



The Baptist Church,
Brierfield

February 2024



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



Fred Davies

It is with sadness that we report the death of Fred Davies, what a great person he was. He had led such an interesting life and was always ready to talk to you about it. He had an exceptional faith and put it into practice. He spent at least two years looking after his wife Margaret and was unable to come to church but when she passed away he went back to his previous activities.

He was always willing to help in his younger days and was a regular attender each Sunday. He will be missed by all of us at Church and especially by his family to whom we offer our sympathy and assure them of our prayerful support.

The funeral is at the Church on Thursday Feb 1st at 1.15.p.m.



My Favourite Psalm

(a short message by David Leeming)

I thought I would write something about my favourite Psalm, it is Psalm 121, if you can get a Bible and look it up. Picture the psalmist climbing up the hill to the temple in Jerusalem. He lifts his eyes up and sees the hills in the distant. Perhaps he was thinking of the dangers in those hills, robbers ready to attack unsuspecting climbers.

Or was he thinking of some quiet refuge or perhaps he was thinking of the magnificent temple on top of the hill. No matter what he was thinking of its clear that his security does not lie in the hills but in the creator of the hills. The maker of heaven and earth. The phrase 'watches over you' is a guarantee of comprehensive coverage. And the Psalmist is protected from all threats or accidents or the elements and perils at all times God is never off duty and He is there at all times now and for ever. This protection covers all situations your comings and goings. God's CCTV cameras scan in all directions and monitors them. But the protection gets even more personal.

The Lord watches over YOU!

Throughout our faith journey the creator himself is our body guard and our soul guard sticking close, guarding and guiding us safely to our destination himself.

MY HELP COMES FROM THE LORD, THE MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH Psalm 121 v1

David

Items of Interest & Dates for your Diary

Bible Studies/Prayer Meetings

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

February	13 th & 27 th
March	12 th & 26 th

Fellowship Group

Meet on Wednesday 14th February at 7.30 p.m. for a Board Game evening, followed by a light supper for a small fee. All Adults are welcome to join us.

Evening Services

The February Evening Service will be on the 25th, led By Grahame and then 31st March, Easter Sunday Led by Janice, both start at 6pm in the Primary Room, unless otherwise notified.

Family Praise Services

Our Family Praise Services followed by Pie & Peas are on the last Sunday of each month with the next, 25th February and then 28th April, as 31st March Is Easter Sunday please come and join us.

Offices Meeting

The next Officers meeting will be held on the 8th February in the Church Lounge starting at 7.30 p.m., all Officers are requested to attend.

Brierfield Churches Meeting

The next meeting of Brierfield Churches will be held at 32 Reedley Road at 10 a.m. on 20th February 2024.

Music Group Rehearsals

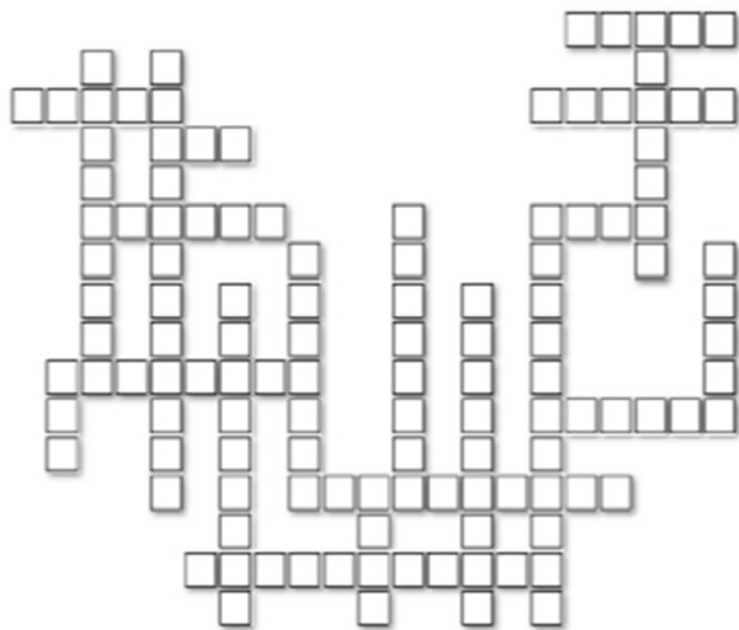
Music group rehearsals take place each Friday at 6:45 p.m. with an extra rehearsal for the Praise Service on Wednesday before the service. If you can play an Instrument or Sing and would like to join the group then speak to Melanie, Morgan or Keith for more details.

Church Meeting

An early reminder the next Church meeting will be held on the 5th March 2024 starting at 7:30 p.m.

The Bible

Fit the words into this Bible Fill In Puzzle!



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3 LETTERS

GOD
SIN

4 LETTERS

JEWS
LOVE

5 LETTERS

BIBLE
FAITH
PEACE

6 LETTERS

CHURCH
GOSPEL
ISRAEL

7 LETTERS

BAPTISM
MESSIAH

8 LETTERS

GENTILES
MINISTRY

9 LETTERS

DISCIPLES
SACRIFICE
SALVATION

10 LETTERS

HOLY SPIRIT

11 LETTERS

FORGIVENESS
JESUS CHRIST

12 LETTERS

RESURRECTION

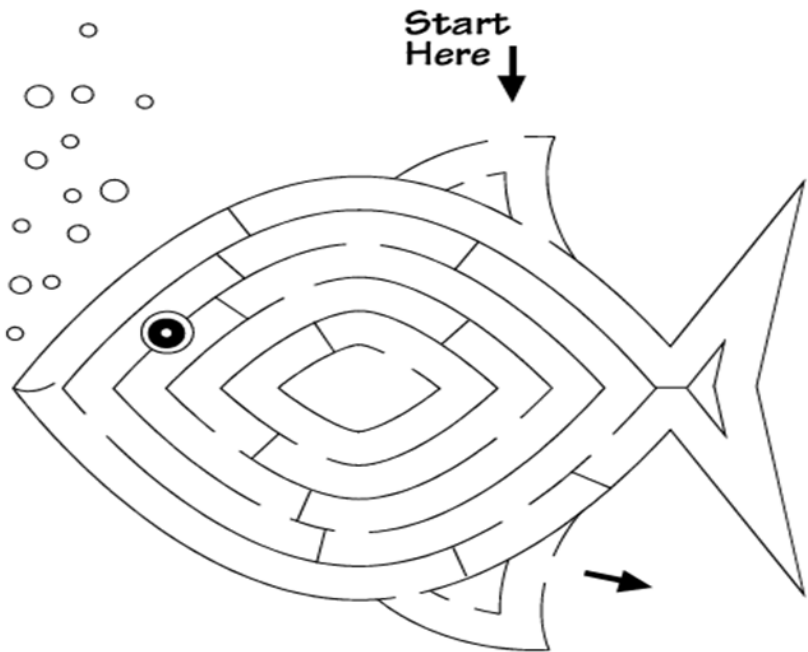
God called to Jonah one day and told him to go preach to Nineveh because the people were very wicked. Jonah hated this idea because Nineveh was one of Israel's greatest enemies and Jonah wanted nothing to do with preaching to them!

Jonah tried to run away from God in the opposite direction of Nineveh and headed by boat to Tarshish. God sent a great storm upon the ship and the men decided Jonah was to blame so they threw him overboard. As soon as they tossed Jonah in the water, the storm stopped.

God sent a big fish, some call it a whale, to swallow Jonah and to save him from drowning. While in the belly of the big fish (whale), Jonah prayed to God for help, repented, and praised God. For three days Jonah sat in the belly of the fish. Then, God had the big fish throw up Jonah onto the shores of Nineveh.

Jonah preached to Nineveh and warned them to repent before the city is destroyed in 40 days. The people believed Jonah, turned from their wickedness, and God had mercy on them. Jonah now became angry and bitter because God did not destroy the Ninevites who were Israel's enemy! When Jonah sat to rest God provided a vine to give him shade. The next day, God sent a worm to eat the vine. Jonah now sat in the hot sun complaining and wanting to die. God called out to Jonah and scolded him for being so concerned and worried about just a plant while God was concerned with the heart condition and lives of 120,000 people who lived in the city of Nineveh.

God Cares for Jonah



"But the Lord provided a great fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was



Maintenance Team

We meet most Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. for a couple of hours to carry out maintenance on the Church building, with a variety of tasks. If you or someone you know, has any DIY skills, or simply can pick up a paint brush, then please come along and gives a hand. For more information speak to Grahame or David.

Food Bank - Half Term February 2024

With Half Term holiday fast approaching could I ask that people start to bring their contributions for the Food Bank as soon as you can. Ideally I would like to deliver on Monday 13th February. Both the people organising the Food Bank and the recipients of our gifts are all very grateful to us for our reliable and continued support. At this traditionally cold time of year our gifts are needed more than ever. Thanking you in anticipation. Angela

Prayer Matters

As we come into the month of February I am hoping to be more mobile with my new hip. Even when I am not around you can always message me on the email account or phone numbers on the bottom of this page. Even if you do not want your name on the prayer chain and just want a chat with myself or any of our church elders/deacons please let us know your needs. God already knows our prayers but we may need to share them on earth too. There is always someone to help. I know because I have needed that help many times myself.

May the Lord bless us all on our journey.



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Please leave a message if there is no immediate answer



Literacy: a vital lifeline enabling *women to work*

Joy Ahurra highlights the challenges of climate change, and being unable to read and write, for women in Uganda

Our Women's Adult Literacy Project (WALP) provides adult literacy in the Kyenjojo district of Western Uganda. A basic level of reading, writing, calculation, and livelihood empowerment skills are taught. The training is conducted in 12 centres with 370 women. We are so glad, this year, that six new centres were opened. With this expansion women – who turn up in big numbers – will be attending classes without walking long distances.

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I buy food from the farms in my village and resell it in the local market. I don't put in much transport costs, as I use my head to take the food to the market. With the profits I get, I use them to pay school fees for my grandchildren and we eat the surplus of the food from the market.'

The project team is comprised of seven trainers who ensure that women are trained every week in reading, writing and numeracy, both in Rutooro, (a language of Western Uganda), and English.



Mary, 32, is a seamstress. She says, 'I am so happy to have this opportunity to be



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in class again after being hopeless for so long. I believe many doors will be opened and my business will change for the best. Previously I could not communicate with customers who didn't know the local language. Meaning I would miss out on those customers, now I am able to speak with my customers and I translate in my local church from Rutooro to English.'

Every woman is visited in her home to see whether what she learns is practised in her home. During these visits, trainers offer a hand to help either in the garden or in the construction of animal houses. Women are given assessments to monitor their progress in their training.

Beatrice Banura 42, comments, 'I never went to school because my parents didn't find value in educating girls. So, I was married off at a very young age. I



work in the tea plantation now and had difficulty writing my name and signing for my salary. Since I joined WALP I am able to read and write my name with ease.'

The team continues to visit the villages through the local leaders. They meet local leaders, and other members of the community, to tell them about the literacy programme and why it's in their village. Through these meetings, more women

joined the literacy classes.

The vital importance of literacy is underlined by Carolyn Kemigisa, 25, who lost her job because she couldn't read and write. She says, 'After struggling to find a job as a cook little did I know that I would lose it because I didn't know English. I was cooking for managers in a tea plantation, but communicating with them was a problem since I didn't know English. That's how I lost my job where I was getting money to cater for my child. Now I am studying English and hope to reapply for the same job.'



As well as opportunities to learn to read and write, climate change proportionally affects women more than men. Women are significantly at a higher risk of experiencing the negative effects of climate change because of their widespread reliance on the natural environment. Climate change will threaten the livelihood of women farmers and this is particularly evident as the seasons change because women use resources around them, as they are easily accessed and cheap. The food security of their families and the communities they live in will be threatened too, which will lead to increased poverty and hunger. The vulnerability of women to climate change makes it even more important that they have literacy skills, which will help them find work and secure food for their families.

Joy Ahurra



2024		Preacher	Door Steward	Service Leader
4th February	10.30 a.m.	Grahame Baldwin	M. Wilkes	G. Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	David/Mark	Communion: End Of Service	Nigel Leeming
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
11th February	10.30 a.m.	Miles Alderson	G. Leeming	J. Greenwood
	Vestry Prayers:	Donald/Peter	Communion: Start Of Service	Janice Greenwood
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
18th February	10.30 a.m.	Phil Jump	C. I'Anson	N. Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel/Janice	Communion: End Of Service	Graham Baldwin
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
25th February	10.30 a.m.	Family Praise Led By Ashley	B. Baldwin	Family Praise Service
	Vestry Prayers:	David/Peter	Communion: Evening Service	Peter Lewis
	6.00 p.m.	EVENING SERVICE – Grahame Baldwin		
3rd March	10.30 a.m.	Cathy Browne	D. Driver	M. Lewis
	Vestry Prayers:	Donald/Janice	Communion: End Of Service	David Leeming
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
10th March	10.30 a.m.	Elizabeth	J. Greenwood	E. Lord
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel/Mark	Communion: Start Of Service	Mark Wilkes
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
17th March	10.30 a.m.	Bea Foster	A. Higgin	M. Wilkes
	Vestry Prayers:	David/Janice	Communion: End Of Service	Nigel Leeming
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
24th March	10.30 a.m.	Martin Ashby-Smith	G. Leeming	E. Wilkes
	Vestry Prayers:	Donald/Mark	Communion: End Of Service	Janice Greenwood
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
31st March	10.30 a.m.	TBC	M. Wilkes	B. Baldwin
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel/Peter	Communion: Before Breakfast	Grahame Baldwin
	6.00 p.m.	EVENING SERVICE – Janice Greenwood		

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