

The Baptist Church, Brierfield

December 2014



Jesus

Lights up Christmas

Services every Sunday

10:00am

Prayer Meeting

10:30am

Family Service

6:00pm

Evening Worship

Children and Young People's meetings

Details are announced during the family service, more information is available from:

Rainbows and Brownies

Weekly Meetings

Elizabeth Wellman

01282 690403

Guides

Weekly Meetings

Janice Kay

01282 605594

Sunday Club

For boys and girls
upto 11 years old

David Leeming

01282 618026

JAM Club (Jesus and Me)

For those in year 6
and above.

Elizabeth Wellman

01282 690403

Mid week meetings for adults as announced

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Christmas can often be a frantic time. Rushing around with buying presents and doing the shopping. There always seems too much to do. As we rush around we fail to find time to pause and consider the real meaning of Christmas, what the festivities really mean Please take time out to join us this Christmas to celebrate the birth of God's son. We believe he is the one who brings God's love and forgiveness and purpose into our lives Join us and discover how Jesus can transform your life.

Christmas events

Friday 12th December - Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Sunday Club and J.A.M. club carol Service. This commences at 6.30 p.m. and is followed by drinks and mince pies. There will be a Bring and Buy stall . Proceeds from this will go to Shelter . Do join the Young people and support those who work with them 52 weeks in the year.

Sunday 14th December - visit to the care homes in Brierfield. We start at Marsden Heights at 2.30 p.m. the we go to Victoria house at 3.15 p.m. and Brierfield House at 3.45 p.m.. Other Brierfield churches will be with us. Please note there is no evening service.

Sunday 21st December - at 10.30 am. we are having a Christmas service when we are showing again the Film "A Modern Day Nativity" made by Howard and featuring many of the church folk.

Following the service we are having Lunch to which everyone is invited (there is a list for provisions on the notice board in the primary room). There is no charge for the Lunch but there will be a dish available if you wish to contribute.

Monday 22nd December - Brierfield Churches Christmas event. This will be carols and Bible Readings around the tree at Brierfield centre It begins at 6.30 p.m., if wet in the Methodist Church. There will be a hot drink and mince pies after. Do join us.

Wednesday 24th December Christmas Eve - Carols by Candlelight organised by the Sunday School. This begins at 6.30 p.m. (Please note the time it was wrong in last months news letter). This is a wonderful way to start Christmas

Christmas Day 10.30 a.m - a Family service. Speaker Kath Rowland . Do join us to sing 'Glory to the new born King' and remember whose birthday we are celebrating.

Sunday 28th December 10.30 a.m - A Family service. Please note there is no evening service.



Bible Studies

The December meeting is planned for the 17th December. In January we meet on the 6th and the 20th. We always commence at 7.30 p.m. in the Church lounge and finish by 9.00 p.m. What about making a new year's resolution to join us.



A note from Janice

Thanks once again to everyone who supported the Shoebox appeal, we managed to send 53 boxes this year. The £3.00 per box was paid from the Communion fund. Special thanks to Howard who transported the boxes, Glenys who knitted the dolls clothes and the guides with the help of Barbara who wrapped the boxes and made finger puppets.

Can I also ask that you pray for the safety of the volunteers who give their talents and skills to operation Christmas child giving out the boxes in dangerous countries far and wide.

We also need to pray for the children who will receive a shoebox along with a message of the gospel. Thanks again Janice.

We must also thank Janice for the time she devotes to this appeal. We really appreciate this service to the Lords work.



J.A.M. Club

The next meeting is on the 16th January. This is a Pizza making night. It starts at 7.45 p.m. and ends at 9.15 p.m. All year 6 and upwards are welcome. Please encourage the young ones to come. Volunteers are still required along with more young people Please can you help. Put your name on the notice in the Primary room.

In-between Group

Wednesday the 17th December is the Christmas party. We begin at 7.00 p.m. the Ladies are arranging a meal and the men provide games and Quizzes. Let Bernice know if you are coming. Please also bring a £1.00 present to exchange on the night.

In January we meet on the 21st at 7.30 p.m. for the annual meeting, please come with ideas. Ron and David are catering and the ladies wash up.



Away day 2015

The date is 9th May, the destination is Barley Village hall, the day will be led by Rachel Lawrence, lots of fun and games. Book the date on your calendar and in your Diary.

Prayer Matters

December. Another year nearly over. Perhaps it's time to take stock of all that we have done over the last year. Let's give thanks for all that God has done for us; if we have fallen out with anyone, let's pray about the matter, and try to put it right, remembering that God sent His Son to die to put things right between us and Himself.

It is also a time to remember those times when God has answered our prayers, and that not always in the way that we expect! So let our prayers at this time of celebration be full of thanksgiving for the blessings we have received. Let us too resolve to watch and pray more in the New Year, that the mind of Christ might dwell richly in us as we intercede for others.



Please pray for:

- Our Missionary Contacts – Irene, The Milns, Rachel, the Dellors and Natalie;
- That our Church will grow both in numbers and grace.
- That the Lord will show us as a church how to reach out to lost souls around us.

Last month three more people joined the Prayer Chain. If you feel you would like to join, see Philip. As we unite in prayer, God will hear and answer us. He says, 'Call upon Me in the day of trouble', and that is just what we are doing.

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.

Day of Prayer

We will be joining with the other churches in Brierfield to mark the day of Prayer on Tuesday the 27th January at 7.30 p.m. This is at our church and I trust folk will make an effort to be there.

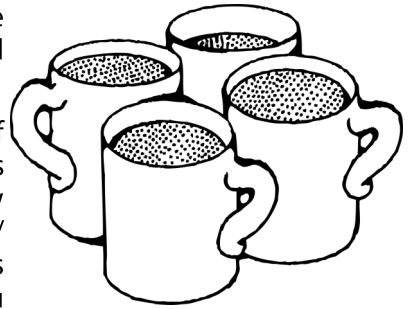
Hill Lane Christmas Events

Hill Lane Baptist church have sent us details of their Christmas events and you will be most welcome to join them. On the 18th December they are joining with Radio Lancashire for 'Lancashire Sings' it begins at 7.00 p.m. after they are serving a hot supper. A retiring collection will be taken. Why not join them?

Coffee Mornings

On Thursday December 11th the coffee morning will be at 10:30am at Elaine and Richard's new home.

All are welcome to join us for an hour or so of pleasant chat and laughter with delicious refreshments. As always if you don't know where the venues are, please ask the host/hostess for directions. As always, transport is happily provided. Please see Cynthia if you need a lift.



At the last coffee morning it was decided not to hold any during the months of January and February. Following December's coffee morning the next one will be in March, watch out for further details. If you would be interested in hosting a coffee morning please see Cynthia.

New Notice Board

I hope you noticed it and appreciate it. It is not yet fully operational, Howard and Richard are working on this and should be working soon. We need someone to keep the posters changed regularly... any volunteers?



Sunday Service Volunteers

The officers always join with the preacher for prayers before the service and would like to invite the morning service leader to join them.

We are always please to include others to go on the door or lead the service. If you wish to help please see David.

We also need to put someone on the door in the evenings can we have some volunteers? Again see David

2015 Calendar

The Church calendar for 2015 will be available shortly and shows the preachers for each Sunday . please watch out for a free copy . This years pictures are interesting!



Dates For Your Diary

11th December	10:30am	Coffee Morning	Elaine and Richard Lord
12th December	6:30pm	Young Peoples Carol Service	Church/Primary Room
16th December	7:30pm	Bible Study	Church Lounge
17th December	7:00pm	Inbetween Christmas Party	Primary Room
20th December	11:00am	Sunday School Children's Party	Primary Room
21st December	10:30am	Carol Service and Church Family Party	
22nd December	6:30pm	Brierfield Churches Event	Brierfield Town Hall
24th December	6:30pm	Carols by Candlelight	Church
25th December	10:30am	Family Service	Church
6th January	9:45am	Brierfield Churches Meeting	32 Reedley Road
6th January	7:30pm	Bible Study	Church Lounge
19th January	7:30pm	Officers Meeting	Church Lounge
20th January	7:30pm	Bible Study	Church Lounge
21st January	7:30pm	In-Between Group	Primary Room
27th January	7:30pm	Day of Prayer - Brierfield Churches	Primary Room

Church Meeting

Please note the next Church meeting is on the 3rd February at 7.30p.m. All Church Members should be present and a warm welcome is extended to everyone else.

Flower List

The flower list for 2015 is now available. If you wish to put the flowers in church, mark your name against the appropriate date. Flowers are often put in to mark a special event or to remember a loved one. You can either put the flowers in yourself or Glenys will do it for you. There is no fixed amount you spend what you want. A dedication card can be put on the flowers.

After the evening service the flowers are distributed to the sick and elderly. Please contact anyone on the flower committee if you know of someone you would like to receive flowers.





Thailand

Freedom Bakery appeal

Christmas is a time of twinkling, baking Christmas cakes and mince pies, coloured lights, laughter and gathering together with family to celebrate the birth of our saviour. But on the streets and in the bars of Bangkok, the laughter is often forced, the gathering of crowds more sinister ☒ the coloured lights are mostly red and they spell out words that advertise brothels.

In the red light district of Bangkok, Paul and Sarah Brown, BMS World Mission workers serving with BMS partner NightLight, are making a difference: bringing real laughter, healthy community and the light of Christ into the lives of women trapped in the sex trade.

We hope you will support a particularly exciting project that will provide alternative employment opportunities to women freed from a life of degrading exploitation. A project we're calling the Freedom Bakery. NightLight will be training women who they have helped out of Thailand's sex industry in the art of professional baking. This is a project being led by BMS worker and expert baker Sarah. The skills the women learn will enable them to help run a bakery that will sell cakes and confectionary, and will contribute to a life of dignity and hope for women who for far too long have been robbed of both.

Alongside the baking training, the women will be given the opportunity for counselling, introduced to faith in Jesus Christ, and taught various life skills which will help them to reach a level of healing from the past and be equipped for the future.

Our gift to you this Christmas is the opportunity to help.

You or your church could make a huge difference to the Freedom Bakery by supporting it financially, providing startup capital to launch a business with a focus not on exploitation but transformation. Your gifts will help to provide an industrial oven, heavy-duty food mixer, baking tins and sugarcraft cake decoration tools, cake ingredients and a salary for the women in training for the initial start-up year.

- £18 The ingredients for 12 large cupcakes, to be sold at a profit
- £31 A set of cake tins and sugarcraft tools
- £59 A week's salary for a woman being trained in professional baking

For more information, or to donate please visit the BMS website – www.bmsworldmission.org - or call BMS World Mission on 01235 517700.



		Preacher	Door Steward	Morning Service Leader
December 7th	10.30am	Andrew and Gwen Millns	R. Bolton	G. Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>David Leeming Jack Sunderland</i>		
	6.00pm	<i>Keswick in East Lancs Carol Service at St Peter's, Burnley</i>		
December 14th	10.30am	Graham Baldwin	S. Dunham	Nigel Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Donald Leeming Jack Parkinson</i>		
	6.00pm	No evening service		
December 21st	10.30am	Christmas Service	C. Leeming	M. Lewis
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>David Leeming Philip Rowland</i>		
	6.00pm	No Evening Service		
December 28th	10.30am	David Leeming	P. Lewis	
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Donald Leeming Peter l'Anson</i>		
	6.00pm	No evening service.		
January 4th	10.30am	Donald Leeming	R. Bolton	B. Baldwin
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>David Leeming Jack Sunderland</i>		
	6.00pm	Philip Rowland		
January 11th	10.30am	Graham Baldwin	E. Wellman	C. l'Anson
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Donald Leeming Jack Parkinson</i>		
	6.00pm	Nigel Leeming		
January 18th	10.30am	Peter l'Anson	Neil Binns	R. Bolton
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>David Leeming Philip Rowland</i>		
	6.00pm	Jack Sunderland		
January 25th	10.30am	Kath Rowland	Jordan Leeming	B. Driver
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Donald Leeming Peter l'Anson</i>		
	6.00pm	David Leeming		