



The Baptist Church,
Brierfield

April 2023



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

Please do join us.

Sunday Services

We are in Chapel each Sunday and ask that you join us to worship our Lord Jesus Christ together and to share in the fellowship of the Church family.

The services start at 10:30 am and are also 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



What can we do?

(A short message by David Leeming)

Dear friends, I am writing this towards the end of February as I will be away for a few weeks. Today is just 1 year since Russia invaded the Ukraine. 12 months ago the Russian's expected to walk into the land but the people put up a strong defence so the conflict began. It is unimaginable the destruction that has taken place and the lives lost and also the destruction of a normal life and the despair that so many have. In Russia the people are brainwashed being told that they are defending the nation against the western world. The leaders in Russia have much to answer for. The church in Ukraine are working hard to support people and the Christians in places over the borders are providing food and shelter and homes for the displaced folk.

Over the last 2 weeks we have seen other massive destruction caused by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. Everywhere there is loss of homes and shops and unbelievable loss of life. I was impressed by a message from Open doors telling of the work done by Christians in both Syria and Turkey. One Church in Syria has welcomed over 1000 people to live in the church where they are providing food and shelter. I trust our response in both these areas is to give what we can and remember them in our prayers.

We on the other hand need to ask ourselves what we as a church can do for the folk around us. We have the greatest treasure in the Lord Jesus Christ. He left His place in Heaven to come to earth, to live as a human being, to experience all our problems and eventually to die on a cross for our sins and then to rise triumphant over death itself, yet we are doing?

Very little to pass this message onto others. We have gone through Covid and now need to waken up to reveal our treasure to those around us. Perhaps we should start with family and friends making sure, by our actions and words, that they know the Lord. I want you to join with me to pray for 3 people close to you that they come to know the Lord. I will have some cards where you can name those you will pray for and let me have a copy. Only the two of us and the Lord will know what we are doing, please ask for a card.

I trust we will all join together this Easter in praising our Saviour for the treasure we have in Him. Have a blessed time.

David

Items of Interest & Dates for your Diary

Bible Studies/Prayer Meetings

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

April	18 th
May	2 nd , 16 th & 30 th

Rainbows & Brownies

Not Meeting 3rd & 10th for Easter Holidays, Returning on Monday 17th & 24th April at 6.15 p.m.

Fellowship Group

Meet on Wednesday 19th April at 7.30 p.m., all adults welcome.

Evening Services - for March and April 2023 -

9th April - An Easter Songs of Praise Led By Melanie,

14th May - Leader To Be Confirmed.

Door Stewards & Service Leaders

Our list of Door Stewards & Service Leaders has shrunk recently, so we are looking for some people to support these two important activities here in the church. If you would be able to help with either or both, please contact Mark for more details.

Easter Sunday Breakfast

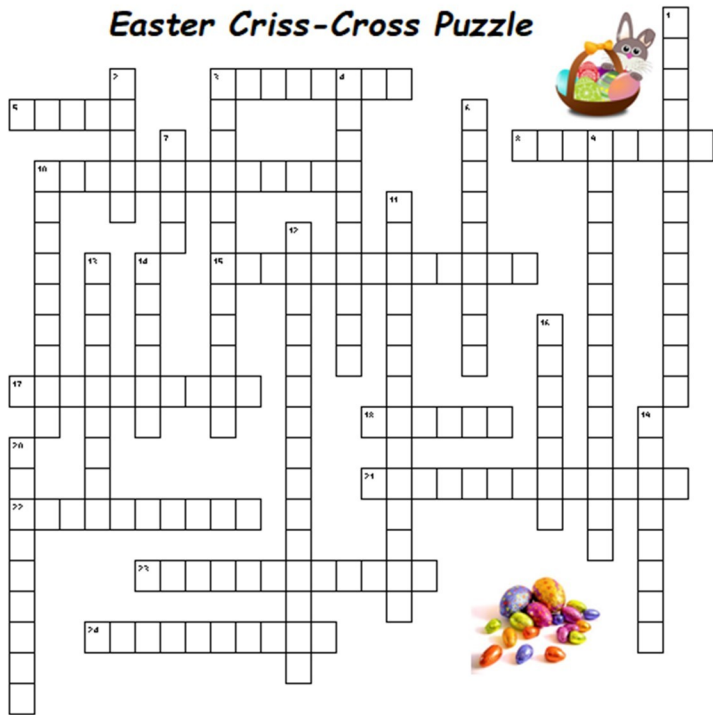
If you are joining us for our Easter Breakfast names should be given to Gillian as soon as possible, to help with catering.

King Charles 3rd Coronation Celebrations

We will be having a celebration for the Coronation weekend, details to be confirmed in Church notices, but we are hoping to have a street party event in the Big School on the 7th May.

Puzzles

Easter Criss-Cross Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS:

- Name given to the seven day period leading up to Easter Sunday. [4,4]
- Jesus said that this disciple would deny him three times. [5]
- The robber who was released instead of Jesus. [8]
- He received 30 pieces of silver for betraying Jesus. [5,8]
- The day before the beginning of Lent. [6,7]
- The garden where Jesus was praying when he was arrested. [10]
- The disciple who wanted to see the imprint of the nails on Jesus' body. [6]
- When Jesus was on the cross, the soldiers placed this onto his head. [5,2,6]
- The name given to the day when Jesus died on the cross. [4,6]
- This day starts the period of Lent leading up to Easter. [3,3]
- Name given to the Sunday before Easter. [4,6]

CLUES DOWN:

- What do we call the meal Jesus shared with his disciples on the night before he died. [3,4,6]
- On the eve of his crucifixion Jesus asked his disciples to take this and eat it to remember him. [5]
- These are traditionally eaten on the day we commemorate Jesus' death on the cross. [3,5,4]
- These are often given on Easter Sunday to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. [6,4]
- How long does the period of Lent last? [5,4]
- On the eve of his crucifixion Jesus asked his disciples to take this and drink it to remember him. [4]

CLUES DOWN Cont.

- 9 Who rolled away the tombstone three days after Jesus died on the cross? [5,2,3,4]
 10 In which city were Jesus and his followers preparing for the Passover celebrations? [9]
 11 The day before we commemorate Jesus' death on the cross is known by this name. [6,8]
 12 This day, when we often give gifts to our Mums, falls on the fourth Sunday in Lent. [9,6]
 13 Pontius Pilate sent Jesus to this person after interrogating him. [4,5]
 14 Name given to an Easter cake, which is topped with marzipan balls to represent the Disciples. [6]
 16 These small fluffy animals with long ears are often associated with Easter. [7]
 19 These are traditionally eaten on the day before the start of Lent. [8]
 20 Second name of Mary, who is said to be the first person to see the risen Jesus. [9]

Coded Words for The People Honored Jesus

Each number stands for a letter of the alphabet. Write the correct letter in the blank to find the coded words and phrase.

16 1 12 13

15 12 9 22 5 19

4 15 14 11 5 25

2 18 1 14 3 8 5 19

10 5 18 21 19 1 12 5 13

8 15 19 1 14 14 1 20 15 20 8 5

19 15 14 15 6 4 1 22 9 4

Code key

A 1	J 10	S 19
B 2	K 11	T 20
C 3	L 12	U 21
D 4	M 13	V 22
E 5	N 14	W 23
F 6	O 15	X 24
G 7	P 16	Y 25
H 8	Q 17	Z 26
I 9	R 18	

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Jesus is Alive Color by Number

Color each section by the colors shown in the list at the bottom of the page.

If you don't have all of the colors listed or find an area that's not numbered, make your best color choice.



1.Flesh 2.Pink 3.Yellow 4.Light Blue 5.Purple 6.Light Gray 7.Medium Gray 8.Black 9.Light Brown 10.Brown 11.Dark Blue 12.Medium Green 13.Light Green 14.Dark Green

Last Months ANSWERS

A B C D E F G H I

Sudoku

1	9	5	7	4	3	2	1	6	8
2	6	2	4	1	7	8	9	3	5
3	1	3	8	6	5	9	4	7	2
4	4	1	9	3	8	7	5	2	6
5	7	8	2	5	4	6	3	1	9
6	5	6	3	2	9	1	7	8	4
7	8	7	6	9	1	4	2	5	3
8	3	9	1	8	2	5	6	4	7
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Noah and the whale Word Search



The Good Samaritan

He that showed Mercy on Him

Go then and Do like wise - Luke 10:36-37

Church AGM - 9th May 7:30 p.m.

Early notice for your diaries, **ALL** Church Members should attend, where possible, as this is an important meeting in the Church Calendar. There will be a number of Deacons seeking re-election at this meeting.



- **2nd April 10:30** Palm Sunday Morning Service
– Preacher Nigel
- **6th April 18:30** Maundy Thursday Communion Service
– Led By Mark
- **7th April 10:30** Good Friday Morning Service – Preacher Philip
- **9th April**
 - **09:00** Easter Sunday Communion Service
– Followed by Breakfast
 - **10:30** Easter Sunday Morning Service
– Geoff Hartley
 - **18:00** Easter Sunday Songs of Praise
– Led By Melanie

Prayer Matters

The great question for anyone, is how can a sinful man or woman come before a holy God. He is so pure, so wholly without any contamination of sinfulness, that He cannot entertain the presence of sinfulness in any form or manner.

If we are honest with ourselves, who amongst us is not stained with sin in some way? Wrongdoers often state that they are completely innocent of any crime when brought to justice. Read any book of any truly holy man, and they will declare that before God they are sinners. Even the Apostle Paul declared himself to be the most wretched sinner alive (Romans 6, v24), before declaring the only remedy for sin, Jesus Christ the Lord.

In Christ, and Christ alone is there any remedy for our sinful state. And at Easter we celebrate all that He has done so that we may be presented blameless before His Father. What have we to do? Can we earn this status? No! It is the free gift of God through His Son's willing sacrifice for us that is our only hope. Again, what have we to do? Nothing, but believe in the efficacy of the Sacrifice Jesus made at Calvary.

Let's pray again this month

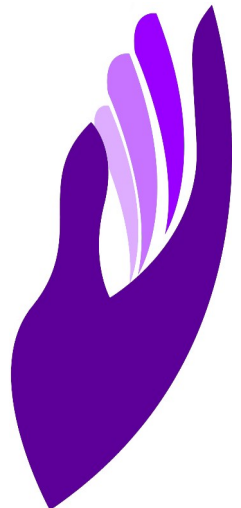
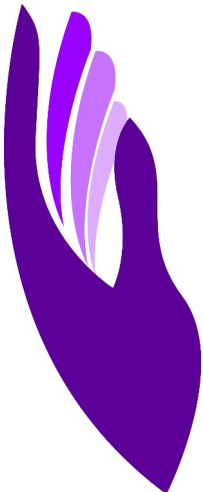
- Putting our trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and Him alone for our salvation.
- That all our family and friends will in time put their trust in Christ as our prayers for them are answered.

May I remind you that if you have an urgent need for prayer, or just want to put forward a subject for prayer, 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.



DISASTER RECOVERY



YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE CHILDREN OF UKRAINE

You enabled war survivors to attend a summer camp in Poland.

Because you gave to the BMS Ukraine appeal, you made it possible for Ukrainian children to attend youth camps run by churches in Poland this summer. The summer camps were made available to children across the country and built on work already being done by Polish churches to develop relationships with Ukrainian families through English and sports classes, Sunday schools, teen and youth meetings and family meetings. The camps involved trips to the beach, swimming, trampolining, singing and more.

Even through the despair of war, you've given these children the chance to be children again, the chance to have fun together, play together and pray together. Thank you.

To hear more about the lives you are transforming, sign up to *Engage*, the BMS magazine by heading to www.bmsworldmission.org/engage

Because you give, people living through disasters and crises across the world can get the help they need. Thank you for partnering with us in this vital work.

Lebanon, cost of living support: £28,500

Your gifts have allowed us to support our Lebanese partners and their families through the loss in value of their salaries, sustaining them in their mission work.

Uganda, relief for floods: £6,400

Over 600 people affected by recent flooding have been given emergency relief to meet basic needs in the face of hunger and disease.

Chad, relief for floods: £14,700

You have assisted staff members at Guinebor II Hospital in Chad, also affected by devastating floods, to rebuild their lives, enabling the work of the hospital to continue.

Nepal, safeguarding a hospital: £15,200

A hospital frequently at risk from natural disasters is being provided with emergency response items and training for staff to reduce the damage of potential disasters.

2023		Preacher	Door Steward	Morning Service Leader
2nd April Palm Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Nigel Leeming	G. Leeming	S. Greaves
	Vestry Prayers:	Donald/Kath		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
9th April Easter Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Geoff Hartley	E. Wilkes	J.Greenwood
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel/Peter		
	6.00 p.m.	EVENING SERVICE & COMMUNION Led By Melanie Lewis		
16th April	10.30 a.m.	Danny Cliff	B. Baldwin	G. Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	Phillip/Janice		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
23rd April	10.30 a.m.	Jim Lohead	D. Driver	N. Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	David/Mark		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
30 th April	10.30 a.m.	Geoff Jackson	S. Dunham	M. Lewis
	Vestry Prayers:	Donald/Peter		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
7th May	10.30 a.m.	Geoff Hartley	J. Greenwood	E. Lord
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel/Janice		
	6.00 p.m.	EVENING SERVICE & COMMUNION Led By TBC		
14th May	10.30 a.m.	Christine Barnes	A. Higgin	E. Wilkes
	Vestry Prayers:	Philip/Mark		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
21st May	10.30 a.m.	Philip Rowland	C. Leeming	M. Wilkes
	Vestry Prayers:	David/Kath		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
28th May	10.30 a.m.	TBC	G. Leeming	B. Baldwin
	Vestry Prayers:	Donald/Peter		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		

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