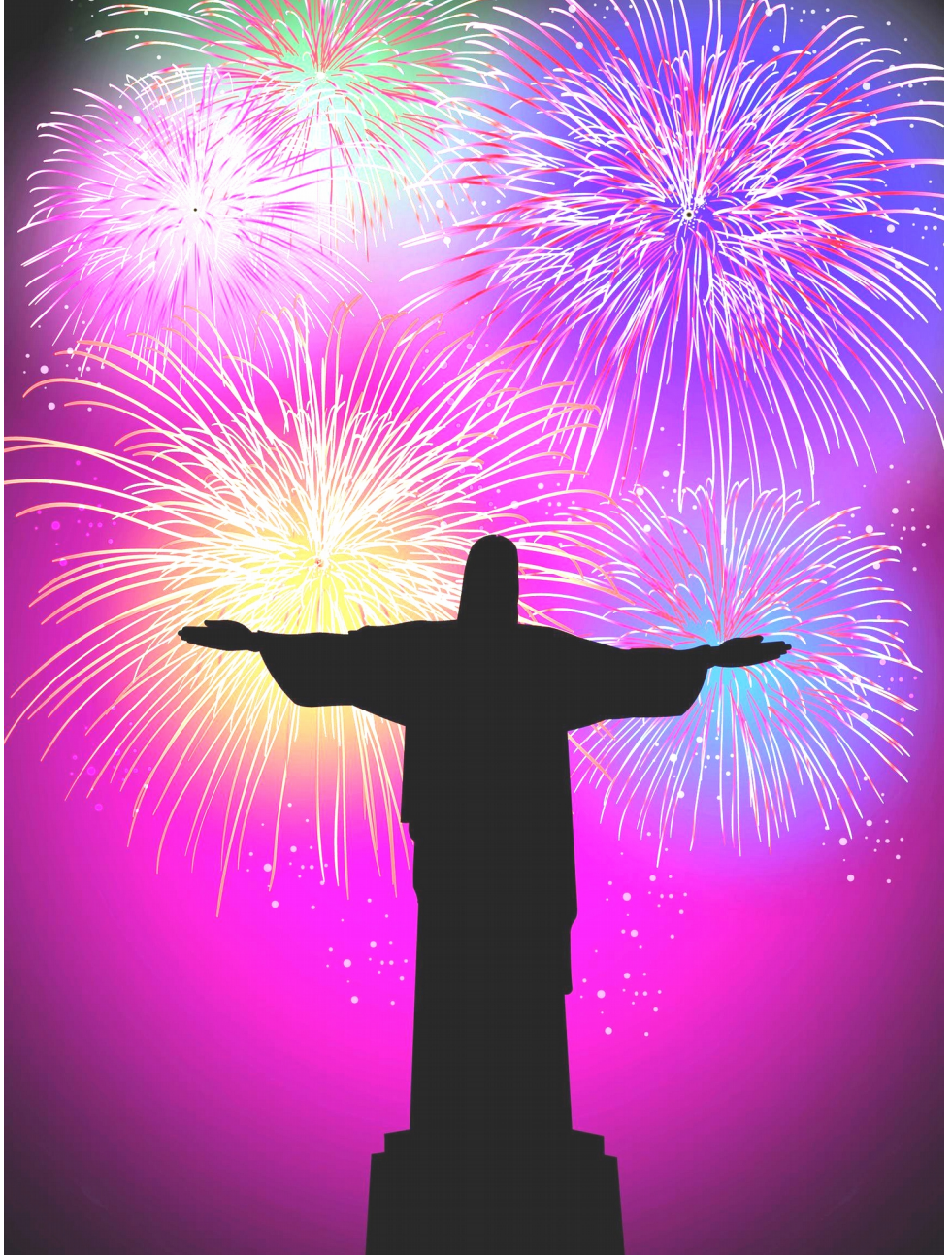




The Baptist Church,
Brierfield



January 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

Guides - Contact Janice Greenwood for more details on 01282 605594

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



An Everlasting Love

A short message by Donald Leeming

I have loved and everlasting love – Jeremiah 31 v 3.

This was the text on my calendar on New Years Day. Clearly the new year speaks to us of change. Life may go on but it brings many changes. I can look back to my early days and the world is different in every way. I can't help but endorse the words of the hymn writer who change and decay in all around I see.

Yet there are things that do not change, and one of these is the love of God. It is true we love Him because He first loved us. We only look back over the past year and we can see He has never failed us. In all of lives difficulties and frustrations and trials He has been there. He has never changed and He has always provided for us, kept us and His guiding and protective hand has been there. He has been our shade upon our left hand and right, and the pillar of fire has guided us by night and the pillar of cloud by day.

I have loved thee with an everlasting love and the assurance of His love can enable us to face the future with confidence, assurance and courage.

John Fawcett hymns have long been of fashion, in one he writes:

*"He who has kept me hitherto
will keep me all my journey throughout
and give me daily cause to raise
new Ebenezers to His praise."*

Perhaps you are not sure and certain of His love. Why not try it? Why not seek to walk this new year with Jesus Christ.

If we really trust Him that everlasting love will be yours as well as mine. With Him there is no fear, no uncertainty and no problem to face but that He will be with us.

Why not try it? - A happy New Year.

It is with sadness that we record the death of Mrs Marie Smith on the 9th December.

Marie had been brought up attending the church and had been a member of the Guide company in her youth. In the late 1930s' she was working in a wallpaper shop and next door was a gents outfitter for which a young man called Kenneth Smith was working. Love blossomed and they were married in 1940. They had three girls Barbara, Pat and Christine, and their connections to the church grew. Soon both Ken and Marie were very active in the ladies and mens classes and they were both Baptised on the 26th March 1954. Ken became a deacon and was well supported by Marie. After Ken died Marie kept her interest in every part of the church and showed great interest even when she was unable to come to church because she was not able to go out. Marie was a faithful servant of the Lord. Supporting the work of the church and witnessing to the difference He made in her life. We thank God for every remembrance of her and assure her family of our prayerful support at this sad time. We rejoice that she has been called to higher service.

Announcements

Dates for Diary January 2019

Sunday 6th	Re-dedication Service – to be taken by Elders
Monday 7th	Re-start of uniformed groups Rainbows and Brownies 6.15 p.m. and Guides at 7.15 p.m.
Tuesday 8th	10.00 a.m. Brierfield Churches Meeting at 32 Reedley Road
Tuesday 8th	7.30 p.m. - Bible Study – re-start – <i>see separate item for dates in February.</i>
Monday 14th	10.30 a.m. – Bible Study
Wednesday 16th	7.30 p.m. – In Betweens A.G.M. + Supper
Friday 18th	7.45 p.m.- 9.15 p.m. - J.A.M. Club (Jesus and Me) for Year 6 and above
Tuesday 22nd	7.30 p.m. - Bible Study
Wednesday 23rd	7.30 p.m. – World Day of Prayer Meeting at our Church together with the other Brierfield Churches – to be held in the Primary/Church Lounge
Monday 28th	10.30 a.m. – Bible Study

Heating: If anyone requires heating for mid week activities could they please ensure the times are on the calendar in the kitchen (next to the gas oven) Thanks

Lift: Work is to start on the lift in late January. We need to clear out the room at the top of the stairs prior to this work. Could I urge everyone to help with this work.

We intend to meet on 17th January to move most of these items at 7.30 pm. I look forward to seeing you then, Nigel

Kath would say **thank you** to all those who helped make her 70th Birthday special. She was especially pleased with the number of cards she received.

Who's Who: We need more stories for the who's who section. This is a small amount of information about yourself and what you do for the church. If you would like to tell your story, please see Kathryn or email newsletter@brierfieldbaptistchurch.org.uk for more details.

Puzzle Page

God Is ... by Bill Brinkworth



Words to Find:

eternal

faithful

good

gracious

infinite

immutable

just

light

love

merciful

omnipotent

omnipresent

one

righteous

selfexistent

selfsufficient

sovereign

spirit

true

wise

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

Prayer Matters

King George 6th famously said that there was a man standing at the gate of the year in his 1939 Christmas broadcast. We are entering through the gate of a new year, and we don't know what it will hold for us. But what we do know is that Jesus is not only at that Gate, but will walk with us through that year.

None of us knows what 2019 holds for us as individuals. Nor do any of us really know what new political shape the country will assume in the future. But what we do know is that God, who raises up and puts down nations and governments, is in overall charge. We may not see what He is doing. We may not understand how He is working out things to fulfil His purposes.

But what we do know is that throughout the Bible God has been with His people. And Jesus has left us with His promise that He will be with us always, even to the end of the age. And that promise still stands!

This month let's pray:

- For ourselves, that God will be manifestly with us each in the year to come.
- For our country, the Government and its people in the run-up to the proposed Brexit date, that God will be with us as a nation.

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

My name is Kathryn Hughes (nee Lawrence).

I was born in Rawtenstall and our family moved to Brierfield when I was seven. We lived on the street behind Brierfield Baptist Church and Mr Horsfield, who was the church elder at that time, invited myself and three brothers to the Sunday school Christmas party. As the family increased to nine children we moved to a larger house but we were always involved in the Sunday school, Christian Endeavour, Brownies, Guides and Cubs. Sunday school day trips to the seaside were our only holidays for years. We also made up a large part of the cast in the annual pantomimes and church nativity plays.

I was baptised in 1968 after becoming aware of the need to make a commitment to my faith. Donald and his father were true mentors and that act of witness was a turning point in my life. Since then I have been a Brownie leader, a Junior Christian Endeavour representative and Sunday school teacher.

Eric and I were married (by Donald) in the Chapel in 1972 and we have three daughters who were also encouraged to attend church, Sunday school, Brownies and Guides.

My working life has been spent teaching young children in nurseries and schools although for seven years before I retired I was an Attendance Officer at Colne Primet High school. Now, with our daughters, their partners and six grandchildren, we are kept busier than ever and still get a lot of pleasure entertaining them and other children in our extended family.

The Bible text which was given to me as a teenager and has stayed with me throughout my Christian life is from Paul's letter to the Romans

"If God is for us, who can be against us"

Romans chapter 8 verse 31

My favourite hymn is:

"O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder consider all the works Thy hand hath made"

Such a glorious hymn of praise and an uplifting chorus

"How great Thou art. How great Thou art"



		Preacher	Door Steward	Morning Service Leader
6th January	10.30 am	The Elders – Re-dedication Service	D. Driver	R. Hartley
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Nigel Leeming / Janice Greenwood</i>		
	6.00 pm	Kath Rowland		
13th January	10.30 am	John Fisher	E. Wilkes	K. Rowland
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Donald Leeming / Peter I'Anson</i>		
	6.00 pm	Tim Doggart		
20th January	10.30 am	Geoff Hartley	R. Bolton	N. Leeming
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>David Leeming / Kath Rowland</i>		
	6.00 pm	David Livermore		
27th January	10.30 am	Howard Ellison	G. Leeming	B. Driver
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Philip Rowland / Janice Greenwood</i>		
	6.00 pm	Geoff Hartley		
3rd February	10.30 am	Colin Scholes	J. Greenwood	M. Lewis
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Nigel Leeming / Peter I'Anson</i>		
	6.00 pm	Philip Rowland		
10th February	10.30 am	John Caddy	C. Leeming	R. Rigby
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Donald Leeming / Kath Rowland</i>		
	6.00 pm	Howard Ellison		
17th February	10.30 am	Ernest Gorton	S. Dunham	G. Leeming
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>David Leeming / Janice Greenwood</i>		
	6.00 pm	Chris Cheeseman		
24th February	10.30 am	Gerald Norcross	C. I'Anson	G. Fogg
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Philip Rowland / Peter I'Anson</i>		
	6.00 pm	Kevin Hartley		