



*"we have not ceased
praying for you and asking
that you may be filled with
the knowledge of God's will
in all spiritual wisdom
and understanding,
so that you may lead lives
worthy of the Lord,
fully pleasing to him,
as you bear fruit
in every good work
and as you grow
in the knowledge of God.*

Colossians 1:9-10

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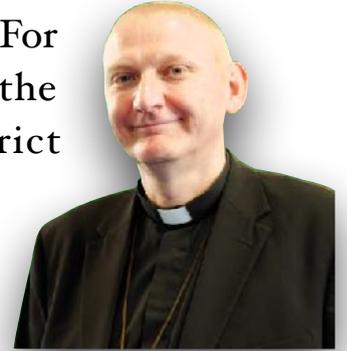
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Greetings by Revd Walt Johnson

Different church traditions have varying approaches to Lent. For many Christians, it begins with the marking of ashes on the forehead. For Orthodox Christians, Lent is a time of strict abstinence from eating any animal products. In the URC, Ash Wednesday services are rare. The forty days and nights of Lent – which do not include the 6 Sundays – go back to the forty days and nights Jesus spent in the wilderness.



At the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday, the Lectionary readings are a call to repentance. They are not an easy read. No matter who we are and how we live our lives, we find this comforting reminder in Romans (3:22-25): “For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith.”

Science-fiction is probably not what you expect from a minister’s reflection on Lent. My favourite writer, John-Michael Straczynski, creator of Babylon 5, explored many deep questions. Set in a future world where criminals’ minds are reformed through technology, Edward, a serial-killer, joins a monastic order. Years later, his victims’ families find him and take brutal revenge. As Edward lies dying, he asks Theo, his Abbot: “Is there enough forgiveness for what I've done?”. Theo replies with one word: “Always”.

The set Psalm for Ash Wednesday is Psalm 51: the authorship is ascribed to King David, who comes to know in his heart that there is always enough forgiveness. Most will know Leonard Cohen’s song “Hallelujah” which provides the background to David’s abuse of power as a king and as a man over Bathsheba, his adultery and his conspiracy to murder (see 2 Samuel 11). God sends the prophet Nathan, who through an allegory exposes David’s sin (2 Samuel 12), which leads to David’s earnest repentance.

In recent weeks, the news has been filled with updates in the Jeffrey Epstein affair. Many names of the powerful and influential involved in terrible activities. “There for the grace of God go I.” We are not King David or Jeffrey Epstein.

The Old Testament tends to have stories about big names, like the one about David. The Gospels are different. They tell the stories of everyday, ordinary people whom Jesus met. People whose lives were in mess. People who had made poor choices.

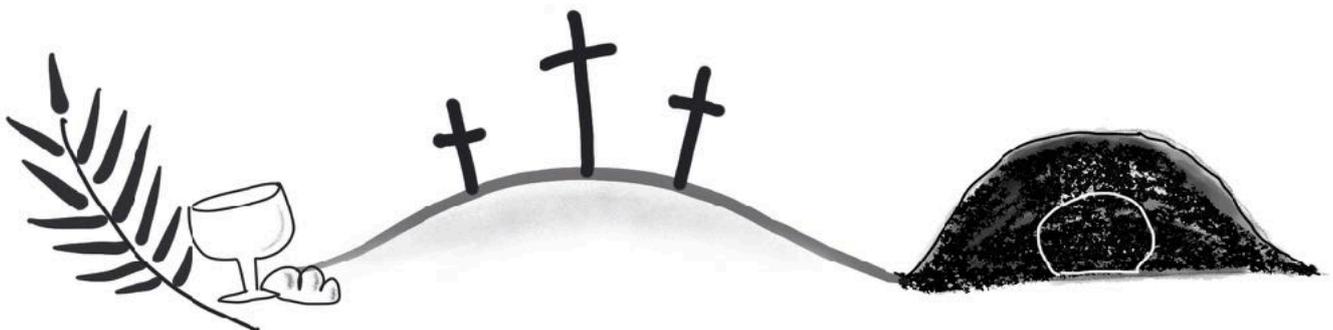
Zaccheus, the tax-collector, who met Jesus, stopped exploiting the people and paid back what he had wrongly taken. The nameless criminal who hung alongside Jesus on the Mount of Crucifixion. Jesus said to him: “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.” The nameless woman caught in adultery, and we learn that only the one without sin should cast the first stone. And what does Jesus say to the woman? “Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.”

At the heart of the Reformation is message of grace, a gift from God, that puts us right with our Creator. What might Jesus say to us? “Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.” May our God of mercy and new beginnings bless you this Lent. Amen.

Some folk might choose to give up something in Lent. The late Pope Francis wrote the following words (in 2017), offering suggestions for giving up (fasting) in Lent:

*“Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and have trust in God.
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.”*

Lent, Holy Week & Easter ... Events and services



10 Seconds a Day

Already stretched?
Running on empty?
This Lent,
we're not asking for more effort
Just **more attention.**

Would you give God **10** seconds a day?

15 Word Prayer

Each day in Lent,
pray this simple 15-word prayer:

“Gracious God, today is there someone you want me to connect with outside the church?”

Then... go about your day.

No extra meetings.
No programmes to run.
No pressure to “do something”.

Just **stay attentive.**

If a conversation happens,
If you sense a nudge
If you notice God already at work

send a single line to
acorn@nwsynod.org.uk

Would you pray **15** words a day?

The 10/15/40 LENT CHALLENGE

10 seconds. 15 words. 40 days.

10 SECONDS a day | **15** WORD prayer | **40** DAYS of Lent

“Gracious God, today is there someone you want me to connect with outside the church?”

IT'S SIMPLE...

- Pray. Notice. Be open.
- Watch for a nudge or a chance to connect.
- Share what you notice: acorn@nwsynod.org.uk

IT'S NOT...

- More meetings
- More work
- More pressure
- More stress

Just **10** seconds a day to notice where God is already at work.

40 Days of Lent

**Each day of Lent 2026:
18 February – 2 April**

That's it.

No fixing.
No performing.
No guilt if nothing obvious happens.

This is a Lent practice for ordinary days, busy lives, and faithful people who are willing to notice. **10 seconds. 15 words. 40 days.**

Who might God already be placing in your path?

Lent Group

“Women of Holy Week”:

at **Bank Top URC** at 7:30 pm led by Revd Maria Lee
(February 10th, 24th, and March 24th 2026)

“What Dreams May Come” - around the Robin Williams film

at **Cornerstone Church** led by Glen Atkinson
(February & March over 5/6 weeks.)

“Reflection on Easter Saturday and Lamentation”

at **Worsley Road URC** led by Tom Miller
(Friday 13th, 20th and 27th March at 2 pm)



LENT GROUP AT WORSLEY ROAD

REFLECTING ON EASTER SATURDAY AND LAMENTATION

WHAT IS IT

- A Lent journey of Lament (honest prayer) and Holy Saturday spirituality (the importance of patience)
- Gives space for grief and silence
- Surround us with hope shaped by justice and compassion

FRIDAY 13TH MARCH 2PM

- An introduction into the idea of Lament as biblical prayer
- Understanding what it means by waiting and not expecting answers
- Practicing simple laments, finding spiritual space to express ourselves

FRIDAY 20TH MARCH 2PM

- Looking at how we name pain without receiving shame
- Examining what challenging stigma and blame looks like
- Praying with dignity and truth

FRIDAY 27TH MARCH 2PM

- Finishing our journey from Lament to witness
- Seeing how lament can shape action in our lives
- Finding what we can take forwards into our faith filled lives



Quiet Week

Holy Week at New Chapel URC

With a variety of areas in the church it reminds everyone about the events leading up to Easter Day. Everyone is welcome to come and sit, to pray and to just remember.

Over Lent New Chapel folk attend the Churches Together in Horwich and Rivington Lent course, 5 services in 5 different churches over the 5 weeks led by 5 different ministers/lay people. It is always very well attended.

Maundy Thursday Service

2nd April 2026



Bank Top URC

Tenebrae Service (Service of Shadows)
at 7:30 pm led by Revd Maria Lee

New Chapel URC

With supper (Please book for catering purposes) at 6.00 pm led by Linda Gillett

Worsley Road URC at 4:00 pm led by Tom Miller



Good Friday Service

3rd April 2026

Church At the Centre

A joint service with St Andrews Methodist church.
at 11:00 am at St Andrews Methodist church, Tonge Moor Rd led by Rev'd Sarah Hooks.

Egerton URC

at 10:00 am led by Revd Maria Lee

New Chapel URC

at 10.00 am by Linda Gillett

Worsley Road URC

at 9:30 am led by Tom Miller

Easter Sunday 5th April 2026



Easter Sunrise Service

Egerton URC

An Outdoor early morning (Sunrise) Service, followed by breakfast at Church.

At **6:15 am** at the Car Park opposite the Cross Guns pub on Blackburn Road, led by Revd Maria Lee

Easter Service

Egerton URC

Easter Sunday Holy Communion Service with the Handbell Group at 10:00 am led by Revd Maria Lee

New Chapel URC

Celebrating with an up-lifting service with us 'Dressing the Cross' and leading it out into the graveyard at the end of the morning.

At 10:00 am led by Linda Gillett

Jesus is risen!!!

Let us celebrate the risen Christ in our local churches

Stories & News

BSMP Joint Bible Discussion Group via Zoom -

“Sermon on the Mount”:

Thursday January 29th, February 5th & 12th, 7 pm led by Revd Barnabas Shin

Following up the BSMP Vision of ‘Growing Faith’, we held a BSMP Joint Bible Discussion Group. Eight people across our partnership churches gathered together for fellowship and meaningful Bible discussion. We hope to hold another meeting later this year - all are welcome.

Here is the feedback from our participants:



“It was good to see some old friends from other churches in the partnership. The sessions have been relaxed, informal and friendly and I hope we can do something like this again in the future.”

Davina (cornerstone church)

“I did not manage to attend all of the latest sessions but the ones I did attend were well presented and even if you did not have anything to say or did not want to say anything at all the sessions are useful and interesting just to listen to the contributions and to get food for thought. New attenders need not be worried! ... Apologies for my sense of humour.” Andrew (Farnworth URC)

I enjoyed listening to the videos and learning about the sermon on the mount, but I expected some bible details to study and read. I think it would have been helpful to read a passage first, so you had

some context in mind before you started. Thank you for the discussion, it did prove illuminating. carol (New chapel URC)

“... As well as being informative and having some good discussions, we have shared fellowship and thoughts together and have been able to open our minds more to the Bible, albeit a very tiny part of it. Although there have not been many of us, we have felt able to all ‘have our say’, but it would be wonderful if more people within the partnership could find time to join in the next sessions which have been very worthwhile. Thank you ... and everyone with whom we shared the time together.” Linda (New chapel URC)

“Thank you for the bible study on the Beatitudes. Very thought provoking and what a wonderful group of people to share this with. It was clear that we are all doing our best to apply the teachings

of christ in our everyday life, and that God can take the most ordinary of people to do extraordinary things, and make a difference in our world. Amen." 🙏
Sharon (church at the centre).

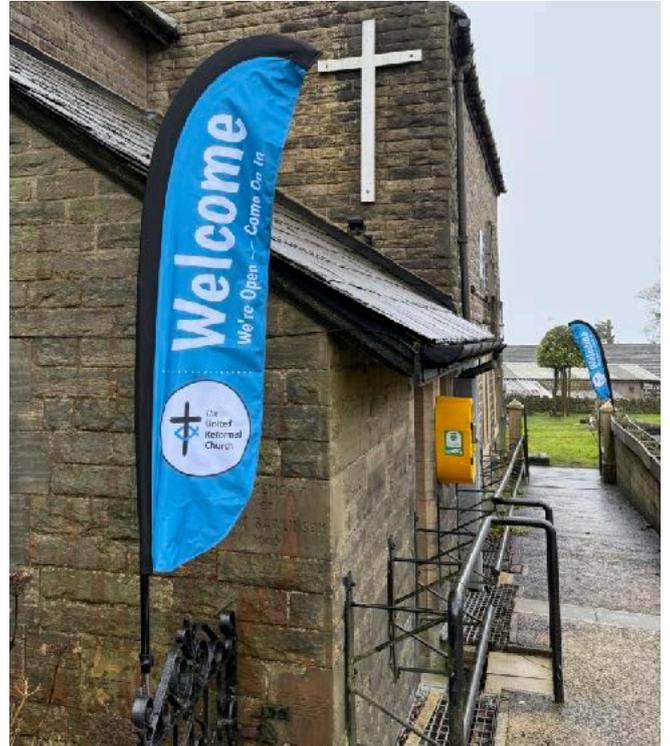
Welcome Sail Flag

BSMP Vision - Sharing Faith

On Sunday, as I arrived at New Chapel URC for leading the service, Carol, one of our elders, placed two welcome sail flags in front of the church. "Isn't that heavy?" I asked. "No, it isn't," she replied with smile.

Big 'Thank You' to Revd Mark Cowling for arranging these sail flags for many of our partnership churches, and especially for coming in person to deliver them and set up the poles so the flags could be displayed.

We pray that all who pass by may sense the love of God and our warm welcome whenever they see these flags.



Deane URC

It is with sadness to share the news that Deane URC will cease worship as a congregation from Saturday 11 April 2026, when a closing Thanksgiving Service will be held.

The church elders, congregation, ministers and Synod have prayerfully considered this matter and explored every possible alternative. After much reflection, Deane URC congregation reached this decision at a church meeting. We recognise with deep gratitude the faithful service of the elders, all now in their 80s, as well as the whole congregation, who have continued to serve for many years despite significant challenges, including the health concerns faced by many.

This will be difficult for the whole congregation, especially for those who hold precious memories and stories of life at Deane URC. Yet this is also a time to remember all that God has done throughout the church's history, and to trust that God continues His work through each member of the congregation. In this sense,



we mark this moment not as an ending, but as a new beginning — another step in a continuing journey of faith.

We hope and pray that all members of the congregation will find a Christian faith community where they can continue to share fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ.

The photograph shared on the left was taken during the Epiphany Sunday service. Just as God revealed Himself through the star that led the Magi, we pray that we too will follow God's guiding light into His presence

wherever our journey leads.

Please support the congregation in your prayers, asking that God's comfort and strength will uphold them as they step into an uncertain but hope-filled future in their faith journey.

Revd Barnabas Shin

FARNWORTH URC **PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP.**

As some of you are aware, we have had to unexpectedly vacate some of the space we rent in JPS House due to a new major shareholder in the landlords business resulting in our Parent and Toddler Group having to unfortunately seek alternative premises after over 60 years in site.

The group is a vital part of the local community as borne out by the number of prams we have needed to park each week. After discussing options and viewing several places we are pleased to say the group can start meeting at St John the Evangelist Church on Church Street in Farnworth from

Farnworth United Reformed Church
Parent & Toddler Group

Now in 

St John's Church
Wednesday
9:30 – 11:30 am

Starting 11th February

 **WE'VE MOVED**

St John the Evangelist church
Church Street Farnworth BL4 8AQ

United Reform Church Kildere Street
Farnworth BL4 9N

09:30 a.m. on Wednesday 11 February 2026.

We thank Kath for her efforts to get this over the line and all the volunteers and parents and guardians for accepting the change. In the meantime the Church room is still open for worship every Sunday at 10.45 a.m. and for our regular monthly coffee mornings. Thanks for everyones prayerful support. Keep the faith.

Andrew and the Elders

Red Lane URC

Visit of the Lord Lieutenant of Great Manchester, Diane Hawkins



Red Lane Community Hub has received funding from the Duchy of Lancaster Benevolent Fund. The Lord Lieutenant, Diane Hawkins, who is a trustee of the fund, visited Red Lane URC last November to meet with our team and the many people involved in developing our proposed Community Hub. It was a

wonderful opportunity to share our vision and the positive impact this project will have on the local community.

Colin Barmby a member of Red Lane URC

Personal Testimony

On the 22nd February 2022 my wife, Jackie unfortunately suffered a second heart attack during the middle of the night. She already had a previous one with multiple stents fitted some years previous. All this was in addition to 2 separate bouts of cancer and chemotherapy. The situation wasn't good, indeed it was critical.

She was rapidly transferred directly to Wythenshaw ICU. where she spent 2 weeks on a ventilator/ life support. After suffering multiple heart attacks when trying to remove the machine that was keeping her alive the situation was only going in one direction and became perilous. A consultant spoke to me and with emotion filled eyes told me CPR wouldn't be performed again and he thought it appropriate to involve palliative care nurses and prepare for....

So basically I began to plan ahead for things that hadn't even happened. I kept family and friends informed each day via a text message to all. I was travelling everyday to Manchester and could not possibly speak directly to everyone everyday. On the Tuesday evening before the Sunday of the second week, I began to ponder, what could I possibly do to improve the situation for Jackie and maybe selfishly for myself.

Years ago, I went to a Church school with associated Church activities, got married in a Church in 1988 but never attended again. After pondering I decided to visit a Church on the Sunday. But I felt the prospect quite daunting and to walk through the main door of a Church apprehensive. Anyway I began to research, online, virtually three quarters of Churches, of all denominations, around the Bolton area.

On the Saturday evening I thought to myself , am I losing the plot? There's a little Church down the road that I have pass multiple times everyday while working.

Red Lane URC

So I thought, just do it Colin, stop over thing. Wake up Sunday morning and just go. If you don't like it, it's an hour of your time. If you don't like it, don't bother going again and try another. So, Sunday morning arrives and off I go. The people were lovely and it was a very positive experience. I recollect after the service, walking out to a very pleasant ray of winter sunshine thinking I can now deal with anything.



From that moment onwards Jackie, remarkably started to improve and everything the Doctors had said to prepare for began to evaporate as her health improved at a rate of knots. To be honest, I almost felt a fraudster in relation to what I had been telling people.

I had returned to God.

Jackie continued to improve and amazingly returned to work a few months later. Awesome. And now I myself feel a different person. Since then Jackie and myself continue to enjoy ourselves at Red Lane URC.

Take care, Cheers

Colin J Barmby

Bank Top URC

Our Monthly Brunches, held on the first Saturday of each month from 12:00-1:00pm are always well attended, and at our March Brunch, on 7th March, as well as the usual home-bake stall and a raffle, we will also be having an Easter Egg Tombola. Do join us at any of our Brunches when you can enjoy a freshly cooked main course, a dessert, and a drink for just £6 for adults and £2 children.

Each week we hold different events, organised by members of our church:- Monday afternoons from 1:00-3:00 we have an Art Group; Tuesday from 9:00-11:00 a Toddler Group; and Wednesday from 1:30-2:30 Talking Tables. We always welcome new people and our church is always warm and cosy. If you want further information please contact our Church Secretary, Val Singleton.

Other thanks go to Barnabas for his hard work and perseverance during the year. We loved having you here at Bank Top, and thank you for your support and help at our events. We look forward to working with Maria in 2026.

Free Rejoice and Sing

Over 50 large print editions of Rejoice and Sing free to a good home due to the big screen technology now in use at Farnworth URC. Contact Andrew on email jones19841@outlook.com

New Songs and Praise

Our first *New Songs and Praise* gathering was held on Sunday 30 November at New Chapel URC. We were delighted to welcome nine people, including Tom and Paul who travelled from Salford to join us.

As it was the first Sunday of Advent, we sang a selection of carols accompanied by a variety of instruments – guitar (Barnabas), piano (Maria) and cajón (Tom) – and enjoyed a beautiful rendition of Silent Night with handbells that we all played together. We also learned a contemporary Christmas song, *Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah)* by We the Kingdom, which was a joyful addition to our worship together.





Memories of Christmas 2025



Bank Top URC

We held two Advent sessions at Bank Top, led by Walt, and both these were well attended. As usual, Walt had us singing hymns to different tunes and kept us on our toes as we looked up lots of Bible references and discussed them at some length.

Barnabas began his handbell ringing tuition in early October, so that we would be performance ready for our debut on the first Sunday in Advent. We weren't top students, but we led our hymns with pride.



On the afternoon of 30th November, the Eden Singers—who rehearse weekly on Thursdays at Bank Top—gave a performance of 'Light of the World' in the church. It's the story of Christmas set to beautiful music, with Christmas Readings. It certainly was a good start to Christmas for the many people who attended. Additionally, £726 was collected and donated to our selected charity for 2025, Bolton Hospice.

Our Sunday School led our Nativity Service on the 21 December, and our Christingle Service followed in the evening when we sang Carols outside church and then warmed up with Mulled wine and mince pies, followed by our Christingle Service. It was lovely to see our church packed on both occasions.



Our Annual Advent Brunch, as usual, was opened with Christmas Songs performed by our Rainbows and Brownies. The Egg, Bacon, and Sausage Barms were prepared by our Guide Leaders and served by our Guides. Church members provided valuable support and assistance as well. The guides raised £1,000, which they very generously, donated to Church.

Our Toddler Group Party was an enormous success, with 'Pass the Parcel', 'Musical Statues', Yummy Food, and, a visit from Father Christmas.

In November, we held our annual Toy Service and handed Toys, Games and Books to a member of Bolton Lions, who came to our Service. We also collected over 200 coats for Turton Rotary, who distribute them to needy people.

Once again, we supported the Urban Outreach 'Christmas Dinner on Jesus', and donated 100 large Christmas puddings to the cause.

Our chosen Charity for 2025 was Bolton Hospice, and we were incredibly pleased to send them a cheque for £1,866.

Val Singleton



- Candlelights at the Christmas Eve Service -

Egerton URC

We lit Christingles as part of our morning worship on the 14th December when Mark Bates from Farnworth URC led Worship.

A traditional Service of Nine Lessons & Carols was enjoyed on December 21st, led by Rev Mark Cowling.

The congregation of Walmsley Unitarian Chapel joined us for a Christmas Morning Service when Mrs Lynne Cubbins led worship. The service was followed by tea, coffee,



mulled wine & mince pies. This is part of a tradition where we alternate Christmas Morning Worship between Egerton URC church & Walmsley Unitarian Chapel, each leading worship in the other's premises.

Egerton County Primary School held their two Carol Services in church which were led by Rev Mark Cowling & attended by the children & their parents.

A number of us also enjoyed the Carols by Candlelight Service which is an annual event at the Unitarian Chapel with a full church, brass band & joyful singing, usually attended by people from other churches in the village as well as those of no particular denomination who enjoy coming together.

Rachael Cronshaw

New Chapel URC

Over Advent we follow the theme of love, joy, hope and peace, one topic per service and we include small banners and artifacts for each one.



We also held a Toy service with toys being brought, blessed and take to Tesco to be distributed by Rotary to children who wouldn't otherwise get much on Christmas Day. Together with this we also collect items in Shoe Boxes for International Aid. This year they were sent to Ukraine. Even with our small congregation we still manage to collect over 30 boxes.



Our Candlelight Carol Service was held on 7th December. We have been doing it early in December as far more people attend it when it is early rather than nearer Christmas. It was, as usual, a lovely service followed by minced pies and coffee and set Christmas off to a good start for many people.

We also held a Carol-singing evening which was very enjoyable, despite only a handful of people. We sang our hearts out to 21 carols with drinks and minced pies in the middle to keep us going 😊.

Father Christmas arrived in Church much to the delight



of some of our younger children and some children who had never been in church before and who received a small present. It was wonderful to see them and their families and there were crafts and activities available as well as refreshments. We – the older children – also had a great time. A little elf came too to help Father Christmas,

On Christmas Eve we held our annual Crib Service to which several ‘outsiders’ came. We had a super time with lots of laughs as well as giving a serious message. We had a real-life Mary and Joseph together with their baby ‘Jesus’ and one of their Mums being a shepherd and lots of angels, shepherds and kings.

Linda Gillett



Red Lane URC

Although we had planned a Christmas Meal for the congregation of Red Lane URC, it was delayed until mid-January 2026. Even without crackers, party hats, or a traditional Christmas roast, it was a joyful and heartwarming time of fellowship and celebration. Members of the church gathered alongside our ministers, Barnabas and



Maria, a student minister, Tom, and also the Community Hub manager, Andy and his wife, Marianne.

Sharing a festive meal together created a relaxed atmosphere, allowing conversations to flow and friendships to deepen in a setting different from our usual Sunday gatherings.

Rose Hill URC

Over the Christmas period, we enjoyed several special services and events as a church family. Our partnership children's Christmas party welcomed 17 children from across the partnership, along with parents and carers. The afternoon was full of fun, with escape-room-style games that led children through the story of Christmas, followed by food, conversation, and time spent socialising together. It was a really lovely opportunity to connect and celebrate.



We also held a family carol service, led by Barnabas and a Nativity service with Walt, which was well attended and warmly received. On Christmas Day, we gathered for a

service led by one of our elders, Heather marking the day together in worship and celebration.
Tracy Garsden



Tonge Moor URC (Church at the Centre)

On the 5th December we got together with the community for our Advent tea. The first one since Covid. Food, friendship, games and music was most enjoyable.





At Baptism role and Toy Service, the Toys were presented to Jeff Hartley from Bolton Lions Club who told us about the many families needing their support this Christmas. We all had a part to play in the Nativity play.

Maureen Harrison



Worsley Road URC

The Fellowship Christmas party was even more special with the musical talents of you Barnabas and Maria! That group always love a good singalong!



The Sunday school getting crafty in their sessions at church making Christmas decorations and nativity scenes as well as practising for what was an epic Nativity, which we all got to see on the 21st December.



It was a very busy period for us from late November with our Christmas Fair - which was our busiest fair ever and filled church and all its rooms with lots of activities, fun and laughter. We had a Music afternoon, organised by the choir, which gave our community the opportunity to listen to and join in songs as well as try out some of the simple



crafts which talented members of the congregation demonstrated. We had special collections of toys for St Paul's appeal in Salford and food for the local Food Bank.

Gill Russell



Cornerstone Church (LEP)

Here at Cornerstone we had a number of very well received services over Christmas including – Our Annual Christmas Tree service where the community donate new presents to Bolton Lions (pictured is David Kendrick who was leading our worship at that service with some of the toys donated

We also held a Carol Service that was very well attended and those who came are still raving about the piece of bell ringing led by Maria. Well done to those who gave up their time over a number of weeks to learn how to play the bells so well.



Christ Church Little Lever Church (LEP)

Christmas Fair



Crib Service



Wharton & Clegg's Lane Church (LEP)

Carol Service
with Trinity Girls Brass Band



Come and join

Every 5th Sunday @ 4 pm
All are welcome!

New Songs & praise

A joyful, Spirit-filled gathering with a blend of familiar hymns and new worship songs.

Sunday 4 pm

29th March 2026

 **Worsley Road URC**

What to expect:

- Easy-to-learn contemporary songs
- Short reflection & sharing
- Interactive elements: clapping, simple percussion ...
- Lyrics on screen
- Musicians or quality backing tracks
- Refreshment with tea/ coffee



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Bolton & Salford Missional Partnership

BSMP Newsletter: Issue.6

The next issue of the BSMP Newsletter will be published **in July**. We warmly invite you to share stories and memorable moments from Lent and Easter 2026, as well as any events and activities your local churches are planning for the summer and the period leading up to November 2026. We would also love to hear news about individuals and your local church communities. For this issue, we are specially inviting everyone to reflect on **“Your favourite character in the Bible and why.”** Please send your contributions by **30th June 2026** to Revd Barnabas Shin at barnabas.shin@nwsynod.org.uk. We look forward to hearing from you!



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Deane URC

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New Chapel URC

St Andrew & St George URC

Worsley Road, Swinton URC

Cornerstone LEP

Wharton & Cleggs Lane LEP

BSMP Vision 2026

Churches,

GROWING, NURTURING & SERVING

Their Places As Part Of One Body

Sharing Faith

Community
Transformation

Building
Together

Wellbeing
(*Shalom*)