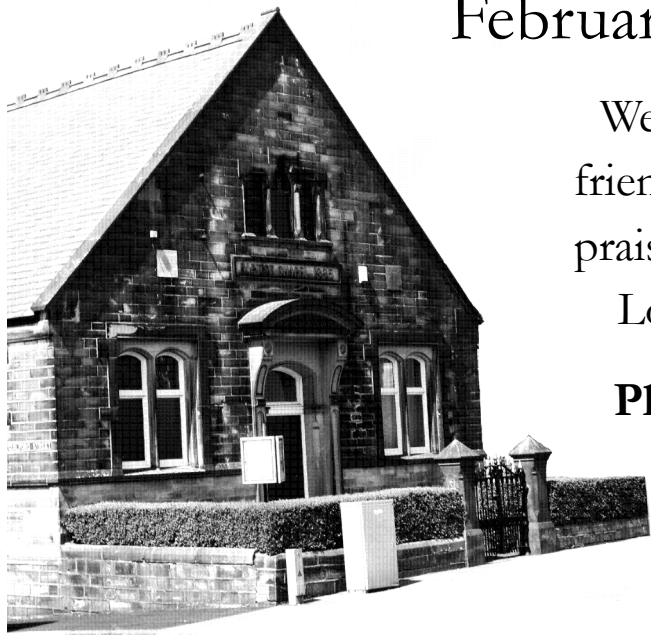


The Baptist Church, Brierfield

February 2017



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

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

Church Secretary Mr David Leeming, Tel: 01282 618026 or 07811192134

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It is with sadness that we record the death of Anne Schofield. Anne was baptised in 1944 and has served the Lord faithfully all these years. She served in the Junior Sunday school eventually becoming Superintendent and then went on to teach the Intermediate Girls class. She influenced Donald, Glenys, Susanne and me amongst many others. She had two daughters by her first marriage, Valerie and Fiona, who were part of the Sunday school as well. When she married a second time, it was to Jim but unfortunately, Jim died after 4 or 5 years. In 1990, Anne and Jim moved to St Annes but Anne never severed the connection with Brierfield. Each year when I visited her, she knew all that was happening because she received and read the monthly newsletter. As she grew more infirm, her visits to Brierfield became less. Two years ago, she entered a nursing home and died on the 14th January 2017. We thank God for her Christian influence on many within the Brierfield Church, and offer our sympathy to her Family and assure them of our prayers.

As we have said before, 2017 is a year of Change. We are looking for people to take on the various duties at present done by myself, and this will be discussed further at the Church Meeting on the 14th March at 7.30 p.m. This meeting is extremely important and *all* church members should be present, other members of the congregation are welcome to come along as well. We are also to consider the need for new Deacons, a current Deacon has asked to be allowed to resign, and perhaps we need more Elders too. In 2017. These decisions can affect the work of the church for years to come so we must steep ourselves in prayer. We need to seek God's guidance and leading to recommit ourselves to His work.

David

Gift Day The date is the 19th March. The gifts will be collected at the Morning Service at 10.30am, when the preacher is Danny Cliff. You will recall we have sustained very high expenditure in maintaining the premises this year so we really need a good Gift day. There are also further repairs and alterations planned for 2017. You will find an envelope in this newsletter. Please place your gift in it and mark it with your name if you wish it to attract Gift Aid.

March 26th is Mother's Day. We invite all Mothers and Fathers to come with their children to join the rest of us in giving thanks for our Mothers. The service will be led by Kath Rowland and will be a special service. Watch out for more details.

Coffee Rota. As said before there will be no Coffee unless people volunteer. It is quite easy to make coffee and tea and to wash a few cups up. Why don't you help? Remember even jobs like this can be done in His strength.

In between Group. The next meeting is on the 15th February. We will be playing Board Games and having a light supper organised by Bernice. We need new members to join us for a time of relaxed fellowship where we can talk, laugh, and get to know each other better. Why don't you try it? Programmes for 2017 are available from Bernice. On the 22nd March, we are having a Quiz night organised by Jennifer, and supper by Cynthia. We pay £2.00 each night.

Dates For Your Diary

7th February	7:30pm	Bible Study	Church Lounge
13th February	10:30am		Primary Room
15th February	7:30pm	In-Between Group	Primary Room
21st February	10:30am	Coffee Morning	Donald Leeming's
21st February	7:30pm		Church Lounge
27th February	10:30am	Bible Study	Primary Room
27th February	7:30pm	Officers Meeting	Church Lounge
7th March	7:30pm		Church Lounge
13th March	10:30am	Bible Study	Primary Room
14th March	7:30pm	Church Meeting	Primary Room
19th March	10:30am	Gift Day	Church
21st March	7:30pm		Church Lounge
27th March	10:30am	Bible Study	Primary Room
22nd March	7:30pm	Inbetween Group	Primary Room
26th March	10:30am	Mother's Day	Church

Bible Studies

Tuesday night at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Lounge ...The dates for February are 7th and 21st and March dates are 7th and 21st. These Bible Studies are repeated on the Monday following at 10.30 a.m. in the Primary Room. The dates are 13th and 27th Feb and in March 13th and 27th Please do join us.

Officers Meeting

This is on the 27th February at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Lounge.

Coffee Morning.

The next coffee morning is on the 21st February at Donald's at 10:30am. Everybody is most welcome; as usual, if you need transport please see Cynthia.

Andrew and Gwen Millns

Our link missionaries, Andrew and Gwen, are retiring from work with BMS at the end of this month. We thank God for the work that they have done in Bangladesh and pray that God will bless them as they prepare to leave the work and return to life in the UK.

Prayer Matters:

Now that this New Year is under way, there are several things to think about praying for in our Church.

David is retiring from his position as Church Secretary. He has fulfilled this position faithfully for many years. As the years have gone by, more and more duties have come his way, until the position has become quite burdensome. So it is proposed that elements of the duties he at present carries out will be split off separately, to be handled by others. This is where you come in. Not only do we need your prayers for the right people to take up responsibilities, but also perhaps for you to be one of the ones that do so.

Secondly, it has been proposed that this is also the time when a new Elder (or Elders) should be elected, to strengthen and support Donald and David in their work. Again, pray that the Lord will make clear to all of us just who should be elected to the Eldership.

Let's pray that

- God will show us who is to take up some of David's secretarial duties, and that the Lord will prepare and equip them.
- The Lord will reveal to us who he wants as Elders in our fellowship.

Please also pray for:

- Our Missionary Contacts – Irene, The Millns, Rachel, and Natalie;
- That our Church will grow both in numbers and grace as the Lord adds to our number .

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.



		Preacher	Door Steward	Morning Service Leader
5th February	10.30am	Miss Ann Booth	David Mullarky	R. Bolton
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Donald Leeming</i>	<i>J. Parkinson</i>	
	6.00pm	Tony Yates		
12th February	10.30am	G. Baldwin	E. Wellman	B. Driver
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>David Leeming</i>	<i>N. Leeming</i>	
	6.00pm	R. Steel		
19th February	10.30am	John Caddy	N. Binns	K. Rowland
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Donald Leeming</i>	<i>P. l'Anson</i>	
	6.00pm	George Kendal		
26th February	10.30am	Howard Ellison	D. Driver	R. Rigby
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>David Leeming</i>	<i>P. Rowland</i>	
	6.00pm	Philip Rowland		
5th March	10.30am	Harold Hogarth	Kath Hughes	Ruth Hartley
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Donald Leeming</i>	<i>J. Parkinson</i>	
	6.00pm	Donald Leeming		
12th March	10.30am	Pat Hayhurst	C. l'Anson	Sarah Greaves
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>David Leeming</i>	<i>Nigel Leeming</i>	
	6.00pm	Jeffrey Pearson		
19th March Gift Day	10.30am	Danny Cliff	J. Greenwood	G. Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Donald Leeming</i>	<i>P. l'Anson</i>	
	6.00pm	Geoff Jackson		
26th March	10.30am	Kath Rowland	S. Dunham	N. Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>David Leeming</i>	<i>J. Sunderland</i>	
	6.00pm	David Lavendar		