



The Baptist Church,
Brierfield



February 2019

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

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



IMPOSSIBILITY MADE POSSIBLE

A short message by Philip Rowland

John tells the tale of when Jesus healed a paralytic man. This poor man had waited many a weary year for an angel to ruffle the waters of the pool so that the first in might be healed. No angel ever came for him, but still he waited, because he did not know what else to do. His was, he felt, an impossible case.

There are many Christians who await a sign that their sins have been forgiven, that the plague of sin has been removed from them. They expect a sudden shaft of light to appear, or a remarkable impression to steal upon them, so that they may know for certain that they are accepted by God. Some try to be 'good' and 'spiritual', expecting a celestial vision to burst upon their sight.

But just as the man at the pool was looking the wrong way – to the water, and not to Jesus who was approaching him – so many are looking to signs and portents, to impressions and feelings which will signify that they have been accepted by God, that their sins are forgiven. They are expecting God to move the heavens and the earth afresh for their benefit. But that is not the way of things.

Elijah expected God to speak in the earthquake, the tempest and the stormy fire. But God spoke to him in a still, small voice, the merest whisper. God has already moved heaven and earth. A thing unthought of has already happened. The Trinity was split asunder as Jesus came to earth and was born as a man. No more the glory of heaven for Him for a while, for He was born in abject poverty and was to die in place of sinful man before he was to return to the heavenlies.

And even now He stands in the shadows, watching for us to call to Him for His help. It's no good making vows and resolutions we cannot keep. Sin is an impossible plague. But as we call upon Him, at His invitation, what is impossible for us is more than possible for Him, for He has already taken our sins upon Himself, and we are healed by His stripes. We may not feel it, but it is a fact! Need help? Just ask Him!

Philip

Announcements

Dates for Diary February 2019

Tuesday 5th	7.30 p.m.	Bible Study
Friday 8th	7.45 p.m.- 9.15 p.m.	J.A.M. Club (Jesus and Me) for Year 6 and above
Sunday 10th	6.00 p.m.	Evening Service which will include a Healing Service
Monday 11th	10.30 a.m	Bible Study
Tuesday 19th	7.30 p.m.	Bible Study
Monday 25th	10.30 a.m.	Bible Study
Thursday 28th	7.30 p.m.	Officers Meeting

Advance Notices for March

Sunday 3rd - Gift Day – gifts received will go towards Lift Fund

Tuesday 5th - Church Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

Home Communion The church has a Home Communion Set which allows people to receive communion, if they are unable to come to chapel for whatever reason. If you know of anybody who would like to receive communion at home please speak to any of the Elders.

Healing Service - 10th February, 2019 at 6.00 p.m. This will be a normal Sunday evening service, conducted by Howard Ellison, with a small part dedicated to a 'Healing Service'. During this part of the service people will be asked if they wish to come forward, or if they don't wish to, the leaders of this part of the service will go to them. There will be an anointing with oil, a prayer said for that person and a laying on of hands. If you would like more information, please speak to one of the Elders.

Church Meetings The first Church Meeting of 2019 will be held on Tuesday 5th March at 7.30 p.m. All members of the congregation are welcome to attend. It is also an important duty of Church Members and Trustees to make a special effort to attend Church Meetings, in order to support and help spread the load within our Church throughout the year.

Nelson Food Bank Following on from the great response at Christmas, could we ask people to remember to continue to support the ongoing needs of the Food Bank throughout 2019.

Second Brierfield Guides.

It was with regret that it was decided to close the Guide company after around 90 years. There was no alternative due to lack of numbers. I know that hundreds perhaps thousands of girls have attended the meetings all have been shown how to lead good lives as well as being brought into contact with our Lord and Saviour.. Many families became part of the church through the Guides.

I am sure the Girls and leaders will remember the guide camps , the summer outings and the fun and games. The highlight of the troupe came in the early 50s when a group of Swedish guides visited and went camping with our girls to be replicated a year later when our girls went to Sweden.

Tribute must be paid to Mrs Williams, Mrs Webb, Glenys and Janice who have led the group so well, indeed Glenys has been associated with the Guide movement for almost 70 years, what will she do on Monday Nights? We thank God for all the Guides have added to the life of the Church.

The Rainbows and Brownies continue to meet each Monday during school term at 6.15 p.m. to 7.15 p.m. Please help this to continue by encouraging any girls you know to attend.

I want to thank all who have included me in their prayers since I was diagnosed with Prostate Cancer . Your prayers have been answered Since the treatment was concluded in December I am gradually returning to full health and the latest tests are giving good results When I visited the specialist last week he said I have not to see him for 12 months. I thank the Lord.

David

Victor and Carole Watson A few days before Christmas Nigel and Donald visited Victor and Carole Watson in the nursing home at Blackpool. They are very well (although in wheel chairs) and are very comfortable.

They send their love & best wishes to all their friends at Brierfield Baptist Church and are sorry that distance and ill health prevents them from attending services at the church.

Kids Corner

BibleWise


True Wisdom

—James 1-4

Be Wise

Solve this picture puzzle to learn how to get true wisdom. Read James 4:8 to check your answer.




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Puzzle Page

God Is ... by Bill Brinkworth



Words to Find: Habakkuk Obadiah Solomon
Abraham Cornelius Ananias Nahum
Joseph Abimelech Peter Paul
Nebuchadnezzar Samuel Jacob John

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



WORLDNEWS

HELP US FIGHT CHILD ABUSE IN SCHOOLS

The threat of abuse is very real for pupils in many Ugandan schools. You can help by getting your church to pray for our child protection work.



We're helping people in Uganda identify signs of abuse

Imagine a classroom with 100 or more primary age schoolchildren in it. Put aside how crammed it might be and concentrate on this: more than two thirds of the children in front of you have likely been sexually abused by a male teacher, according to a Unicef survey. The percentage of children who have been caned is even higher, yet their abusers get away with the abuse, free to inflict suffering in a place every child should feel safe: school.

The survey on the prevalence of abuse in

Ugandan schools shows that people are aware of the abuse – but it still continues. Do not think it is going completely unchallenged though. Ugandan officials are making strides. And, with your support, BMS World Mission lawyer Linda Darby is working tirelessly in Gulu, northern Uganda, to change attitudes towards child protection in schools.

Backed by local government, Linda has so far taken 21 schools through training on how abuse can be identified, reported and prevented. And the message of protecting children from sexual and physical abuse is not restricted to the school environment. Community leaders also attend the training, alongside school's senior staff – and by the end the school has developed a child protection policy. With your prayers, we hope even more schools in Gulu will develop more effective child protection approaches.

“At first, people can be defensive, but as we explain the types of abuse, especially sexual, they realise it is happening and they are more open to listening,” says Linda.

“This work is important because it is helping children thrive in school, and that will improve their circumstances in life.”

Your support means children can stay safe in school.

Head to www.bmsworldmission.org/safe-in-school to find some prayer points for the work in Uganda.

DON'T LET FAMILIES FREEZE IN UKRAINE

You can protect Ukraine's children from the cold today.

Fighting for survival in Ukraine continues long after you've escaped the shells that exploded close to your home. Children, the elderly, family after family have all had the foundations of their lives shattered by the war between the Ukrainian army and pro-Russia separatists. The temperature falls to as low as minus 25 degrees in winter, and to survive you must find warmth. But for many people, that warmth is as distant as the peace they once lived in.



Alexander and his family stayed warm because of Christians like you

Alexander and his family witnessed their town being destroyed by shelling and constant shooting. They had no choice but to flee, though even after they did, they were not out of danger. Winter was coming, but the one source of heat in the empty house they found to live in – a stove – was damaged and Alexander

couldn't afford to restore it. Months of watching his children suffer from the bitter cold, in danger of all illnesses that come from it, lay ahead.

Were it not for the local Christians who came to their aid, Alexander and his wife and their five children would have suffered more than the human body can withstand. The Christians who helped them are being supported by BMS World Mission. That support provided a ceramic heater for Alexander and his family, providing enough heat to keep one room warm. One place to escape the cold. One place for a family to live.

"We wouldn't be living here if not for the Christians helping us," says Alexander. "Thank you for your help. What you've done cannot be described by words."

You've been so generous already, but many more families like Alexander's still need your help this winter. Please give today. Please be the difference.



You can help keep Ukrainian people warm this winter

Do you want to help Ukrainian families?
Head to www.bmsworldmission.org/ukraine to donate.

Prayer Matters

Are you a sinner? Most of us will have to say yes, when we are being honest with ourselves. But are you just a sinner? Or are you a sinner saved by grace? We are none of us perfect – we never shall be until we get to heaven. But we need not call ourselves sinners, lost for evermore, because Christ has provided the remedy Himself.

We read in 1 John 1, v9 that “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins, and purify us from all unrighteousness.” By His grace we can be forgiven. But that is only half the promise. We should not go away content with just that. He also promises to “purify us from all unrighteousness!” Let us not just ask for forgiveness when you sin, but plead that God will work in us to perfect us, to purify us from all unrighteousness. That is the promise, so let’s plead it at the Throne of Grace

This month let’s pray:

- That God will forgive us our sins and purify us body and soul, so that we may live effective and God-pleasing lives;
- That as God works in us, transforming us into His likeness, so we may make a difference in the dark world around us, so displaying the light and truth of the Gospel to others to God’s glory

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.



Who's Who

We are sorry, but there was nobody who volunteered to enter a short introduction here, but if you would like to tell us about yourself, or share your testimony please see Kathryn Hughes, we'd love to hear about you.

Look after your armour

Never stop learning from the Bible.

Never stop believing what the Bible says.

Never stop obeying, to the best of your ability, what Jesus tells you to do.

Read and Pray, and then Obey.



		Preacher	Door Steward	Morning Service Leader
3rd February	10.30 am	Colin Scholes	J. Greenwood	M. Lewis
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Nigel Leeming / Peter l'Anson</i>		
	6.00 pm	Philip Rowland		
10th February	10.30 am	John Caddy	C. Leeming	R. Rigby
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Donald Leeming / Kath Rowland</i>		
	6.00 pm	Howard Ellison		
17th February	10.30 am	Ernest Gorton	S. Dunham	G. Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>David Leeming / Janice Greenwood</i>		
	6.00 pm	Chris Cheeseman		
24th February	10.30 am	Gerald Norcross	C. l'Anson	G. Fogg
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Philip Rowland / Peter l'Anson</i>		
	6.00 pm	Kevin Wilding		
3rd March	10.30 am	David Lavender	K. Hughes	G. Baldwin
	Vestry Prayers:	Kath Rowland / Nigel Leeming		
	6.00 pm	Geoff Hartley		
10th March	10.30 am	Geoff Jackson	D. Mullarkey	B. Driver
	Vestry Prayers:	Janice Greenwood / Donald Leeming		
	6.00 pm	Nigel Leeming		
17th March	10.30 am	Mike Huck	D. Driver	S. Greaves
	Vestry Prayers:	Peter l'Anson / David Leeming		
	6.00 pm	Paul Carter		
24th March	10.30 am	Philip Rowland	R. Bolton	B. Baldwin
	Vestry Prayers:	Kath Rowland / Philip Rowland		
	6.00 pm	Geoff Hartley		
31st March Mothering Sunday	10.30 am	Nigel Leeming	G. Leeming	K. Rowland
	Vestry Prayers:	Janice Greenwood / Nigel Leeming		
	6.00 pm	David Tattersall		