

Buxton Film May-June 2018

Monday	14/05/2018 Trinity Church £4	7.30	A Taste of Honey (12) Dir Tony Richardson 1961 UK 101 min UK release 15/09/61	Shelagh Delaney was 19 when she wrote A Taste of Honey - she wrote it quickly as a response to what she perceived to be the middle-class stuffiness of some English theatre. The story of 17-year-old Jo (Rita Tushingham) and her mother, Helen (Dora Bryan) is set in Salford. Helen is alcoholic and erratic in her behaviour; she relies on money she gets from boyfriends. Jo has a brief relationship with a black sailor before befriending a gay student. There is much to talk about after seeing this landmark film. You are welcome to join us to discuss A Taste of Honey after the screening.
Monday	21/05/2018	7.30	Sanctuary (15) Dir Len Collin 2016 Ireland 87 min UK release 7/07/17	'A valuable film with honesty and heart' wrote Peter Bradshaw about this award-winning Irish film which became a word-of-mouth success. Larry and his girlfriend Sophie are keen to spend some time together, maybe have sex. Ordinary enough as a premise but Larry has Down's Syndrome and Sophie's epilepsy can be severe. They need the help of their care worker if the romance is to blossom. Full of fun and laughter Sanctuary also challenges us to re-examine our ideas about who we can love and how.
Monday	28/05/2018	8.00	Three Billboards Outside Ebbing Missouri (15) Dir Martin McDonagh 2017 UK/USA 115 min UK release 12/01/18	One of the most talked about and relished films of the year, here is another chance to catch up with some tremendous performances and writing. Mildred (the brilliant Frances McDormand) wants justice and she is fed-up waiting for the local police to get results. Police Chief Willoughby (a sensitive Woody Harrelson) struggles to reassure Mildred that he and his officers are doing all that they can. London-Irish playwright Martin McDonagh's script is packed with wit, pathos, anger and surprise.
Monday	04/06/2018	7.30	A Fantastic Woman (15) Dir Sebastián Lelio 2017 Chile/Ger/Spain/USA 100 min UK release 02/03/18	The winner at this year's Oscars for Best Foreign Language Film this Chilean drama about Marina (Daniela Vega). She is transgender and works as a singer and a waitress in Santiago. Her boyfriend, Orlando, is older than her - has been married before. His family struggles to accept Marina. This ground-breaking film is gripping - thanks in no small part to Vega's performance - and has much to say about the lives and experiences of people still at the sharp end of violence and hostility.
Monday	11/06/2018	7.30	120 Beats Per Minute (15) Dir Robin Campillo 2017 France 143 min UK release 6/4/18	This enthralling French drama is set in Paris in the 1990s. The gay community is being devastated emotionally and physically by AIDS and how to cope and react to that is the subject of the film. At one level it is about a collective response - in this case Act Up-Paris a direct action group whose 'actions' are sometimes calamitous, sometimes hard hitting. It is also a personal story about Nathan and Sean who become lovers and have to confront illness. Amidst the fear and anxiety there are also the joys of dance and sex.
Monday	18/06/2018	7.30	After the Storm (PG) Dir Hirokazu Koreeda 2016 Japan 118 min UK release 02/6/17	This prize-winning Japanese family drama combines melancholy and a wistful, gentle humour. Ryota is a gambler and fails to provide financial support for his son; unsurprisingly ex-wife is fed-up with his excuses. Meanwhile Ryota suspects that his sister is trying to take advantage of their elderly widowed mother. A film about how 'you can't always have the life you want, or be who you want to be.' Families, eh?