



The Baptist Church,
Brierfield

April 2022



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

Please do join us.

Sunday Services

We have limited capacity in church with Social Distancing and masks are mandatory for anyone inside the building. The services start at 10:30 am and are also being streamed live on YouTube - check our website for the service link.

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

Midweek 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 by email to newsletter@brierfieldbaptistchurch.org.uk



Hope

(A short message by Nigel Leeming)

As you read this Newsletter what are you hoping for?

Peace in Ukraine and the many other areas of conflict? Better health? Reduced or static fuel bills? ... the list is inexhaustible but please remember all facing these difficult situations in your prayer life.

The Christian hope is **hope in God in Jesus Christ**. “It is the confident affirmation that God is faithful, that He will complete what He has begun. It is also, therefore, that confident expectation which waits patiently and ardently for God's purposes to be fulfilled.”

We see the message of Jesus throughout the Bible and how He is wonderfully revealed to us in the New Testament. As we celebrate Easter let's consider the life of Jesus. God in human form who lived a sinless life, who was killed on a cross as a sacrifice for our sins. A once only sacrifice of all who believe in him now and in generations to come. Let's thank God that this sacrifice was undertaken for you, me and all who repent and believe in Him.

Let's thank God for Jesus. A man we can confidently put our Hope and trust in. A man who was raised to life again, returned to heaven and prepares a place for us. At Bible study we are now “dipping into Revelations”. A difficult book but one that reveals Jesus further as the lamb of God and King of Kings. What's stopping you joining us on a Tuesday evenings twice a month?

Romans 15:13 “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Happy Easter

Nigel

Bible Studies/Prayer Meetings

Please pray for these and attend if at all possible, starting at 7:30pm and led by Philip.

April	5 th & 19 th
May	3 rd & 24 th
June	7 th & 21 st
July	5 th & 19 th
SUMMER BREAK IN AUGUST	

Easter Services and Events – 2022

Palm Sunday 10 th April	10.30 a.m. Morning Service 6.00 p.m. - Easter Songs of Praise Led by Beverley and Declan
Maundy Thursday 14 th April	Communion Service in Primary Room at 7.30 p.m. - All Welcome
Good Friday 15 th April	10.30 a.m. Morning Service Led by Melanie & Peter
Easter Day 17 th April	9.00 a.m. Communion Service followed by Breakfast 10.30 a.m. Morning Service

Retirement Home Visit - 10th April (Palm Sunday) - Victoria House

First visit of 2022 by our church. Service will commence at 2.30 p.m. - Please try and support this valuable and very much appreciated service to the elderly in our community.

Fellowship Group

Will meet on Wednesday 13th April 7.30 p.m. for a Board Games night - all adults welcome. Advance notice - a BBQ is planned on 8th June to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, more details nearer the date.

New Church Member

We welcome Cheryl Reeder as our newest church member following her baptismal service on the 27th March. If anyone else is interested at any-time, in baptism please speak to one of the Elders.

Change of Contacts

David and Glenys have a new land line number - 01282 697010 and David has a new E-mail address davidleeming@btinternet.com

Please update your records. Thanks, David

Prayer Chain

I often see on messenger or otherwise hear of sickness and various other problems that could be prayed about. However, would people please note that I will put nothing on the Prayer Chain unless specifically asked to do so. I need your permission to share problems, or know that you have allowed someone else to put your name forward. I would also like to have and share updates on your requests. Philip.

YOUTH WORK

Rainbows & Brownies Monday's 6.15 - 7.15 p.m

Will re-start on Monday 25th April following their Easter holiday.

J.A.M. Club

JAM Club meet on *Friday 8th April at 6.30 p.m.* If know of any young people who may be interested - Year 4 and upwards - please let Mark or Elizabeth know. Advance notice - a BBQ is planned for 10th June, more details nearer the date.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Numbers still low, please encourage children and their families to return to our fellowship, as they are a vital and valuable part of our church family. A pizza lunch is being held on 3rd April for children of Sunday School age.



The poster features the Burnley Community Grocery logo at the top center, which includes a stylized heart icon. To the right of the logo are three balloons in orange, yellow, and teal. Below the logo, the text reads 'LAUNCH EVENT TUESDAY 19 APRIL, 7PM'. Further down, it says 'Join with us to celebrate the opening of our new Community Grocery in Burnley.' and 'Burnley Community Grocery, Valley St, Burnley, BB11 5LZ'. A teal 'RSVP' button is followed by the email address 'Email daniella.steenbergen@message.org.uk'. At the bottom, it states 'A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN' followed by the 'message' logo and the 'LifeChurch Lancashire' logo. On the left side of the poster, there is an illustration of a woman in a yellow shirt and grey trousers walking with a young child in a blue shirt and yellow shorts.

Offering Envelopes 2022/23

If you haven't already done so, please collect your new envelopes for 2022/23.

Flower List for 2022

Please check if any dates you require are still free and/or contact Glenys.

ADVANCE NOTICE - Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 17th May at 7.30 p.m.

This will be held in the Primary Room. All church members and congregation welcome.

Prayer Matters

How time moves on! Easter is upon us already. And a favourite hymn that is not in the Mission Praise is running through my mind.

Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power?

Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

As we contemplate all that Jesus did for us in dying and carrying our sins away before that great triumphal resurrection day, we must ask, “What does that mean to us? Carried our sins away?”

By nature, we are unable to approach God in prayer because of our sinful state. But Christ died in our place to reconcile us to God, so that we may be forgiven our sins. Now, we are able to approach the Heavenly Father without fear, because our sins have been washed away by the blood of the Lamb.

So, this Easter, let’s take stock of our position. Are we trusting in the Lord alone for acceptance through His shed blood, or do we think we will be OK on the Day, that we’re not so bad really? Peter thought that he did not need washing by Jesus. But Jesus told Him otherwise. And we really do need to be washed in the sin cleansing blood of the Lamb before we can truly declare ourselves ‘saved’.

So Let’s pray for

- That we are truly trusting in Him alone for our salvation.
- That we may be able to daily seek forgiveness for our sins;
- And that we may point others to the only way to salvation, the shed blood of the Lamb of God.

Please continue to pray for:

- The young people in our church, and all those who work with them in His Name.

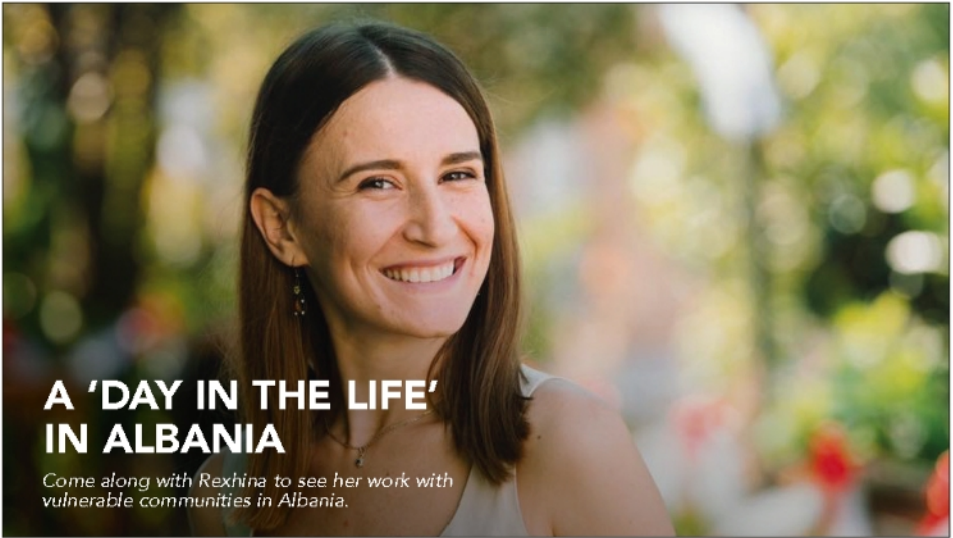
May I remind you that if you have an urgent need for prayer, such as sickness, or one of the problems of life, please contact Philip on:

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.





A 'DAY IN THE LIFE' IN ALBANIA

Come along with Rexhina to see her work with vulnerable communities in Albania.

Rexhina is a physiotherapist working with vulnerable children and adults at BMS' partner Tek Ura, in Albania. Read on to see the lives she impacts in her day-to-day work!

My day starts at 7 am, when I get up and prepare for the day ahead. It's a short drive to the Tek Ura centre in Tirana, Albania's capital city, but with a lot of traffic, so I normally arrive before 9 am to prepare for my first patient.

We have a physiotherapy intern at Tek Ura and she starts at 8 am, so I often spend time reviewing the patients she has seen and discussing any plans. We may then see a child with a neurological condition together. Our approach is to enable the children to be more independent, and so we may work on their sitting position, practice rolling and use the standing frame to encourage a good standing posture. We always involve the whole family in therapy and so we give advice for the patient at home and practical support too.

It's the time of the year when we have our health promotion sessions, and at the end of the day, I have booked around 30 women from our community to come and have a free cervical cancer screening with a specialist doctor. It is so great to enable marginalised women to access services and to be able to use the Tek Ura centre for this purpose.

When my day ends, it often feels long, as it is so varied, but it's really fulfilling when you see that you are part of a little change in the patient's life. If you could pray for one thing for me, it would be for the mums of the children we work with to feel included in the society and to fight for their children's rights.

Hear more about Rexhina's day,
and see how you can support
work like hers, right here:
bit.ly/Rexhinasday

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

		Preacher	Door Steward	Morning Service Leader
3 rd April	10.30 a.m.	Paul Carter	J. Greenwood	D. Driver
	Vestry Prayers:	Donald/Peter L.		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
10 th April Palm Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Philip Rowland	C. Leeming	G. Fogg
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel/Janice		
	6.00 p.m.	Easter Songs of Praise - with Beverley & Declan		
17 th April Easter Day	10.30 a.m.	Howard Ellison	G. Leeming	S. Greaves
	Vestry Prayers:	Philip/Mark		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
24 th April	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Keith Richardson	A. Higgin	J. Greenwood
	Vestry Prayers:	David/Kath		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
1 st May	10.30 a.m.	John Prior	E. Wilkes	G. Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	Donald/Kath		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
8 th May	10.30 a.m.	Jim Lohead	B. Baldwin	N. Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel/Mark		
	6.00 p.m.	Music Evening with Mike Ramplin		
15 th May	10.30 a.m.	Tim Doggart	R. Bolton	M. Lewis
	Vestry Prayers:	Philip/Peter		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
22 nd May	10.30 a.m.	Kevin Wilding	D. Driver	E. Lord
	Vestry Prayers:	David/Janice		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
29 th May	10.30 a.m.	Geoff Jackson	S. Dunham	K. Rowland
	Vestry Prayers:	Donald/Mark		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		

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