



The Baptist Church, Brierfield



August 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.

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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 Kathryn Hughes, or by email to newsletter@brierfieldbaptistchurch.org.uk



Water of Life

a short message by Nigel Leeming

I did something unusual this past month. I looked out of the window past the parched grass at a dark cloud hoping for rain!

On the radio they have been bemoaning the issues being faced due to lack of water here in the UK. One industry that is benefiting is the British wine producers. Whilst the vines appreciate the warm weather they thrive mainly because of their deep root systems. A couple of Sunday evenings ago we were reminded of the tree in Jeremiah 17 vs7 -8. We are reminded in this difficult, selfish World that there are two type of people those for and those against God.

“My blessing is on those people who trust in me, who put their confidence in me. They will be like a tree planted near a stream whose roots spread out toward the water. It has nothing to fear when the heat comes. Its leaves are always green. It has no need to be concerned in a year of drought, it does not stop bearing fruit.”

Jeremiah17 vs7 & 8

In these dry conditions it is the plants with the deepest roots that will survive and prosper. So too in our lives, those who will ultimately truly prosper in this world and beyond are those who place their whole trust in Jesus Christ. A point worth remembering particularly in times of difficulties and uncertainties. This coming month some of us will be experiencing health issues, money worries and perhaps employment issues. August is also the month of all change in the education system. Some know what to expect others are waiting on exam results. Needless to say, there are a lot of uncertainties in the lives of many in our Church community.

We all need to make sure that we are praying for each other whilst ensuring each of us have our roots and trust firmly set in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Announcements

Sunday 5th August – A Dedication Service will be held to welcome Isaac James Rigby into our church family at our morning service.

Saturday 18th August – Open Air Witness – Brierfield Churches Open Air Witness morning at 11 a.m. – 12 noon – in front of Brierfield Community Centre – All Welcome.

Friday 24th August – Methodist Church – *Songs of Praise for Brierfield* – Afternoon Tea 6 p.m. – Songs of Praise 7 p.m. – with the National Methodist Youth Brass Band. Posters are on both church and primary room noticeboards. Tickets £4 pp and £10 for a Family ticket. Please see Angela if you want a ticket.

Early Announcement for September – A Church Meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th September at 7.30 p.m.

Harvest 30th September – Our preacher will be Russell Ashley-Smith. He is the Chairman of Operation Agri, which we support at harvest time. Please come and listen to what Operation Agri do, and what our harvest offering does in supporting this work.

Please note we are visiting Victoria House on **Sunday 16th September** for a short service. all are welcome.

The In-betweens are going to Stydd Gardens and Ribchester Museum on the **11th August** followed by a meal at The Back Bull. Meet at Church 12 noon. Names to Bernice by Sunday 5th August please.

Updates

Christian Aid Collection 2018 – We are pleased to report that the amount raised by the Brierfield Churches was £1,269.67. A letter of thanks received from Christian Aid is now on the noticeboard in the primary room.

Syrian Refugee Crisis – *Syrian mothers are desperate to send their children to school, please help them.* An estimated 1.5 million Syrian refugees now live in Lebanon and the Lebanese education system cannot cope with the huge number of refugee children needing a place in the school. BMS are currently running an appeal to raise money to build and fund schools for the refugee children. There is a letter on the missionary notice board in the primary room, or you can visit www.bmsworldmission.org/refugee2018

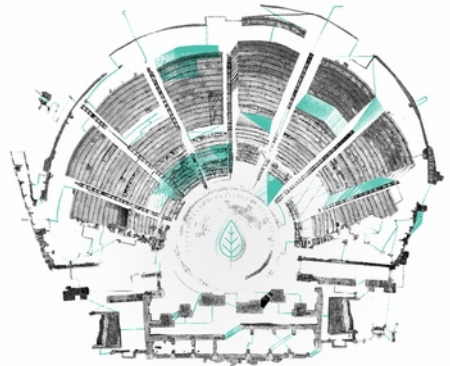
Family News

Rebekah Rigby – As we welcome Isaac and his family to our fellowship at the beginning of the month, we also congratulate his mum, Rebekah, on gaining a 2:1 in her BSc degree in Applied Psychology, Counselling and Health.



DISCIPLESHIP|EXPLORED

WHAT'S THE BEST LOVE
YOU'VE EVER KNOWN?



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. The course will commence on Monday 1st October at 10.30 am, and that session will be repeated on Thursday 4th October at 7.30 pm. This pattern will continue for the following seven weeks.

Festival of Hope at Blackpool on 21st to 23rd September. This is a series of gospel meetings addressed by Franklin Graham. They are open to all. we invite people to go on the Friday or Saturday evening. If you wish to go please fill the notice in which is on the notice board in the primary showing if you have seats available in your car or if you need transport. I hope many will take the opportunity to hear this speaker who is the son of Billy Graham.

Puzzle Page

Psalm 119, v18 - Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in Your law.

Birds of the Bible, *Bill Brinkworth*



With acknowledgements and thanks to www.openthoumineeyes.com/puzzles

Words to

Find:

bat

bitterns

cormorants

Cuckow

doves

eagles

hawks

herons

kites

lapwing

nighthawk

ospray

ossifrage

ostriches

owl

partridge

peacock

pelican

pigeon

quail

raven

Sparrow

stork

swallow

vulture

Kids Corner



Wise Up!

Uncover some wisdom from the book of Ecclesiastes by carefully following the instructions below. Are you wise enough to solve this on your first attempt?

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Truth	The	Wise	end	foolish	of
2	a	people	matter	lesson	meaningless	is
3	numbers	better	than	acts	its	world
4	beginning	gift	kingdom	and	wrongdoer	patience
5	lies	is	certain	will	better	job
6	than	knowing	property	pride	celebrate	saint

1. Cross out all the words in Columns A and F that have five letters.
2. Cross out all the words in the table that rhyme with *eyes*.
3. Cross out all words that are books of the Bible.
4. Cross out all words in Row 2 that have more than two vowels.
5. Cross out all words in Column D that have double letters.
6. Cross out all words in Row 4 that contain all the letters in GOD.
7. Cross out all 7-letter words.
8. Cross out all words in Column B that end in T.
9. Cross out all words in Row 6 that have three syllables.



Write the remaining words here, in order from left to right and top to bottom:

Life on a children's ward in Chad (BMS)

You helped children stay alive at a BMS-supported hospital in Chad.

The girl with malaria

Mariam* was bitten by a mosquito. The mosquito was carrying malaria, a disease that kills a child aged under five every two minutes. Three-year-old Mariam needed to be rushed to hospital, but she was taken to some street medicine sellers instead. Whatever treatment she was given didn't work, and she was finally taken to Guinebor II Hospital.

Mariam was given the drugs her body needed to fight malaria, and she survived. BMS pharmacist Claire Bedford dispensed the drugs that saved Mariam's life. Claire regularly goes on ward rounds, advising staff on the medicine needed to treat patients.

"The infant and child mortality rate in Chad is shockingly high," says Claire. "It's important that we have a facility where we can provide high-quality, affordable healthcare for the precious children of this country." Your support for BMS workers like Claire makes the running of that facility possible.

The boy bitten by a snake

Saleh* had been bitten by a snake and now the clock was now ticking. He needed a dose of anti-venom to counter the poison and save him from the risk of paralysis or death. Saleh was rushed into Guinebor II where he was given an anti-snakebite injection from Claire's pharmacy. The treatment worked and Saleh survived. "Seeing children like Saleh get better and go home is such a joy," says Claire. "Thank you so much to everyone in the UK who supports Guinebor II in prayer and by financial giving. Both are so important and make it possible for us to help."

You'll probably never meet the two children you've just read about. But thanks to your giving, Claire Bedford can dispense the medicine these young children need to get well. We think that care is worth celebrating.

**Names changed*

Pray for Pharmacist Claire Bedford and the doctors and nurses working at Guinebor II Hospital in Chad, as they continue to provide healthcare for those who need it.

The children we meet need your prayers

Please pray and help to transform the lives of children in countries all over the world. God moves in prayer. Please take a moment to join us.

1. Pray for refugee children in Lebanon who are now getting an education thanks to you. Pray that they will feel safe in their environment.
2. Preschools across Bangladesh are being supported by you. Pray for the children, that they can concentrate on learning.
3. BMS is working to transform the lives of children by improving teaching in Nepal. Pray for Nepali teachers that are receiving training, that they will continue to transform the lives of their students.

For more prayer requests, head here: www.bmsworldmission.org/prayforchildren

A QUESTION EVOLUTIONISTS MUST ANSWER

An extraordinary piece of research by two well-qualified geneticists has reached the conclusion that “virtually 90% of all animals appeared on earth at the same time. The report goes further, and suggests that humans appeared at the same time. This event is dated at 100,000+ years ago, which means the evidence wholly contradicts the theory of evolution!

The report’s authors are Mark Stoeckle, Senior Research Associate at the Programme for the Human Environment at Rockefeller University, and University of Basle geneticist David Thaler.

Their date does not agree with the young earth and universe as set out in the Bible, and they do not yet agree that *all* animals appeared at the same time. Remarkably, their article was published in the humanist journal, *Human Evolution* (Vol.33 – n 1-2 (1-30) 2018).

The authors say that their conclusion is “very surprising”, and Thaler conceded: “I fought as hard as I could against our own findings”. Writing for the *Technical Times*, Nicole Arce wrote, “This landmark new research that....has debunked much about what we know today about the evolution of species.”

Stoeckle and Thaler are at pains to be very clear about how momentous their conclusion is. On Page 19 of their report they write that for each of what the Bible calls ‘kinds’: “The entire population’s mitochondrial genome must originate from a single mother”.

Outlining how their research confirms ‘barcode clusters’ – what the Bible calls ‘kinds’ – show very little variation from the norm, therefore ruling out gradual evolution, they issued a challenge: “Evolutionary theory must explain this”.

Article taken from the *British Church Newspaper*, No 378, 22/6/2018

Prayer Matters

It is the holiday season proper. The schools have shut down for the summer break, and even most of our Church activities have been laid aside. But there are two things to bear in mind.

1. **As we are Christians**, we should never cease to act as such, but continue to live the new life of citizens of heaven on earth, living day by day seeking to bring glory to God wherever we are.
2. **God never goes on holiday**. He is always there for us, whenever we call upon Him, ready to supply our every need, and to guide us through His Holy Spirit when we need direction.

So whatever we are doing, whatever we get up to, let us do it hand in hand with the Lord.

Let's pray:

- For each other, that God will keep us all safe, and bless us day by day.
- For our Church, that it will be effective in promoting the Gospel and in building up those who worship in it.
- And for new people to come along and join us, or perhaps some of those who have grown weary in the way would return to us.

Please also pray for:

- All those involved in missionary work at home and abroad, naming those specifically whom we are aware of, that God will build His Church both here and in all the world.

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.

P.S. If you would like to join the Prayer Chain, please see Philip, or put your name and details on the sheet on the Notice Board downstairs. We would welcome an enlargement of this prayer facility.



Who's Who

Angela Carol Higgin

I was born in my Grandmother's home on Accrington Rd (overlooking the old Rosegrove Station) Burnley in November 1949. We located to Sabden (my Dad's home village) when I was three and lived there until I married in 1970.

My first job in 1967 was at Martins Bank Burnley as a junior Cashier/Admin. My main career was in administration and for the final 20 years was a Secretary and Personal Assistant to senior management and M.D.s

My favourite meal is Beef Lasagne with garlic bread and salad. It's the way I judge any eating establishment – if it's good I will go back. If not – well!

Unfortunately Glynn and I have no children so we cherish our Niece, Nephew, Great Nieces and Nephews and also the children of family and friends. We feel very blessed with the family we have.

As for doing anything special, the most extraordinary thing is the time I flew in a glider. Glynn thought I was bonkers and said "I can't think why any sensible person would want to go up in plane with an engine let alone one without". It was a fantastic experience. I'm hoping to go indoor sky diving for my 70th birthday and some younger members of my family have agree to join me.

I was dedicated at Sabden Baptist Chapel before we actually moved to the village. Becoming a Christian was a gradual process whilst attending chapel, Sunday school and other church activities. Deciding to be baptised is easier for me to answer as I knew my faith was very important to me and in order to be able to take a more active part in the church I had to make that public statement. I was baptised at Haggate Baptist Church in August 1981 and worshipped there until 2007. I was made a member at Brierfield at Eastertime 2008 where I have found a more traditional type of church which stresses more quiet and prayerful time with God. I was the co-ordinator for the JAM club when it started in 2008 and have recently taken on the role of Church Secretary.

My favourite hymn is "All Hail the Power" sung to the tune Diadem

I wouldn't say it's my favourite verse but it's the one God keeps reminding me of in reading "Daily Bread" or in sermons.

Psalm 141 v3. ***"Set a guard over my mouth Lord; keep watch over the door of my lips".***

I usually mean what I say BUT it's how, when and why I say things that gets me into trouble and upsets people but I am a work in process, as we all are. So I would like to say to the church family "Please bear with me. I do mean well"



		Preacher	Door Steward	Morning Service Leader
5 th Aug	10.30am	Kath Rowland	K. Hughes	B. Baldwin
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>David Leeming & Kath Rowland</i>		
	6.00 p.m.	No Evening Service		
12 th Aug	10.30am	Geoff Hartley	C. I'Anson	B. Driver
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Philip Rowland & Janice Greenwood</i>		
	6.00 p.m.	No Evening Service		
19 th Aug	10.30am	Howard Ellison	Declan Driver	S. Greaves
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Nigel Leeming & Peter I'Anson</i>		
	6.00 p.m.	No Evening Service		
26 th Aug	10.30am	John Caddy	G. Leeming	K. Rowland
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Donald Leeming & Kath Rowland</i>		
	6.00 p.m.	Geoff Hartley		
2 nd Sep	10.30am	Stephen Wells	R. Bolton	B. Baldwin
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>David Leeming & Janice Greenwood</i>		
	6.00 p.m.	Tony Yates		
9 th Sep	10.30am	Geoff Hartley	J. Greenwood	G. Fogg
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Philip Rowland & Peter I'Anson</i>		
	6.00 p.m.	Philip Rowland		
16 th Sep	10.30am	Dave Bartram	C. Leeming	M. Lewis
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Nigel Leeming & Kath Rowland</i>		
	6.00 p.m.	John Fisher		
23 rd Sep	10.30am	Nigel Leeming	P. Lewis	R. Hartley
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Donald Leeming & Janice Greenwood</i>		
	6.00 p.m.	Baptismal Service		
30 th Sep Harvest	10.30am	Russell Smith	D. Mullarkey	G. Leeming
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>David Leeming & Peter I'Anson</i>		
	6.00 p.m.	Russell Smith		