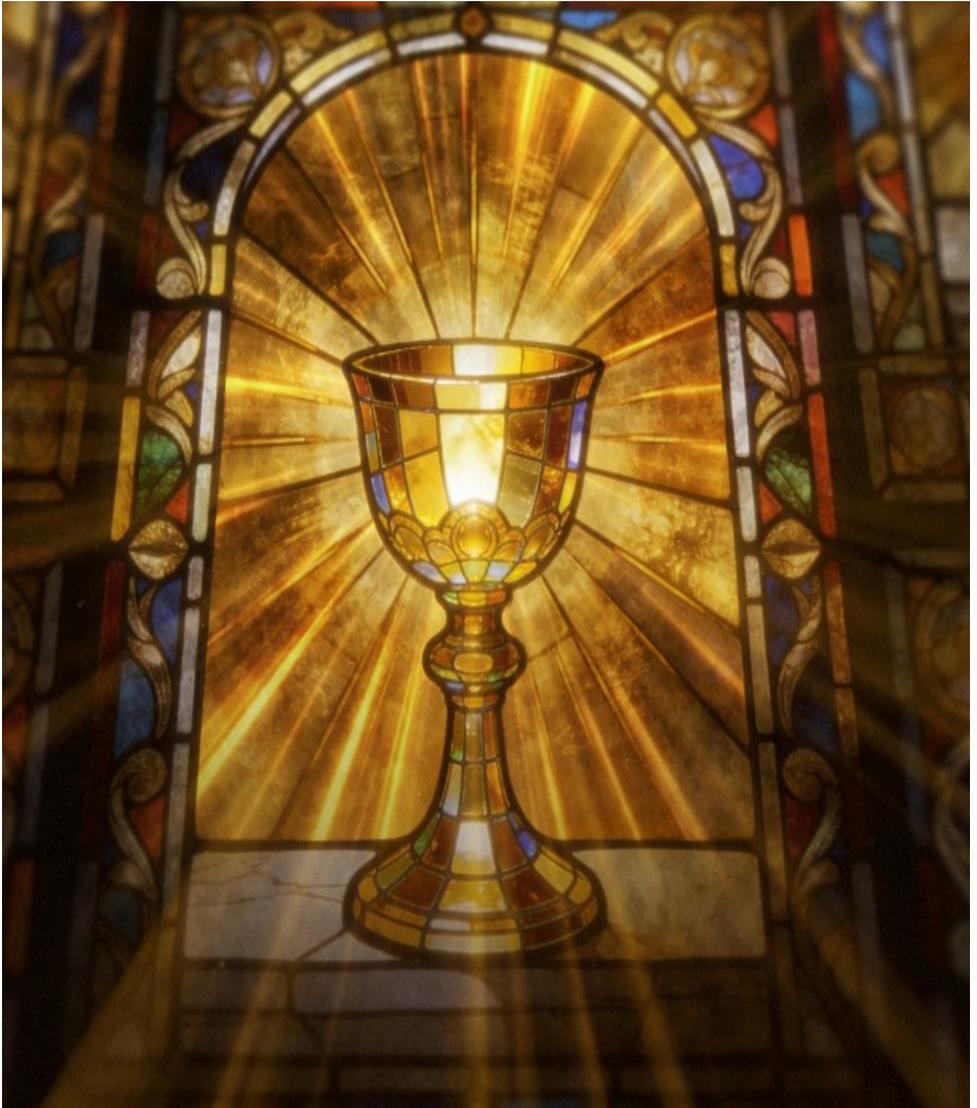




The Baptist Church,  
Brierfield

April 2026





*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](mailto:newsletter@brierfieldbaptistchurch.org.uk)

# New Season, New Life

*(a short message by Grahame Baldwin)*

As the days grow longer we are reminded of the renewal that lies at the heart of our faith. Spring brings new life all around us. The flowers bloom with the longer days and the world seems to awaken once again. In the same way we celebrate the new life we have in Jesus.

This season is especially meaningful as we reflect on the resurrection of Jesus and the promise it holds for each of us. It is a time to renew our commitment, strengthen our fellowship and share God's Love with those around us. Whether through worship, prayer or acts of kindness, may we continue to grow together as a church family.

Let us move forward with grateful hearts, encouraged by God's faithfulness and inspired to be a light in our community. May the coming months be filled with joy and peace, and may we feel a deeper sense of His presence in our lives.

*Grahame*



# 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	14 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup>
May	12 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup>

**Friendship Group:** Meet on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April when we will be having a Quiz Night followed by a light supper. Then on May 13<sup>th</sup>, we will be Playing Play Your Cards Right & Call My Bluff, The Friendship Group is open to any adults and if you would like to join us just come along or speak to a member of the Friendship Group.

**Evening Services:** The next Evening Service will be on the 26<sup>th</sup> April when Leroy Bowtell of Rose Hill Baptists, will be talking about his recent BMS visit to Lebanon. Then on May 31<sup>st</sup> the leader will be Michael Patterson. Evening Services are followed by Holy Communion.

**Music Group Rehearsals:** Music group rehearsals will continue after the Sunday Service for now. If you can play an Instrument or Sing and would like to join the group then speak to Melanie, for more details.



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

**Baptismal Service:** We have a Baptismal service on the 12<sup>th</sup> April when we currently have 3 candidates for Baptism. If you have considered being baptised and would like to join those being baptised, then speak with Nigel or David as soon as possible.

## Dates further ahead:

**Church AGM:** The Church AGM is to be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm, all Church Members are encouraged to attend, this is an important meeting in the Church Calendar.

**Family Praise Services:** Dates for 2026 Praise & Munch Dates are on the notice board in the primary room and you can put your name down on the list if you can help organise one of the lunches.

## Praise & Munch Rota 2026

Date	Menu	Organiser
5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Breakfast	Glenys / Elizabeth
26 <sup>th</sup> April	Pie & Peas	
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Anniversary Buffet	Janice
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Bacon & Sausage Butties & Sweet	Hannah
26 <sup>th</sup> July	Pie & Peas	
30 <sup>th</sup> August	BBQ (Indoors)	Elaine / Anne
27 <sup>th</sup> September	Harvest Ploughman's Lunch	Elizabeth
25 <sup>th</sup> October	Pie & Peas	
29 <sup>th</sup> November	Soup & Sweets	Angela
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Buffet Lunch / Party	

## *Easter Services*



**2<sup>nd</sup> April** Maundy Thursday Communion Led by Nigel 7:30pm

**3<sup>rd</sup> April** Good Friday Service Preacher Howard Ellison 10:30am

**5<sup>th</sup> April** Easter Sunday Service Preacher Ashley Stansfield 10:30pm

Communion will take place at 9am followed by Breakfast  
ahead of the main service

# Puzzles

## BIBLE CROSSWORD XII

### Across

6 Of a limited distance on the Sabbath (7)

7 Make up for (5)

9 A creature to be strained? (4)

10 Precursor of the Exodus (3,7)

11 Beaten (8)

13 Laid aside in the tomb (6)

15 Babylonian deity (4)

17 Priestly apparel (5)

18 Babylonian export (4)

19 Source of danger (6)

20 Personnel of 25d (8)

23 Household worker (10)

26 Wanes (4)

27 An "unclean" rodent (5)

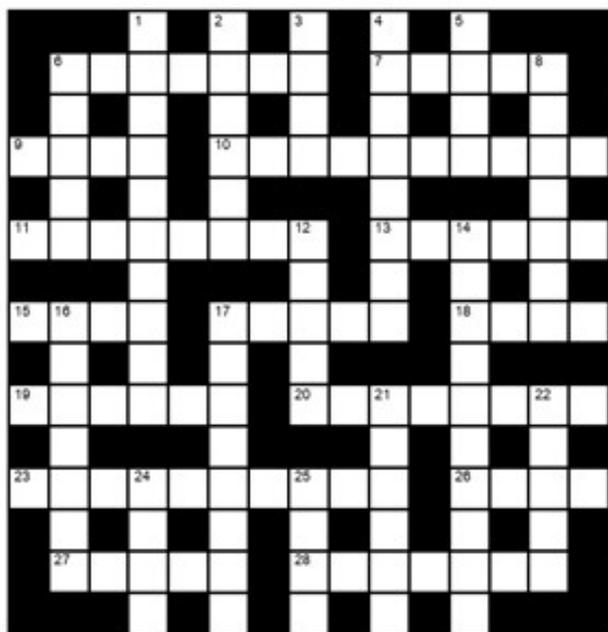
28 Book of prophecy (7)

### Down

1 Sacrificial offering (10)

2 Grab harshly (6)

3 Anthem (4)



by Philologus

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4 Young animals for sacrifice (8)

5 Of Solomon, for example (4)

6 Prophet who went to Nineveh (5)

8 A priestly prophet (7)

12 Sins (5)

14 Plague (10)

16 One of the tribes (7)

17 Like the Prodigal Son (8)

21 Not much (6)

22 Spiritual leader (5)

24 First Israelite king (4)

25 Military force (4)

# EASTER WORD SEARCH

N L U R E S U R R E C T I O N P M M C Q  
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**ANGEL**  
**CELEBRATION**  
**CROSS**  
**EASTER**  
**FAITH**  
**FAMILY**  
**FORGIVENESS**  
**GOD'S PLAN**  
**HOPE**

**JESUS**  
**JOY**  
**LIFE**  
**LIGHT**  
**LOVE**  
**MARY**  
**MIRACLE**  
**NEW BEGINNING**  
**PEACE**

**PRAISE**  
**PROMISE**  
**RESURRECTION**  
**SALVATION**  
**SCRIPTURE**  
**TOMB**  
**VICTORY**  
**WORSHIP**

**Jesus talks to Mary  
in the garden.**

John 20:10-18



# Last Months ANSWERS

## BIBLE CROSSWORD XI - SOLUTION

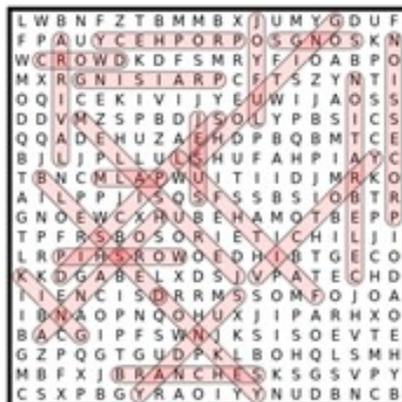


Across: 1 Changers, 5 Offers, 10 Aloes, 11 Bemoaning, 12 Gathering, 13 Trump, 14 Almond, 15 Suffers, 18 Encamps, 20 Chased, 22 Heart, 24 Reinstate, 25 Sosthenes, 26 Voice, 27 Arrows, 28 Entrance.

Down: 1 Charge, 2 Apostolic, 3 Gospel Of Matthew, 4 Rebuild, 6 Feast Of Passover, 7 Eilihu, 8 Signpost, 9 Images, 16 Elevation, 17 Bethesda, 19 Shrine, 20 Crimson, 21 Revere, 23 Assir.

Bible Crossword by BiblePuzzles.com

## PALM SUNDAY SOLUTION



# Prayer Matters

## Easter

The fellowship at Brierfield Baptist Church send Easter Greetings to you all.

We pray continually for peace in the world and think of those Christians who are living in war torn countries. They cannot celebrate due to hardships and danger. They are living under terrible circumstances. We pray that they will turn to God our Father for comfort and strength. We pray that world leaders will soon come to a peaceful solution.

On a brighter note, we will be holding a Baptismal service this month. We pray for those who have asked to be Baptised and that others may come forward to dedicate their lives to God in the same way that Jesus did. It will be a good time for us all to rededicate our lives, working and witnessing in Brierfield and beyond.



*Kathryn*



*If you have anything you would like to be added to the prayer chain, please send it to Kathryn:*

Email: [bbprayer@outlook.com](mailto:bbprayer@outlook.com)

Mobile: 07305 541647

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



## From shyness to strength through sports

Before joining sports training run by Oasis India in Kalwa, Mumbai, Anuradha was a shy, quiet, and reserved girl. When her family moved to the area in search of better opportunities, her mother discovered the Kalwa Centre and enrolled Anuradha and her siblings into a child development programme.

Although Anuradha wasn't used to sports and struggled with discomfort at first, over time her strength and endurance improved, aided by gentle guidance from her trainers and constant encouragement from her peers. Her growing enthusiasm turned into a passion for Kabaddi and other team sports. Through this journey, she discovered not only the thrill of sports but also the values of teamwork, discipline, and perseverance.

"At first, it was difficult to do workouts, but now I run fast and remember all the steps. I feel very happy being part of sports. Back in my village, there were no such opportunities. Here, we learn not only how to play but also how to stay disciplined and work together," she says proudly.

The photo in this message— although not of Anuradha – show other children and young people enjoying sports and games at the Kalwa Centre, part of the Kalwa Community Engagement Project run by Operation Agri partner, Oasis India. You can support the project by donating or buying our related Present with a Purpose, the gift of healthy exercise at <https://operationagri.org.uk>.



## Weekly Service Rota

April			May		
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b> <small>Easter Sunday</small>	Preacher Service Leader Door Steward <b>Evening Service</b> Communion <b>Before Breakfast</b>	Ashley Stansfield Jack Wellman Bernice Baldwin <b>No Service</b> Grahame Baldwin	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Preacher Service Leader Door Steward <b>Evening Service</b> Communion End Of Service	TBC Melanie Lewis Bernice Baldwin <b>No Service</b> Nigel Leeming
<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	Preacher Service Leader Door Steward <b>Evening Service</b> Communion <b>Start Of Service</b>	<b>Baptismal Service</b> Janice Greenwood Mark Wilkes <b>No Service</b> Peter Lewis	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	Preacher Service Leader Door Steward <b>Evening Service</b> Communion <b>Start Of Service</b>	Martin Ashby-Smith Elaine Lord Anne Kellow <b>No Service</b> Cynthia l'Anson
<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	Preacher Service Leader Door Steward <b>Evening Service</b> Communion End Of Service	Greg Eldon Glenys Leeming Angela Higgin <b>No Service</b> David Leeming	<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	Preacher Service Leader Door Steward <b>Evening Service</b> Communion End Of Service	Phil Jump Elizabeth Wilkes Neil Binns <b>No Service</b> Neil Binns
<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	Preacher Service Leader Door Steward <b>Evening Service</b> Communion <b>Evening Service</b>	Nigel Lawrence Nigel Leeming Glenys Leeming <b>Leroy Bowtel</b> Mark Wilkes	<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	Preacher Service Leader Door Steward <b>Evening Service</b> Communion End Of Service	Danny Cliff Mark Wilkes Jack Wellman <b>Michael Patterson</b> Janice Greenwood
			<b>31<sup>st</sup></b>	Preacher Service Leader Door Steward <b>Evening Service</b> Communion <b>Evening Service</b>	TBC Cynthia l'Anson Bernice Baldwin <b>Michael Patterson</b> Grahame Baldwin

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## Vestry Prayers

April			May		
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	Cynthia	Mark	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	David	Peter
<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	David	Kathryn	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	Nigel	Mark
<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	Nigel	Neil	<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	Cynthia	Kathryn
<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	Cynthia	Janice	<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	David	Neil
			<b>31<sup>st</sup></b>	Nigel	Janice

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