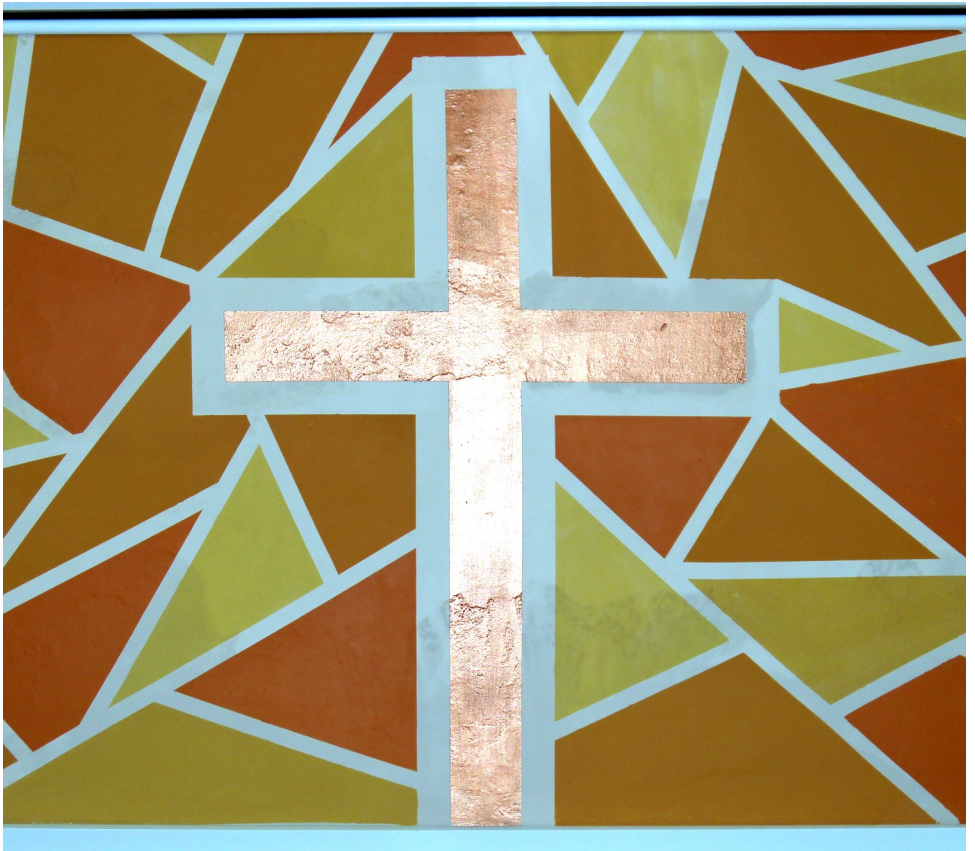




The Baptist Church,
Brierfield

June 2022



The new Primary Room mural

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 l'Anson, or by email to newsletter@brierfieldbaptistchurch.org.uk



Anniversaries

(A short message by Philip Rowland)

We are used to marking the passing of time with anniversaries. At this time of year, we celebrate not only the Anniversary of the Church of Jesus Christ as we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, but also by tradition most years our own Church Anniversary here at Brierfield Baptist (136 years!)

A few years ago, I was in a chapel when the preacher asked when that particular church was founded. Quite a few named a date (not all of them the same!). But the preacher was not at all satisfied with the answers he was given. All went quiet. Then someone said, “About 2,000 years ago!” And that was taken as the correct answer.

He stated that as we ‘are in Christ’, we are in fact ‘one with Him’, and that through the Holy Spirit we act on earth obeying His commands and doing His will in building His kingdom and bringing glory to God the Father. Then he went on to explain that if Christ is taken as the head of the church, then the gathered congregations are to be considered as the body, expressed in differing times and differing cultural ways.

So, he said, we can say that we stand on the shoulders of our spiritual forbears, and today are the current expression in this place of the church founded so long ago. That is why we continue to remember Pentecost (or Whit Sunday as it is also known in Great Britain), for it is indeed the anniversary of the day that the Holy Spirit came upon the gathered disciples, empowering them to boldly proclaim.

That is also why we, as a church in Brierfield, choose to have our Anniversary at this time of year. In actual fact, the opening service of this chapel was on Wednesday evening 24th November 1886! Down all these years, the Lord has enabled us to continue, in spite of various problems, wars (and Covid) to the present day. Let celebrate His goodness to us this year in our services and in our hearts, bringing a thank offering of praise as we meet together. Let us as a family and fellowship seek to serve Him by continuing to proclaim the Gospel in this area in the year(s) to come.

Philip

Bible Studies/Prayer Meetings

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

June	7 th & 21 st
July	5 th & 19 th
SUMMER BREAK IN AUGUST	

Rainbows & Brownies - Sunday 5th JUNE 10.30 a.m.

At the morning service they are holding their first Church Parade for several years - please come and support them.

Fellowship Group

A BBQ is planned for the 8th June at the home of David & Glenys to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. All adult members of the congregation are welcome, and if you haven't already done so, please give your names to them as soon as possible to help with catering, cost will be approx. £4 per person.

Church Anniversary & Lunch – 12th June

Our morning service will be conducted by Mark Heaton. This will be followed by lunch. Please add your name(s) to either or both of the lists on the notice-board downstairs - if you wish to attend and/or are able to contribute to food on the day.

Evening Service – 12th June - 6.00 P.M.

A video evening will take place at this service based on the Resurrection, and follows on from the video shown in chapel on Good Friday. Please come and join us in a relaxed and friendly gathering.

Flower List

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

Retirement Home Visit – 12th June

It is looking like the date could be changed, due to it being the Church anniversary, lunch and also an evening service that day. Any changes will be announced in chapel. Whatever date is decided upon, volunteers will be required to conduct the service at Marsden Heights commencing at 2.30 p.m. Please give your name to David.

Open Air Service – 26th June at 6.00 p.m.

The Brierfield Churches will be holding their annual Open Air Service at 6.00 p.m. outside the Community Centre. If raining it will be held in the Methodist church.

Baptist Assembly Songs Of Praise - 26th June

The BBC have recorded the service held at the Assembly held in May this year. It will be broadcast on the 26th June. Time of broadcast will be announced in chapel but hopefully should be at 1.15 p.m., i.e. the usual time of broadcasting Songs of Praise.

YOUTH WORK

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

Re-start after half-term holiday on the 6th June until 18th July

J.A.M. Club

JAM Club meet on Friday 10th June at 6.30 p.m. for a BBQ at 32 Reedley Road - names by 1st June to either Elizabeth or Mark. A trip is also planned for 8th July if sufficient numbers are interested - names by 1st July please.

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.

Primary Room Mural

The front cover of this month's newsletter is the new Mural painted by Elizabeth and Hannah in the Primary Room as part of the redecoration. I am sure you will all agree how good it looks. Here is a photo of the work in progress.



Prayer Matters

On my mind this month is the path we walk as Christians. In Jeremiah 6, v16 we read “Stand at the crossroads and look, ask for the ancient paths.” It is Pentecost, and at that point, the disciples stood at a crossroads. Their Lord had died, and then gloriously risen. Then He had left them and gone up into heaven to be reunited with his Father. and now the disciples were asking, “What’s next?”

For them, the answer was very clear. Jesus had given them a commission, and they were empowered to carry it out as the Holy Spirit came down upon them. But what of us? Are we at a crossroad in life? Are we too prepared to carry out that Great Commission to bring the Gospel to all the world? Do we know what we are to do or say to help bring that about? And how are we to live our lives at the moment?

Just as the Holy Spirit was close to those disciples of old, so He is close to us. Jesus has promised this when He said that He would never leave us or forsake us. And it’s through the Holy Spirit’s presence that He is with us. Is He speaking to us? Are we even listening? Are we so full of our wants and needs that we constantly bring before Him that we never stop for a moment to listen to that still small voice advising us, guiding us, and telling us what He needs of us?

So let’s pray

- That we will be quiet in His presence, and hearken to His voice.
- That we will have the courage to be obedient to the Sprit’s promptings, and be willing to serve our Lord faithfully.

Please continue to pray for:

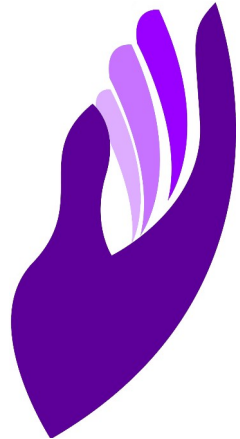
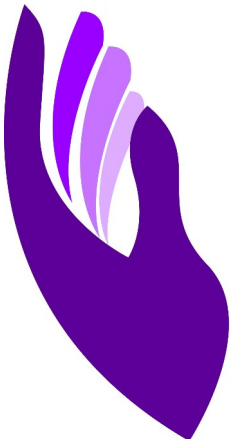
- The young people in our church, and all those who work with them in His Name.

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

- 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.



THANK YOU FOR RESPONDING IN UKRAINE

UK Christians joined with their European neighbours to give refugees a place of safety and welcome.



Photo: © Chris Hoskins/BMS World Mission

Over five million people have fled Ukraine and sought refuge in neighbouring countries such as Poland, Romania and Hungary. In the face of such devastating need, BMS World Mission supporters have generously given over £1.3 million pounds to turn churches into safe havens around Europe, providing people with blankets, food and emergency supplies as they arrive with nothing.

You've given people like Oksana a safe place from which to face a difficult future – and have let her know that you are standing with her. Oksana begged her family to join her in fleeing Ukraine. For reasons she likely still can't understand, they couldn't or wouldn't leave their home. It took her eight hours to reach the Polish border, but when Oksana arrived, she found safety at a Polish church that had opened its doors to Ukrainian refugees. There, she had access to a warm bed, food and essential hygiene products, thanks to your support.

DISASTER RECOVERY



Your support means we can help people in desperate situations worldwide. Thank you.

Philippines, emergency relief after Super Typhoon Rai: £10,000

Your support has helped provide emergency food and hygiene supplies to over 500 people in the Philippines after Super Typhoon Rai caused major destruction last December.

Myanmar, providing emergency medical supplies: £7,000

As Myanmar continues to deal with the effects of a military coup, you've helped provide emergency medical supplies and food rations to displaced communities.

Peru, crucial wall repairs: £5,000

You're helping prevent injuries in the community in Nauta, Peru by helping rebuild a wall that collapsed outside the Nauta Integral Mission Training Centre.

Nepal, providing vital school supplies: £8,000

Over 400 children who've had their education affected by the Covid-19 pandemic are being helped back to school.

		Preacher	Door Steward	Morning Service Leader
5th June Queen's Julbilee	10.30 a.m.	John Caddy (& Puppets)	S. Dunham	D. Driver
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel/Kath		
	6.00 p.m.	No Evening Service		
12th June Anniversary	10.30 a.m.	Mark Heaton	C. Leeming	B. Baldwin
	Vestry Prayers:	Philip/Peter		
	6.00 p.m.	Video Evening - The Resurrection		
19th June	10.30 a.m.	Christine Barnes	G. Leeming	M. Wilkes
	Vestry Prayers:	David/Mark		
	6.00 p.m.	No Evening Service		
26th June	10.30 a.m.	Stephen Wells	A. Higgin	E. Wilkes
	Vestry Prayers:	Donald/Janice		
	6.00 p.m.	No Evening Service		
3rd July	10.30 a.m.	Geoff Jackson	B. Baldwin	J. Greenwood
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel/Kath		
	6.00 p.m.	No Evening Service		
10th July	10.30 a.m.	Ruth Brierley	R. Bolton	S. Greaves
	Vestry Prayers:	Philip/Mark		
	6.00 p.m.	No Evening Service		
17th July	10.30 a.m.	John Prior	D. Driver	G. Fogg
	Vestry Prayers:	David/Peter		
	6.00 p.m.	Evening Service & Communion		
24th July	10.30 a.m.	T.B.A.	S. Dunham	D. Driver
	Vestry Prayers:	Donald/Janice		
	6.00 p.m.	No Evening Service		
31st July	10.30 a.m.	Gerald Norcross	J. Greenwood	B. Baldwin
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel/Kath		
	6.00 p.m.	No Evening Service		

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