

The Baptist Church, Brierfield

February 2015



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

Please do join us

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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Can I begin this newsletter by thanking all those who have taken the special services in January. We have been looking at the attributes of Jesus. Jesus as Prophet, Priest, Saviour and King as well as Redeemer Servant shepherd and Judge. We must also thank Philip for suggesting these subjects. I hope you have appreciated these subjects.

I note that a Rota has been arranged for serving coffee etc. on a Sunday morning, if you wish to join the rota please put your name on the list in the Primary room.



Bible Studies

The date for February is the 17th and in March 3rd, 17th and the 31st. We do welcome everyone for a time of Praise Prayer and study and discussion Please do join us at 7.30 p.m. each evening in the church lounge.

Inbetween Group

As you are aware the A.G.M. meeting was cancelled. We have arranged the meeting to now be on the 18th Feb at 7.30 p.m. Ron and David will provide the supper as previously arranged. Please do come with some good ideas. We would also welcome new people, come and join us.

J.A.M. Club

The next JAM Club meeting is on the 27th February. The JAM club will be going swimming. Please encourage them to come.



Church Day Out

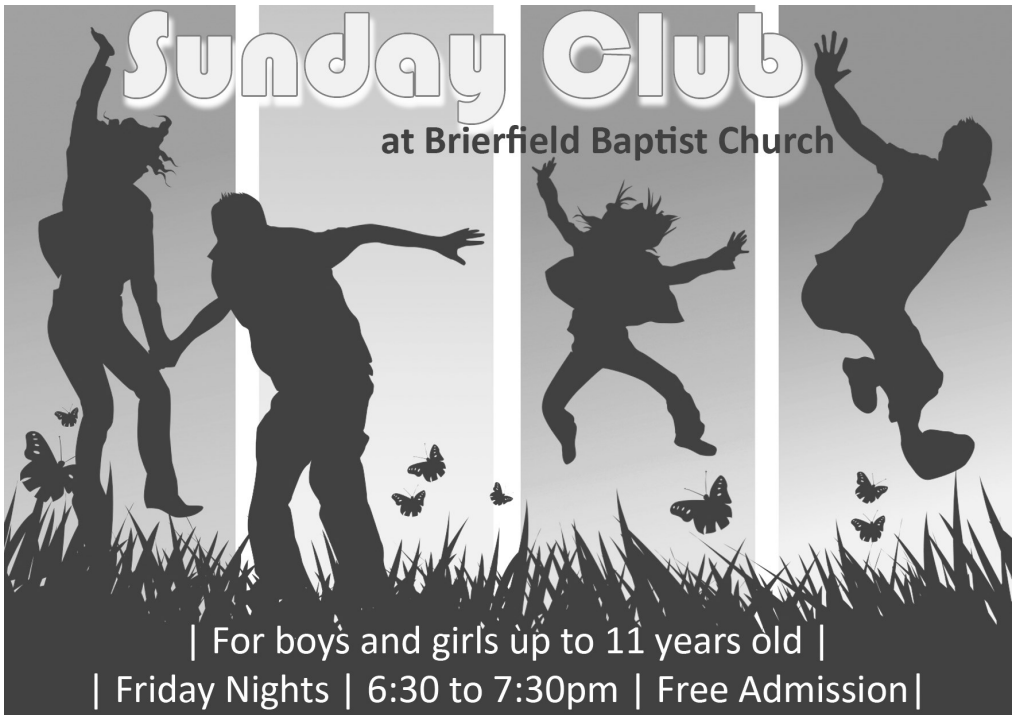
We are making plans for this on the 9th May, We will be commencing in the morning with Coffee etc., then have a session led by Rachel Lawrence, Children will have an alternative meeting then there will be Lunch followed by a relaxing time depending on the weather, we will then have a short final session before we return home. The event is at Barley Village Hall. Transport will be provided for those without cars. Please watch out for more details.



Youth Activities

We are desperate for more children and young people at these groups please encourage children to join and make them widely known.

Rainbows, Brownies & Guides

A black and white graphic featuring silhouettes of four children in various dynamic poses (dancing, jumping) against a light background. The scene is set in a field with tall grass and several butterflies. The text 'Sunday Club' is written in a large, stylized font across the top, with 'at Brierfield Baptist Church' in a smaller font below it.

Sunday Club
at Brierfield Baptist Church

| For boys and girls up to 11 years old |
| Friday Nights | 6:30 to 7:30pm | Free Admission |

JAM CLUB

For year 6 and above

BMS world news

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Restoring dignity through research

BMS World Mission is supporting a major new research project to help survivors of gender based violence (GBV) after a bloody conflict in the Central African Republic.

Divided communities cannot rebuild trust after a conflict without the truth. Recognising the survivors and perpetrators of violence and bringing some kind of reconciliation are equally important. It requires painstaking research that is sensitively and professionally delivered.

BMS is about to embark on such an exercise in the Central African Republic (CAR), where one of the bitterest and most violent conflicts in the world has left Muslim and Christian communities divided. It has also led to hundreds of deaths and left over 200,000 people displaced.

BMS will be funding a research project to ascertain whether this has been like other recent conflicts in sub-Saharan Africa where sexual violence has been systematically used as a weapon of war. “If you want to extend terror, if you want to project dominance over your enemies in that conflict, by using sexual violence and rape you are projecting power against your enemy,” says BMS Manager for Mission Projects Steve Sanderson.

A team of local researchers will be trained on how to collect accurate information from survivors. Once completed, BMS and our partner Tearfund, will analyse the data. It is hoped that this will be foundational to a reconciliation process in CAR, bringing survivors and perpetrators together, along with conflicting religious communities. It could be a powerful tool not only for survivors in CAR but globally as we aim to restore the dignity of women and girls hurt by GBV.

BMS’ support of this project has been inspired by our Dignity initiative to end gender based violence, our collaboration with other Christian agencies and denominations in the We Will Speak Out Coalition, and our participation in the Global Summit to End Sexual Violence in Conflict in Lon-

don in June 2014.

Saving limbs and lives in Chad

BMS World Mission doctors in Chad saved a seven-year-old from an unnecessary amputation.

Sue White, a BMS nurse, was on duty when Idriss arrived at Guinebor II Hospital (G2) in severe pain because of an abscess that had left dead and dying tissue from his knee to his buttock. Two weeks before coming to G2, Idriss had received an injection in his leg at another clinic and unfortunately it became infected. Initially, his father took him to the general hospital in N'Djamena, but they only stayed a few days because the doctors there wanted to amputate Idriss' leg.

Once admitted to G2, he was given pain killers, antibiotics and a blood transfusion before the dead tissue could be removed. "There is no blood bank here," says Sue. "People have to rely on relatives with the same blood type to come forward." Meaning Idriss had to wait days because his family had to travel to the hospital. Mark Hotchkin, a BMS doctor, successfully performed the surgery and Idriss is recovering nicely.

It is easy to take things like blood banks for granted, since they are easily accessible in the West. In Chad, G2 and the skilled staff there are a beacon of hope for the sick.

Recovery and relief

Your generous gifts enables us to respond to conflict and disaster situations. Thank you!

Central African Republic, £8,000

BMS and Tearfund will be collaborating to conduct an intensive research project into the conflict that tore this country apart. Their focus will be the effects and range of GBV during the twelve months of violence.

Iraq, £5,613

A relief grant to help internally displaced persons in Iraq who have been forced to flee their homes because of the threat posed by Islamic State.

Prayer Matters

Do you ever despair at the way the world is going? At the moment politics are in our mind as a possible way forward. But is that the only, or the best way? No. What is needed is a radical change in people's hearts. In other words, that old-fashioned word, REVIVAL! Jesus said we do not have because we do not ask. Let's take Him at His word, and ask for revival in our land. Over the next few months I hope to give some pointers to prayer regarding revival (*sourced from J I Packer*).



- **We need God to come down.** *Suggested prayer:* We know that You never leave us, but we pray for a renewed sense of Your presence and power amongst us.
- **God's Word is powerful.** We need it to pierce the hearts of the lost. *Suggested prayer:* May Your Word reach the depths of all who hear it despite any and all barriers.

Please also pray for:

- Our Missionary Contacts – Irene, The Milns, Rachel, the Dellers 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.

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.

Church Meeting

Church Meeting. Church Members are reminded that there is a church meeting on the 3Rd Feb at 7.30 p.m. All church members should be present to play their part. All other members of the congregation are welcome.

Dates For Your Diary

3rd February	7:30pm	Church Meeting	Primary Room
17th February	7:30pm	Bible Study	Church Lounge
18th February	7:30pm	Inbetween Group	Primary Room
3rd March	7:30pm	Bible Study	Church Lounge
12th March	12:30am	Coffee Morning	Elaine and Richard's
17th March	7:30pm	Bible Study	Church Lounge
24th March	9:45am	Brierfield Churches Meeting	32 Reedley Road
29th March	2:30pm	Visit to Retirement Homes	Marsden Heights
30th March	7:00pm	Cluster Group Meeting	Hill Lane
31st March	7:30pm	Bible Study	Church Lounge

Coffee Rota

8th Feb	Rebekah	Beverley Driver
15th Feb	Declan	Franki
22nd Feb	Elaine	David M
1st March	Sheila D	Peter L
8th March	Philip	Donald
15th March	Janice	Elizabeth
22nd March	Angela	Chris
29th March	Richard	Gill

Living Hope

A member of the Living hope fellowship has a stall on the Burnley Flea Market selling Brick-a-Brack . The proceeds are for open doors which as a church we support . He is always in need of items to sell , if you have anything please let me have it.

Personal Note

Just a personal note, Thanks for the prayerful support while I had a short stay in Hospital. I really appreciated this. David.

Coffee Mornings

Our coffee mornings resume next month.

The dates are:

- Thursday March 12th at Elaine and Richard's.
- Thursday April 30th at Donald's.

We look forward to seeing you there.



		Preacher	Door Steward	Morning Service Leader
February 1st	10.30am	G. Kendall	Declan Driver	Kath Rowland
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>David Leeming</i>	<i>Jack Sunderland</i>	
	6.00pm	T. Yates		
February 8th	10.30am	J. Caddy	C. l'Anson	G. Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Donald Leeming</i>	<i>Jack Parkinson</i>	
	6.00pm	G. Kendall		
February 15th	10.30am	G. Kendall	K. Hughes	N. Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>David Leeming</i>	<i>Philip Rowland</i>	
	6.00pm	E. R. Steel		
February 22nd	10.30am	E. Gorton	J. Kay	M. Lewis
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Donald Leeming</i>	<i>Peter l'Anson</i>	
	6.00pm	David Leeming		
March 1st	10.30am	Donald Leeming	S. Dunham	B. Baldwin
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>David Leeming</i>	<i>Jack Parkinson</i>	
	6.00pm	G. Jackson		
March 8th	10.30am	G. Baldwin	C. Leeming	C. l'Anson
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Donald Leeming</i>	<i>Jack Sunderland</i>	
	6.00pm	D. Lawrence		
March 15th	10.30am	Kath Rowland	G. Leeming	R. Bolton
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>David Leeming</i>	<i>Nigel Leeming</i>	
	6.00pm	E. R. Steel		
March 22nd	10.30am	Ian Brons	Peter Lewis	B. Driver
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Donald Leeming</i>	<i>Philip Rowland</i>	
	6.00pm	Ian Brons		
March 29th	10:30am	A. Western	E. Wellman	Kath Rowlands
	Vestry Prayers	<i>David Leeming</i>	<i>Peter l'Anson</i>	
	6.00pm	J. Pearson		