



The Baptist Church, Brierfield



March Newsletter 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 l'Anson or Kathryn Hughes, or by email to newsletter@brierfieldbaptistchurch.org.uk



A life for God

a short message by Nigel Leeming

It was with mixed feelings that I read about the death of Billy Graham. Mixed because I was sorry to hear of his death but thankful for his great witness and the knowledge that he is now released from his earthly body and its sinful constraints to be with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Not being anywhere near old enough to be around during his London Crusades I can only remember hearing him via a video link at Blackpool Winter Gardens and a few years later, live, at Bramhall lane, Sheffield in the mid 1980's. Billy Graham appears to have been a humble man born on a simple farm. He was never tainted or compromised like so many of the American TV evangelists ridiculed in the media. In a TV interview Billy Graham said, "being rich is not defined by what we own but by what we can do without". Food for thought in our materialistic culture.

Billy Graham understood;

- He was nothing without the Lord Jesus Christ,
- That it is impossible to please God without Faith
- That without the shedding of blood by Jesus there would be no forgiveness – the true message of Easter which we celebrate this month.

Billy Graham had a Gift for communication which when offered and used by God led to him passing on the Gospel to all people from the man in the street to royalty and World leaders.

Within our church we all need to allow God to use our Gifts if we are to move forward as a vibrant Christian fellowship. 1 Peter 4:10 "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace"

Consider what Gifts you have to offer and allow them to be used by God in our fellowship. Let us all pray to be led by the spirit and use Gods Gifts so we can serve one another and show Gods immeasurable grace to the world.

Announcements

It is with regret that we have received a letter of resignation from Geoff as Secretary and Deacon. due to ill health The church meeting accepted this with sadness but we all know that Geoff is ill and has been advised by his doctor to not take on these types of job. Geoff has indicated that should he be well enough he hopes to continue preaching and we all hope this is possible. To Geoff we offer our thanks and pray that he may recover soon and that he and Ruth may be worshipping with us soon.

In the mean time I have agreed to continue till the A.G.M. iin May and the officers are looking for a replacement.

In-between Group: the next meeting is on the 21st March and will be a quiz night organised by Jennifer . It starts at 7.30 p.,m please do join us.

Bible Studies: The dates for March are the 6th and 20th for Wednesdays at 7.30p.m. and the 12th and 26th for Mondays at 10.30 a.m.

Gift Day. As reported in last months newsletter the Gift Day is on the 18th March at the Morning Service Susan Western is the preacher . Gifts should be brought to the service and if they can be gift aided they should be marked so and the name included. if there are any queries please see either Janice or Peter.

Prayer Meeting: Our church is known as a praying church. Let's live up to that reputation by attending and taking part in the Prayer Meeting arranged for 15th March at 7.30 pm in the Primary Room.

Easter Celebrations: It seems to be creeping up on us. Maundy Thursday 7.30 p.m. Communion Service. This is in the primary around a table and will be taken by Peter. Children are welcome. Do join us to get our thoughts richt as we approach this very special time Good Friday there is a service at 10.30 a.m. This will be a family Service and will be lead by David, again a very important day. Easter Day begins with Holy Communion at 9.00 a.m. followed by Breakfast (names to Glenys) then at 10.30a.m, and 6.00 p.m. the Rev Chris Cheeseman is the preacher. Please do join us to celebrate the greatest event in history the raising to life of Gods son.

Coffee Morning: Donald is holding a coffee "morning" at home on the 8th March from 2:30 to 4:00pm. Everyone is welcome and as always if you need transport please see Cynthia.

Church Meeting: Please note the next church meeting is on the 5th April. We got it wrong last month. This is at 7.30p.m. and everyone is welcome.

Kath Rowland would like to thank everyone for their prayers, visits and flowers over the last few weeks.

Dates for your Diary

Brierfield Churches Together

We are asked to visit **Marsden Heights** Nursing Home on the 25th March at 2.30 p.m. for a short service. We need volunteers for the address, leading the service and accompaniment . If You can help please see Philip.

Open Air Witness. This is a joint effort with the other Brierfield Churches When we talk to folk about our Christian life. Please do join us on the 14th April at 11.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon. We meet at the Methodist Church and those who do not wish to go out support those who go out in prayer.

6th Mar 12th Mar	7:30pm 10:30am	Bible Study	Church Lounge Primary Room
8th Mar	2:30pm	Coffee Morning (till 4pm)	Donald Leeming
11th Mar	10:30am	Mothers Day Service	Chapel
15th Mar	7:30pm	Prayer Meeting	Primary Room
18th Mar	10:30am	Gift Day	Chapel
20th Mar 26th Mar	7:30pm 10:30am	Bible Study	Church Lounge Primary Room
21st March	7:30pm	In-Betweens - Quiz Night (Cynthia's Supper)	Primary Room
25th March	14:30pm	Visit to Marsden Heights - Brierfield Churches	
28th Mar	7:30pm	Communion Service	Primary Room
29th Mar	10:30am	Good Friday - Family Service	Chapel
31st Mar	9:00am	Communion followed by Breakfast	Chapel then Primary Room
31st Mar	10:30am	Easter Morning Service	Chapel
31st Mar	6:00pm	Evening service	Chapel
5th Apr	7:30pm	Church Meeting	Primary Room

Mothers Day: *As we all have Mothers we should join together to thank God for them. Can we make this a special service. All ladies present will receive a small gift from the children.*

Puzzle Page

EASTER PEOPLE QUIZ

Easter touched the lives of many people in the Bible. Just think of a few from the clues given below. Perhaps you know most of them anyway!

- 1: To whom did Jesus first appear after His resurrection? *Mark 16, v9*
- 2: Who accompanied the two Marys to the grave? *Luke 23, v55*
- 3: In whose tomb was Jesus buried? *Mark 15, v43-46*
- 4: What two disciples raced to the sepulchre? *John 20, v1-4*
- 5: Who was one of the disciples on the Emmaus Road? *Luke 24, v13-18*
- 6: Who came and rolled back the stone from the door? *Matthew 28, v2*
- 7: Who commanded that a guard be placed at the tomb? *Matthew 27, v65*
- 8: Who said that the disciples might come and steal the body? *Matthew 27, v62-64*
- 9: Who said, "He has risen. He is not here."? *Mark 16, v5-6*
- 10: Who accompanied Joseph of Arimathea to the burial? *John 19, v38-42*

Answer to last months wordsearch:

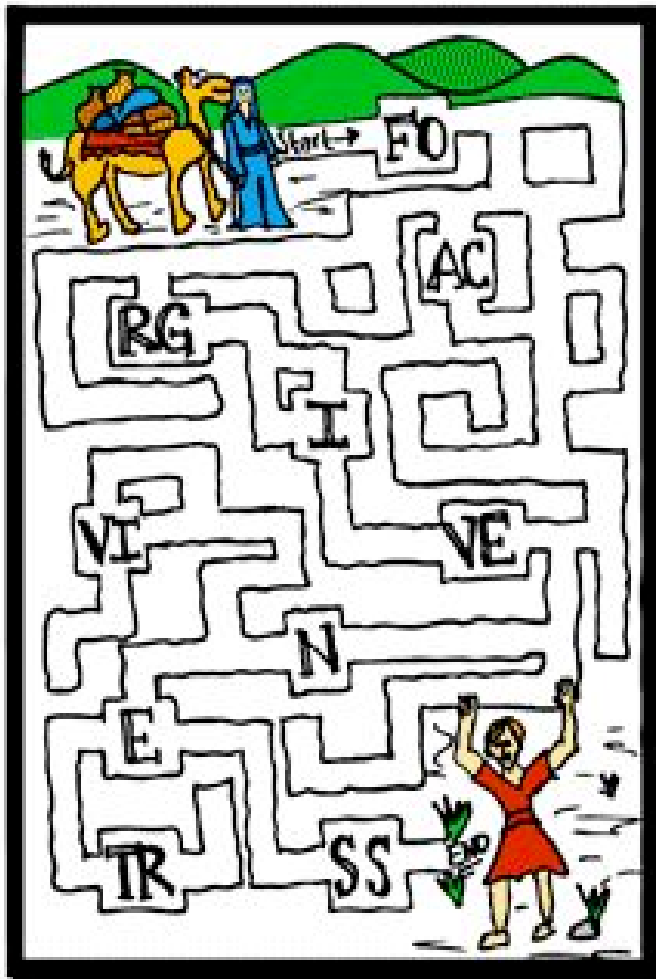


Kids Corner

BibleWise

Esau Greets Jacob

After 21 years, God told Jacob to return home. Jacob was afraid his brother might still want to kill him. Follow the maze to find Esau's gift to Jacob.





Marathon for OA



Did you make New Year resolutions? Dai Morgan did: to get in training to run the London Marathon on behalf of Operation Agri! He's a keen sportsman, and took part in the 10km Cardiff Bay run last year. A 26 mile marathon is a new challenge!

Dai says "I consider myself blessed to be healthy enough to take on this challenge, and supporting OA will make my training schedule worthwhile, even through the Welsh winter!" Can you encourage Dai, and also support OA, by helping to sponsor him? If so, go to www.justgiving.com/fundraising/dai-morgan



Our projects in Bangladesh



Pioneer, William Carey, started mission work in what is now Bangladesh, then part of India. So Baptists have a long involvement, and OA's first ever project was for work here.

Helping villages: In rural

Rajshahi OA supports women's savings groups and a village school, seen here celebrating Christmas. Many families are from minority tribal groups.

OA is considering support for a project to run village pre-schools in Baptist churches in other districts.

Big changes for Dhaka project:

The Duaripara centre in a city slum also held a Christmas celebration. Its valuable work helps girls from very poor families to stay in education. However, a project partner has to leave, and the Church of Bangladesh is striving to find ways to run and finance the project to keep it open.



OA has offered to help fund up to the summer, while they reorganise.

We would love to help this project to continue. BUT our current funds are already stretched with other project commitments.

You may have seen in the recent OA magazine a STOP PRESS appeal - which is to help fund this urgent need for Duaripara. If you could help, see

www.operationagri.org.uk/order/bangladesh-duaripara-family-development-project

Prayer Matters

Time marches on! Already we are in Lent, and soon it will be Easter. For some it is just a bank holiday, but for us Christians, it is a very important, perhaps the most important time of the year. It is the commemoration of the time that Jesus, the sinless One, died for our sins and in our place, and then rose triumphantly to life again.

One of the things that happened when Christ died was that the Temple veil, which separated men from God, was torn in two, top to bottom. This signified that there was no longer any separation between God and man. Christ had opened the way for us all to pray direct to Him, without having to go through any intermediary, like a priest. Christ Himself said that we could ask the Father, and that it would be given us, and that often we do not have because we do not ask.

Christ opened this way at great cost to Himself. Are we taking advantage of it? Are we praying?

So let's pray:

- That God will hear our prayers, be they ever so simple.
- That God will answer our prayers for our family and our friends.
- That God, through Christ's death, will give us joy by making it very clear to us that we are His, both now and for eternity

Please also pray for:

- Our Missionary Contacts – Irene, Rachel, and Natalie, and indeed, all those on the Mission Field;
- That God will bless our church and give us a godly increase

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.



Who's Who...

Donald Leeming was born in Haggate at Christmas 1939.

He was brought up in Brierfield when his father was called into the forces at the beginning of World War 1. His mother had family there.

His first job was as an Audit clerk with a local firm and he stayed with them for 40 years. For 5 years he was treasurer for the local Citizen Advice Bureau.

His favourite meal is fish and chips (or new potatoes).

How did I come to attend Brierfield Baptist Church?

I was taken to Sunday School before I can remember. I was brought to Brierfield Baptist by the daughter of a neighbour, Kathleen Ratcliffe. Our mothers were good friends. Kathleen was trying to get a class together so she could be a teacher in the Primary department. I expect that I was about 3 years old. I grew up with faith and went forward at an evangelistic meeting when I was 17, knowing then the assurance of salvation.

What other things have you done in your life?

I have been involved with the Christian Endeavour organisation at local, regional and national level. I had 5 years with the Christian Endeavour holiday homes, arranging and leading tours. I have also helped with the small church in Hurstwood.

I was a Sunday School teacher and ordained as a Deacon in 1959, then as an Elder in 1970. I have been a preacher for 60 years and have preached in 58 churches and chapels (alas about half of them are now closed)

My favourite hymn is *"Jesus Calls us o'er the Tumult"* and my favourite Bible verse is **John 6 v 37**: *"All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out"*.

Have I a message for the church family as a whole? *Keep the flag flying and keep to the old paths.*



		Preacher	Door Steward	Morning Service Leader
4th March	10.30am	David Boadle	Kath Hughes	C. l'Anson
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Nigel Leeming</i>	<i>J. Greenwood</i>	
	6.00pm	Rev. Geoff Hartley		
11th March <i>Mothers Day</i>	10.30am	Kath Rowland	C. l'Anson	B. Driver
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Donald Leeming</i>	<i>K. Rowland</i>	
	6.00pm	Geoff Jackson		
18th March	10.30am	Susan Western	J. Greenwood	K. Rowland
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>David Leeming</i>	<i>Peter l'Anson</i>	
	6.00pm	Colin Scholes		
25th March	10.30am	Howard Ellison	S. Dunham	R. Rigby
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Philip Rowland</i>	<i>K. Rowland</i>	
	6.00pm	Tony Yates		
1st April <i>Easter Sunday</i>	10.30am	Chris Cheeseman	C. Leeming	R. Hartley
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Nigel Leeming</i>	<i>J. Greenwood</i>	
	6.00pm	Chris Cheeseman		
8th April	10.30am	Rev. John Fisher	G. Leeming	S. Greaves
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Donald Leeming</i>	<i>Peter l'Anson</i>	
	6.00pm	Howard Ellison		
15th April	10.30am	Gerald Norcross	P. Lewis	G. Fogg
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>David Leeming</i>	<i>Kath Rowland</i>	
	6.00pm	Jeff Pearson		
22nd April	10.30am	Kath Rowland	R. Bolton	G. Leeming
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Philip Rowland</i>	<i>J. Greenwood</i>	
	6.00pm	Dave Bartram		
29th April	10.30am	Peter l'Anson	D. Mullarky	N. Leeming
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Nigel Leeming</i>	<i>Peter l'Anson</i>	
	6.00pm	Danny Cliff		