



The Baptist Church,  
Brierfield

April 2024



*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 I'Anson, or by email to [newsletter@brierfieldbaptistchurch.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@brierfieldbaptistchurch.org.uk)





# God Gave Us His Son

*(a short message by David Leeming)*

We seem to have had a lot of rain lately. Our garden has been very soggy, and I have been unable to do much gardening.

Most of us have had a little grumble about the weather and perhaps we have said its time we had a fine spell, we deserve better than this. Just what do we deserve, if we got our just rewards, we would all be destined for hell.

Paul tells us in Romans that “all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God” But God in His mercy sent his son to earth with a plan to set us free from the sins which separate us from a perfect father who can have nothing to do with sin, for he is perfect.

But because Christ shed His blood for us on the cross, we can become set free from the punishment we deserve. Acknowledging our sin before God is our first step in being in a right relationship with God and this leads us to the glorious promise of life with Him in the kingdom of God.

All this became possible when Jesus rose from the dead that first Easter day and we can say thank you Lord for your grace and mercy, and for not giving me what I deserve, but now I gladly receive your gift of love and life.

May you all have a blessed Easter and thank God for His son

*David*

# Items of Interest & Dates for your Diary

## Bible Studies/Prayer Meetings

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

April	9 <sup>th</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup>
May	7 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup>

**Fellowship Group:** Meet on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 p.m. for Fish & Chip Supper, followed by a Quiz. All Adults are welcome to join us, orders for Fish & Chips with payment must be made by 7<sup>th</sup> April latest.

**Evening Services:** The April Evening Service will be on the 28th, Led By Mark and then 26th May, Led By David, both start at 6pm.

**Family Praise Services:** Our Family Praise Services followed by Pie & Peas are on the last Sunday of each month with the next being the 28th April, please come and join us.

**Church AGM:** The Church AGM will be held on the 14th May in the Primary room starting at 19:30, all Church Members are requested to attend.

**Deacons:** A notice will be placed on the Notice Board at the entrance to Chapel from Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April, for nominations and the seconding of Deacon(s). As the term for Deacons is 3 years, **Mark Wilkes** will be due for re-election at the AGM and we are currently looking for at least 1 new Deacon. We ask for your prayers on this matter.

**Music Group Rehearsals:** Music group rehearsals take place each Friday at 6:45p.m. If you can play an Instrument or Sing and would like to join the group then speak to Melanie, Morgan or Keith for more details.

**Family Praise Service Leaflet Distribution:** The Worship Praise Team are looking for support to help distribute leaflets promoting the Family Praise Service on the Last Sunday of Each Month. These are the planned dates for the next few months, April 27th, May 25th, June 29th, July 27th. Meeting at Church for 13:30 each month unless otherwise notified.

**Maintenance Team:** We meet most Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. for a couple of hours to carry out maintenance on the Church building, with a variety of tasks. If you or someone you know, has any DIY skills, or simply can pick up a paint brush, then please come along and give us a hand. For more information speak to Grahame or David.







**Benjamin & Gillian**

**Francis**

**India—Church**



Benjamin Francis is BMS World Mission's Team Leader in India, overseeing BMS work in Kolkata and beyond. His work focuses on providing practical support for the most marginalised people across India as well as reaching out with the gospel to the least evangelised through discipleship making movements. Benjamin also heads up the work of Big Life Ministries in West Bengal. They have a vision to reach people for Jesus through planting churches in villages around the region. To facilitate his work Benjamin uses the BMS boat, Peace 3, which visits the islands around West Bengal.



## PRAYER POINTS

- Pray that God enables us to reach our faith goal of 100,000 fellowships.
- Pray that the Lord would allow our ministry to be fruitful and multiply disciples and leaders.
- Pray that women and young people would be raised as future leaders.
- Pray for those who face severe persecution when sharing the gospel.

Less than 3 percent of India's population are Christians . BMS began working in India in the days of William Carey and still links with a number of long standing partners, As well as sending personnel, BMS supports indigenous missionworkers, reaching out and working in some of the poorest and most difficult areas, Our work in India includes: Making disciples , supporting national evangelists and church planters to plant new church, health care, providing educating for children living on the streets , poverty alleviation, and capacity strengthening BMS Action, Insight and Ministers' teams help with out-reach projects



## Genesis Acaye

### Uganda Development



In 2014, Genesis joined BMS World Mission as an International Mission Worker to his home country of Uganda. Working through local church networks, Genesis is training and mentoring farmers to increase their household incomes. A trained agriculturalist, Genesis is also working to mobilise community groups; training them in improved and sustainable farming methods, helping them find markets for their produce, and encouraging them in their faith.



### PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for mercies in travel as we visit the communities reaching out
- Pray for more funding as more farmers are interested in receiving training
- Pray for the marketing section that is helping farmers access markets
- Pray for favourable seasons that would lead to great harvests
- Pray for my family as young ones grow, that God will guide our way

BMS World Mission has been Partnering with Baptists In Uganda since 2001, Our long-term personnel co-operate with local Baptist Associations in Gulu and Kasese to develop work in the areas of justice, livelihood and Health, BMS also works in partnership with the Uganda Christian Lawyers' Fraternity seeking to provide access to justice for the most marginalised and vulnerable, we send regular grants including support for church planting initiatives and regional church development

# Puzzles



## Bible Word Search

### Books of the Old Testament

R H A G G A I G J O N A H E I S A I A H  
E C C L E S I A S T E S A U H S O J F H  
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CHRONICLES  
DANIEL  
DEUTERONOMY  
ECCLESIASTES  
ESTHER  
EXODUS  
EZEKIEL  
EZRA  
GENESIS  
HABAKKUK  
HAGGAI  
HOSEA

ISAIAH  
JEREMIAH  
JOB  
JOEL  
JONAH  
JOSHUA  
JUDGES  
KINGS  
LAMENTATIONS  
LEVITICUS  
MALACHI  
MICAH  
NAHUM

NEHEMIAH  
NUMBERS  
OBADIAH  
PROVERBS  
PSALMS  
RUTH  
SAMUEL  
SAMUEL  
SONG OF SOLOMON  
ZECHARIAH  
ZEPHANIAH



Can you find the titles of 25 books of the Bible mentioned in the following paragraph below? Some are in one word; some are a part of two or three words.

# PUZZLE:

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. It was a lulu; kept people looking so hard for facts. For others it was a real revelation of proverb status. Some were in a jam, especially since the names of the books are not capitalized. But the truth finally struck home to numbers of readers. It should be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes there are some books that will be a hard job to find, but those are the most fun. Can a human being really find all twenty-five of them? At the worst, you should find fifteen. A gal at lanstown, Scotland did. So did a man named Timothy Hezekiah. No defect in the genes is required, nor is chronic lessening of thought; although I will admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. What will keep you from answering this challenge? A little lady says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. How long you keep working on it only you can judge, so long as you try to compete. Remember, we've had fun seeking out twenty-five books of the Bible, but it is by far more important to "seek first his kingdom and his righteousness." It's always true, God loves you.

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**DANIEL**  
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**PROPHETS**

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PRIDETUMBLE

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## Rectangles To Hearts

Fill in the missing words  
in the each rectangle by following its line to the correct heart words.

Cross out the heart words as you use them.

The first one has been done for you.

God showed His L O V E  
to Y O U by sending Jesus.

\_\_\_\_\_ is God's  
\_\_\_\_\_ Son.

Only Jesus can \_\_\_\_\_ you  
from your \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus saved you to  
\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.

JESUS  
ONLY

LIVE  
GOD

BELIEVE  
JESUS

SAVE  
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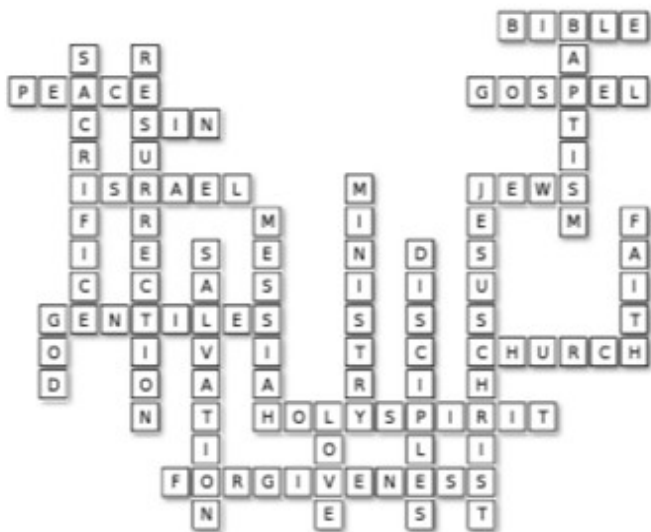
LOVE  
YOU

# Last Months ANSWERS

Word Puzzle— True Vine, John 15:1

## The Bible Solution

Solution to the Word Fit Puzzle





## Ruby

### Afghanistan

### Development



Ruby is now a horticulture advisor in Afghanistan with the aim to come alongside the local community, to teach the creation of vegetable gardens and other development projects as needed

\* Ruby is working in a Sensitive location



### PRAYER POINTS

- Continual language learning
- Continued good relationship with my team
- Safety in travel and interaction with the government
- Good health whilst living in remote areas

Afghanistan continues to be one of the least evangelised, most marginalised and most fragile countries in the world. Since 1997, BMS World mission has been a member of an international association of organisations that serves the people of Afghanistan with compassion and excellence through training and capacity-strengthening that fosters wholeness and transformation. BMS workers are involved in community development and health work, as well as holding leadership roles within the organisation.



# How You can Get involved

## **PRAYER**

All Mission workers send regular Prayer letters, Genesis , Benjamin and Ruby will all send regular prayer letters, and we will let you know when we have a new one

The *BMS Prayer Guide* will give you inspiration to pray for BMS' work, workers and beneficiaries every day. You can download a copy, or get one sent to your door when you subscribe to *Engage*, the BMS World Mission magazine.

## **BIRTHDAY SCHEME**

The BMS World Mission Birthday Scheme is an excellent way for your church family to take part in the life-changing work of BMS World Mission. And they get to do it by simply celebrating their birthday! Each year, the Birthday Scheme raises hundreds of thousands of pounds for BMS ministries, transforming lives across the world – and we'd love for you to be part of it.

See Elaine for more details



## THAILAND: MISSION IN BLOOM

*Revival is blooming in Thailand*

**Your support of the Thailand Spring appeal has brought incredible change to believers in Thailand.** You heard about the amazing work of Helen and Wit Boondeekhun in the appeal, let's revisit the blossoming mission bearing fruit in Thailand and the change that you've made possible.

Thew and Suree, Wang Daeng's first believer, have recently launched a food stall outside the church. Their stall selling fried chicken, sticky rice and fried dumplings has been immensely popular in the community, especially with the children on their way to school! With every dumpling, you're helping Thew provide for his family, build community, and draw newcomers into church with an inviting (and delicious!) welcome.

When Helen and Wit first came to Thailand, there were no churches or Christians in the region. But now, there are three blossoming churches. These churches started off as small house groups but have grown into community hubs of connection. They're providing free English classes, local council representation and trying to support and meet the needs of the community.

With the amazing growth of the churches, God has been building up new workers for his harvest. Ajan Arreat has become a BMS World Mission-supported worker, thanks to your generous giving. Ajan has been working as an English teacher and helping plant a church in Ban Dara.

Your support for Ajan means she can focus her attention more fully on supporting the church, instead of juggling teaching jobs alongside.

"The harvest is great, but the workers are few." The stories of lives transformed, hope restored and God's Kingdom coming in Thailand are plentiful, much like a tree heavy under the weight of its own fruit. The harvest is plentiful, and this is only the beginning for Thailand.



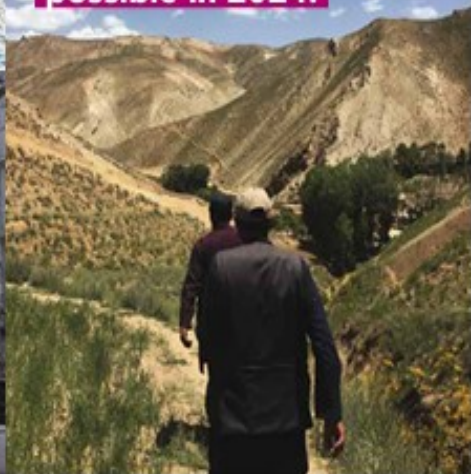
Uncover more  
of the fruit  
blossoming in  
Thailand.

# THANK YOU

for your amazing  
support in 2023!



We can't wait to see  
the wonderful things  
your support will make  
possible in 2024.



# Prayer Matters

As we celebrate Easter through our worship together we are reminded of the need to pray.

Many times Jesus took time out to pray during His ministry. Time away from the crowds and the hustle and bustle around Him. The night of His arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane He asked the disciples to keep watch whilst He found a quiet space to pray alone.

Let us all try to take time out each day to find a quiet moment when we can bring our hopes and worries before our Father God. We have our “Daily Bread” booklets available to help us with a thought for the day.

We also meet regularly for Bible study and prayer in the church lounge and also each Sunday morning at 10am before the main service begins.

This is in addition to our weekly church family prayers, our prayer chain and our own personal prayer times. We are a prayerful church family.

At the last church meeting it was decided to invite everyone to another opportunity for prayer in the church. We are planning to hold an afternoon of prayer at the end of June. This will give us all the chance to spend a quiet time – maybe alone – in contemplation and prayer. A time slot can be chosen once we have a rota in place. This will be followed by a short service.

In the meantime we can praise God in our worship and be thankful as we meet in peace and friendship.



*Kathryn*

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*Please leave a message if there is no immediate answer*



<b>2024</b>		<b>Preacher</b>	<b>Door Steward</b>	<b>Service Leader</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30 a.m.	Colin Scholes	C. I'Anson	N. Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	David/Peter	Communion: End Of Service	Peter Lewis
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
14 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30 a.m.	Gerald Norcross	M. Patterson	D. Driver
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel/Mark	Communion: Start Of Service	David Leeming
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
21st April	10.30 a.m.	Geoff Jackson	B. Baldwin	C. I'Anson
	Vestry Prayers:	David/Janice	Communion: End Of Service	Mark Wilkes
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
28th April	10.30 a.m.	<b>Family Praise</b> Led By Susan Western	D. Driver	<b>Family Praise Service</b>
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel/Peter	Communion: Evening Service	Nigel Leeming
	6.00 p.m.	<b>EVENING SERVICE – Mark Wilkes</b>		
5th May	10.30 a.m.	TBC	J. Greenwood	B. Baldwin
	Vestry Prayers:	David/Mark	Communion: End Of Service	Janice Greenwood
		NO EVENING SERVICE		
12 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30 a.m.	Miles Alderson	A. Higgin	G. Fogg
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel/Janice	Communion: Start Of Service	Grahame Baldwin
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
19 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30 a.m.	Keith Foster	G. Leeming	J. Greenwood
	Vestry Prayers:	David/Peter	Communion: End Of Service	Peter Lewis
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
26th May	10.30 a.m.	<b>Family Praise</b>	M. Wilkes	<b>Family Praise Service</b>
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel/Mark	Communion: Evening Service	David Leeming
	6.00 p.m.	<b>EVENING SERVICE – David Leeming</b>		
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	10.30 a.m.	Daniel Parkinson	C. I'Anson	M. Paterson
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel/Janice	Communion: End Of Service	Nigel Leeming
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		

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