



The Baptist Church,  
Brierfield

February 2023



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

***Please do join us.***

## Sunday Services

We are in Chapel each Sunday and ask that you join us to worship our Lord Jesus Christ together and to share in the fellowship of the Church family.

The services start at 10:30 am and are also streamed live on YouTube - check our website for the service link.

<https://www.brierfieldbaptistchurch.org.uk>

Midweek 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 by email to [newsletter@brierfieldbaptistchurch.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@brierfieldbaptistchurch.org.uk)*



# WWJD? Or WWJS?

*(A short message by Philip Rowland)*

From time to time the motto WWJD or perhaps WWJS crops up. It's a mantra to help us think about things, especially from a Christian point of view. For those who have not come across them before, what do they mean?

**WWJD = What Would Jesus Do?**

**WWJS = What Would Jesus Say?**

I have found them helpful over the years. At times bracelets and rings were available to remind us of these thought processes, but I have not seen any for quite a while.

Recently we as a fellowship have been concerned that the numbers attending worship on Sunday has fallen dramatically. Various expressions of woe have been voiced, and indeed it is a sad thing to observe.

But what would Jesus say about the matter. No - I don't have His ear, as they say, but knowing my Lord to some extent, I feel I can make a guess. If I am wrong, may I be forgiven.

Covid has proved to be a sifting time for the church. Our commitment has been tested, and some have been found wanting. I feel that Jesus would be saying to us to turn our eyes away from the empty seats and instead to behold Him in our midst and look for what He is going to do now. I feel that Jesus would be saying to us that rather than mourning the absentees, we should be giving thanks for those who are coming now. Some are saying mockingly "Oh, it's only the faithful few that are there now!" Rather than being sad, lets rejoice that we are counted amongst that number, the faithful ones. Gideon's army had to be reduced before it became an effective tool for the Lord.

Our church only exists as it meets week by week. So what if we are fewer than before? Jesus spoke of the 2 or 3 meeting together in His name. As Easter approaches, let us persevere in the way and keep our eyes on our Lord.

*Philip*

# Items of Interest & Dates for your Diary

## Bible Studies/Prayer Meetings

Please pray for these and attend if at all possible, starting at 7:30pm.

February	7th & 21st
March	7th

## Warm Room - Each Thursday In February

The "Warm Room" will be open for Tea/Coffee & Biscuits from 6.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Volunteers are still required for March, if you would be willing to help with this please put your name down on the list in the Primary Room.

## Rainbows & Brownies

Monday's 6th, 20th, & 27th February at 6.15 p.m.

## Baptismal Service – Sunday 5th February.

We have a Special Baptismal Service on February 5th, when we welcome two new members into our Fellowship. Please join us to welcome Jack & Hannah and share in their Baptism.

## Church Meeting

Tuesday 14th February at 7.30 p.m. - All church members and adult members of the congregation are welcome.

## Fellowship Group

Meet on Wednesday 22nd February at 7.30 p.m., When it will be games night - all adults welcome.

## Evening Services

12th February - leader: Janice; 12th March - leader: TBA

We are looking for someone to take the March Service, if you can help please let us know.

# Puzzles

This is just like a normal Sudoku but uses 9 letters instead of numbers

There is Hint to get you started

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1		H				T	M	O	
2	A	T					S		
3	O		L	M				H	I
4				T	I	E			
5	E			A		O			H
6	T			S	H	M			L
7			T					I	
8		L	A					M	
9	S		O	E		L	H	A	T

Hint ROW 6

Esau went \_\_\_\_\_ to get another wife (Genesis 28:9)

Can you solve these Dingbats?

<p>GIVE GIVE GIVE GIVE GET GET GET GET</p>	<p>PASS LAMB</p>	<p>THE COVENANT</p>
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# ONESIMUS BELIEVES

Read about Onesimus in the book of Philemon.  
Find & circle words from the story hidden in the puzzle.

PAUL	ARCHIPPUS	REMEMBER	BONDSERVANT
PRISONER	HOUSE CHURCH	PRAYERS	BELOVED BROTHER
TIMOTHY	GRACE	FAITH	OBEDIENCE
PHILEMON	PEACE	KNOWLEDGE	SPIRIT
BELOVED	GOD	JOY	
APPHIA	JESUS CHRIST	COMFORT	

A	P	P	H	I	A	P	E	A	C	E	J	T	S	B
P	B	C	N	B	K	B	L	E	Y	Q	B	M	R	H
H	M	E	R	E	S	O	Z	C	R	V	P	O	E	D
I	I	G	L	L	G	N	U	A	W	T	R	B	Y	I
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E	T	E	T	V	V	S	D	G	T	O	S	D	R	R
M	I	L	I	E	A	E	E	O	I	F	O	I	P	E
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Q	Y	N	S	N	W	T	Y	O	J	P	T	A	N	E
H	C	R	U	H	C	E	S	U	O	H	P	H	U	R
V	B	J	C	X	R	S	P	I	R	I	T	U	E	L
F	A	T	S	I	R	H	C	S	U	S	E	J	S	R



# The wise and foolish builders

Can you draw the right picture in the spaces below?



winds



floods



house



rain

And the



descended,  
and the



came,  
and the



blew,

and beat  
upon that



and...

...it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

The wise/foolish man

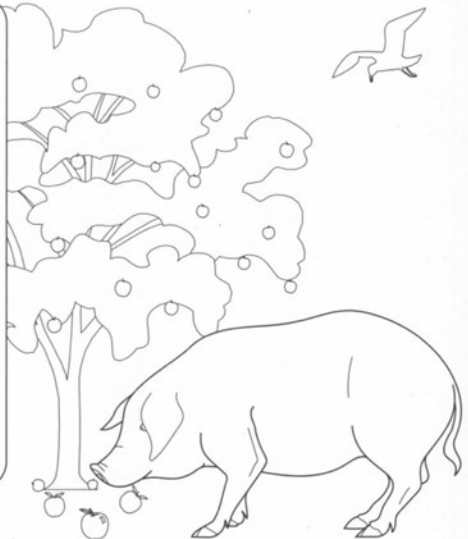
...it fell: and great was the fall of it.

The wise/foolish man

(Cross out the wrong answer)

For every  
creature  
of God is  
good

1 Timothy 4.4



For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused,  
if it be received with thanksgiving 1 Timothy 4.4

# Last Months Answers

O! MESS! Moses

POSE HJ Joseph

HAZE HIKE Hezekiah

I MOAN Naomi

HE CON Enoch

ENHANCE BUZZARD

JAIL, EH? Elijah

Nebukadnezzar

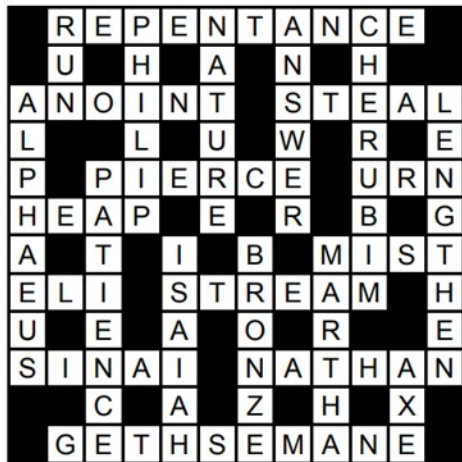
HA, NO ! Noah

A LUSH THEME Methuselah

NO MASS Samson

The end of a people is better than its beginning and Patience is better than Pride

Ecclesiasties CH 7;Verse 8



Across: 1 Repentance, 6 Anoint, 7 Steal, 9 Pierce, 10 Urn, 11 Heap, 14 Mist, 15 Eli, 16 Stream, 17 Sinai, 18 Nathan, 20 Gethsemane.

Down: 1 Run, 2 Philip, 3 Nature, 4 Answer, 5 Cherubim, 6 Alphaeus, 8 Lengthen, 9 Patience, 12 Isaiah, 13 Bronze, 14 Martha, 19 Axe.

Bible Crossword by BiblePuzzles.org.uk

Answers to the Hoddeen bible books and the bible word game from last months newsletter will appear in the March newsletter

If You have any puzzles for the Newsletter , please email them to Mark at the address or pass them to Mark or Elizabeth



## Lent – 22nd February

Shrove Tuesday is the 21st February

Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent 22nd February

## Update from BMS re: Used Stamps, etc.

Please see below update from BMS re used stamps. Please still bring your used stamps to chapel, as we will be supporting Pendleside Hospice who do collect them. Any other collectables, you wish to donate, as listed in the BMS article below (from the Engage magazine), will be posted on to Richard Camp as requested, to sell and raise funds for BMS. Thanks. Angela

## A Rethink for the BMS Stamp Bureau

The notice in Issue 54 of the Engage magazine, which came out in August, reported the closure of the BMS Stamp Bureau. However it was a little premature!

A new volunteer member has come forward to work in the Stamp Bureau and a new model has been devised on how the Stamp Bureau will operate. The main difference is that the Stamp Bureau will no longer ask supporters to send in stamps cut off their incoming mail. These no longer contain many good stamps and are time-consuming to deal with. Anyone having such stamps can search the net for other charities which may accept them.

The BMS Stamp Bureau will still accept donations of stamp collections and related items, postcards, cigarette cards and similar small cards, coins, notes, medals, badges and other small collectables. These will be sold to raise funds for the work of BMS.

Enquiries from collectors wishing to purchase stamps or other items should also be sent to the same address.

General enquires to Richard Camp via: [mail@richardcamp.co.uk](mailto:mail@richardcamp.co.uk)

# Prayer Matters

Time, as they say moves on! The older we get, the more quickly it seems to have passed. It is often a bit of a shock when we come across an old acquaintance and think how old they are looking. And it is only later that we realise they must have thought the same about us!

Time seems to play an important part in our lives. We must be on time for an appointment or intend to be. Time seems to rule us. And then we come to church, and learn that God does not live in time, but in eternity. That is sometimes difficult to grasp. It is certainly something I have struggled with. The conclusion I have come to after much meditation is that if there is not time in eternity, there is certainly progression.

At one eternal point, God made the heavens and the earth. At other points He calls various people to work for Him on the earth in different capacities. At one point His Son Jesus entered this world as a baby, and died some 30 years later, loving His people, and bearing upon Himself the sins of the world. And at yet another point yet to come, the Lord Jesus Christ will return in triumph, calling His own to come and dwell with Him eternally. Possibly a better theologian will tell me I am wrong! But I believe I can trace a progression in this portion of eternity. I wonder what awaits us following the Marriage Feast of the Lamb?

## Let's pray

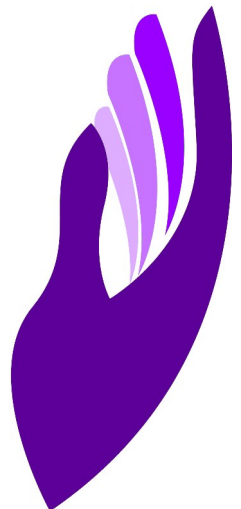
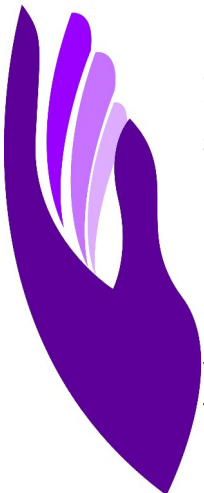
- That in this New Year, we will find time to read and study His word more eagerly than perhaps we have before.
- And that we will listen and obey as He speaks to us through it, through the Living Word made Flesh, Jesus the Lord.

**May I remind you** that if you have an urgent need for prayer, or just want to put forward a subject for prayer, please contact Philip on:

Email: [philip.rowland@virginmedia.com](mailto: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.



## Thank you for bringing hope



*You've helped Richard feed his family.*

### **Fuel and food prices were on the rise, sometimes more than doubling.**

Wisdom

from leaders was that the only way to handle Uganda's cost of living crisis was to live more frugally. But people like Richard, a farmer living in Gulu, were already struggling to feed their families, sometimes surviving on just one meal a day. With exploitative middlemen ready to make a tidy profit from farmers who couldn't afford to transport their crops to market, it felt to BMS World Mission worker Benon Kayanja as though bridging the gap to meet essential needs was impossible.

Wonderfully, BMS supporters read Richard's story and responded with incredible generosity – despite many families in the UK facing their own worries about escalating living costs this autumn. You raised over £102,000 to support projects

that are helping families to weather this crisis, as well as shoring up similar work across the world.

"Thanks to the incredible amount raised through this appeal, we are able to increase the number of farmers we can provide seedlings to," explains Benon. "This will have an amazing knock-on effect, meaning a greater number of farmers can provide vital food and help generate income for their families."

But in a crisis with a truly global impact, your gifts have stretched beyond Uganda to support vulnerable families in places like Lebanon and Nepal, too. In Nepal, farmers have been given access to veterinary training and breeding goats that will boost their income. And in Lebanon, Syrian refugee families have been given crucial education opportunities for their children – and are feeling hopeful for the first time in years.

It's clear the cost of living crisis isn't over yet. And yet your generous response means that vulnerable people across the world will still be reached with life-changing help.

Thank you for standing with Richard and people like him in these desperate times. Read more about the people you've helped here:  
[www.bmsworldmission.org/colresponse](http://www.bmsworldmission.org/colresponse)

<b>2023</b>		<b>Preacher</b>	<b>Door Steward</b>	<b>Morning Service Leader</b>
5th February	10.30 a.m.	Baptismal Service	G. Leeming	M. Lewis
	Vestry Prayers:	Donald/Janice		
	6.00 p.m.	<b>NO EVENING SERVICE</b>		
12th February	10.30 a.m.	Colin Scholes	E. Wilkes	E. Lord
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel/Mark		
	6.00 p.m.	<b>EVENING SERVICE &amp; COMMUNION Led By</b>		
19th February	10.30 a.m.	Mark Heaton	B. Baldwin	K. Rowland
	Vestry Prayers:	Phillip/Kath		
	6.00 p.m.	<b>NO EVENING SERVICE</b>		
26th February	10.30 a.m.	Ruth Brierley	D. Driver	E. Wilkes
	Vestry Prayers:	David/Peter		
	6.00 p.m.	<b>NO EVENING SERVICE</b>		
5th March	10.30 a.m.	Kath Rowland	S. Dunham	M. Wilkes
	Vestry Prayers:	Donald/Mark		
	6.00 p.m.	<b>NO EVENING SERVICE</b>		
12th March	10.30 a.m.	Susan Western	J. Greenwood	B. Baldwin
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel/Kath		
	6.00 p.m.	<b>EVENING SERVICE &amp; COMMUNION Led By</b>		
19th March	10.30 a.m.	Cathy Browne	A. Higgin	D. Driver
	Vestry Prayers:	Phillip/Peter		
	6.00 p.m.	<b>NO EVENING SERVICE</b>		
26th March	10.30 a.m.	John Fisher	C. Leeming	G. Fogg
	Vestry Prayers:	David/Janice		
	6.00 p.m.	<b>NO EVENING SERVICE</b>		

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