

The Baptist Church, Brierfield



January 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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Well here we are in 2017.

I don't know of anyone who likes the New Year, I am sure we are all filled with apprehension and doubt about the future. January 20th sees the installation of a new American President which seems to point to dramatic changes, in early spring we will probably see that BREXIT begins leading to our exit from the E U. But I am sure we all have closer problems and difficulties in mind. Jobs, finance and relatives may all be included in our worries. But I am also sure that there are things in 2017 that we are looking forward to.

In the life of the church we are also faced with many problems and changes. As you know the new preaching plan has been put together by Kath after Donald handed over the job after many years of service and I am to resign in May as Church Secretary. we are still trying to formulate plans to cover this and if you think you can help please discuss with any of the officers. We are also aware that we must strengthen the Diaconate. We need new members so think and pray about this. We also need to begin praying for guidance regarding Elders. Again a topic for prayer.

2017 is the year we must look forward to with confidence. We have a God who is there to guide us and support us. He is a God who is there to help and we need to seek His guidance. Never forget that He is in every tomorrow getting it ready today.

Please remember the work of the church in your daily prayers and also join us at the early morning prayer meeting each Sunday at 10.30 a.m. We also have a time of prayer at every Bible study. to which you are welcome. Church Members and friends of the church are reminded there is an important church meeting on the 14th March at 7.30 p.m.

I think it is my duty to thank all we helped with the Christmas celebrations. The Lunch went off well and thanks to helped organise this and those who worked so hard on the day.

We must also thank those who spent time preparing messages at the various services and those who took part. We were well supported in the music department and our thanks go to them.

And finally thanks to all who supported the events and we hope the services helped to make Christmas 2016 a blessed time.

It was especially nice to see Carol and Victor Watson with us from Blackpool.

Preachers Plan

The new list of preachers for 2017 are now available. Thanks to Kath for putting this together. If you know of any preachers, please pass their names and addresses to Kath.

Coffee Rota

There will be no coffee onunless we get some volunteers the Rota is on the notice board in the primary please complete the dates.

Dates For Your Diary

10th January	10.00am	Brierfield Churches	32 Reedley Road
10th January	7:30pm	Bible Study	Church Lounge
16th January	10:30am	Bible Study	Primary Room
11th January	7:30pm	In-Between Group	Primary Room
23rd January	7:00pm	Cluster Group Brierfield	
24th January	7:30pm	Bible Study	Church Lounge
30th January	10:30am	Bible Study	Primary Room
25th January	7:30pm	Day of Prayer	Methodist Church
7th February	7:30pm	Bible Study	Church Lounge
13th February	10:30am	Bible Study	Primary Room
21st February	7:30pm	Bible Study	Church Lounge
27th February	10:30am	Bible Study	Primary Room
27th February	7:30pm	Officers Meeting	Church Lounge

In-between group

The annual meeting is on the 11th January at 7.30 p.m. We would welcome past members and new members to come along with some bright Ideas. There will be a short meeting followed by a light supper.

Heating

We were very pleased that the repair on the boiler was completed in early December and so far it seems to be working well. The Plumber who we employed is preaching in early February so make sure you thank him.

Day of Prayer

This is organised by the Brierfield Churches and we are holding a get together for prayer and worship on Wednesday 25th January. It will be at the Methodist Church at 7.30 p.m. and will be led by the Methodist minister. Please show your support.

Natalie

We were all so pleased to meet Natalie, Mary and Bill Ball's granddaughter who was doing missionary work in India. We have just heard that she has met a young man who does similar work and they are planning to marry in the new year. I know Mary will keep us up to date, in the mean time we pray Gods' blessing on their relationship.

Bible Studies

These begin again on Tuesdays the 10th 24th January and the 7th and 21st February. The Monday Bible studies are on the 16th and 30th January and the 13th and 27th February. The Tuesday meeting is at 7.30p.m. and the Monday meeting at 10.30 a.m. Please do Join us.

Prayer Matters:

It is New Year. A new year is often seen as a time of renewed hope, and renewed intentions to be better people than we have been in the past. How sad that we are often inadequate to maintain our New Year resolutions. But I mentioned hope. And hope is the one thing that is constant, if our hope is in the Lord Jesus, for His promises and His intentions towards us never fail.



So as we enter this New Year, let us put our hands into the hand of Jesus, and allow Him to lead us, allow Him to guide us in all things. He has promised to lead us, to watch over us, and to be with us at all times. Who knows what this year will bring forth? There will doubtless be times of blessing, but as always in this world, they are peppered with troubles. Whatever happens in this year, let us keep our eyes on Jesus, knowing that our times are indeed in His hands, and that those everlasting arms are ready to bear us up when all else fails. Trust in the Lord this year, and you won't go far wrong!

Let's pray that

- In this year peace will be restored to the many troubled parts of the world.
- Our freedom to worship in our own way will be maintained.

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
1st January	10.30am	Donald Leeming	S. Dunham	G. Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>David Leeming</i>	<i>P. l'Anson</i>	
	6.00pm	No Evening Service		
8th January	10.30am	Rev. Geoff Hartley	C. Leeming	N. Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Donald Leeming</i>	<i>Philip Rowland</i>	
	6.00pm	Philip Rowland		
15th January	10.30am	Kath Rowland	G. Leeming	M. Lewis
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>David Leeming</i>	<i>N. Leeming</i>	
	6.00pm	David Livermore		
22nd January	10.30am	Earnest Gorton	P. Lewis	B. Baldwin
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Donald Leeming</i>	<i>P. l'Anson</i>	
	6.00pm	Gerald Norcross		
29th January	10.30am	George Kendal	R. Bolton	C. l'Anson
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>David Leeming</i>	<i>P. Rowland</i>	
	6.00pm	Colin Scholes		
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		