



The Baptist Church,  
Brierfield

July & August 2022



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

***Please do join us.***

## Sunday Services

We have limited capacity in church with Social Distancing and masks are mandatory for anyone inside the building. The services start at 10:30 am and are also being 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)*



# Hello God!

*(A short message by Nigel Leeming)*

You are doubt familiar with the 1990's UK TV sitcom the vicar of Dibley featuring a woman vicar played by Dawn French.

The sitcom was originally very loosely based on, the life of one of the first women vicars – Joy Carroll Wallis. In a recent podcast I heard a story about when she was an Anglican priest in London.

One of the congregation members was a very godly eighty-seven-year-old woman, called Flory, who underwent a serious operation. Flory had been told that her prospects for coming round from her operation were very slim.

Thankfully, she survived the surgery. As she opened her eyes, one of the first things she saw was the blurred image of her doctor, dressed in his white jacket.

She smiled and said, 'Hello God! I'm Flory Shore.'

Joy commented that this demonstrated two things;

- First, it showed Flory's humility. She did not expect God to know who she was.
- Second, it showed her absolute certainty about the resurrection and where she was going.

Her certainty about the resurrection was based on the cornerstone of Christianity: the resurrection of Jesus Christ on the first Easter day. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead now lives in you through the Holy Spirit

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Ephesians 1:18-23

Thank God that God knows and cares for each one of us.

Thank God, that for those who have given their lives to God, we too will be raised and be able to say, 'Hello God!'

*Nigel*

## Bible Studies/Prayer Meetings

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

July	5 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup>
SUMMER BREAK IN AUGUST	

## YOUTH WORK

**Rainbows & Brownies** *Monday's 6.15 - 7.15 p.m*

Rainbows and Brownies meet on Monday 4th and 11th July, and the 18th will be their last meeting before the summer break. Re-start date will be announced in the Notices and the September newsletter.

### **J.A.M. Club**

JAM Club meet on Friday 8th July when a trip is planned if sufficient numbers are interested - names by 1st July please.

## Fellowship Group

A Bowling Night at Alkincoat Park in Colne is planned for the 20th July. Starting at 7.00 p.m. If you wish to attend please give your name to David/Glenys as soon as possible. All adult members of the congregation are welcome. Donations for Bowling Club gratefully received. There is also a bus trip planned for the 20th August with a meal to follow. More details will be announced in the Notices nearer the time.

## Evening Services

**There will be no evening services in July or August.**

**Officers Meeting - 4th August at 7.30 p.m.**

## Flower List

Spaces still available please check the list, or ask Glenys if you are not currently attending chapel.

## Christian Aid Week

I am pleased to announce that £70 was raised for Christian Aid in May by our congregation

## Job Vacancy – *Church Secretary*

Angela will be standing down on the 31st December, 2022. Please think and pray about coming forward over the next months. The position can only be held by a Church Member, if you need to ask questions please don't hesitate to ask either Angela or David.

## Stamps & Collectables - (from BMS)

We are very grateful to the many people who have kindly saved and donated used stamps and other collectables over many years, the proceeds from which have gone towards the work of Home Mission for Baptists Together, and BMS World Mission.

With a growing number of difficulties around logistics and storage, BMS World Mission and Baptists Together have decided to close their Stamp Bureaux, with 2022 being the final year to accept further donations. We recognise that for so many of our members and supporters this has been an important part of your contributions to both organisations and we remain thankful to you.

There are a number of charities which still collect stamps and the following website gives details of a number of them, which may be helpful to anyone still wishing to donate used stamps:

[https://www.reducereuserecycle.co.uk/where\\_can\\_i\\_recycle/used\\_postage\\_stamps.php](https://www.reducereuserecycle.co.uk/where_can_i_recycle/used_postage_stamps.php)

If you have any queries about this please do not hesitate to contact Pam Fitzgerald, Resources Administrator at BMS by email at [supporterservices@bmsworldmission.org](mailto:supporterservices@bmsworldmission.org), or Angie Bryant, PA to the General Secretary at Baptists Together by email at [abryant@baptist.org.uk](mailto:abryant@baptist.org.uk).

Thank you so much, once again, for all your donations and support.

# Prayer Matters

It is summertime. A time when we traditionally rest, and some of us take our holidays. A time when we can set aside all the business of normal life and relax. Children have exams behind them, and look forward to a few weeks without having to go to school.

Being a Southerner, the school holiday coincided with many harvests, in which families, even from London, were involved in some way then. And I can remember school friends going with their families to camp out and gather in the hop harvest amongst other things. Normal work may have eased, but employment was still necessary for the adults.

And what of us in this season? What are we doing? Is there a harvest we should be gathering? Perhaps this summer we can catch up on our quiet times, possibly read a good Christian book, but definitely find a moment longer to read the Bible and pray and get into that habit which will produce a harvest for our souls. The Word of God feeds us spiritually. As we read over it and meditate on it, through the Holy Spirit we digest it in a way that gives us a spiritual harvest that will sustain us through the rest of our lives. It teaches us not only of God, but guides us in the way we live our lives.

## Let's pray

- That God will open His Word to us as we read and meditate on it, so that it will nourish our souls.
- That we may recapture the routine of praying to our Heavenly Father day by day in a fresh and meaningful way.

## Please continue to pray for:

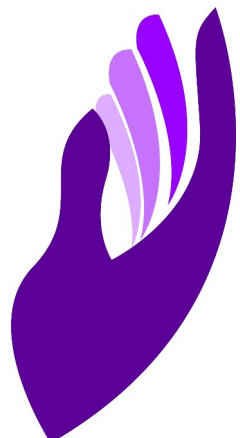
- The young people in our church, and all those who work with them in His Name.

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](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.





## DREAMS FROM GHUSEL

You can help people in the Nepali village of Ghusel transform their futures this harvest season.

Photo: © Clive Thomas for BMS World Mission

**Nestled in the heart of the Nepalese Himalayas, the village of Ghusel looks picture perfect from above.** But speak to the people who live there, and you'll soon learn how hard life can be in rural Nepal. Over the past few years, people have had to cope with disaster after disaster, from terrible earthquakes to the threat of Covid-19. But that's not the end of their story.

The people of Ghusel have dreams. They dream of better education for their children, of better training to take care of their livestock, of better health and access to clean water. And you can help them realise their dreams when you save a date to run a harvest service in your church.

Our 2022 harvest appeal, *Good Land*, is all about enabling the people of Ghusel to work together to improve their own community. And we know they can do it – it's a model we've already seen bear fruit. Back in 2020, your support made it possible for people in the nearby village

of Ikudol to do the exact same thing. When the project first began, education levels in Ikudol were low, people struggled to raise enough livestock to support their families and clean water was difficult to find. But now, Ikudol is thriving. The villagers have worked together to help get training for their teachers and farmers, to get clean drinking water to over 200 people and so much more.

Could you help people in Ghusel transform their village? Put a date in your diary now to run a *Good Land* service in your church and make a huge difference to people in Nepal this harvest.

The *Good Land* feature video is out now! Head to [bit.ly/GoodLandWN](https://bit.ly/GoodLandWN) to watch it and download it to share with your church.

		Preacher	Door Steward	Morning Service Leader
3rd July	10.30 a.m.	Geoff Jackson	B. Baldwin	J.Greenwood
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel/Kath		
	6.00 p.m.	<b>NO EVENING SERVICE</b>		
10th July	10.30 a.m.	Ruth Brierley	R. Bolton	S. Greaves
	Vestry Prayers:	Philip/Mark		
	6.00 p.m.	<b>NO EVENING SERVICE</b>		
17th July	10.30 a.m.	John Prior	D. Driver	G. Fogg
	Vestry Prayers:	David/Peter		
	6.00 p.m.	<b>NO EVENING SERVICE</b>		
24th July	10.30 a.m.	Bea Foster.	S. Dunham	D. Driver
	Vestry Prayers:	Donald/Janice		
	6.00 p.m.	<b>NO EVENING SERVICE</b>		
31st July	10.30 a.m.	Gerald Norcross	J. Greenwood	B. Baldwin
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel/Kath		
	6.00 p.m.	<b>NO EVENING SERVICE</b>		
7th August	10.30 a.m.	Nigel Leeming	A. Higgin	G. Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	Philip/Kath		
	6.00 p.m.	<b>NO EVENING SERVICE</b>		
14th August	10.30 a.m.	Philip Rowland	C. Leeming	N. Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	David/Peter		
	6.00 p.m.	<b>NO EVENING SERVICE</b>		
21st August	10.30 a.m.	Kevin Wilding	G. Leeming	M. Lewis
	Vestry Prayers:	Donald/Mark		
	6.00 p.m.	<b>NO EVENING SERVICE</b>		
28th August	10.30 a.m.	Stephen Wells	E. Wilkes	E. Lord
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel/Janice		
	6.00 p.m.	<b>NO EVENING SERVICE</b>		
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