



The Baptist Church,
Brierfield



April Newsletter 2018

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

Guides - Contact Janice Greenwood for more details on 01282 605594

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.

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



Easter

a short message by David Leeming

I've been reading a book recently which had the following story.

A man was entering a city and he was acclaimed by all the citizens followed a few days later by being betrayed by one of his best friends. He was tried in a court case at night arranged by corrupt officials and was sentenced to death. The mode of death was horrific but carried out. He was then buried in someone else's grave. Just when you thought it was all over and there was nothing else the man came alive with global implications.

The book of course was the Bible and the events were the events which we celebrate at Easter. But it would have made a great block buster movie. But it is really true.

These events were recorded by people who were there when it happened and many of them went on to be murdered for their faith. Do you think they would have gone through such terrible times if what they wrote wasn't true.

But more than that I know its true because Jesus is my support my Companion my friend who gets me through life and will eventually take me to be with him in the place He has prepared for me.

Do the events of Easter mean so much to you ,I hope they do . If they do thank God for all He has done for us and endeavour to serve him faithfully, if they don't mean so much to you give them a second look, acknowledge your sin, pray for forgiveness, ask Him into your life when you pray and trust him to lead you in life. and don't forget to tell someone who is there to help you.

I hope you have a great Easter not only by enjoying your easter eggs but by knowing Jesus our Saviour.

Announcements

It is with pleasure that I send the greetings of the Church to Ruth and Geoff Hartley on the occasion of their Golden Wedding. They celebrated this on the 30th March. I am sure that as they look back they wonder just where the years went. They will also note how God has been their support during this time. being with them in good times and bad times. WE celebrate with them and are pleased to hear they have spent the time with their son in the south of England. It has been good to share this last years with them and we pray that we may see them enjoying many more years together and that better health may return.

Gift Day: Snow caused havoc that Sunday morning with lots being unable to meet with us. However the gifts received so far total over £2000.00 and any further contributions are welcome. please place in the offertory in the envelopes provided.

Offertory envelopes: There are now available for the 2018/19 year and can be collected from the church. if you gift aid your gift please try to obtain the same number. Otherwise just see Janice. Please consider if you are a tax payer gift aiding your giving full details can be obtained from Janice or Peter.

Inbetween Group: Our next meeting is on the 18th April at 7.30 p.m. We will be taking part in Channel Island cricket and having a light supper. The cost is £2.00. Please do join us.

Bible studies: The dates for the tuesday evening studies at 7.30 p,m, are 10th and 24th April and the 9th May . The Monday meetings are on the 16th and 30th April and the 14th May at 10.30 a.m. Everyone is most welcome.

Church Meeting: There is a Church meeting on the 5th April (please note it is a thursday) at 7.30 p.m. . the Annual Church meeting is on the 22nd May also at 7.30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Brierfield Churches: Thanks to those who went to Marsden Heights and helped with the service. We have a morning of open air witness on the 14th April 11.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon. Please meet at the Methodist church around 10.45 a.m. . You can come out or stay in the church giving prayerful support.

Christian aid week: This year sees a hunger lunch at St Lukes on friday 11th May at 12.00 noon a house to house collection organised by the Methodist Church . Anyone wishing to help should see David. We have a bacon or sausage buttie morning organised for sat 26th May (date may have to be changed) Volunteers are required. lease do support these events.

The next committee meeting is on the 10th April at 32 Reedley road at 10.00 a.m.



DISCIPLESHIP **EXPLORED**

Discipleship Explored is an eight week journey through Paul's letter to the Philippians which will help us think through questions like

How can I be sure I am a Christian?

What is life really all about?

How can I grow as a Christian?

How can I enjoy being a Christian more?

This is an advance warning of the course which will run during October and November this year. As elders, we would encourage as many people to attend as possible. Further details will follow nearer the time.



The leaders of the Guides, Brownies and Rainbows would like to thank you for your support and prayers. We have been truly blessed with an increase in numbers across the units. We congratulate Lauren Howarth in gaining her leadership qualification which means we now have four leaders. Elizabeth and Lauren leading the Rainbows and Brownies, Janice and Glenys leading the Guides. Kathryn and Barbara are the official occasional helpers, although the occasions are becoming more frequent as numbers increase.

Puzzle Page



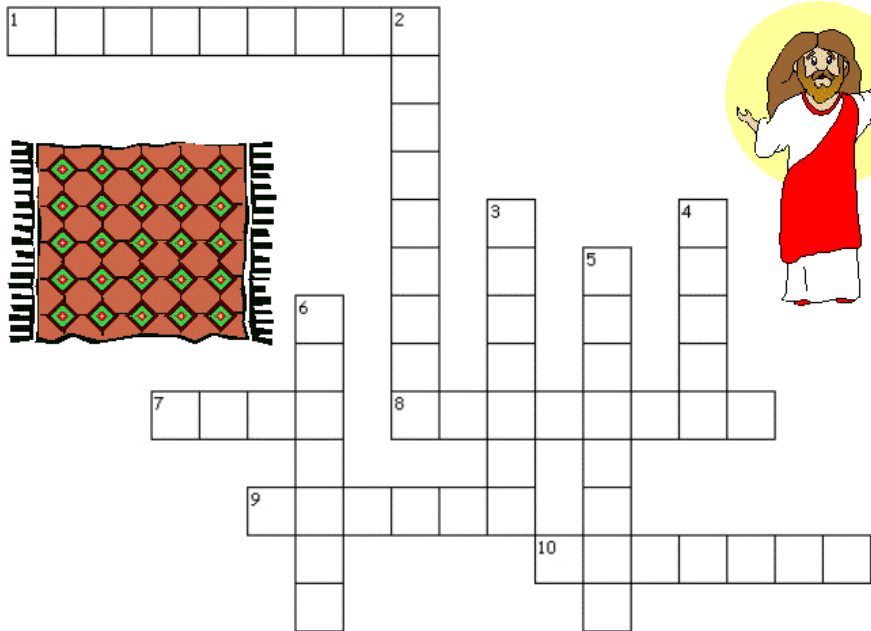
Words to	Elected	Kings	Quickened	Workman
Find:	Forgiven	Loving	Redeemed	Yielded
Adopted	Glorified	Merciful	Saved	Zealous
BornAgain	Holy	NewCreatures	Transformed	
Chosen	Immortal	Obedient	Unspotted	
DeadToTheWorld	Justified	Patient	Vigilant	

Answers to Quizzes, EASTER PEOPLE QUIZ

- 1/ Mary Magdalene; 2/ Salome and Joanna; 3/ Joseph of Arimathea; 4/ Peter and John;
 5/ Cleopas; 6/ an Angel; 7/ Pilate; 8/ Chief Priests and Pharisees; 9/ a Young Man; 10/
 Nicodemus.

Kids Corner

Jesus Heals the Paralytic Crossword



Across

1. This is the label the man had because he couldn't walk.
7. This is the number of men that brought the paralyzed man to see Jesus.
8. Jesus performed two of these when He saw the paralyzed man.
9. The man that was carried in was healed so he stood and ___ out on his own.
10. The men couldn't get in the house to see Jesus because it was so ___.

Down

2. The name of the town where this miracle took place.
3. The four men ___ the paralytic down through the roof to get to Jesus.
4. The men ___ through the roof so they could get the man to Jesus.
5. The ___ of the law questioned Jesus authority.
6. Jesus did this for the man first, before he healed him.

WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD NEED YOU TO PRAY

Freeing women from the sex trade. Giving homeless women a space to rest. And helping women start businesses. BMS World Mission is hard at work. And to thrive, these women and projects need your prayers.

Helping women set up businesses in Guinea

BMS workers Caroline* and Victor* help underprivileged women in Guinea through self-help groups, where women save money together and then use it to set up small businesses so they can provide for their families.

Caroline and Victor's prayer requests:

- Pray for women who are borrowing money and starting businesses so they can continue to provide for their families.
- Pray we would find more people who can provide training to these women.

Freeing women from the sex trade in Thailand

Paul and Sarah Brown are reaching out to survivors of sex trafficking in Bangkok, Thailand.

Their prayer requests:

- Pray for ways we can support, empower and enable women who are survivors of trafficking.

- Pray that more traffickers will be brought to justice and that Bangkok's local authorities will become better equipped to find them.

Providing shelter for homeless women

It's dangerous to be a homeless woman in France, as many face abuse. Christine Kling, alongside a group of volunteers, set up a day shelter for these women to give homeless women a place to stay, rest and eat a meal. A place of dignity and respect. Christine's prayer requests:

- Pray for people to come forward as volunteers at the homeless shelter.
- Pray for the homeless women that come to the day shelter, that they would find it a place of rest, away from the streets.

**Names changed*



Christine Kling

Please pray for our mission workers as they continue to impact the lives of women. To read more prayer requests, visit bmsworldmission.org/prayforwomen

Sign up for the BMS weekly email update at bmsworldmission.org/update

PEOPLE ARE MEETING JESUS IN HOSPITAL

Patients are becoming Christians in a hospital in a Muslim-majority community in Chad, thanks to BMS World Mission.

Waiting rooms can often be the most terrifying place in a hospital. Anxiety thrives among the rigid rows of chairs. And for many, so does loneliness.

We're all familiar with the feelings that people experience there. BMS-supported chaplain Pastor Djibrine knows them well, too. He sits with patients at Guinebor II Hospital in Chad, talking to them as they wait to be seen by a doctor or nurse.

Bibles are available for people to read and Christian films are shown on the television in the corner. Pastor Djibrine makes bedside visits, praying with people and answering questions about Jesus. And while some patients ask to keep the Bibles, others ask Pastor Djibrine for Scripture on micro SD cards for them to read on their mobile phones.

Abdelhaziz* was at the hospital receiving treatment for cancer. While he was there, Pastor Djibrine spent time with him. Through their conversations, Abdelhaziz met Jesus and decided to follow him. When he

was well enough to go home, Pastor Djibrine gave him an SD card and put him in touch with believers in his home town. Another person who wanted to know about Jesus was Hassan*. He left the hospital with a Bible, and asked Pastor Djibrine for a copy for his friend.



Through your giving, you're helping people who are sick find healing, comfort, and strength in Christ. People are getting to read the Bible and receive prayer from Pastor Djibrine. And people such as Abdelhaziz are experiencing the love of Christ. Thanks to your support, Guinebor II Hospital has become a shining beacon of hope in Jesus, and we think that's amazing.

**Names changed*

Feel called to serve with us? We have plenty of opportunities. Visit bmsworldmission.org/opportunities to find out more.

Prayer Matters

Christ the Lord is risen today – HALLELUJAH! Today is Easter Sunday, the day when we celebrate the resurrection. Never before had anybody who had died brought themselves back to life! We sing, “It is a thing most wonderful” and there are many wonderful things seen in these happenings of 2000 years ago.

We see death defeated! We see life restored, and not just life from the death, but life that was of a different character. And above all, the most wonderful thing is that we are included in this. On the sad side, it was for our sins that Jesus died. But we rejoice that He so loved us that He took our sins upon Himself and paid the price, so that we may appear perfect (sin-free) before God. Just as He rose to die no more, so are we included in that resurrection – and one day we will know the reality of it. And later, as He ascended to be with His Father, so one day, He will take us to be with Him there, to dwell in the heavenlies.

So let's pray:

- Thanking God for His great gift in His Son, Jesus Christ.
- That we will accept the gift of salvation offered us with thanksgiving.
- That God, through Christ's death, will give us joy by making it very clear to us that we are His, both now and for eternity.

Please also pray for:

- Our Missionary Contacts – Mary, Rachel, and Natalie, and indeed, all those on the Mission Field;
- That God will bless our church and give us a godly increase.

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...

Nigel Leeming. Born in Burnley Lancashire.

I have lived in the area all my life, except for my years as a Student in South Manchester. When I finally left student life behind I began work as a Contract Engineer for an air movement company in Chadderton, Oldham. Explaining my job has never proved easy. Basically, it involves fans, filters and air, conveying dust, fumes or waste.

Since then I have worked in a further three air movement companies and now work for a company in a sales / design role out of Rochdale specialising in dust control units. I like their tag line: 'Clean air is a human right!', it's a shame I spend a substantial proportion of time in a diesel car.

I first came to Brierfield Baptist Church as a 2/3-week-old baby.

I married Chris in 1996, and I would not be thanked for making the same comment Philip made in the January Newsletter. As you know we have two fantastic children, Jordan and Rebecca, whom I am eternally grateful for.

I have no specific date when I became a Christian it was a gradual journey and realisation, having attended many missions and Children's Christian crusade events. I became a Deacon some years ago and was ordained as an Elder this year. I also have the eminent role of being the organiser of the boilers. If you have any concerns or need the heating on for an event please see me or add the date to the calendar in the Kitchen.

I don't have a favourite hymn. I am reliably informed by Jordan and Rebecca that I have a questionable taste in music. However, I never fail to be inspired by Hebrews 11 and its account of faith. Faith helps believers do 'great things'. Hebrews 11 lists many heroes of faith. It tells us what they were able to achieve, because of their trust in God.

Have I anything I would say to the Church family?

I would point out we all have different talents and backgrounds brought together into one Church family. Everyone should play their part not just by attending Sunday mornings but by getting involved in all Church activities.



		Preacher	Door Steward	Morning Service Leader
1st April <i>Easter Sunday</i>	10.30am	Chris Cheeseman	C. Leeming	R. Hartley
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Nigel Leeming</i>	<i>J. Greenwood</i>	
	6.00pm	Chris Cheeseman		
8th April	10.30am	Rev. John Fisher	G. Leeming	S. Greaves
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Donald Leeming</i>	<i>Peter l'Anson</i>	
	6.00pm	Howard Ellison		
15th April	10.30am	Gerald Norcross	P. Lewis	G. Fogg
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>David Leeming</i>	<i>Kath Rowland</i>	
	6.00pm	Jeff Pearson		
22nd April	10.30am	Kath Rowland	R. Bolton	G. Leeming
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Philip Rowland</i>	<i>J. Greenwood</i>	
	6.00pm	Dave Bartram		
29th April	10.30am	Peter l'Anson	D. Mullarky	N. Leeming
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Nigel Leeming</i>	<i>Peter l'Anson</i>	
	6.00pm	Danny Cliff		
6th May	10.30am	Grahame Baldwin	E. Wilkes	M. Lewis
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Donald Leeming</i>	<i>Kath Rowland</i>	
	6.00pm	Philip Rowland		
13th May	10.30am	Nigel Leeming	Declan Driver	B. Baldwin
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>David Leeming</i>	<i>Janice Greenwood</i>	
	6.00pm	Susan Western		
20th May <i>Anniversary</i>	10.30am	David Livermore	Kath Hughes	
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Philip Rowland</i>	<i>Peter l'Anson</i>	
	6.00pm	David Livermore		
27th May	10.30am	Harold Hogarth	C. l'Anson	B. Driver
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Nigel Leeming</i>	<i>Kath Rowland</i>	
	6.00pm	Rev. Geoff Hartley		