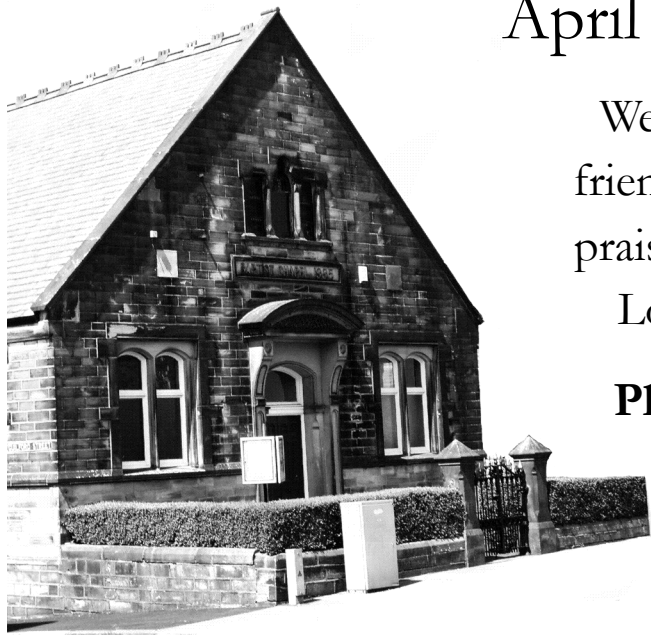


The Baptist Church, Brierfield

April 2017



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

Please do join us

Services every Sunday	10:00am	Prayer Meeting
	10:30am	Family Service
	6:00pm	Evening Worship

Children and Young People's meetings

Rainbows and Brownies	Weekly Meetings	Elizabeth Wellman	01282 690403
Guides	Weekly Meetings	Janice Greenwood	01282 605594
Sunday Club	For boys and girls up to 11 years old	David Leeming	01282 618026
JAM Club (Jesus and Me)	For those in year 6 and above.	Elizabeth Wellman	01282 690403

Mid week meetings for adults as announced

Church Secretary Mr David Leeming, Tel: 01282 618026 or 07811192134

<http://www.brierfieldbaptistchurch.org.uk>

I must begin by expressing the thanks of the officers for the gifts received at Gift day. The total so far is £2732 any further gifts should be handed to Janice as soon as possible. The first Sunday in April sees the end of the church financial year and so I have to again remind you that gift envelopes are available for the coming twelve months, also if you pay tax please consider gift aiding your giving... Again can I express our sincere thanks for the financial support.

Please note the prayer matters and continue to pray for Gods guidance on the changes and appointments that are to take place. The last church meeting was well attended and at that meeting, we set out a list of duties that I have covered. We have split these into three sections. One is Secretarial duties, another is looking after the boilers and heating and the other is maintenance. We are looking for volunteers for each section. We will also consider people accepting single jobs. Full details are available from me and any help will be considered.

Please do remember that Easter is the most important celebration for the Church and please join us at the special services.

Christine Leeming s father passed away during March and we extend to her our love and sympathy at this sad time. We assure her and her family that they are remembered in our prayers and that the Lord is the great comforter.

David

In-Betweens. The next meeting is on the 22nd April at 7.30 p.m. when we will be holding Channel Island cricket. Glenys will be arranging light refreshments. On the 17th May, we are planning to go out for supper. If you would like to come please see Bernice.

Bible Studies. Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m. and Mondays at 10.30 a.m. The dates are Tuesdays 4th and 18th April and 2nd May and 30th May. On Mondays the dates are April 10th and 24th also 8th and 5th June. Please note the dates as these have changed due to holidays .

Coffee Mornings. The next Coffee morning is on the 4th April at the home of Grahame and Bernice. Transport can be arranged please see Cynthia also if you can help with transport please let Cynthia Know. If you do not know where Graham and Bernice live please ask. However, do come.

Christian Aid. There is a Soup and natter lunch at St. Lukes on Friday 19th May. In addition, anyone wishing to help with the house-to-house collection, which the Methodists are organising, should see me.

The event organised by our church is **THE BIG BREKKIE** on the 29th April 10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. We will be serving Bacon Butties and Sausage sandwiches with tea and coffee. There is no charge however we will be taking donations for Christian Aid. There will also be time for chatting. Please do join us.

PS: I still need help please contact me.



EASTER SERVICES

Maunder Thursday April 13th

Communion Service 7.00 p.m.
*in the Primary Room, Children and Young
people welcome.*
Led by Geoff Hartley

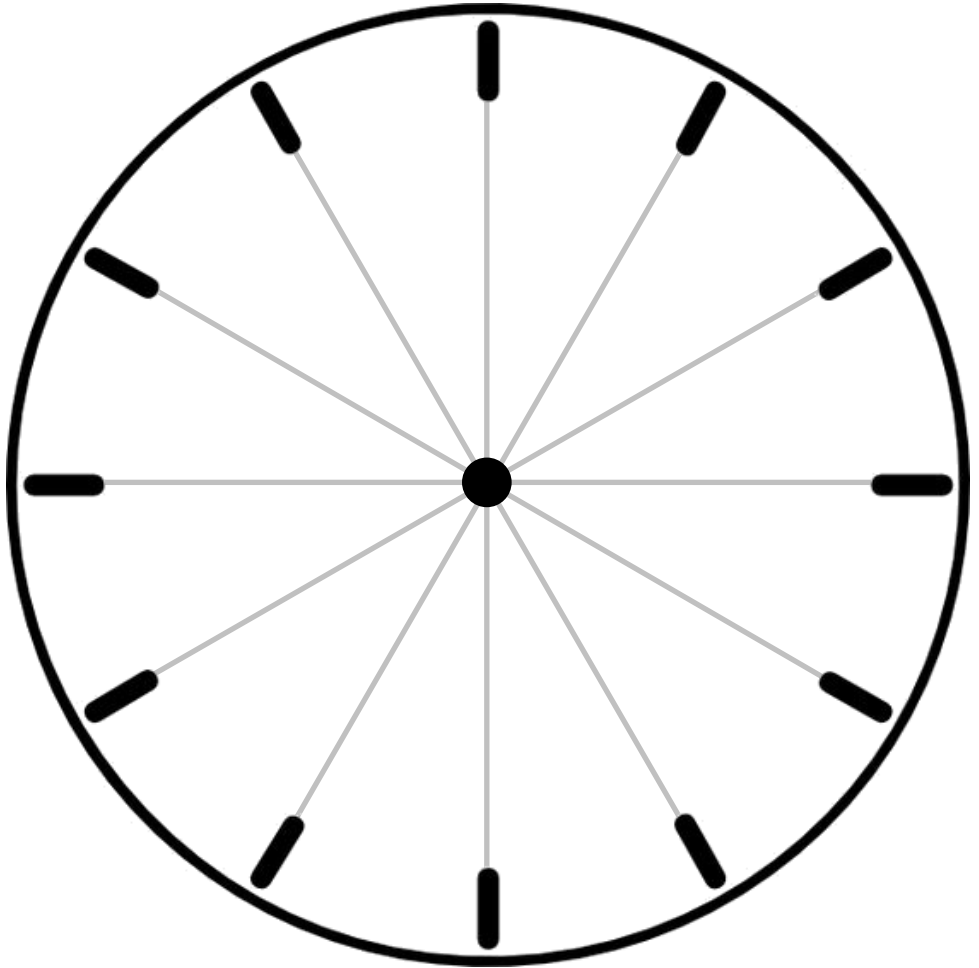
Good Friday April 14th

Family Service 10.30 a.m.
Preacher: Geoff Hartley

Easter Day April 16th

Communion Service 9.00 a.m.
Followed by Breakfast (names To Glenys)
Family Service 10.30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6.00 p.m.
*Preacher at both services:
Rev John Fisher*

12-Hour Prayer Clock



Prayer Meeting

25th April please remember the 12-hour clock and the getting together at 7.30 p.m.

Schools Work In Pendle

Dear Friends,

Since our last newsletter, in addition to the regular schools work, chaplaincy duties at St Christopher's Academy and developing the 'With U Always' website (www.withualways.org.uk), God has graciously enabled us to do three more 'With U Always' days in schools!

A typical day consists of taking a professional band into school, singing songs with lyrics, which relate to God being with us always interspersed with each of the band members telling a story about something that has happened in their life, which proves to them that God is 'With U Always'. We have had events in West Craven High School, Colne Primet Academy and St Christopher's Academy.

What a wonderful privilege to have opportunities to share the truth about our amazing, loving God, through music and powerful testimonies, with over a thousand young people!

Again the feedback has been great!

Comments from pupils; *"Amazing!-best lesson ever!" "When can we have them in again." "Did God really do all those things?"*

Comments from teachers/head teacher; *"Thank you so much for coming in, pupils keep stopping me in the corridor to tell me how much they enjoyed the sessions!" "This one of the best things we have done in our school." "You are always welcome in our school, please come back in soon."*

We have also been asked to do some follow up lessons with individual classes across the year groups.

Thank you so much for your prayers and continued support, that help us to; 'Tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord!' (Psalm 78:4)

Every blessing, Jude.



Dates For Your Diary

4th April	10:30am	Coffee Morning	Grahame and Bernice's
4th April	7:30pm	Bible Study	Church Lounge
10th April	10:30am		Primary Room
13th April	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Communion Service	Primary Room
14th April	10:30am	Good Friday Family Service	Chapel
16th April	9:00am	Communion and Breakfast	
	10:30am	And 6:00pm—Easter services	
18th April	7:30pm	Bible Study	Church Lounge
24th April	10:30am		Primary Room
24th April	10:00am	Cluster Group meeting	32 Reedley Road
25th April		12-Hour Prayer Clock	
25th April	7:30pm	Prayer Meeting for guidance for future appointments	Primary Room
26th April	7:30pm	In-Between Group	Primary Room
29th April	10:00am	The Big Brekkie	Primary Room
2nd May	7:30pm	Bible Study	Church Lounge
8th May	10:30am		Primary Room
17th May	7:30pm	In-Between Meal Out	
19th May	12 noon	Soup and Natter for Christian Aid	St. Lukes
22nd May	7:30pm	Officers Meeting	Church Lounge
23rd May	7:30pm	Annual Church Meeting	Primary Room
30th May	7:30pm	Bible Study	Church Lounge
5th April	10:30am		Primary Room

Annual Church Meeting. This is on the 23rd May at 7.30 p.m. in the Primary Room. All Church Members should be present and all other folks are welcome to join us. There is an officers meeting on the 22nd May at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Lounge. Please also note that the nomination form for deacons will be on the notice board by the 30th April. Church members should make nominations.

Holiday Club 2017. As Most of you know, we ran into difficulties choosing a date last year and we think this may be the problem this year. Can Parents of Sunday school children please tell David when their children are not available during the school holidays as soon as possible? WE also need the same information for helpers Thanks.

Christine Leeming is finding it more and more difficult to help with Sunday Club on Fridays 6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. We are therefore looking for another helper. Anyone who would like to volunteer please see David.

Prayer Matters:

In Matthew 7, v7 Jesus is speaking about prayer. He said 'Seek and you will find'. At this time in particular we are coming before the Lord, seeking guidance for the future of our Church. We are seeking guidance as to who should fill various positions in our church, such as Secretary, who should be made into deacons, and even possibly, who should be made up to Elders to support our Eldership team.



We may be a bit puzzled, but if we take Jesus at His word, and seek the Lord in Prayer in His Name, He has promised that we will find, that we will indeed have answers to our requests for guidance. In this case, the answer we are seeking will have an important effect on the wellbeing of our church here at Brierfield.

I urge you to pray to the Lord continually until we have the answers. To this end we are establishing a prayer clock to be used on the 25th April, and also having a prayer meeting on that night at 7.30. Please pray as never before for the future of our church .

Let's pray that

- God will guide us as we make decisions about the future organising of our Church;
- That as we consider additional Deacons, and possibly even Elders, the Lord will show us in a definite way who He wants to fill the positions in our church in the future.

Please also pray for:

- Our Missionary Contacts – Irene, The Millns (as they enter their well-earned retirement, Rachel, and Natalie);
- That our Church will grow both in numbers and grace as the Lord adds to our number .

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.

We were sad to hear that Mark Wilke's mother has died. We extend to him our sympathy and assure him of our prayerful support at this time

		Preacher	Door Steward	Morning Service Leader
2nd April	10.30am	Open Doors	C. Leeming	M. Lewis
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Donald Leeming</i>	<i>P. Rowland</i>	
	6.00pm	Adrian Smith		
9th April	10.30am	Susan Western	G. Leeming	B. Baldwin
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>David Leeming</i>	<i>Jack Parkinson</i>	
	6.00pm	Rodney Steel		
16th April	10.30am	Rev. J. Fisher	Peter Lewis	C. l'Anson
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Donald Leeming</i>	<i>Nigel Leeming</i>	
	6.00pm	Rev. J. Fisher		
23rd April	10.30am	Donald Leeming	R. Bolton	B. Driver
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>David Leeming</i>	<i>P. l'Anson</i>	
	6.00pm	Geoff Hartley		
30th April	10.30am	P. l'Anson	E. Wellman	R. Bolton
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>David Leeming</i>	<i>J. Sunderland</i>	
	6.00pm	Howard Ellison		
7th May	10.30am	Stephen Wells	Declan Driver	Beverley Driver
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Donald Leeming</i>	<i>Philip Rowland</i>	
	6.00pm	David Lavender		
14th May	10.30am	John Caddy	K. Hughes	K. Rowland
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Donald Leeming</i>	<i>J. Parkinson</i>	
	6.00pm	Pat Heyhurst		
21st May	10.30am	David Leeming	C. l'Anson	R. Rigby
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Donald Leeming</i>	<i>N. Leeming</i>	
	6.00pm	Kath Rowland		
28th May	10.30am	Tony Yates	J. Greenwood	R. Hartley
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>David Leeming</i>	<i>P. l'Anson</i>	
	6.00pm	David Livermore		