



The Baptist Church,
Brierfield



April 2019

We meet in a warm, friendly atmosphere to praise and worship the Lord Jesus Christ.

Please do join us.

Sunday Services

10:00am - Prayer meeting in the Church Lounge.

10:30am - Family Service, followed by coffee.

6:00pm - Evening service.

Midweek Youth Activities

Rainbows and Brownies - Contact Elizabeth Wilkes for more details on 01282 774847

Sunday Club for boys and girls up to 11 years old - contact David for more details on 01282 618026.

JAM (Jesus and Me) Club for those in year 6 or above, contact Elizabeth Wilkes for more details on 01282 774847.

Midweek Adult Activities as announced.

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Do you have something you would like to be included in next months newsletter? Please hand anything you would like adding to Richard l'Anson or Kathryn Hughes, or by email to newsletter@brierfieldbaptistchurch.org.uk



Investing Wisely

A short message by Nigel Leeming

Just think 3 years ago the word Brexit wasn't even a word. Happy Days!

As I travel around the country it is clear that potential customers are becoming increasingly worried about making future investments in equipment.

Looking at the financial markets Brexit is making them wonder, perhaps even fear, what will become of their investments. In Mark 10v 28 Jesus assured his followers they would have an incredible return on investing their lives in him. After all the disciples had left everything to follow him. The disciples grew concerned that their investment may not pay off after watching Jesus with a wealthy man who had a strong grip on his worldly goods. The answer Jesus gave has a reassurance for us all. Jesus said that anyone willing to sacrifice for him would "receive a hundred times as much in this present age. and in the age to come eternal life". A far better outcome than any stock market could ever match!

With money, our aim is to maximise the financial gain from our investment. With God, what we get back isn't measured on pounds and pence, but in the joy that comes from knowing him now and for eternity. As Easter approaches lets consider the price Jesus paid to allow us to experience Eternity with him.

At the end of his ministry, Jesus retreated to the Garden of Gethsemane where he was in an internal state of agony. Within a short while he faced the cross. However horrible the suffering of the cross may have been, it was nothing to him compared with the experience of having all of the sins of the whole world, including ours, heaped on him.

This Easter lets truly consider;

- What Jesus did for us
- What investments we are making to the Lords work through our talents and prioritising our time for His work.

There's a sign I pass regularly in Bradford "time is a great resource invest it wisely" Are you wisely investing your time in the Lord?

Nigel

Announcements

Dates for Diary April 2019

Monday 1 st & 15 th	10.30 a.m.	Bible Studies
Tuesday 2 nd	10.00 a.m.	Brierfield Churches meeting, 32 Reedley Road
Saturday 6 th	11 a.m. – 12 noon	Open Air Witness in Brierfield Centre
Monday 8 th	7.30 p.m. -	Cluster Group Meeting at Nelson Baptist Church – with Phil Jump
Tuesday 9 th & 23 rd	7.30 p.m.	Bible Studies
Sunday 14 th	Palm Sunday & Nursing Home Visit 2.30 p.m.	Marsden Heights
Wednesday 17 th	7.30 p.m.	In-Betweens – Channel Island Cricket – All Welcome

Easter

18 th April	Maundy Thursday	Communion Service at 7.30 p.m. – in Primary Room
19 th April	Good Friday	Family Service 10.30 a.m. – in Chapel
21 st April 9.00 am	Easter Day	Communion in Chapel - followed by Breakfast – in Primary Room
21 st April 10.30 a.m. & 6.00 p.m.	Easter Day	Services – in Chapel – Preacher both services – Jim Lockhead
Friday 26 th	7.45 – 9.15 p.m.	J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) Club meeting for Year 6 and above.

Advance Notice – May 2019

Thursday 9 th May	7.30 p.m.	Officers Meeting
Tuesday 21 st May	7.30 p.m.	Church A.G.M meeting

Nelson Food Bank Please remember to continue to support the ongoing needs of the Food Bank throughout 2019.

Lift Update. Following our concerns, Foulds Lifts have now agreed to install the lift flush with the floor and have therefore dug out a pit. This has led to a delay and we await confirmation that the lift will be installed late April.

Before the installation we need to clear the toilet area of the spoil dug out for the pit. We are looking to hire a skip and fill it possibly on Thursday 4th April. Please listen to the notices. Hopefully we will have as much help as last time.

Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIO's) Over the next twelve to eighteen months, WE as a church are having to go through some major re-thinking and complex work regarding considering becoming a CIO, alongside drawing up a Constitution and registering with the Charities Commission. This is caused by changes in legislation. Updates will appear throughout this period in the newsletters. Everybody will be kept informed and made aware of how decisions made could affect both Members and Trustees, CIO's will become part of the Agenda at most Church Meetings later in the year. The best way to keep up-to-date, have your say and learn how this may affect you as an individual member is to attend Church Meetings where possible.

Bible Studies

The dates for the month of April are Mondays 10.30 a.m. 1st April

15th April 29th April and Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m. 9th April, 23rd April

For May Monday 13th May and then 3rd June. Tuesdays 7th May and 28th May

We have to avoid the 27th May bank holiday and 21st May agm.

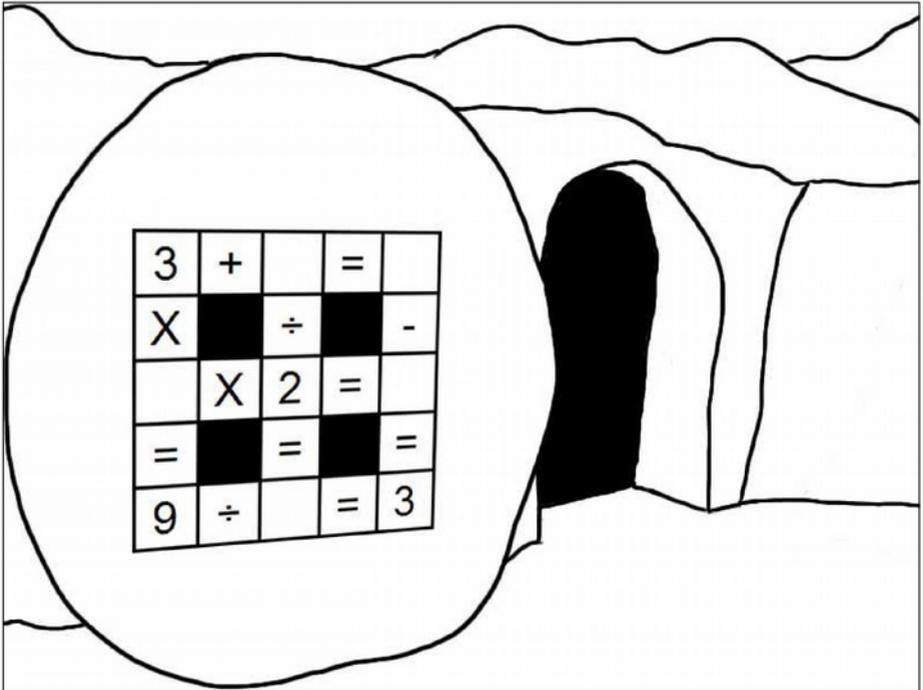
Please do join us to delve into the word of God.

Cynthia would like to say thank you for all the prayers, help and kind wishes that she has received following breaking her arm recently. She is recovering well and hopefully will have the cast removed sometime in April.

Kids Corner

Jesus is Risen!

Complete the sums on the tomb stone...



... then find the hidden message from Luke 24 v 6



-N



-FH



-K



+RE

-EL



B+

-H



-T



-AN

+

7

-VE

Puzzle Page

John 3:16



Words to Find: The Only In Have
For World Begotten Him Everlasting
God That Son Should Life
So Gave Whosoever Perish
Loved His Believeth But

With acknowledgements and thanks to www.openthoumineeyes.com/puzzles



WORLDNEWS

FIGHTING DOMESTIC ABUSE IN MOZAMBIQUE

You're helping bring access to justice in one of the poorest nations in the world by supporting BMS World Mission.

You can't report a crime if you don't know you're a victim. And that's often the case for people in Mozambique, where it's not unusual for people not to understand the law. But BMS workers and partners are changing that.

BMS lawyer Mark Barrell is working with the Association of Christian Lawyers in Mozambique (AMAC). "The aim of AMAC is to provide access to justice to the most poorest and vulnerable people," says Mark. "Often the people we help will be women, whose status in Mozambican society can be very low." Women like Isabel*.

Isabel was abused by her husband, but she didn't understand what domestic abuse was, or that it is illegal. Fortunately, BMS partners were there to help. Isabel attended an AMAC session on domestic violence and was taught what is defined as abuse, and why it's wrong. Isabel spoke

to a lawyer on the team, who quickly realised that she was an abuse survivor. She was taken to the police station that same day to report the crime.



BMS partner, AMAC fellowship

Just a few months later, Isabel's husband was brought before a judge. The court placed a restriction on him, and he was told that he could face imprisonment for any further abuse.

If AMAC hadn't been there, there's no telling how long Isabel would have continued to suffer. But now she can live without fear, and with the encouragement of knowing that AMAC will keep helping other people like her. She knows they are determined to keep bringing access to justice to those who need it.

**Name changed.*

Your support is helping more and more people access justice in Mozambique. Head to www.bmsworldmission.org/fighting-abuse to find out more.

HELPING PEOPLE SEE THEIR LIVES ARE WORTH LIVING

In places like Nepal, where people have suffered unimaginable trauma, suicide might seem like the only way out for some who are experiencing terrible mental distress. But your support for BMS World Mission is helping to change that.

BMS counsellor Jenny Saunders is working with a local partner specialising in counselling in Kathmandu, training Nepalis to become counsellors in communities across their country. Critical to the work is raising awareness of the symptoms of trauma. Jenny trains people to find individuals who are trusted in their local communities, so they can identify the symptoms and help people get support.

“Counsellors in Nepal have very little access to supervision,” says Jenny. “So we want to promote a more holistic approach to supervision, in which we can supervise each other.” That approach sees Jenny train her counsellors to work in peer groups to give each other the emotional support they need, and the structure to work ethically and professionally. One of the first people Jenny trained was Binsa. Binsa then trained counsellors in rural communities. Binsa saw peer learning as a great opportunity for the people she worked with. As they worked in rural communities, they would never be able

to access the supervision they needed. But by approaching their training the way Jenny suggested, Binsa ensured they would be able to rely on each other to meet their support needs, and the needs of the people they were counselling.



Jenny's work is making a real difference to trauma survivors

Jenny is undertaking further research into supervision techniques in Nepal. And she's hoping to make as big an impact as she can. “We want to make changes at a policy level. We'd love it to be mandatory for counsellors to have supervision,” she says. It might not seem like that big of a deal on first reading, but Jenny's work is putting the key steps in place to ensure that people won't see suicide as the only way out.

“Without supervision, it's very easy to burn out or not do a good job,” says Jenny. “You need someone to support you.” By supporting BMS, you're supporting Jenny's work. That means you're helping her and helping others save lives.

Your faithful support for BMS is helping those suffering from trauma in Nepal receive the support they need. Visit www.bmsworldmission.org/worthliving to read the full story.

Prayer Matters

Yes, it's Easter! And as we give thanks for Christ and all that He has done for us, let us continue in prayer for one another and ourselves. But on my mind is the text of 1 Timothy 2, vv1-2, where Paul says, "I urge, then, first of all that requests, prayers and intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone" (much as usual, you perhaps say, but Paul continues) "[and] for kings, and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness".

As you must be aware, there is a constitutional crisis as I write, the like of which has not been seen for decades, if not centuries. Our Government is in utter confusion, we may not agree ourselves as to what should happen over Brexit, but Paul commands that we should pray for those in authority over us. Let us do just that!

This month let's pray:

- That God, who raises nations up and brings them down, will have mercy upon us as a nation and bring out a just and suitable solution to the problems associated with Brexit.
- That we as Christians will stand firm to the truths of the Bible, and be able to maintain a witness to the truth proclaimed therein in what may be turbulent times ahead.

Please also pray for:

- All those involved in missionary work at home and abroad, naming those specifically whom we are aware of, that God will build His Church both here and in all the world.

May I remind you that if you have an urgent need for prayer, such as sickness, or one of the problems of life, please contact Philip on:

Email: philip.rowland@virginmedia.com

- or by Mobile Text (please do not ring me): 07546 350 409
- or by phoning Kath on 01282 697005.

Your request for prayer will then be passed on to the other members of the Prayer Chain.



Who's Who

Ron Bolton

My name is George Ronald Bolton (better known as Ron) and I was born on 23rd October 1932 in Accrington. I lived in Accrington until I was married and went to live in Burnley. My first job, after leaving the Accrington Grammar School, was at the Broad Oak Print Works in Accrington working in the works laboratory. My working life was interrupted when I had to do my National Service in the R.A.F. and I spent two years from January 1957 until January 1959 at the R.A.F. hospital at Weeton near Blackpool where I was trained to be a nurse working on the Medical and Surgical wards. Fortunately I was able to get to Blackburn College in an evening to continue with my studies and I gained my HNC in Chemistry and Physics. I have had several jobs in the textile industry which included working at Smith and Nephew at Langroyd Mill, Colne and mainly as Quality Control manager at Southalls (Lilia) Ltd, Lomeshaye Mill, Nelson.

My father and mother were regular church goers at the Christ Church in Accrington to which my sister and I were taken. We both went to the morning Sunday School and I later became a Sunday School teacher. Whilst in the top class the vicar asked us if we would like to be "confirmed in our faith in the Lord" during which we would learn more about the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and understand the meaning of the communion service and other church services. Later the Bishop of Blackburn conducted the service and gave us his blessing. I'll never forget the title of his sermon which was "Jesus said "Ye are my friends" (John ch15 v14) which, as a 15 year old teenager, meant a lot to me.

I like to think that I am a family person. Dorothy and I met at the Winter Gardens in Blackpool one Saturday night. We were married at the Immanuel Chapel in Burnley on 2nd April 1960 and we have two girls, Christine and Beverley, 5 grandchildren and one great grandson, Theo. Our family became regular attenders at Brierfield Baptist shortly after we moved to live in Hallwood Close, Reedley.

I have been involved with young people in the youth group at our chapel and before I was married I was in the Boy Scouts as a Scout and as a Scout leader. I have enjoyed many sports throughout my life in football, table tennis, golf and other outdoor activities in walking and gardening. After I retired, I started presenting a series of talks to a variety of Men's and women's groups and organisations on such subjects as "Superstitions", "Clogs", "Family History" and "Christmas traditions" among others. My favourite meal is roast duckling and pasta dishes and really I just enjoy most foods as long as they are well cooked and well presented.

I always enjoy a good sing at chapel and I have several hymns that I like but there are three which I enjoy most of all.

"To God be the glory", "What a friend we have in Jesus", "Fight the good Fight"

		Preacher	Door Steward	Morning Service Leader
7 th April	10.30 am	Geoff Hartley	E. Wilkes	R. Hartley
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Kath Rowland / Donald Leeming</i>		
	6.00 pm	Stephen Wells		
14 th April	10.30 am	David Boadle	C. Leeming	N. Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Janice Greenwood / David Leeming</i>		
	6.00 pm	Tim Doggart		
21 st April Easter Day	10.30 am	Jim Lockhead	C. I'Anson	M. Lewis
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Peter I'Anson / Philip Rowland</i>		
	6.00 pm	Jim Lockhead		
28 th April	10.30 am	Howard Ellison	S. Dunham	R. Rigby
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Kath Rowland / Nigel Leeming</i>		
	6.00 pm	Geoff Hartley		
5 th May	10.30 am	Stephen Wells	R. Bolton	G. Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Janice Greenwood / Donald Leeming</i>		
	6.00 pm	Howard Ellison		
12 th May	10.30 am	Kath Rowland	J. Greenwood	B. Baldwin
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Peter I'Anson / David Leeming</i>		
	6.00 pm	Colin Scholes		
19 th May	10.30 am	Mark Heaton	D. Driver	G. Fogg
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Kath Rowland / Philip Rowland</i>		
	6.00 pm	Daniel Parkinson		
26 th May	10.30 am	John Caddy	G. Leeming	S. Greaves
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Janice Greenwood / Nigel Leeming</i>		
	6.00 pm	Gerald Norcross		
2 nd June	10.30 am	Grahame Baldwin	D. Mullarkey	B. Driver
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Peter I'Anson / Donald Leeming</i>		
	6.00 pm	Philip Rowland		