



The Baptist Church,
Brierfield

January 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



All, all is well

(A short message by Donald Leeming)

Philippians 3 v 13-14 – Forgetting what is behind and straining to what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

We are facing a New Year and we know not what its days and months might bring. For all of us to some extent the last year has been difficult; in the life of the nation, the Church and in our own personal lives. Now Paul writes to the Philippians about forgiving the past, after all it is seldom possible to put past things right, and Paul's advice is to forget (perhaps learn the lessons) but to move on, forward press towards the goal – seeing Jesus and with Him we can have a bright future.

In many respects the same problems have to be faced in the Church, in our nation and in our personal lives. This may involve the pain that does not go away, the heartache which has to be endured or the prayer that does not seem to be answered. But by looking to Jesus, letting Him deal with the situations we can take courage and experience new hope and confidently affirm “our lives are in His hand.”

Those to whom Paul wrote were not having an easy time. Family and friends were trying to win them back to the Jewish faith. The religious authorities hated Jesus Christ and those who followed Him. The national leaders were doing all they could to stamp out the Christian Faith.

None of these things were to bother first century Christians. They had Jesus and went forward with Him. We too can trust Him and in Him all will be well.

*Through the love of Christ our Saviour, all will be well.
Free and changeless is His favour, and all is well.
Precious is the blood that saved us,
precious is the grace that keeps us,
strong the hand stretched out to save us. All must be well.*

*Though we pass through tribulation all will be well.
Ours is such a full salvation, all, all is well.
Happy still in God confiding.
Peaceful, if in Christ abiding.
Holy through the spirit guiding, all, all is well.*

*We expect a bright tomorrow, all, all is well.
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, all, all is well.
On our Father's love relying,
Jesus every need supplying.
Or in living, or in dying, all, all is well.*

Donald

Ron Bolton

It is with great sadness that we have to record the death of Ron Bolton. Ron came to us after Immanuel Church in Burnley closed. Dorothy came first then Beverly and then Ron. He supported the work of the Church in every way possible. We all have very happy memories of Ron especially when he was at the In-between gatherings. He will be sadly missed and we have one more empty seat each Sunday. To Beverly and Christine we offer our sympathy and assure them and the family our prayerful support.

Bible Studies/Prayer Meetings

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

January 2023	10th & 24 th
February	7th & 21st
March	7th


Re-Dedication Service - Sunday 1st January, 2023 - 10.30 a.m.

This service of Re-Dedication will be led by Nigel. This is a special day when all members should be present if at all possible.

Warm Room – Thursday 5th January

then Thursday's each week - We are continuing with our "Warm Room", which operates each Thursday evening from 6.30 - 8.00 p.m. serving Tea/Coffee & Biscuits. Volunteers are required each week, and if you can help please speak to Janice as soon as possible.

Afternoon of Prayer – Sunday 8th January, 1pm to 6pm



**Sunday Afternoon
of Prayer**

8th January 2023

Please book a time slot – See Nigel

**To conclude at 6 pm with a
short service in Chapel**

Brierfield Baptist Church 2023

Puzzles

Can you find the 26 Books of the bible hidden in the below letter ?

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Bible is a remarkable book. Within this letter there are 26 books of the Bible hidden. Can you find them all? Have a go at it using a pen or pencil highlight the ones you find.

The Bible was written by God, using many authors from all sorts of backgrounds, having many different jobs. God tells us the story of his nation Israel and His son, Jesus Christ, making sure it has been preserved for us through the ages for us to read today.

The Bible outlines the right way to lead our lives, as well as containing many historical accounts. Moses led Israel through the Red Sea, at the battle of Jericho trumpeters marched round the walls for seven days, Judea saw great wars and captivity, Abishag gained David as a husband, the Pharisees would act superior to everyone else, perhaps almsgiving for example, but Jesus kept giving them a most stern rebuke. Jesus also performed many miracles, after receiving the Holy Spirit upon his baptismal achievement, with his first miracle being turning the water into wine for the groom at the wedding, maybe it was a nice Spanish Rioja? Mesopotamia was an important region in Biblical history, with Ur and Babylon in that area, as was Sudan I elsewhere read.

When studying the Bible it is helpful to look out for any Bible echo. Search for them whenever you read as you will see some fascinating things, particularly when reading the letters to the various churches, or ecclesias. Testing what you hear against the Bible is also very important to show if it is true, for example if someone suggests Jesus was born in Suez rather than Bethlehem, you would use the Bible to check its accuracy. The same applies if you think Paul ate locusts, David played a banjo eloquently for Saul, Barnabas went on missionary work to Dijon, a horse carried Jesus into Jerusalem or Lazarus died of swine flu, keep going back to the Bible as you can learn a lot from answers to your questions. There is no need to put being academic ahead of everything else though as Jesus said it is most important to love one another, in a humble spirit. Jesus gave his life for us and when we are in a spiritual rut, his love will give us the comfort we need.

Sincerely, the Rev. E. Lation

N	A	L	W	O	A	K	Y	U	W	T
S	<p>Here's a super fun Bible word game!</p> <p>We've hidden a verse from Proverbs in this shape.</p> <p>To find it, you'll need to start at the correct letter and then read every second letter, going in a clockwise direction.</p> <p>How long will it take you to uncover the wisdom of this proverb?</p>									R
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Can you solve the below anagrams, they are all biblical characters ?

O! MESS!

HAZE HIKE

POSE HJ

HE CON

I MOAN

JAIL, EH?

ENHANCE BUZZARD

HA, NO !

A LUSH THEME

NO MASS

Uncover some of the wisdom from the books of Ecclesiastes by carefully following the instructions below, are you wise enough to solve this on your first attempt?

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Truth	The	Wise	End	Foolish	Of
2	A	People	Matter	Lesson	Meaningless	Is
3	Numbers	Better	Than	Acts	Its	World
4	Beginning	Gift	Kingdom	And	Wrongdoer	Patience
5	Lies	Is	Certain	Will	Better	Job
6	Than	Knowing	Property	Pride	Celebrate	Saint

Cross out all the words in columns A and F that have 5 letters

Cross Out all the words in the table that rhyme with eyes

Cross out all the words that are books of the bible

Cross out all the words in row 2 that have more than 2 vowels

Cross out all the words in column D that have double letters

Cross out all the words in row 4 that have all the letters in GOD

Cross out all 7 letter words

Cross out all the words in column B that end in T

Cross out all the words in row 6 that have 3 syllables

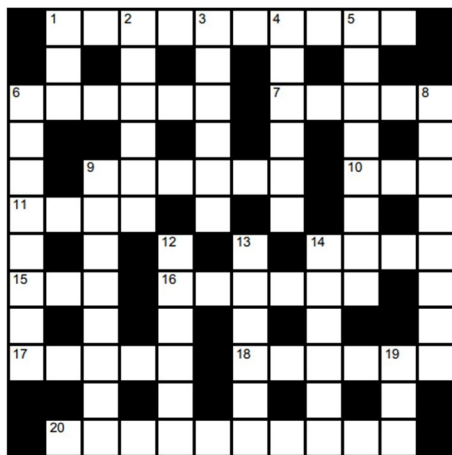
QUICK BIBLE CROSSWORD I

Across

- 1 Remorse (10)
- 6 Consecrate (6)
- 7 Break a Commandment (5)
- 9 Make a hole (6)
- 10 Pot (3)
- 11 What Ai became (4)
- 14 This initially watered the earth (4)
- 15 Samuel's mentor (3)
- 16 Small river (6)
- 17 Mount that Moses climbed (5)
- 18 Prophet in David's time (6)
- 20 Biblical garden (10)

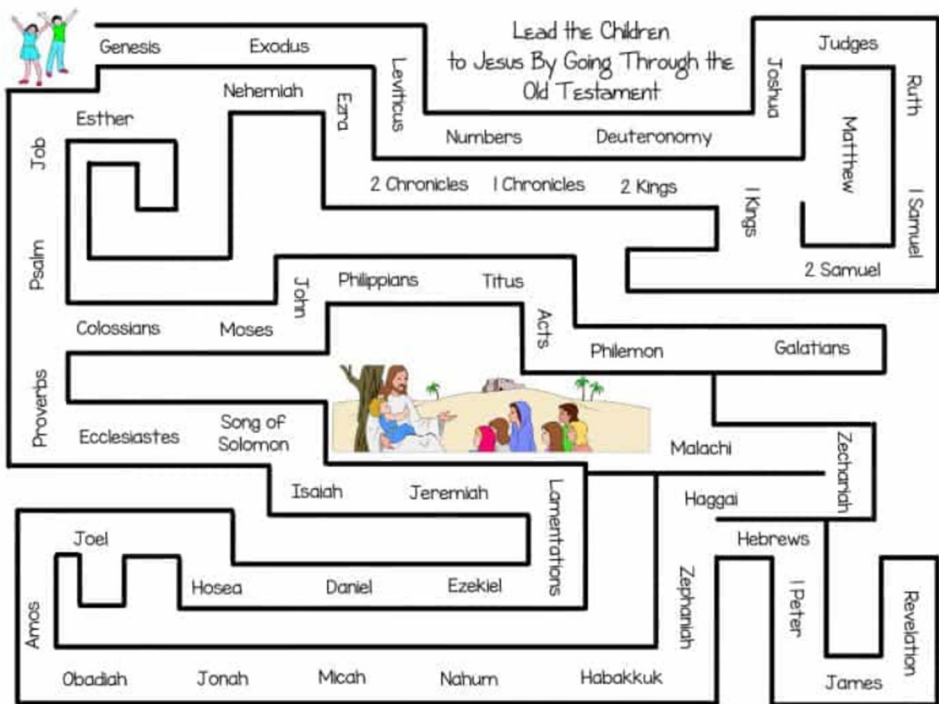
Down

- 1 Take flight (3)
- 2 One of the twelve (6)
- 3 All living things (6)
- 4 Response (6)
- 5 Guardians of Eden (8)
- 6 The father of Levi (8)
- 8 Grow (8)
- 9 Forbearance (8)
- 12 Second longest book (6)
- 13 Statue metal (6)
- 14 Sister of Lazarus and Mary (6)
- 19 Wood splitter (3)



by Philologus

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Evening Service – Sunday 8th January, 6pm

This follows on from the Afternoon of Prayer - future evening service dates are being planned and will be announced and also put in February Newsletter.

Rainbows & Brownies

Re-start on Monday 9th of January at 6.15 p.m.

Fellowship Group – Wednesday 11th January

Will be holding their AGM at 7.30 p.m.

Officers Meeting – Thursday 12th January, 7:30pm

in the church lounge. Please put in your diaries or phones.

World Day of Prayer – Thursday 19th January, 7:30pm

Brierfield Churches World Day of Prayer at our church and we will be leading this service.

Church Secretary

Angela has escaped from being Secretary. We have appreciated all the time and effort she has put into the position. She took on the job willingly and has carried out her duties to the full. She has kept the Elders and Deacons in order and helped us through the challenging time of Covid. A great big thanks

Our new secretary is Mark Wilkes, alright he comes from the South, but we will let him off that and we welcome him to this job serving the Lord. Already he has issued instructions to the officers for the next 12 months so we welcome Mark and assure him of our support. **DAVID**

*I know you will give Mark as much support as I have received, over the past three and a half years. My thanks go to everybody - and especially to David. **ANGELA***

Stamps & Collectables

The last shipment was sent off to BMS mid December. I can now inform everybody that we will now be supporting Pendleside Hospice with our used stamps, so please continue to bring your stamps and collectables as before as we start to support another worthwhile organisation, this time in our local area. Thank-You. **ANGELA**

Christmas Services, Events and Lunch

Thank you to all who attended, those who helped with the organisation of any event/services and also to those for providing the food which we all enjoyed. **THANK YOU.**

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

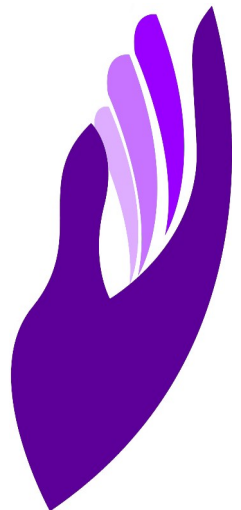
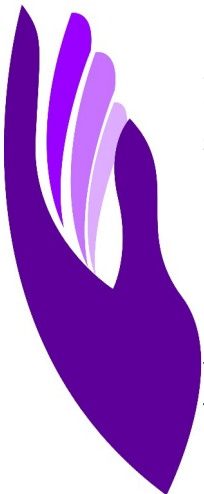
- That in this New Year, we will find time to read and study His word more eagerly than perhaps we have before.
- And that we will listen and obey as He speaks to us through it, through the Living Word made Flesh, Jesus the Lord.

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:

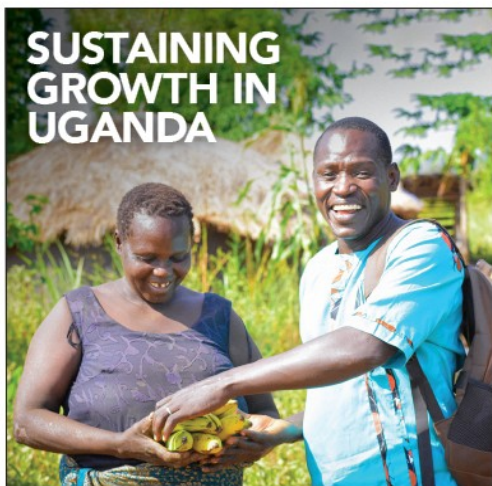
Email: philip.rowland@virginmedia.com

- 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.



SUSTAINING GROWTH IN UGANDA



Esther – and her banana plants – are so thankful for your support!

“The land is tired and less fertile. I think we need to learn new methods of farming.”

Esther is 59 years old. She’s widowed and relies on farming to provide for the seven children in her care. She often worries about missing the right window for planting her crops as she has to till all her land by hand, using a hoe to open up the soil. It’s backbreaking work. And changes in weather resulting from climate change are making things harder than ever.

“There are more dry spells these days, and flooding in the rainy season compared to the past when rain was well distributed throughout the year,” says Esther. Things are tough, but thanks to your support, Esther is working with BMS worker Genesis Acaye so she can produce a bountiful harvest.

Since participating in a BMS-supported agroforestry project in 2016, Esther’s planted rice, groundnuts, cassava and banana. She’s especially proud of her banana garden, and is still using her banana plants to feed her family and support them financially. She’s also been able to sell the fruits and plant

offshoots to other farmers who want to grow bananas. She’s noticed lots more people becoming interested after seeing how a banana garden can be managed sustainably year on year and welcomes regular visitors who want to learn about growing and managing their own garden.

“Every week, I get money from the sale of bananas from my garden and this has helped a lot in feeding, farming and paying school fees, medical bills and others,” she says. “I thank UK Christians for their support. It has been a great help to us and may the Lord bless you.”



If you want to help more farmers like Esther, why not check out the BMS Carbon Calculator and offset your carbon to support BMS creation stewardship projects: www.bmsworldmission.org/carboncalculator

2023		Preacher	Door Steward	Morning Service Leader
1st January	10.30 a.m.	Elders	D. Driver	G. Fogg
	Vestry Prayers:	David/Kath		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
8th January	10.30 a.m.	John Caddy	S. Dunham	S. Greaves
	Vestry Prayers:	Donald/Peter		
	6.00 p.m.	EVENING SERVICE & COMMUNION		
15th January	10.30 a.m.	Howard Ellison	J. Greenwood	G. Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel/Janice		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
22nd January	10.30 a.m.	Geoff Hartley	A. Higgin	J. Greenwood
	Vestry Prayers:	Philip/Mark		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
29th January	10.30 a.m.	Martin Ashby-Smith	C. Leeming	N. Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	David/Peter		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
5th February	10.30 a.m.	Graham Baldwin	G. Leeming	M. Lewis
	Vestry Prayers:	Donald/Janice		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
12th February	10.30 a.m.	Colin Scholes	E. Wilkes	E. Lord
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel/Mark		
	6.00 p.m.	EVENING SERVICE & COMMUNION		
19th February	10.30 a.m.	Mark Heaton	B. Baldwin	K. Rowland
	Vestry Prayers:	Phillip/Kath		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
26th February		Ruth Brierley	D. Driver	E. Wilkes
		David/Peter		
		NO EVENING SERVICE		

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