



The Baptist Church,  
Brierfield

July & August 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 l'Anson, or by email to [newsletter@brierfieldbaptistchurch.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@brierfieldbaptistchurch.org.uk)*



# Shields of Faith

*(A short message by Nigel Leeming)*

In Wellington's army soldiers used a square formation when faced with Calvary. They formed four sides with baronets fixed and usually two rows of soldiers with the guns facing out and the front ranks wedging their musket and rifle butts into the ground. When working together this formation gave an impenetrable barrier to the horse-mounted enemy. Behind the muskets was a refuge for the injured and weary soldier.

The Viking faced their enemy with a shield wall. Shields interlocked relying on the person on their right-hand side to cut down the person in front of them. The Romans too followed similar tactics and developed their short sword for such battles. This is what Paul was writing about to the Ephesians 6

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. <sup>13</sup> Therefore put on the full Armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. <sup>14</sup> Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, <sup>15</sup> and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

<sup>18</sup> And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

These past few weeks we feel as a fellowship to have been under attack. There are still matters to resolve and we pray for the Lord's guidance in these and hopefully all, matters. But let's interlock our shields of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

*Nigel*

# Items of Interest & Dates for your Diary

## Bible Studies/Prayer Meetings

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

July	11th - Last for Summer
August	No Bible Studies
September	Dates in September Newsletter

## Rainbows & Brownies

Will meet on the 3rd, 10th, 17th.

Then break for Summer Holidays returning on the 11th September.

## Church Meeting

Early notice of the next Church Meeting which will be held on 4th July starting at 7:30pm.

## Fellowship Group

Meet on Wednesday 19th July at 7.00 p.m. at the Prairie for Crazy Golf, then on Saturday 12th August with a visit to Kettlewell and the Scarecrow Festival, followed by Fish & Chip Tea in Skipton, If you wish to join us, names to Bernice as soon as possible.

## Evening Services

There will not be an evening service in July or August, the next will be held on the 10th September, Leader TBC.

## Door Stewards & Service Leaders

We are still looking for people to be Door Stewards & Service Leaders to support these two important activities here in the church. If you would be able to help with either or both, please contact Mark for more details.

# Puzzles



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WEAR  
WORRY

Do Not Worry (Bird & Lilies) Matthew 6:24-33 NIV

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

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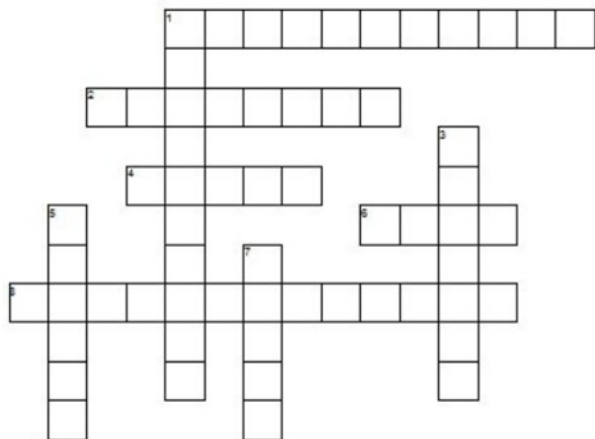
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## Beatitudes



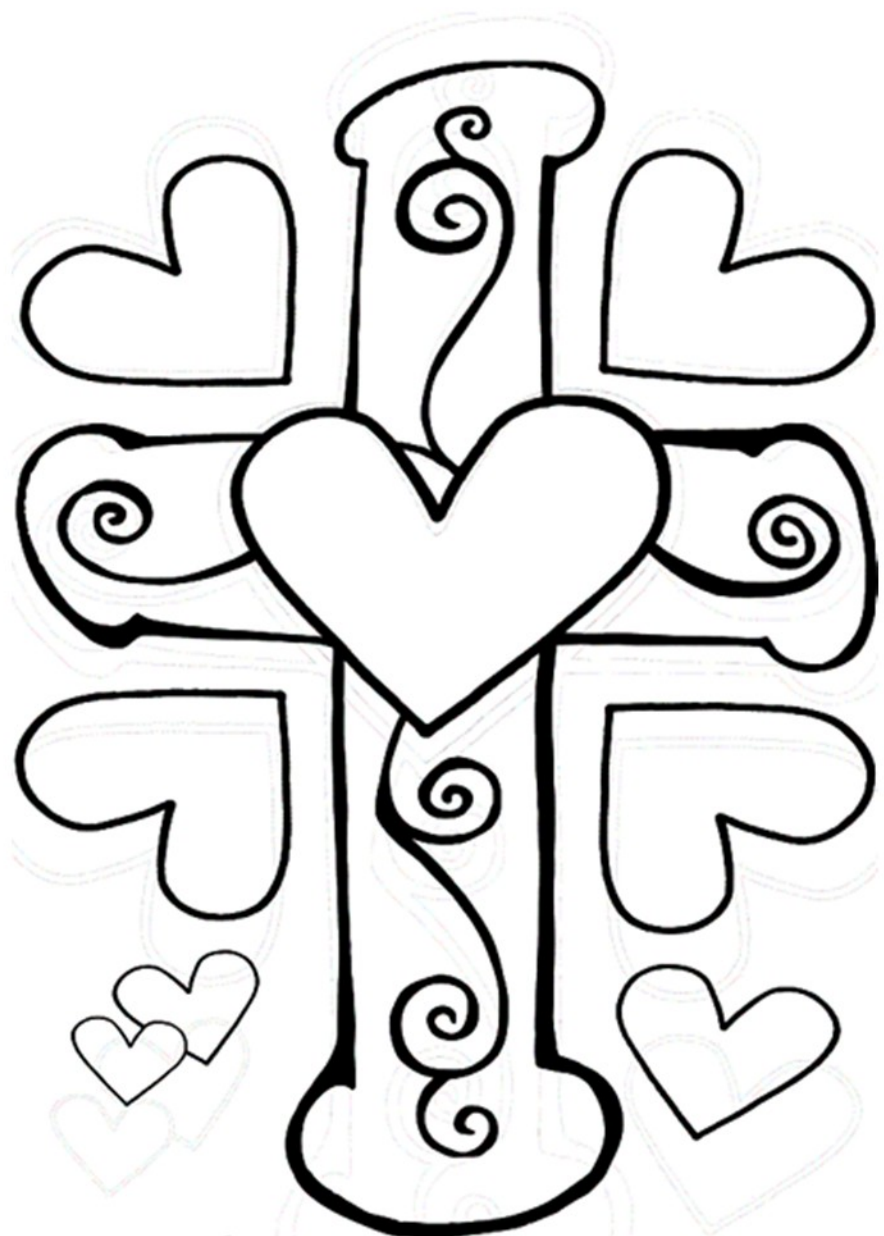
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### ACROSS

- Blessed are the \_\_\_\_\_: for they shall be called the children of God
- Blessed are the \_\_\_\_\_: for they shall obtain mercy
- Blessed are the pure in \_\_\_\_\_: for they shall see God
- Blessed are the \_\_\_\_\_: for they shall inherit the earth
- Blessed are those that hunger and thirst after \_\_\_\_\_: for they shall be filled

### DOWN

- Blessed are they which are \_\_\_\_\_ for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven
- \_\_\_\_\_ are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.
- Blessed are the poor in \_\_\_\_\_: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven
- Blessed are they that \_\_\_\_\_: for they shall be comforted



*Jesus Brings Salvation*

# Last Months ANSWERS



A worldly speaker once made a few unspiritual **remarks** about hidden books of the Bible to be found in a series of short paragraphs. This **lulu kept** some people looking intensely for **facts** and more clear **revelation**. Many listeners were in a **jam**, especially since the books were not capitalized, but their enthusiasm produced **eternal truths** that struck large **numbers** of readers. It seemed like a hard **job** at first, to look for these hidden books, but it quickly became a **most** fascinating opportunity.

**Yes, there** will be some real easy ones to spot, while others will be very difficult to locate. If this causes disagreements among our visitors, it may require **judges** to finally settle the matter before a mass **exodus** from these games occurs. We must admit **it usually** takes a minute or two to find some, and others might take several minutes. This often produces loud **lamentations** from at least one or two readers.

Jane was quick at finding book names. **She brews** her coffee and then places donuts on the table, so that she can eat and search at the same time. Her older brother Joe is a practical joker, a **mimic ahead** of his time who thinks looking for book names is too difficult, but he is very wrong, for any old **hag gains** a level of expertise in just reading these short paragraphs. **Joe lets** his personality get in the way. He lived in **Johnstown** for a few years but moved to York after he tripped over a **hose**, and broke his leg falling into the flower bed. When he tried to learn to play the banjo, "**nah, I'll never get it,**" was his reply. So, Joe left the big city and came back home. Meanwhile, Jane was dating a guy named Gene who likes to share his talents. **Gene's is** the personality that more people should have, because he writes poems, essays, **proverbs**, and adventure stories for her. Love is strong between them. Her younger brother **jud**, examines and proofs this literature before it is sent to the publisher, for it's not often that someone cares for your sister like that.



# Prayer Matters

I am sure we all agree that yes, prayer does matter. As a church we come before our Lord God with prayers for ourselves and others. For our country and its leaders. For our wonderful world and all its troubles. We are encouraged to place everything into God's hands.

At this moment our church family is going through testing times. Let us keep looking towards God the Father of us all and listen for His call. He will answer our prayers in His way and we will be strong with Him leading us.

Paul wrote to the Thessalonian church and urged them to "Pray without ceasing". 1 Thessalonians chapter 5 verse 17.

We know it works.

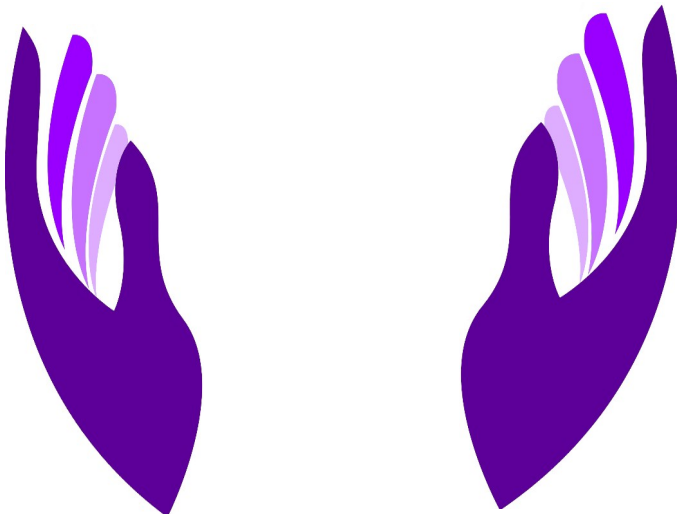
If you would like individual thoughts or prayers to be shared with others through the prayer chain contact Kathryn

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*Please leave a message if there is no immediate answer*



## A SUPPORTER'S X-RAY VISION FOR BARDAI



*Kenneth's impressive rowing has made a huge impact on the hospital in Bardai.*

**You may have seen fundraising legend Kenneth Hall, featured in Issue 51 of *Engage*, the BMS World Mission magazine, in 2021.** Kenneth rowed a whopping 400 miles on his rowing machine at home, over the course of three days, raising over £13,000 for an X-ray facility for Bardai hospital in Chad. Kenneth chose that distance because that's how far away the nearest X-ray facility is from Bardai. Well, it was that far away.

Just before Christmas (and after a much-delayed flight), a printer weighing almost 20 stone, a desktop computer, the X-ray cassette reader, a nurse ready to be trained and a pilot, Phil, who blessedly doubled up as an electrician, touched down safely in Bardai. Phil and Onésime, the technician, set about fixing the temperamental electrics at the hospital in preparation for the installation of this vital piece of equipment.

After a two-week course led by an experienced radiographer from N'Djamena, the first ever X-ray at Bardai hospital came back crystal clear! Since then, life has been busy for everyone at the hospital. Such is the radical nature of the new machine, it seems anyone with

any pain turns up at the hospital to be X-rayed (and are often gently turned down). But such inconveniences are worth it when set against the dozens of necessary X-rays performed! And especially worth it in the case of one young boy who was brought to the hospital exhibiting symptoms of tuberculosis (TB). In the past, the only options open to the medical team in these circumstances were a risky biopsy under anaesthetic or a hazardous 400-mile trip to the nearest X-ray machine. Now, the diagnosis of TB is risk-free and rapid – and meant this young boy could start treatment that same day.

This is a wonderful example of how God can work in and through an individual, supported by others, to bless a whole community.

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## SHARING JOY WITH A CHURCH IN PARIS!



*Silvère is one of many reconnecting with their faith and being led to baptism in the French capital.*

**We've been hearing from our brothers and sisters in Paris about what trusting in Christ means for them.** We spoke to some of the church family at the fellowship run there by BMS World Mission workers, John and Sue Wilson. Here is Silvère's story:

"The first church I went to was this church, but I don't really remember because I was just a kid! But then I moved to French Guiana with my parents, and when I came back to Paris with my mother, we went to a Catholic Church.

"When my parents got divorced, my mother became a Protestant and we went to a community church, and my sister started going to a charismatic church. She told me to go too, but at the time I was 18 years old, and when you're 18, nobody can tell you to go to church if you don't want to go! So I would only go to church about once a month.

"I started going to church again when I studied for a year in America, and then when I came back to Paris, I wanted to get baptised. I came to this church in 2016 and the third time I came, I was about to leave but at the end of the service, John said that

the people who want to get baptised should come and see him. And I went.



*John and Sue Wilson have been sharing the light of Christ in France for over 30 years.*

"That's where my journey started with Jesus. Before that, I believed in Jesus, I used to go to church, but it was like Santa Claus for me. When I asked to get baptised, this was the start of my journey.

"Now, I'm a member of the church council, I'm one of the youth leaders and I help manage the worship band. I almost never say no when it comes to God!"

Be encouraged by other testimonies from this thriving Parisian church by heading to [www.bmsworldmission.org/france-church](http://www.bmsworldmission.org/france-church)

<b>2023</b>		<b>Preacher</b>	<b>Door Steward</b>	<b>Service Leader</b>
2nd July	10.30 a.m.	Grahame Baldwin	J.Greenwood	N.Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel/Mark		
	6.00 p.m.	<b>NO EVENING SERVICE</b>		
9th July	10.30 a.m.	John Caddy	G.Leeming	M.Lewis
	Vestry Prayers:	David/Janice		
	6.00 p.m.	<b>NO EVENING SERVICE</b>		
16th July	10.30 a.m.	Mark Heaton	A.Higgin	E.Lord
	Vestry Prayers:	Donald/Mark		
	6.00 p.m.	<b>NO EVENING SERVICE</b>		
23rd July	10.30 a.m.	James Addison	E.Wilkes	M.Wilkes
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel/Peter		
	6.00 p.m.	<b>NO EVENING SERVICE</b>		
30th July	10.30 a.m.	Susan Western	B.Baldwin	E.Wilkes
	Vestry Prayers:	David/Mark		
	6.00 p.m.	<b>NO EVENING SERVICE</b>		
6th August	10.30 a.m.	Graham Baldwin	D.Driver	B.Baldwin
	Vestry Prayers:	Donald/Peter		
	6.00 p.m.	<b>NO EVENING SERVICE</b>		
13th August	10.30 a.m.	Cathy Browne	S.Dunham	D.Driver
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel/Janice		
	6.00 p.m.	<b>NO EVENING SERVICE</b>		
20th August	10.30 a.m.	Geoff Jackson	A.Higgin	J.Greenwood
	Vestry Prayers:	David/Peter		
	6.00 p.m.	<b>NO EVENING SERVICE</b>		
27th August	10.30 a.m.	Ian Ferguson	J.Greenwood	G.Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	Donald/Janice		
	6.00 p.m.	<b>NO EVENING SERVICE</b>		
3rd September	10.30 a.m.	Tim Doggart	G.Leeming	N.Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel/Mark		
	6.00 p.m.	<b>NO EVENING SERVICE</b>		

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