



The
United
Reformed
Church

Bamford Chapel & Norden URC

Then sings my soul...

“HOW
GREAT
THOU ART”



September 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.

September 2019

Sunday 1st September	10.30 am	Family Worship with Communion Led by Margaret Ogden
	6.30 pm	Evening Worship Led by David Watson
Monday 2nd September	7.30 pm	Focus on Prayer Meeting (God Squad Room)
Wednesday 4th September	7.30 pm	Missional Partnership Steering Group Meeting (at St Andrew's URC/Methodist Church)
Thursday 5th September	7.30 pm	Elders' Meeting (please pray for the Elders as we meet)
Friday 6th September	1.30 pm	Bamford and Norden Dementia Friendly Café
Sunday 8th September Project Launch & Lunch	10.30 am	Family Worship (followed by Project Lunch) Led by the Project Group
	6.30 pm	Evening Worship Led by Sid Hazlehurst or Margaret Ogden
Monday 9th September	7.30 pm	Focus on Prayer Meeting and Prayer Walk (God Squad Room)
Tuesday 10th September	8.00 pm	Tuesday Home Group (see Richard re venue)
Saturday 14th September	10.00 am - 4.00 pm	Heritage Open Day (see page 8)
Sunday 15th September Harvest	10.30 am	Family Worship - All Age Parade Led by Revd Richard Bradley
	1.00 pm - 4.00 pm	Heritage Open Day
	3.00 pm	Missional Partnership Commissioning (see page 6) Service at Bury URC NO EVENING SERVICE at Bamford Chapel & Norden URC

September 2019 (continued)

Monday 16 th September	7.00 pm	Missional Partnership Alpha Course (Session 1) (see page 7)
	7.30 pm	Focus on Prayer Meeting (God Squad Room)
Thursday 19 th September	10.00 am	Macmillan Coffee Morning (see page 11)
Sunday 22 nd September	10.30 am	Family Worship Led by the Tuesday Home Group
	12 noon	Church Meeting (please do your best to attend)
	6.30 pm	Evening Worship with Communion Led by Revd Richard Bradley
Monday 23 rd September	7.00 pm	Missional Partnership Alpha Course (Session 2) (see page 7)
	7.30 pm	Focus on Prayer Meeting and Prayer Walk (God Squad Room)
Tuesday 24 th September	8.00 pm	Tuesday Home Group (see Richard re venue)
Saturday 28 th September	9.30 am	Safeguarding Training
Sunday 29 th September	10.30 am	Family Worship Led by Revd Richard Bradley
	6.30 pm	Missional Partnership Café Style Service (learning new songs) Led by Revd Richard Bradley & Darren Holland
Monday 30 th September	7.00 pm	Missional Partnership Alpha Course (Session 3) (see page 7)
	7.30 pm	Focus on Prayer Meeting (God Squad Room)

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** 3rd & 17th September
2.15 pm in the Lounge
Home Group 10th & 24th September
8.00 pm (usually at the Manse)
- Thursday:** **Ladies Fellowship** 12th September
7.45 pm (see page 21)
Heritage Group 19th September (see page 8)
7.00 pm (3rd Thursday in the month)
- Saturday:** **Ian Newman Community Film Club (see page 26)**
6.30 pm refreshments 21st September
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

As we move into the last four months of the year September marks a historic moment in the life of our Church – the Commissioning of the Bury, Rochdale and North Manchester Missional Partnership, of which Bamford Chapel and Norden URC is a part. I want to encourage us all to attend if we can. Carole Greaves has put a sign-up list on the notice board. The service will take place at 3pm on Sunday 15th September, at Bury URC (see advert on page 6 in this magazine).

Following on from the Missional Partnership Commissioning Service is the start of the Missional Partnership Alpha Course. This begins on Monday 16th September at 7pm. This course will take place at Radcliffe and Stand URC. Dates and times are on the poster on page 7 in this magazine. I want to encourage people to attend the Alpha Course. It is a good course for those who want to learn more about the Christian Faith and equally good for those who may know a lot already. I have been involved in running Alpha Courses before and I always learn new things. If you want to be part of the course, even if you cannot attend every week, please speak to me. As food is part

of the course it is important to let me know if you plan to attend.



With the commissioning of the Missional Partnership comes slow changes with regards to my ministry. As part of the Commissioning Service I, as a Minister within the Missional Partnership, will be commissioned as a Missional Partnership

Minister. In terms of Sunday services, you may not notice much difference, as the preaching rota for the rest of 2019 shows me here

as much as I have been since the start of 2019. But I may not be around as much at midweek events/meetings/groups, as there will be work I will be doing in other churches. Once we start 2020, I am still down as preaching here at Chapel for about 2 Sunday mornings and 2 Sunday evenings each month from January to June. Beyond June 2020 is still in many ways unknown. In short there will be change experienced in the next twelve months.

Much prayer will be needed as the 12 churches in our Missional Partnership discern the work God is calling us to do. May we be a listening people, using the gifts God has given us to further His kingdom.

God Bless, Richard

Pulpit Supply Secretary **URGENTLY NEEDED**



As a church we are in need of a Pulpit Supply Secretary. Unfortunately, no one has come forward to date. If we don't have someone to do it we will go without a preacher on some Sundays.

The role entails seeking preachers to fill our weekly services. It may be that in the Missional Partnership we will have joint meetings of Pulpit Supply Secretaries and fill preaching rotas that way. At present I am working on the January to June 2020 preaching rota, so the job will not be onerous as I am trying to get ahead.

We will need to compile a list of preachers and contact numbers, but I can assist the person with this. We are very blessed to have several willing preachers here at Bamford Chapel and Norden URC.

Please, would someone consider taking this role on?

God Bless, Richard

You are invited to
The Celebration and Commissioning
of the
Bury, Rochdale and North
Manchester Missional Partnership

3.00pm

Sunday 15th September 2019

Bury URC

Parson Lane

BL9 0LY

Everyone Welcome

Refreshments served after the
service



Walking
the Way
Living the life of Jesus

Missional Partnership Alpha Course



This year Bamford Chapel & Norden URC
Is open for

Heritage Open Days

Saturday 14th Sept 10am – 4pm

and

Sunday 15th Sept 1pm – 4pm

Bacon Butties will be available on Saturday morning
and light Refreshments on Saturday and Sunday afternoons

**This year's theme is
Bamford Chapel & Norden URC in 1819 & 1919**

Our heritage group has been searching through the archives in
Chapel and at the Local Studies Centre to bring you lots of
fascinating information about these years. Come and take a look.

If you would like to help on the weekend or would like to get
involved with the Heritage Group in any way,
please contact Louise Aspinall.

Don't forget to invite your friends and neighbours

Editor: The Rev Paul Hardingham considers the coming autumn...

Making the Most of your Time

September is the time of year when we get back to normal routine after the summer break. It's an opportunity to ask how God wants us to make the most of the time He gives us. Although we can't always choose how we use our time, we can control our attitude towards it. How can we use our time wisely?



Firstly, **see time is a gift from God.** Each day is an opportunity to know God better and serve Him. Time isn't inexhaustible, as someday our time on earth will end. "Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." (Psalm 90:12). The first thing we can do when we awake is thank God for the gift of another day.

Secondly, **commit your time to God.** Time is not to be wasted, but to be used for God's glory. We are accountable to God for the way that we use our time: "Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity" (Ephesians 5:15,16). We should ask God to help us organise our time more wisely, to reflect His concerns.

Thirdly, **set aside time for God, others and ourselves.** How often can we go through a whole day without thinking about God, or ignoring someone who needs our help? This is because we relegate God to our spare time, so He ends up at the bottom of our list of priorities. Jesus said, "Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness" (Matthew 6:33). If we prioritise our time for God, people and our needs, the rest of life will fit around them.

"I have so much to do today that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer." (Martin Luther)

Harvest Field



*All around, confusion,
All around, helplessness,
People lost in the bad news of every day.
Longing for purpose,
Searching for security and significance
Here in the white field of our generation.*

*The harvest is still great,
The workers are still few,
But the Lord of the harvest
Is the same
Yesterday, today and forever,
And this is his field.
He planted, he will give growth
If we will be his workforce
And go out into the field - where he already is -
To gather the harvest
Of his kingdom compassion.*

*Lord of the harvest,
In your grace, we pray,
Send us.*

By Daphne Kitching



Macmillan Coffee Morning



Please note Change of Date

Date: 19th September 2019 [usual Community Coffee Morning]

Venue: Bamford Chapel and Norden URC

Time: 10.00am to Noon

Raffle prizes & cakes please to Lesley Sutton or Linda Peacock

Wednesday Home Group Exploring the Bible

Our group meets on Wednesday evenings from September to June at 7.30pm at the home of Ray Atkins.



We either work through a book of the Bible, e.g. Matthew's Gospel, or over a number of weeks we examine a theme e.g. Women of the Bible. We read and discuss the chapters following the Life-builder series of Bible study guides, and relate them to modern life and our own life experiences.

There is no pressure on anyone to read or answer questions; and no prior knowledge of the Bible is necessary.

We start and finish with prayer and myself and David Watson take it in turns to lead the group.

If you would like to join us you will be very welcome and you don't have to come every week. We will be starting again on the 4th September, looking at Thessalonians 1 & 2 over eleven weeks. The study is entitled "How can I be sure."



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GAP Kenya is our project for 2019 – dates for your diary:

Sunday 8th September – Project launch service

Sunday 8th September – Project lunch (after the service)

Saturday 12th October 10am – Project Breakfast
tickets available soon

Dates to be confirmed yet for the Brownie Coffee evening &
Bury College Meal

It's that time of year again to think about our neighbours in other parts of the world and prepare to launch our Developing World Project for 2019.

This year the project will be focussed on helping Gap Kenya to build a new centre for women to find a safe place to nurture their children and develop their own skills. The project is run by Gayle and Paul, a couple from Ashton who have devoted their life to setting this charity up. Although Paul and Gayle live most of their time in Kenya they will be at home to help us launch the project on **Sunday 8th September** during worship.

Following worship we will have a launch lunch to kick start our giving. Please join us to show Paul and Gayle your support. Lunch will be baked potatoes with various fillings, lasagne and chilli followed by fresh fruit.

(Bury College meal is yet to be arranged but likely to be November)

Carole Greaves

On behalf of the Church in the World Group

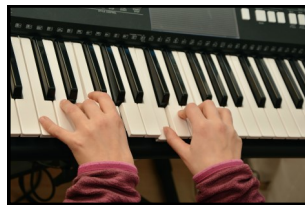
Music at Midday – the new season

Leaflets setting out the programme for 2019/2020 are now available and copies are in church and with Mike Lucas and me. We are very grateful to Margaret Ogden for preparing and printing the leaflets for us.

If you can help, please take leaflets to friends outside the church who might be interested. Mike places copies of each concert's poster around the district and in local libraries. I propose to advertise each concert for the following month in our Church magazine.

Our concerts are always on the second Tuesday of the month from October until March.

The first concert this autumn on 8th October features a superb jazz pianist, who will intersperse the music with helpful informative commentary on some of the greatest jazz pianists of the past. He has already performed for Heywood Proboscis Club, where I met him, and at Rochdale Rotary Club, where Mike Lucas was happy to invite him on my recommendation.



Do put the 8th October in your diaries now, and make sure to invite any of your friends who are particularly interested in jazz!

Walter Brisk

Tear Here



A biscuit pack can bring great cheer,
But therein lies a trap –
You pull just where it says 'tear here'
And they all land in your lap.....

By Nigel Beeton

Twenty Years Ago



Each month I will extract an article from a magazine from twenty years ago. **Lesley Sutton**

From the October Magazine 1999

Bamford Chapel Men's Group

“The committee has tried to arrange a varied and interesting programme of meetings for the 1999/2000 session. The meetings are generally held on the last Thursday of every month in the lounge at 7.45pm. We hope you will support all the meetings as far as you are able.

ALL MEN at Bamford Chapel, Norden URC, Heywood URC and St Michael's Parish Church are most welcome to these meetings as are any men in the local community who would like to join us. *There is a reciprocal invitation from St Michael's Men's Group to their meetings, which are generally on the third Thursday of each month at The Grapes Tavern.*”

September 2019



MEN'S GROUP

**ATTEMPTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO REVIVE THIS GROUP.
Any men interested in trying again? Please let us know.**

90th Birthday Celebrations



Congratulations to organist Geoffrey Ogden, on reaching his 90th birthday in July. Lots of family and friends joined him to celebrate, enjoying tea and cake at home with his wife Margaret.

Geoff started playing the piano aged 7, and the organ aged 9. He took on the role of organist for children's services at York St Congregational Church at the age of 10, and became the full time organist at York St aged 12, playing for 2 services on Sundays and choir practices.

When York St Church closed because of dry rot in 1969, the congregation joined with Captain Fold, becoming a few years later Heywood URC, Geoff continued to play for the services. He also served as Elder and Treasurer of Heywood URC until it closed in 2003.

In 1975 he was asked by Revd Jeff Yates to take on the role of organist at Bamford Chapel URC. Neither he nor Heywood wanted to lose Geoff, so then he played for 3 services every Sunday, two at Bamford and one at Heywood, as well as hundreds of weddings, funerals, and weekly choir practices.

A gifted musician, he also was the accompanist for Heywood Operatic Society, Saddleworth Male Voice Choir, United Christian Singers, Ramsbottom Choral Society and many soloists.

For 80 years Geoff's dedication and commitment to music, to his faith and church life have been by any standards truly remarkable.

We thank him and wish him a very happy birthday .

Anne Fitton - Church Secretary

What a Weekend!

Friday 19th July 2019 at the Army Training Regiment, Winchester



Daniel third from the left

The whole family had looked forward to this day for so long and we were not disappointed. Our grandson Daniel had completed his 14 weeks basic Army training and we were to attend the Burma Company Passing Out Parade. The weather was hot and sunny as family and friends gathered on the parade ground. One of the Army bands started the proceedings and the 3 platoons marched on to the square to start their drill. Needless to say I shed a tear with pride to see Daniel for the first time in his parade uniform at the front of his platoon!

Having seen the recruits drill at 6 weeks, the change in the standard at 14 weeks showed how hard they had all worked to perfect their marching & rifle drill. The basic training had been physically and mentally challenging but the change in these young men was remarkable. They are now proud soldiers, standing tall, having more confidence and their team work is obvious.

The recruits have now gone on to the next phase of their training. For Daniel, that is as Musician Gordon in the Corps of Army Music at

the Royal Military School of Music, Kneller Hall in Twickenham. Others will continue their training in various trades in regiments throughout the country.

Daniel has now spent 5 weeks at Kneller Hall, having trumpet/cornet tuition once a week, regular band practice, marching band practice, PT sessions and academic studies. His first marching band event was playing in the band for a passing out parade for 6 recruits, who have finished their music training and moved on to a permanent place in an Army band. Daniel also passed his first 3 music exams after just 4 weeks and has since enjoyed 3 weeks leave.



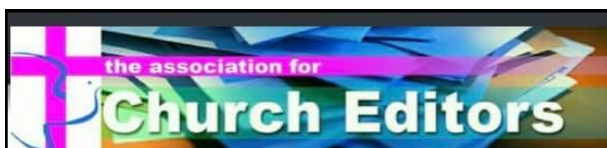
**With an Officer
from the Corps of Army Music**

He's now ready to start the new term in September, when he will continue his studies and take exams including performance and essay writing. Once he has passed all of the exams and achieved the required standard he too will have a passing out parade and move to a permanent post in one of the Army bands. We are all so proud of how hard he has worked and of all that he has already achieved on the way to fulfilling his dream. Well done Daniel.

Linda & Charlie Peacock, Karen & Alasdair Gordon

PS: If you are looking for a career in music the Army has a lot to offer. Thank you to Rochdale Music Service and Cathie Brookes for pointing Daniel in the right direction

Saturday 20th July 2019 at Westminster Central Hall, London



Earlier in the year Louise Aspinall suggested I enter our church magazine into a competition with the Association for Church Editors (ACE). I subsequently took out membership of this inter-denominational group and arranged to attend the AGM in London. ACE provides ideas and advice for church magazine editors, as well as regional meetings and an annual meeting with an awards presentation.

Charlie and I attended the day which involved typical AGM business, a presentation by Justin Brierley (who works for Premier Christian Communications and is a Premier Christian Radio presenter) and the presentation of the church magazine awards. There was time for conversations with other magazine editors and copies of magazines were available to take away. It was interesting that there had been more magazines submitted by URC churches than in previous years!

Annual Awards for Church Magazines are given in the following categories:

Cover Design

Layout and Structure

Choice of Headlines

Use of Graphics and Photos

Clarity of the Christian Message

Appeal to the Wider Community

Gold, Silver & Bronze for the overall “best magazine.”

For those magazines that didn't quite meet the criteria but the judges felt deserved recognition, there were **9 “Certificate of Achievement” awards**. Our magazine was awarded one of those.

There were 40 magazines submitted in this year's awards for colour magazines. Styles of magazines varied from professionally produced

and printed ones, to home produced ones like ours, A4, A5 and those more like a notice sheet.

In the Judges' Report we scored well in the:

Front Cover section

Headlines were good

The magazine is not cramped

It has a spacious feel and good use of graphics

We scored well in the Christian Message section, but also provide articles of interest to non-churchgoers.

Comment made that "it is lovely that you are able to offer the magazine free and without having a lot of adverts. Hopefully people enjoy and appreciate it and are generous with their donations".



The overall comment from the judges was that we:

**Presentation at
Westminster
Central Hall**

"Provide a well-produced magazine with a good range of articles, especially considering it is home produced. Keep up the good work!"

Obviously there were some negative comments, but also lots of tips and advice was given. I brought back copies of other churches magazines which are available if you would like to see what other churches do.

Thank you to the magazine editorial committee and those who print and put the magazine together; without you this award wouldn't have been possible.

Linda Peacock (magazine editor)

Ladies Fellowship Annual Day Out



On Thursday 8th August, a group of 30 ladies set off on their day out. Sadly some of our members were not able to come because of ill health.

Our first stop was at Elsecar Heritage Centre near Barnsley. This is a remarkable village, built by the Earls Fitzwilliam as a place to show off to important visitors.



It was a thriving industrial village, where generations of men, women and children made iron and mined coal. There are several interesting attractions there, including the old

Ironworks, Elsecar Heritage Railway and Elsecar New Colliery's Newcomen Engine, which is the oldest steam engine in the world still in its original location. Interesting features for us included coffee shops, an antique centre, several "crafty" shops and a shoe shop. It was lovely to be able to sit outside with a coffee in the sunshine.

Nearby, although in Rotherham, is Wentworth Garden Centre, which along with the usual garden centre features, includes a children's adventure playground and a family farm. The garden centre is also



home to Wentworth Woodhouse Gardens and a deer park.

Afternoon tea was booked at the garden centre. It was a bit like the Curate's Egg, "good in parts", but did lead to some near hysterical laughter from some of us when a cake stand collapsed.

All in all, we had a good day, the weather was very good and we all returned home safely.

Thanks to Linda Kerford for organising.

Angela Smith

**The next Ladies Fellowship Meeting is
At 7.45pm on 12th September
"The Body Shop" - Louise Rigg - Items for sale**



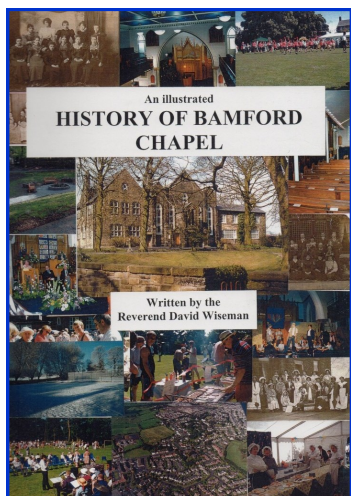
I am really lost for words (I know some of you will find this hard to believe !) in attempting to show appreciation for all the cards, flowers, visits, phone calls, gifts , prayers, transport PLUS two weeks delivery of the most delicious meals which happened following my knee replacement. What a difference all this made to my recovery and well being.

I have always found every life experience beneficial however hard or sad it may be. I was surprised to find that even this operation taught me so many things. I could write a book and was told I had plenty of time to do this in the weeks following recovery. Watching cricket and tennis took over leaving the book pending!

So, "thank you" to Bamford Chapel and Norden URC for the care we both received since 5th June. Overwhelming.

Lesley (and Peter)

Plus Ça Change!



The other day I was looking for something on our bookshelves when I came across “An Illustrated History of Bamford Chapel” by Rev. David Wiseman, so of course I had to sit down and have a read.

It really is a most interesting book, not least for the pictures of people who still attend BCNURC, but obviously don't look a day older.

One of the things that struck me most was how much Rev. Tom Vause influenced the way the chapel would evolve. He was inducted in April 1965, and in 1966 introduced bi-monthly Church Meetings. When writing in the magazine he put a new challenge, each month to the people of the chapel. This is what he wrote about mission and giving. *“It is interesting to note that the £61 18/1d which Bamford Chapel contributed last year to world mission represents about 2 pence per person per week over the year. Not much is it? We couldn't send a letter to a missionary for that even an unsealed one! It makes you wonder how the missionary managed to do his job!”*

And referring to the state of the building *“Our schoolrooms are a disgrace, with the exception of one room which the menfolk painted a year ago. Since then the paint has remained undisturbed in the cans under the kitchen table. What about you chaps?”*

Regarding the financial state of the church, Mr Vause wrote *“I have said it before and I am now going to say it again, and I make no apology for repeating it, if it were not for the generosity of those who have gone before, Bamford Chapel could not afford to have a minister of its own.”*

Mr Vause continued to write long letters to the magazine, and in August 1971 he wrote “There is so much that needs doing, which we seem to talk endlessly about, but do nothing! We are apt to be complacent about our buildings until we realise that they are falling about our ears!”

There is so much that is interesting in the book, if you haven't read it do try to get a copy; and if you have read it, it is certainly worthwhile to revisit it.

Finally, in 1985, Rev. Jeff Yates arrived in Bamford. It is interesting to see that the previous year the church had adopted a scheme whereby all activities at Bamford Chapel were grouped under three headings, Worship and Fellowship, Social and Recreational, Education and Youth work. Each Elder had a responsibility to one of the groups. Sound familiar?

Angela Smith



Church Flowers

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

Margaret & Geoff Ogden to celebrate Geoff's 90th Birthday
Elizabeth & Ken Greer to celebrate
their Golden Wedding Anniversary
Laura Davies in memory of Auntie Hilary
Tom Swann for memories of Blanche for 65 years

in August

Zoë and Adam Watson to celebrate their Marriage
Liz and Val in memory of Hilda Howard
Audrey Telford in memory of John
Paul and Zoë Entwistle to celebrate their Birthdays

Visitor from Taiwan



The Rev Lui Yao-Yi from Taiwan visited the North Western Synod's Ministers' Summer School at Thornleigh, Grange-over-Sands. For most of the 2 weeks of his visit he has been hosted by Barbara and Addie Redmond from Bamford Chapel and Norden URC.

NW Synod Ministers' Summer School

Rev Lui Yao-Yi visited 2 Sunday services where he was introduced to the congregation. He also joined in Muddy Church at Bamford and played games with God Squad, the Youth Fellowship. He spent a day with the minister Revd Richard Bradley and attended the Pastoral Meeting, visited Rochdale Foodbank and joined Richard on a pastoral visit.



With Richard Bradley at Bamford Chapel and Norden URC



NW Synod World Church Group

On Wednesday 3rd July he joined the NW Synod World Church Group as they discussed future plans for their Global Partnership with the Chaiyi Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church of Taiwan.

Anyone wanting to know more about the partnership are asked to contact:- Barbara Redmond, the Global Partnership Co-ordinator, addiebarbara@redmonds.me.uk Barbara and Addie are happy to come and speak at groups or lead worship in order to tell you about the Youth Exchange with Taiwan.



At the Redmond house
with friends who
helped with the Youth
Exchange in 2016

A Special “Thank You”



Lesley Sutton was recently handed an envelope addressed to Mrs L Sutton, Mrs L Peacock, Mr and Mrs K Greer (for delivering the notices, i.e. the magazine.) Inside was a special thank you card which read:

“To each of you - everything at Bamford Chapel is first class. Thank you to every person for making us so very welcome. I love the church service and we both love the super notices “book” (magazine) and splendid Dementia Friendly afternoon.

Please use the enclosed money where necessary. Thank you and well done.”

Much love - Kath and Bob Cutteridge x

**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
21st September**

“The Greatest Showman” (PG)

**Celebrating two years
of the film club.**

Yes, two years!

**Supported by Rochdale
Township**





Thank you so much to friends at Chapel for the donations given in support of our son, Michael, completing the Bolton IRONMAN. We have been able to put a substantial sum of money into MYASTHENIA GRAVIS research, a very rare neurological condition.

It was a tough very hilly Iron Man from Pennington Flash, Bolton, Grane Road, around Bury and Affetside; 300 athletes withdrawing during the cycle section as the landscape was too steep. Michael made it 'home' with his usual smile and very little next day muscular pain.

Thank you again on behalf of all who have been diagnosed with Myasthenia Gravis.

God Bless, Gillian Galloway



Thank You



Ray and I would like to thank everyone at Bamford Chapel and Norden URC for the wonderful support, prayers, cards etc we have received during the last three months.

Special thanks to the members of the Pastoral Care team who have continually been in touch with me enquiring about the progress of Ray and also my well-being. The flowers that Jean Fitton and her team brought me were beautiful.

Ray is now home from hospital after 10 weeks as an inpatient and is under the care of Physios, Occupational Therapists, Speech Therapists and the Dietician.

We are so very fortunate to have our NHS, long may it survive.

From Sheila and Ray Varley

Toothy grin - you've got to smile!!

While working for an organisation that delivers lunches to the elderly, I used to take my four-year-old daughter on my afternoon rounds. She was unfailingly intrigued by the various appliances of old age, particularly the canes, walkers and wheelchairs.

One day I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely whispered, 'The tooth fairy will never believe this!'

(Anon)

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TIP of the month

Aldi are currently **trailing paper and bio-degradable bags**. The new compostable bags are bio-degradable material and designed to be 100% domestically compostable in a year. Just recently Sainsburys has announced it is to become the UK's first supermarket to ditch plastic bags for its loose fruit and vegetables.



Lakeland will soon be selling re-usable drawstring bags for use when buying loose fruit, vegetables and bakery products in any supermarket. Let us support the abandonment of pre-packaged goods in plastic and non compostable containers.

Search in your chosen supermarket for loose products and compostable bags.

Watch David Attenborough's short film on Youtube, if you have access. "Blue Planet II Plastic Pollution Awareness"

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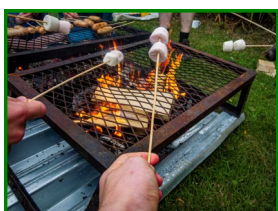
Holiday Club – 2019

A huge thanks to all who took part in any way in helping plan for and lead the holiday club in August. It was a good event and the children who came seemed to have fun and learnt about looking after the planet.

Thanks and God Bless, Richard



Muddy Church at Bamford Chapel and Norden URC



**Toasting marsh-
mallows on a fire**

On Sunday 30th June in the afternoon about 30 kids and their carers, including Wendy Smith from Alkington URC, came to a Muddy Church. They made bug hotels and bird feeders, cooked sausages and toasted marshmallows to make S'mores and much more. Professor Potty, alias Addie Redmond,

involved the children in Science experiments and parachute games were played.

The afternoon ended with a short act of worship and finding the decorated pebbles previously hidden.



Land art



Growing seeds



Ice experiment



Parachute games

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My five senses

ALL ARE WELCOME



I see

On Sunday
6 October 2 – 4 pm
@ Bamford Chapel
and Norden URC



I hear



I smell
(sorry)



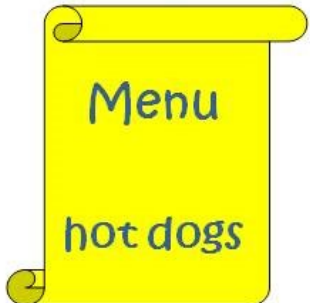
I touch



I taste



Come to
Professor Potty's
Lab



Menu
hot dogs

Children please bring an adult with you

More Facts about Palm Oil

First of all can a say a huge “Well done” to Rhianna for her article on Palm Oil. I was so impressed with the fact that she'd worked on the article herself and more to the point that she was obviously very aware of what is happening to the animals through deforestation.



Most of my close friends know how passionate and concerned I am about primates, especially Orangutans and Gorillas and have been for many years, stressing the importance of not using products that contain Palm Oil because of what is happening to their habitat. The forests are being destroyed at an alarming rate to make way for large Palm Oil plantations that are being grown in their place because it's CHEAP to produce and sell.

Rhianna mentioned a few products and along with those most of our everyday spreads, unless they are the spreadable butter ones, contain the oil. Surprisingly most bread products, rolls, loaves etc. contain it too. It's also in so many of our everyday cosmetics. The list is quite long.

Iceland have said they will not use Palm Oil in any of their own brand products to the point that they even made a video last Christmas, but unfortunately it was banned for some reason. It is still available to watch on You Tube if you just type in “Iceland Christmas Video”.

I do realise that along with everything else, it is something extra that we are asked to think about as our planet seems to be disappearing before our eyes, but as with Fairtrade products, I hope that you will agree that just a little thought can go a long way to saving what we already have.

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