



# The Baptist Church, Brierfield



June 2018

*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.

*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](mailto:newsletter@brierfieldbaptistchurch.org.uk)*



# Who wants to be blessed?

a short message by Philip Rowland

I think we all want to be blessed. We especially want the Lord to look down upon us with favour and mercy, and impart the sense of this into our hearts. We call this receiving a blessing. His blessing may be simply a sense that we are forgiven a great wrong we have done. Or it may be that a favourable door in life will be opened to us by Him.

The Bible sums this up nicely in Psalm 1, vv1-3, where it specifically mentions **meditation** on the Law of the Lord – the contents of His great book, the Holy Bible. What is meditation? One of my books describes it as: “Spending time in quietness (and usually alone), drawing close to God and listening to Him, pondering on His Word, His creation, and His mighty works”.

It is a sad reflection on Christianity today, that according to statistics, only 25% of Christians read their Bible daily, while 61% admit that they’ve not read it in the last year! The Bible is really, really important. It is God’s word to you, and for you.

Is it perhaps hard for you to understand? That’s why we hold Bible Studies, so we can understand it better. That’s why our church is going to run Discipleship Explored in the autumn. To help us understand.

William Cowper wrote a long forgotten hymn:

*The Spirit breathes upon the Word,  
and brings the truth to sight;  
Precepts and promises afford a sanctifying sight.  
A glory gilds the sacred page, majestic as the sun;  
It gives a light to every age – it gives, and borrows none.*

Psalm 1 speaks of blessing coming through meditation. **How do we meditate?** There are many ways, but one of the simplest is to take just one Bible verse, and think about what God is saying in it to you. And as you do so, then the Holy Spirit will breathe upon the word, and lead you into all truth, as Jesus promised. I urge you to give it a try.

# Announcements

In Matthew Chapter 28 and verse 19 we have the great commission or final instructions from Jesus before His ascension into heaven. It reads *'Go therefore and teach all nations Baptising them in the name of the Father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit.*

Two people from the church have asked to be Baptised, we are therefore holding a baptismal service on the 1st July at 6.00 p.m.

We wonder if others would wish to follow our Lord through the waters of Baptism, if you would like to talk about this please see any of the Elders as soon as possible. You may just wish to know more ...please ask.

We trust everyone will be present and make this a truly memorable occasion for all.

At the Annual Church meeting Angela was appointed Church Secretary. We want to thank her for being so brave and we want to assure her that we all are here to help. It is a demanding job and it is very easy to forget things ,but we need to bear with Angela. We want to remind her and all other workers in the church that the Lord will give us the help we need. May God bless you at this time Angela. At the meeting Cynthia asked us to find someone else for the missionary secretary. Cynthia has done this for many years for which we thank her but we really do need another volunteer. Please see Cynthia for more information and the secretary if you wish to be considered.

**Bible Studies:** The dates for Mondays in June are the **4th & 18th** at 10.30 a.m. and for Tuesdays they are the **12th & 26th** at 7.30 p.m. Please try and spare a couple of hours a fortnight to learn more about Gods' word and his instructions for us all.

**Holiday Club 2018:** A Holiday Cub 2018 planning meeting is to be held in the Church Lounge on Tuesday **5th June**, at 7.30 p.m. If you can help you would be most welcome.

**Cluster Group:** There will be a meeting of all churches within our Cluster Group at Hill Lane Baptist Church on Monday **18th June** at 7.00 p.m. and we will be joined by Phil Jump.

**In-Betweens:** On Wednesday **20th June**, the In-Betweens are having a Walk at Gawthorpe in Padiham. Please meet up at the Hall at 7.00 p.m. – bring your own picnic supper. All Welcome.

Cynthia would like to say to **a big thank you** to everyone who helped with the anniversary lunch. A special thank you goes to Jade, Abbey, Bella and Catriona who worked very hard clearing the tables afterwards.

# Family News

Congratulations to **Richard I'Anson** on gaining his degree BSc (hons) in Computing and IT. with the Open University.

*Here is a quick catch up on some of our extended church family.*

**Jordan Leeming** will be in Newcastle for the next twelve months in a placement from Bristol University.

**Abigail Lewis** has finished her exams at Bradford University where she has been studying Textiles.

**Melissa Lewis** is in Shropshire working as team leader with the outward bound company PGL.

**Natalie Driver** is working on a cruise ship sailing around Alaska.

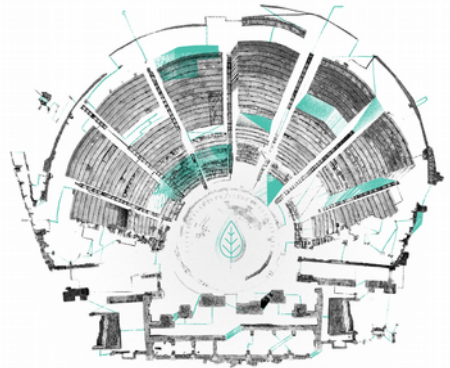
**Rebecca Leeming** has finished her college exams and has gained a university place in Liverpool.

*Please remember them in your prayers as they continue in their studies and travel.*



## DISCIPLESHIP | EXPLORED

WHAT'S THE BEST LOVE  
YOU'VE EVER KNOWN?



Discipleship Explored is an eight week journey through Paul's letter to the Philippians which will help us think through questions like:

How can I be sure I am a Christian?

What is life really all about?

How can I grow as a Christian?

How can I enjoy being a Christian more?

This is an advance warning of the course which will run during October and November this year. As elders, we would encourage as many people to attend as possible. The course will commence on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 10.30 am, and that session will be repeated on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm. This pattern will continue for the following seven weeks.

# Puzzle Page

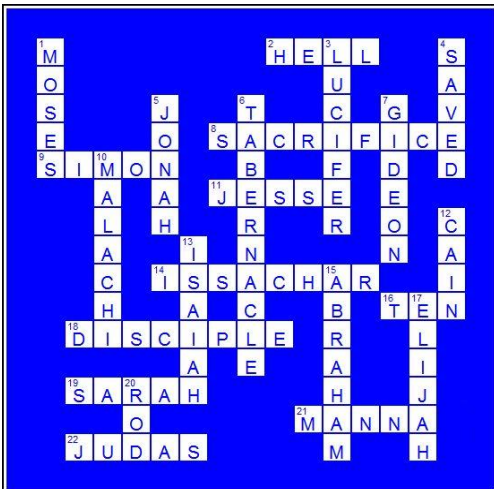
The names and work of the Holy Spirit:



**Words to find:**

- Comforter
- eternal
- forbids
- God
- grieves
- leads omnipotent
- omnipresent
- searches
- speaks
- truth
- prays
- loves

Solution to last months crossword:



With acknowledgements and thanks to [www.openthoumineeyes.com/puzzle/a.html](http://www.openthoumineeyes.com/puzzle/a.html)

# Kids Corner

## Inhumanly speaking

Somebody has muddled up the Learn and remember verse. Can you unravel the words so that it makes sense?

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# WORLDNEWS

## HELPING CHILDREN IN INDIA TO THRIVE

**Thanks to your gifts to BMS World Mission, a school on the street in Kolkata is providing children with an education, teaching them the skills they need to succeed.**

Tens of thousands of children live day and night on the streets of Kolkata. They have no access to education or healthcare, and are often forced into begging or selling alcohol to survive.

But underneath a bridge in the bustling city, something amazing is happening. Fifty children who call the streets their home are getting to go to school.

The BMS-supported team teaches the children reading, writing and arithmetic – lessons from the government kindergarten syllabus. And once they're ready, we help get the children into government schools.

Nawab was begging outside a horse racing track when the BMS-supported Street Servants met him. After talking with his parents, the team invited Nawab to come to the street school, along with his two sisters. He excelled. Thanks to the school, Nawab's life has changed

dramatically. Along with eight other children who were taught by BMS-supported teachers in Kolkata, he's now in a government school, getting a full education. Nawab is studying his way out of poverty, thanks to you.

We want more children like Nawab to receive a quality education, and our team is working hard to set up a second school. "We want to see more children get into government schools," says BMS worker Ben Francis. "We want more communities changed, and more families leaving the streets."

"I just want to say thank you to everyone in the UK," says Ben. "You're enabling underprivileged children to touch love, and helping us show Jesus' love in the most tangible way that people will understand."



Pray for the children in the street school, that they would continue to learn and get an education. Pray for the teachers and volunteers too.



## A TALE OF TWO VILLAGES

**Boreholes that you funded are providing clean water for hundreds of people in northern Uganda, preventing illness and transforming communities.**

Today, there are over 663 million people living without a safe water supply close to home. When faced with an issue this big, sometimes you have to start small, working in village after village, providing safe water and preventing disease until one day, everyone has access. And that's exactly what BMS World Mission is doing.

In northern Uganda, the main borehole in Abwoch village was contaminated, and in Pajaa the nearest clean source for the community was a half an hour's walk away – most families had to make two to five trips per day.

Thanks to your support, this is no longer the case. BMS has drilled boreholes in both these villages, providing over 350 people with clean water.

BMS environmental consultant Tim Darby gathered the community together in each village, and they decided where the boreholes would be drilled.

In the space of seven days, the two boreholes were built. The villagers were taught hygiene skills, and elected a committee to help with maintenance and ensure the water remained clean.

Charles Opiro, part of the borehole committee in Pajaa, says that people have not been sick from water related diseases since the new water pump was built, as now they don't have to drink from puddles or dirty lakes.

And it's not just about the clean water. The boreholes are providing new economic opportunities, too. Charles' neighbour takes her goods to the market, as she now doesn't have to spend all her time collecting water anymore.

Your support for BMS work in Uganda is providing safe water to hundreds, preventing disease and saving lives. It's transforming the way villages in northern Uganda live. "I just want to say thank you," says Tim. "You've enabled so many people to access clean water already. We're so grateful."



Do you want to help us continue the great projects BMS workers like Tim are doing? Visit [www.bmsworldmission.org/give](http://www.bmsworldmission.org/give) to donate.

Sign up for the BMS weekly email update at [bmsworldmission.org/update](http://bmsworldmission.org/update)

# Prayer Matters

Well, the Church's birthday is past, and so is Whit Sunday. It is not coincidence that they coincide at our church, because truly was it not for Pentecost, and the coming of the Holy Spirit, there would be no church at all. But as we turn to prayer matters this month, let's just consider whether we are enjoying all the benefits of the Spirit's presence.

We believe that when we are born again, that is, come to know the Lord as our Saviour, then the new life in us is indeed the presence of the Holy Spirit. But that is not all that the Lord offered us. He, through the Holy Spirit, engaged to empower and equip us to live and work for Him. Working in us, the Holy Spirit furthers the work of sanctification, and gives us a vitality that brings out various gifts to the furtherance of His Kingdom and the glory of God.

Jesus said in Luke 11, v13, "... how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!" **Let's pray that His Spirit will be poured out on us as individuals and as a church.**

## **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](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.

P.S. If you would like to join the Prayer Chain, please see Philip, or put your name and details on the sheet on the Notice Board downstairs. We would welcome an enlargement of this prayer facility.



# Who's Who

## Kathleen Rowland (Kath)

I was born in Leyland. We lived in various places as my parents were Salvation Army officers and they brought me to church as a baby.

My first job was in a shoe shop and my main career has been as a housewife and mother.

My favourite meals are meat and potato pie, lasagne and chips.

The special things I have done in my life are in marrying Philip and becoming a mother, grandmother and great grandmother. I studied for four years to become a minister, receiving the title of Reverend (although I choose not to use it)

I had Christian parents who set me an example in life. It came to the point when I was a teenager that I knew I needed to make my own decision. That was when I accepted Jesus as my Saviour.

I first came to preach at Brierfield Baptist some years ago and was invited back on numerous occasions. Then God called Philip and myself to become part of the fellowship and we have not looked back. I am now a Deacon and secretary of the preaching plan.

My favourite hymns are 'When I survey the Wondrous Cross' and 'How Great Thou Art'

As for Bible verses, my favourites are Jeremiah ch29 v11 and Hebrews ch12 v 1-3. These verses encourage us not to give up but to show determination just as Jesus did. God has a plan for us all.

I would like to say to the church family as a whole ***"Keep looking to the Lord for guidance"***



		Preacher	Door Steward	Morning Service Leader
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	10:30am	Paul Carter	J. Greenwood	K. Rowland
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Donald Leeming</i>	<i>Peter l'Anson</i>	
	6.00 pm	Geoff Jackson		
10 <sup>th</sup> June	10:30am	Geoff Hartley	S. Dunham	R. Rigby
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>David Leeming</i>	<i>J. Greenwood</i>	
	6.00 pm	Howard Ellison		
17 <sup>th</sup> June	10:30am	Ernest Gorton	C. Leeming	R. Hartley
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Philip Rowland</i>	<i>Peter l'Anson</i>	
	6.00 pm	Kath Rowland		
24 <sup>th</sup> June	10:30am	David Leeming	G. Leeming	S. Greaves
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Nigel Leeming</i>	<i>K. Rowland</i>	
	6.00 pm	Ann Booth		
1 <sup>st</sup> July	10:30am	Chris Cheeseman	R. Bolton	G. Baldwin
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Donald Leeming</i>	<i>J. Greenwood</i>	
	6.00 pm	<b>Baptismal Service</b>		
8 <sup>th</sup> July	10:30am	Gerald Norcross	P. Lewis	G. Leeming
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>David Leeming</i>	<i>Peter l'Anson</i>	
	6.00 pm	Philip Rowland		
15 <sup>th</sup> July	10:30am	Howard Ellison	D. Mullarkey	G. Fogg
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Philip Rowland</i>	<i>K. Rowland</i>	
	6.00 pm	Danny Cliff		
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	10:30am	Kath Rowland	E. Wilkes	R. Hartley
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Nigel Leeming</i>	<i>J. Greenwood</i>	
	6.00 pm	David Leeming		
29 <sup>th</sup> July	10:30am	Colin Scholes	D. Driver	N. Leeming
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Donald Leeming</i>	<i>Peter l'Anson</i>	
	6.00 pm	Geoff Hartley		