then served immediately after the prayer (four slices of bread smeared with blue band and a cup of milk tea) and immediately after having their breakfast the mothers help to clean the place for the next session.

There are two skills sets apart from reading and writing which are currently being taught at the center, knitting and sewing. These are taught from the basics up to an advanced state as the mothers progress, one session before lunch and the other after lunch, which is served at 12.30pm as the kids arrive from school.

The general feeding at the dumpsite takes place every Thursday at half past noon and is done by part of the Gap Kenya team - it comprises of bread and juice. After lunch the mothers go back for the last session of the day while the kids are led through some study work, reading and educational games. The day ends at 3.30pm where we come together have a short review of the day and a closing prayer.

I take to myself to ensure teamwork and cooperation at the center

and that the programs run effectively and efficiently. I address arising issues and challenges ensuring development of each individual including the children by advising and motivating. Serving the people through the center is a privilege to me and is part of my life as it gives me a bigger perspective and allows me to be of help to others and learn in the process.

The center has a holistic program to ensure proper development of the children and women.



ANNUAL BROWNIES COFFEE EVENING



in aid of
Chapel Project 2019



GAP Kenya



TUESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER
FROM 6.00PM – 7.30PM

- £1 entrance [children free]
- which includes cup of tea/coffee and cake
- ❖ Games for all to join in with
- ❖ Bring and buy stall
- ❖ Raffle

Everyone welcome; please bring along Grannies, Grandads, Aunties, Uncles, Cousins, Sisters, Brothers, Friends to enjoy a FUN EVENING/PARENTS EVENING raising funds to build The Joseph Centre.



TWENTY YEARS AGO – November Magazine 1999

Each month from twenty years ago I will extract something of interest from that magazine. This event is now the CHRISTMAS FAYRE. Stalls are much the same. Conjuring memories of members no longer in our midst. Lesley Sutton

AUTUMN FAYRE, 13TH NOVEMBER 1999. 10.30am to 2.00pm

*This is a very important event in the life of the church and we are expecting it to be a great success both financially and socially **BUT** – to make it a success, **YOUR support is essential**. To enable you to help in whatever way you can, here is a list of the various stalls and the organisations/people who are in charge of them.*

Refreshments (morning coffee and lunches)	Jean Fitton, Shirley Sharp.
Homemade Produce	Ladies Fellowship Margaret Entwistle, Pat Gate.
Tombola	Men's Group (Sid Hazlehurst, Bob Gate)
Second Hand Toys & Games	Julie Platt, Jackie Anderson
Second Hand Books	Michael and Doreen Lucas
Plants and Bulbs	Betty Ainsworth, Elva Moore.
Christmas Cards	Ailsa Milnes
Christmas Gifts	Elizabeth Hazlehurst, Olive Brierley, Gillian James, Sheila James.
Toiletries	Sheila Varley
Teddy Tombola & Bran Tub	Junior Church (Elizabeth Hazlehurst and Patricia Lapworth)
Hamper	Margaret Ogden
Decoration of the hall	Margaret Ogden, Margaret Wiseman and as many helpers as possible.

There will be raffles, competitions and face painting, etc.

EVERYONE'S HELP is required. Please do what you can. And don't forget to turn up on the day.

SEE YOU THERE!!!

Christmas Fayre
At Bamford Chapel & Norden URC

On Saturday
30th November
10.30 am - 1.00 pm



Father Christmas
Raffles
Mince Pies
Refreshments
Toiletries
and many more ...



*Please see Julie Platt with any ideas and offers of help;
there's a sign up sheet Under The Clock*



I would like to thank everyone for cards, flowers and visits after my recent accident. I am now recovering slowly, but it's a long job!

Carol Hartley

Midday Concerts at the Chapel



On 8th October we welcomed as our guest artiste Roger Browne. He performed many piano jazz works, interspersed with commentary and anecdotes. He was immensely well received by a large audience, many of whom stayed on after the concert to chat with him, and I had several requests to invite him to return. It transpired that he had attended the same primary school as Joan Warner – though not necessarily at the same time!

Roger had previously given recitals at Heywood Probus Club and at Rochdale Rotary Club, where he had also been received with acclamation. He could be available for further visits if any group within the Chapel should be looking for a first-class entertainer. Certainly we could not have had a more encouraging start to our season.

On 12th November, we will welcome Charlotte Hoather, a soprano with an impressive CV. She actually approached us when she had noticed the church web page. She is the only vocalist in our current programme, and I have asked her to include in her programme a wide variety of songs! Please continue to support us as well as you did in October. We pay our artistes well, but any profit we make, both on admission to the concerts and on the refreshments provided by our two teams of caterers, is passed on to the church on Gift Day – another good reason for coming!



Walter Brisk

Bamford Chapel & Norden URC Presents



Music at Lunchtime
1.00 - 2.00 pm



Tuesday 12th November

Charlotte Hoather - Soprano
(accompanist George Todica)

Concert Admission £4.00

Lunch items priced individually
are available from 12.15 pm

Remembering Hilda England
(Carol Hartley's Mum)



All of the England family would like to thank everyone who came to Mum's funeral; for cards and for donations to the Belarus Fund and Trinity Methodist Church.

Thank you also for all the prayers over the last few years. Now at Peace.

Carol Hartley

Editor: Hilda was a lifelong, committed and hard working member of Heywood URC until its closure, when she continued to worship at Trinity Methodist Church in Heywood. (Carol says she even had the job of producing Heywood URC's Magazine!!)



DRUMBEAT CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

"Let Children be number one"

Registered Charity No: 10941

Date: 06/10/2019

To: Bamford Chapel

Ref: **THE AGRICULTURAL FUND PROJECT PROGRESS.**

1. **Clearing the field**

This activity of clearing our land was initiated in the month of July, where able bodied men from around the village were tasked to remove the big trees, clearing the long grass together with the weeds and up-rooting the big tree roots that were found in the land at a cost.

We were challenged in the first instance where we planted maize in August but the weather was not so favourable! Due to the drought in that month our crops withered and dried!

The people around the village (guardians) in particular) advised us to do mixed cropping, that is to say, we plant both maize and beans together in the month of September. To them by doing this families had a chance of getting food as well as sauce. We thought it would be ideal for the families, therefore when we resumed the planting season, we planted both maize and beans. Some guardians offered to give us cassava stems so that we can diversify the project. in the same way, soon we will plant cassava stems to enrich our mixed cropping because this takes 7-8 months.



Clearing the field in progress.



The pictures above show sponsored children, their guardians and the Director of Drumbeat Children's Foundation involvement in the exercise. This is a stage that shows the field well cleared and the planting process in progress.

2. Planting

This phase was started three weeks back and we started with planting beans and planted maize seeds after one week. The Children were of great help because much of the planting was done by them.



Some of the children that helped in the planting phase as seen in the pictures include;

Nakanjako Sophia whose sponsor is; **Rev. Hellen Johnson**
Ssentongo Akram sponsored by **Val & Malcom Smith,**
Namaweje Jane sponsored by **Jane Parker**
Among others...

It should be noted that not all the sponsored children got involved reason being that some are in candidate classes (the older ones) and therefore need time to get ready for their Final examinations, others have to take care of their elderly guardians, others will take part as we move-on.

The pictures still show the progress of our project so far. The beans have sprouted up and the maize is yet to sprout out as well since it was planted later. The weather is good enough as we have plenty of rain as it is the wet season. We hope to get good yields in 3-4 months time.

Thank you again for having supported this project which will benefit very many households in Kyalusowe village.

Yours truly,
Mugwanya John Bosco
Director.



**ALL
ARE
WELCOME**

On Sunday

3 November 2 – 4 pm

**@ Bamford Chapel
and Norden URC**



Come to
**Professor
Potty's**

Lab

children

please bring an adult with you



Rochdale Action with Asylum Seekers and Refugees and Rochdale Parish Church of St Chad invite you to

Listening to Refugees and Asylum Seekers

An opportunity to hear from those who have come to Rochdale and surrounding communities from various parts of the world

**Saturday 9th November 2019
St. Chad's Church, Sparrow Hill
Rochdale OL16 1QT**

- Hear from Refugees and Asylum Seekers. In small groups we shall listen to individuals and learn about their journeys to Rochdale
- A wide range of nationalities will be represented
- Hear from Churches, Red Cross, RADAR, and other local partners about their work with newcomers to the town
- No charge for the day (voluntary donation / bring and share lunch). Disabled Access
- Connect with agencies and find out how to get involved

Programme

- 10.30 Arrivals, and refreshments.**
- 11.00 Welcome and introduction to the day from RADAR**
- 11.30-12.45 Listening to Refugees 1**
- 12.45 Lunch (Please bring some food to share, Drinks available. Time for networking)**
- 13.30 Listening to Refugees 2**
- 14.30 Rochdale Cooperates: an overview of current work with Refugees and plans**
- 14.45 Conclusion - Barbara Butler, Executive Secretary, Christians Aware**
- 15.00 Departures**





Ladies Fellowship (Part 1) September 2019

The meeting in September was a Body Shop evening run by Lisa and Rebecca who recently forwarded me this information by e-mail [too late for last month's magazine]. I feel sure you will be interested to learn more about this organization.

Dame Anita Roddick founded the Body Shop in 1976; her goal was to earn an income for herself and her two daughters whilst her husband Gordon was away in South America travelling. She wanted to provide quality skin care products from ethically and sustainably sourced producers. With the Body Shop at Home Channel being launched in 1994 [this was represented by Lisa and Rebecca].

In 1987 the Community Trade Programme was born, Anita envisioned that Business could be a force for good. It was her commitment to trade fairly with suppliers and in exchange offer good trading practices and independence building prices.

One example of these partnerships is with the Tungteiya Women's Association in Northern Ghana. Body Shop sustainably sourced Community Trade Shea from them since 1994, starting with just 4 ladies in one village which has now grown to 698 women from 11 villages. These ladies handcraft over 500 tons of shea butter for them every year using an 18-stage process passed from mother to daughter for generations. Each woman takes two days to expertly produce shea in 25kg batches using traditional techniques to ensure the highest quality.

As well as paying a fair price, Body Shop pays a premium to help empower these women and help them to achieve an independent income, increased confidence and respect. This premium also helps fund community projects that positively impact the lives of 49,000 people across 11 villages every year. These community projects include building 7 schools that educate 1,200 students and enabling access for the community to safe water and health centres.

Also the Body Shop at Home support the Charity “Children On The Edge” (COTE). The late Dame Anita Roddick founded “Children on the Edge” in 1990. After witnessing the appalling conditions in Romanian orphanages first hand, she mobilised The Body Shop International, to help these children. Today, more than 25 years later, they are proud to continuously support this amazing charity.



Originally part of The Body Shop Foundation, “Children on the Edge” grew up with the family of The Body Shop, engaging staff at all levels to not only fund raise but to participate in international play schemes. In 2004, “Children on the Edge” became an independent charity yet continues to be bolstered and supported by an incredible support base at The Body Shop.

Lesley Sutton

Appeal for the Belarus Fund



Following my accident in August, I am unable to hold a coffee morning this year at Trinity Methodist Church in aid of the Belarus Fund. The event usually raises around £1000, which is used to buy winter shoes and clothes for the Borisov Abandoned Babies' Home in Belarus. Money is also used to ship out the Christmas Shoe Boxes. As this is a substantial sum to lose I would be grateful if you could consider giving a donation. Any amount, however small, would be much appreciated.

Thank you - Carol Hartley



Heywood
and
Rochdale
Committee
CRUK



CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING
with mince pies

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

Thursday 5th December 2019
10.00am to Noon

Tickets : £3.00
from 01706 642343/642199
or pay on the door

The Bethany Project (Tanzania) UK
UK Reg. Charity 517995



CHILDREN'S HOME AND EDUCATION CENTRE

www.bethanyonline.org

The Bethany Children's Choir from Tanzania
are visiting

Bamford Chapel and Norden URC
On Sunday, 8th December at 6.30 pm

An African Experience of
Songs, Stories and Dance
All Welcome - No Charge

Put Your Garden Nets Away

Don't leave netting out in your garden over the winter – it is killing our hedgehogs. So warns the RSPCA, after reports of dozens of hedgehogs getting entangled in football, badminton and pond nets.



Evie Button, a wildlife scientific officer, warns: “Netting can be a particular hazard for wild animals, as they can easily become entangled. As they thrash around trying to escape, the netting can tighten round them and cause terrible suffering.”

Since the 1950s, the number of hedgehogs in England has shrunk from 30 million to one million.

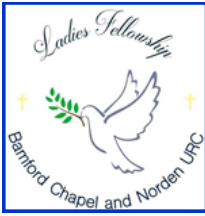


It's just 12 months since I moved to Rochdale from Maghull, following a spell of ill-health. My

brother, Walter Brisk, assisted with finding a suitable property and I was happy to move to Bamford to be nearer Walter and Glenda. It's been a happy year with new experiences for me at Luncheon Club, Coffee Mornings, Ladies Fellowship, Mid-day Concerts to name but a few, and of course Sunday Worship.

I have been overwhelmed by the warm welcome and support given to me by so many people at Bamford Chapel & Norden URC, and I appreciate the offers of transport, now that I am no longer able to drive myself. So thank you, each and every one of you, for making the move to my new home such a pleasant one.

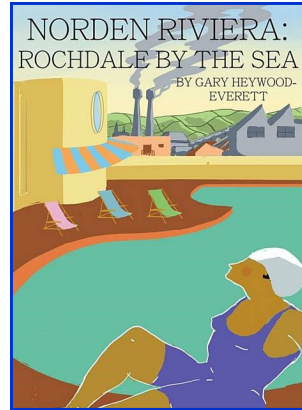
Thank you, Joyce Harding



Ladies Fellowship (Part 2) October 2019

At our October meeting we welcomed Gary Heywood-Everett to give a talk on “Norden Riviera” or “Reveera” as it was known to many!

It was our first open meeting of the season, with 2 men and a couple of ladies new to Ladies Fellowship joining us. Gary gave us a very interesting insight into this ambitious project, providing facts and showing slides to illustrate the work involved to get the project off the ground. **His book is available for anyone interested (£5, contact Gary on 01706817449 or 07745201263 to order one. He will deliver a copy if you give an address! The Ideal Christmas present !!)**

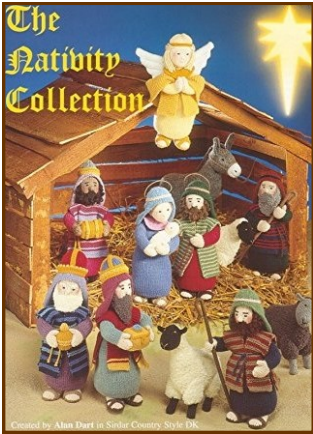


The Lido and Leisure Complex was a venture financed by local business men and opened in 1935. It initially provided dances, cricket matches and horse riding in addition to the popular swimming facilities. For many years it was the “meeting place” for locals, as well as for people travelling from out of the area. Many of the ladies at the meeting remember spending happy times there, despite the cold water! Unfortunately finance became a problem, popularity waned and the Riviera finally closed in 1966.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 14th November at 7.45 pm, when Carol Hartley will update us on the work of the Belarus Fund and we will fill Christmas boxes to be sent to Belarus for teenage girls. If you would like to contribute items there is a list of items needed on the Ladies Fellowship notice board opposite the kitchen. If you would like to come to any of the meetings or need further information, please speak to me or Linda Kerford.

Linda Peacock (Ladies Fellowship Co-ordinator)

Sheep May Safely Graze



My name is Sheryl Sheep. My brother is Shaun, my dad is Shaun and mum is Shona. We live on a lovely hillside overlooking Bethlehem - you won't have heard of it, nothing ever happens there. Although the roads have been busy recently, people following each other like.....

I play on the netball team, the Woolly Wanderers, and we are having a good season. We look after the shepherds and to keep them awake we take turns to go and hide and they have to find us, such fun. Mum has been teaching me astronomy, and if pigs might fly then I want to be the first sheep on the moon. Tonight I am walking up the hillside to have a closer look at that strange star which has appeared. It is getting brighter and I can hear beautiful music. I look back over my shoulder and the whole flock is staring. I turn back, look up at the sky and wow.....

Jennifer Lee

Editor: The 2nd article from Jennifer Lee. If you have been asked to knit a nativity figure, perhaps you too would like to give it a name and write a story.

**Heywood Foodbank
(supported by SVP)**



Thank you from Heywood Foodbank for the donations received from the Harvest Service at Bamford Chapel and Norden URC. Your generosity is much appreciated and we value your continued support.

**CINEMA
FOR ALL**



**THE IAN NEWMAN COMMUNITY FILM CLUB
at Bamford Chapel & Norden URC,
Norden Road, ROCHDALE. OL11 5PQ**

**(Every 3rd Saturday in the Month)
£3 admission (including refreshments)
6.30pm Refreshments 7.00pm Film**

**Saturday
16th November 2019**

“The Lady in the Van” 12: 2015



**Supported by Rochdale
Township**

Sorry Girl

Each year the schools of West Yorkshire enter their year nine pupils into a competition; the purpose to express and encourage creative writing. This year's topic was called Mission Catastrophe.



The teenagers' mission was to craft tales of destruction and redemption, new beginnings and struggles of survival against all odds.

We were thrilled to hear our granddaughter Lucy's work had been entered and so very proud when she won a place in a creative writings book showcasing the winners' work.

Lucy wrote about the catastrophic fires which regularly hit Saddleworth Moors during the dry seasons.

“Sorry Girl

Girl of the hills, omnipotent as ever, spreading flames with her uncontrollable roar. Days of her vigorous grace flooding the hills with her sweltering heat. They knew they shouldn't have crossed her! She warned pain and she gave pain. Flame after flame cry after cry. As weeks went by, the hills were constructing into grey cinders, crisp to the touch! Homes charred to the ground like a crisp beat in the palm. Who knew what would be next, undoubtedly this was enough..... What did she despair?

Pain was certainly her medicine, to her demolished heart.

Sorry girl ...

Lucy Galloway”

(submitted by Finlay & Gillian Galloway)

Having a positive view on life can help you live longer. A recent study has found that people who are optimistic are more likely to live to 85 or older.

The study by the Boston University School of Medicine found that the most optimistic men and women have an 11 per cent to 15 per cent longer lifespan than the rest of us.



Lead us not...

I had been teaching my three-year old daughter the Lord's Prayer. For several evenings at bedtime, she would repeat after me the lines from the prayer. Finally, she decided to go solo. I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word, right up to the end of the prayer: "Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us some e-mail. Amen" (Anon)

All you need is Love



Mother Teresa once observed: “We cannot do great deeds, but we can do small deeds with great love.”

That’s something to remember in our daily life. What good are great public efforts if they are fuelled by personal ambition or a desire to rule? If you are not personally kind, what good does it do you? The Bible warns us that ‘If I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, and have not love, I gain nothing.’ (1 Corinthians 13:2,3) **Who can you show some love to, today?**



Leek and Potato Soup

Here is a recipe with locally grown seasonal vegetables

Serves 4

2 leeks chopped
1 small onion finely chopped
350g/12 oz potatoes
900ml/1½ pints chicken or vegetable stock
Salt and ground black pepper

1. Put vegetables in a pan with stock and bring to boil.
2. Cover the pan with a tight fitting lid and simmer for 45 minutes or until all the vegetables are very tender.
3. Season to taste with salt and pepper.
4. Put in a blender or use hand blender until soup is smooth.
5. Serve with warm crusty bread and butter

THE IAN NEWMAN COMMUNITY FILM CLUB at Bamford Chapel and Norden URC, Norden Road, Rochdale OL11 5PQ

On 21st September the film club celebrated its two year anniversary. With a record attendance of 67 it was a fun filled evening watching “The Greatest Showman.” The moral of this film is that everyone matters. The words of the song “THIS IS ME” describes the feelings of one of the characters [bearded lady, played by Keala Settle].

The evening was celebrated by offering all patrons a “Celebration” chocolate and a slice of a specially designed cake. A CD of the soundtrack of the film was raffled. The winner was delighted.

This is Me

I'm not a stranger to the dark
Hide away, they say
'Cause we don't want your
broken parts
I've learned to be ashamed of
all my scars
Run away, they say
No one will love you as you are
But I won't let them break me
down to dust
I know that there's a place for
us
For we are glorious
When the sharpest words
wanna cut me down
I'm gonna send a flood, gonna
drown them out
I am brave, I am bruised
I am who I'm meant to be, this
is me

Look out 'cause here I come
And I'm marching on to the beat
I drum
I'm not scared to be seen
I make no apologies, this is me

Another round of bullets hits my
skin
Well, fire away 'cause today, I
won't let the shame sink in
We are bursting through the
barricades
And reaching for the sun (we are
warriors)
Yeah, that's what we've become

Won't let them break me down
to dust
I know that there's a place for us
For we are glorious

When the sharpest words wanna
cut me down
Gonna send a flood, gonna
drown them out
I am brave, I am bruised
I am who I'm meant to be, this is
me

Look out 'cause here I come
And I'm marching on to the beat
I drum
I'm not scared to be seen
I make no apologies, this is me
...This is me

And I know that I deserve your
love
There's nothing I'm not worthy
of
When the sharpest words wanna
cut me down
I'm gonna send a flood, gonna
drown them out
This is brave, this is bruised
This is who I'm meant to be, this
is me

Look out 'cause here I come
(look out 'cause here I come)
And I'm marching on to the
beat I drum (marching on,
marching, marching on)
I'm not scared to be seen
I make no apologies, this is me

(Whenever the words wanna
cut me down
I'll send the flood to drown
them out)
I'm gonna send the flood,
gonna drown them out

This is me



**Celebratory cake
for TINCFC (The
Ian Newman
Community Film
Club)**

Lesley Sutton



Adam and I would like to thank everyone that came and helped us celebrate our wedding back in August, it feels like such a long time ago now but we still remember the

day vividly. We both had such a wonderful day which was obviously helped by us being treated to good company and the only dry Friday in August.

Mr and Mrs Watson

It's panto time in Bamford & Norden

"Dr Watt and her (steam-powered) Time Machine" **7 & 8 March 2020**

Watt not Who!?!



Let's use time travel to take us on a journey through some events of the life of Jesus – *oh, yes we will!*



Acting opportunity for you. Rehearsals mainly on Sundays after church (bring your lunch). **Or** maybe you would be happier to join our production team (lighting, costumes, props, etc)?

For further information, please see Addie

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