



The Baptist Church,
Brierfield

June 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



Our new King, and the KING of Kings.

(A short message by Philip Rowland)

We have recently had the coronation of Charles III as our new king. For those who watched it, it was a splendid affair, full of pomp and ceremony, with many distinct Christian undertones.

Charles arrived and was greeted by a fanfare from the Royal Trumpeters. He was escorted into Westminster Abbey, and having been presented to various dignitaries, accepted as the true heir to the throne, and eventually crowned as King of our country. Then allegiance was sworn to him by many people, and eventually all the gathered guests in that building were invited to swear allegiance to him. Then He exited to further fanfares, and so his reign as Charles III began.

One day – and it may be soon, the way things are going – The Lord Jesus Christ will arrive, and we are promised that this event will be not only glorious, but universally observed. He will come to take His place as KING of kings and LORD of lords. And then there will be the beginning of His reign as He judges mankind.

Will we be amongst those who reign with Him in glory, as promised? Or will we be consigned to the hell of the torment of the absence of God, where men's wickedness will be incited and inflamed by their corrupt desires and the promised punishment of those who have rejected God in their lives?

You see, the time for swearing allegiance to Christ will not be when He comes in glory, or at the Wedding Feast, but is NOW. Christ calls us NOW to follow Him in life, through life, and eventually into eternal life. When He comes, it will be too late, and our fate will be sealed. We will then either enter with Him into glory, or depart in disgrace, banished into eternal hell.

We are encouraged in the Bible to pray for our earthly kings and leaders. So let us give Charles III the respect due to him and pray for him. But more importantly, let us be sure to give out allegiance to the King of kings.

Philip

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.

June	13 th & 27 th
July	11 th (25 th TBC)

Rainbows & Brownies

Will meet on the 5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th

Blue Tokens

Please remember if shopping in Tesco to pick up a Community Grant Blue Token (Or as many as you can!) and place them in the voting receptacle at the top of the travelators, making sure to place them in the 2nd Brierfield Brownies section. The Brownie's Thank You.

Fellowship Group

Meet on Wednesday 21st at 7.30 p.m., When we will be having a Barbeque at 32 Reedley Road, If you wish to join us, names to David & Glenys.

Evening Services - for June 2023 -

11th June - Leader To Be Confirmed.

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.

Officers Meeting

The Church Officers will be meeting on 1st June at 7:30pm. All Elders & Deacons are encouraged to attend as the previous meeting, didn't have a quorum.

Brierfield Churches Open Air Service

Sunday 25th June at 18:00, by the Community Centre.

Church Meeting

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

Food Bank

A big thank-you to all who contributed to the latest items delivered to Nelson Food Bank on Monday 15th May. They were very grateful and asked me to pass on their thanks to everybody and also for our continued support. Angela.

Puzzles

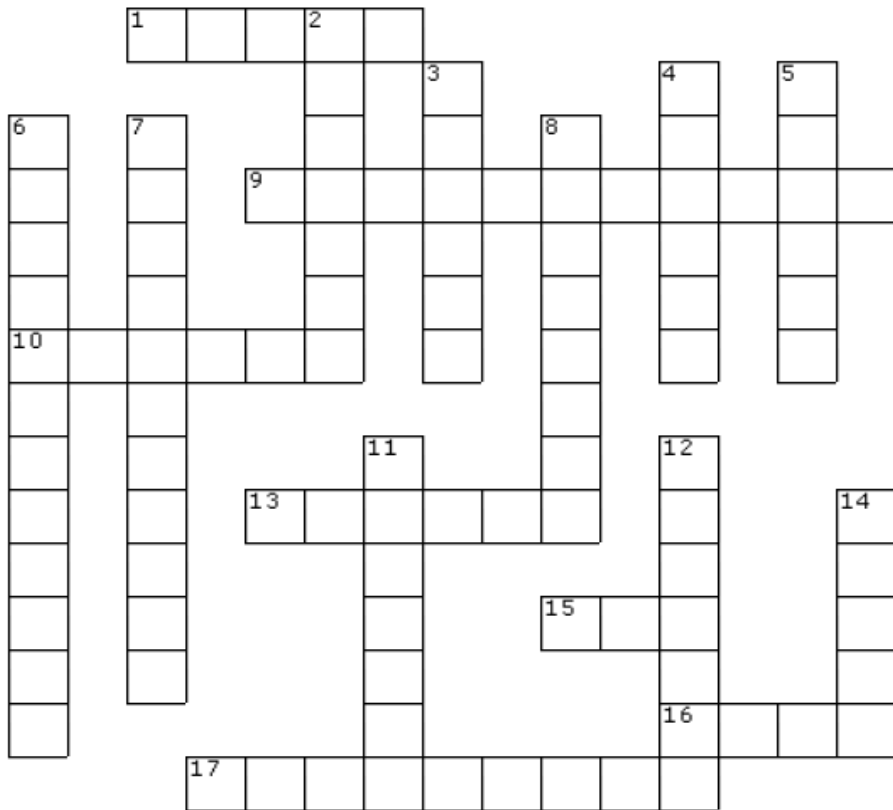
Read the following paragraphs and try to locate the names of twenty-seven books of the Bible.

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.

Well, this exercise is just about over. It would be interesting to chronicle some of the many things that you have been doing while reading. Did you eat a banana? Hum a tune? Drop a pen? Rejoice in the Lord while licking some candy? Hopefully, you had a good time and found the names of many books of the Bible.

Can you solve these clues for Books from the old testament?



ACROSS

- 1 1st and 2nd ____
 9 Fifth book
 10 Tells the story of Moses
 13 This book contains songs of David
 15 Tells of a man who lost everything but got back more
 16 Tells of a devoted woman who married Boaz and was an ancestor of King David

17 Third book

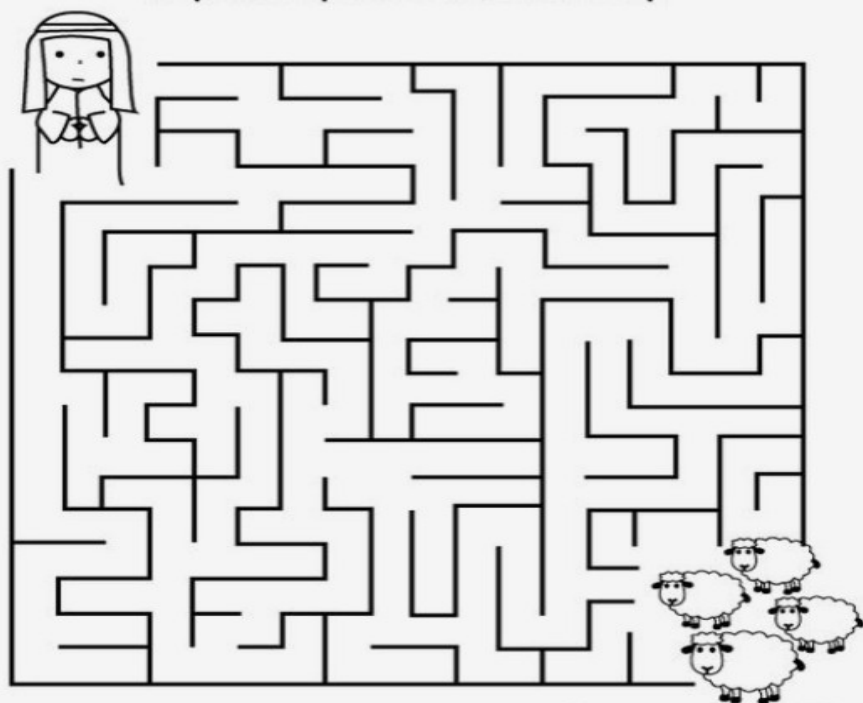
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- 2 First book of the Bible
 3 Tells of a queen who saved her people
 4 Tells of a man thrown into a lions' den
 5 1st and 2nd ____
 6 "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven"

- 7 This book is a love story
 8 This book is a collection of wisdom sayings
 11 Last book of the Old Testament
 12 Mathematical book?
 14 Tells of a prophet swallowed by a fish

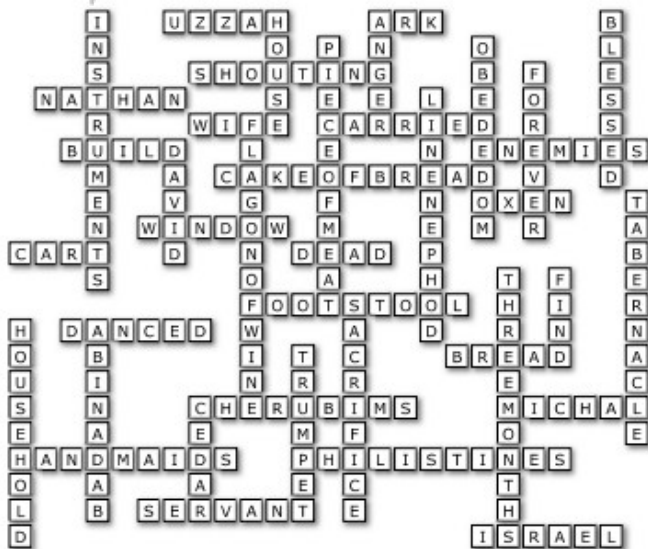
Lost Sheep Maze

Help the shepherd find his lost sheep.



Last Months

ANSWERS



Paul Taught Lydia About Jesus Word Line-Up

A B C D E F G H I

1	H	K	I	Y	O	M	E	N	L
2	O	M	L	N	E	I	Y	K	H
3	E	Y	N	H	K	L	I	M	O
4	L	N	H	M	Y	K	O	E	I
5	K	I	O	E	N	H	M	L	Y
6	M	E	Y	I	L	O	K	H	N
7	Y	O	E	K	H	N	L	I	M
8	N	L	M	O	I	E	H	Y	K
9	I	H	K	L	M	Y	N	O	E

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I C A N T E L L about Jesus.

Prayer Matters

Faith – what is faith? It is a strong belief in the doctrines of religion, based on spiritual conviction rather than absolute proof. Hebrews 11, v1 defines faith as being sure of what we hope for, and certain of what we do not see.

Faith is a gift given to Christians by God the Father. It is hard to see, and often difficult to pin down. Often we feel not to have the faith we profess. We feel to be lacking in faith. But Jesus said that the quantity of faith does not matter; it could be, He said, as small as a mustard seed. What is important is its existence in our lives.

So we have faith that we can be saved from our sins through Jesus' death on the cross. And that faith gives us the promise or hope of eternal life, according to John 3, v16.

We cannot see the future, but have faith that God has all things in His hands. We may be going through a very trying circumstance, but are at peace in ourselves because we have faith that God is working things out, and that he is faithful to His promise never to leave us or forsake us, and that He is bearing us up in His everlastingly strong hands.

Let's pray that

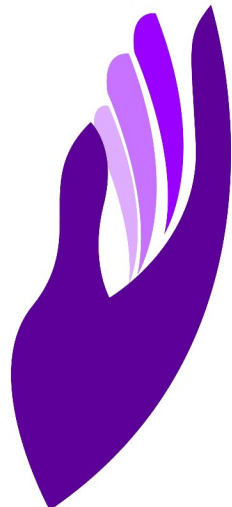
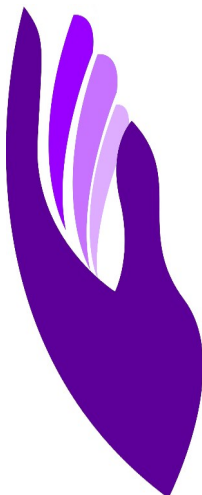
- Our faith may be increased, and that we may always be a peace with all that is going on in our lives in the knowledge that God is indeed working His purposes out.
- That our faith may have practical expression which will encourage not only us, but all those whom we speak with.

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.





WORLDNEWS

THERE IS LOVE HERE



Jimmy and Phionah followed God's call to minister to students in Gulu.

There is love here. That's the overwhelming impression you'll get upon entering University Community Church (UCC), in Gulu, Uganda, and being welcomed by the congregation and church leaders, Jimmy and Phionah Okello.

Eight years after being called to plant a church in northern Uganda, they've built a warm, strong community at UCC – but ministering to students isn't without its challenges. "It's so transient and it can be discouraging," explains Phionah. "Because every three years almost half of the church is gone and you have different people." But despite the impermanence of the context they're in, they're able to offer a safe space for these young people experiencing a huge change in their lives.

Many churches in the UK struggle to engage with young people, but Jimmy

and Phionah don't have a secret formula when it comes to their student ministry. They simply spend their time building strong relationships, and are available to help whenever they can. "If you build a relationship of trust, [the students] can listen to you and bring their issues to you," Jimmy explains. It's a principle Jimmy and Phionah also take to their work outside of UCC with BMS' partner Justice Livelihoods Health, where Phionah helps with administration and finance, and Jimmy runs outreach and training for local church leaders. "I get the opportunity to share some of my skills and abilities in leadership, which I use at UCC, to equip other pastors in different churches," says Jimmy. "Being able to share with them from what I have so that they're able to lead more effectively and be equipped is really a beautiful thing."

There is love here. Not just at UCC, but in this community, in this city. It's proof that, with God's unfailing love abounding, any life can be lived with abundance.

Praise God for Jimmy and Phionah,
bringing light to Gulu! Head to
www.bmsworldmission.org/thereislove
to read the full story.



Thank you for helping transform Hari's life!

Imagine being a carpenter from Nepal, and relying on the strength of your limbs to carve heavy furniture or move planks of wood. Then imagine one day noticing the toes in your right leg swelling, before experiencing a burning pain throughout your leg. That was the situation Hari Thapa found himself in – and knowing that his family of five were relying on him, he sought medical treatment right away. But after visiting various health institutions and trying different medicines, all Hari was left with were vast bills, with no improvement to his leg.

One April, Hari tried once more to get a diagnosis, and visited BMS-supported Green Pastures Hospital for treatment. He was finally given a diagnosis of leprosy and prescribed effective medicine, but after experiencing side-effects, Hari quickly discontinued the treatment.

It wasn't until Hari met Tham, a BMS-supported pastoral counsellor who had recovered from leprosy himself, that Hari felt confident enough to restart his treatment.

By this time, he had ulcers on both legs which needed surgery and further care. Sessions with Tham have reassured Hari that his medicine is working, and have helped

him process his regret at not continuing his treatment sooner. "Now he is happy and he said that his health is improving and he has learned self-care skills for his ulcer care," say the team at Green Pastures. Thank you for being there for Hari and for enabling Tham to do his important work, too.



Hari is one of many lives you've helped transform in Nepal. Head to www.bmsworldmission.org/threelivestransformed to read the whole story!

2023		Preacher	Door Steward	Morning Service Leader
4th June	10.30 a.m.	TBC	E. Wilkes	D. Driver
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel/Mark		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
11th June	10.30 a.m.	Bea Foster	B. Baldwin	E.Lord
	Vestry Prayers:	Philip/Kath		
	6.00 p.m.	EVENING SERVICE & COMMUNION Led By TBC		
18th June	10.30 a.m.	Martin Ashby-Smith	D. Driver	J.Greenwood
	Vestry Prayers:	David/Peter		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
25th June	10.30 a.m.	TBC	S. Dunham	G.Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	Donald/Janice		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
2nd July	10.30 a.m.	TBC	J.Greenwood	N.Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel/Kath		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
9th July	10.30 a.m.	John Caddy	G.Leeming	M.Lewis
	Vestry Prayers:	Philip/Peter		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
16th July	10.30 a.m.	Mark Heaton	A.Higgin	E.Lord
	Vestry Prayers:	David/Janice		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
23rd July	10.30 a.m.	TBC	E.Wilkes	M.Wilkes
	Vestry Prayers:	Donald/Mark		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
30 th July	10.30 a.m.	Susan Western	B.Baldwin	E.Wilkes
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel/Peter		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
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