



The Baptist Church,
Brierfield



March 2019

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

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.

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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 Kathryn Hughes, or by email to newsletter@brierfieldbaptistchurch.org.uk



Unclear Future

A short message by David Leeming

By the time of the April Newsletter we may have left the European economic community or we may not! We may have left with an agreed exit or without one! At the time of writing we don't know and our MP's are as confused as us. We just have to wait and see.

Michel Barnier, the chief negotiator for the EU made a statement a week or two ago that he hoped there was a special place in Hell reserved for those who campaigned to leave without a detailed plan for leaving. Search as much as I liked I can find nothing in God's word to back up these pronouncements. Perhaps he should have read his Bible more carefully before making such a statement. The Bible is clear how things really end up. We either end up in Heaven or Hell.

It is not popular to talk about Hell either inside or outside the church today, But it is something we cannot escape from, When our life on earth comes to an end we have one destination. A place where God and Jesus are or a place where they aren't. This latter place is a place I don't wish to be, and I suspect a place where you don't want to be either. This is all the more reason to thank God that he provided a way in which we can be with Him. He sent His son the Lord Jesus Christ who was crucified and rose on the third day defeating death itself. Because He lives we can also spend eternity with Him. Each of us must think about this as we prepare for Easter. How we need to ask Him into our lives accepting that we have sinned and failed Him but also realising that He will forgive us and dwell with us here on earth, and that His Holy Spirit will be with us to guide and support us. Simple isn't it, but how many don't bother about it or put it off till its too late and remember Mr Barnier its a place in Hell reserved for them. This must spur those of us who have taken this step to ensure our partners, children and other family and friends know about Jesus and His saving power and that there is a special place reserved in Heaven for them.

Perhaps the Church should also talk more about Hell, it may make us think!!

David

Announcements

Billy Ball It is with regret that we note the death of Billy Ball the husband of Mary. Bill had had poor health for some time and was suffering greatly. Mary and Bill had been married for 53 years and this loss must be felt greatly by her. To Mary and her and Bills family we offer our deepest sympathy knowing that the Lord will strengthen and support them.

Dates for Diary March 2019

Sunday 3 rd		GIFT DAY – Contributions towards the ‘Lift Fund’ will be gratefully received.
Tuesday 5 th	7.30 pm	CHURCH MEETING - See below.
Friday 15 th	7.45 – 9.15 pm	J.A.M. Club (Jesus and Me) for Year 6 and above
Sunday 31 st	10.30 am	Mothers Day Service – please see flyer

Advanced Notices for April (Easter) – *Subject to confirmation*

EASTER 2019

18 th April	Maundy Thursday	Communion Service at 7.30 p.m. – in Primary Room
19 th April	Good Friday	Family Service 10.30 a.m. – in Chapel
21st April 9.00 am	Easter Day	Communion in Chapel - followed by Breakfast – in Primary Room
21st April 10.30 a.m. & 6.00 p.m.	Easter Day	Services – in Chapel – Preacher both services – <i>Jim Lockhead</i>

Gift Day Sunday 3rd March, 2019 is our church **GIFT DAY**. As everyone is aware all monies received will go towards the cost and installation of the new lift. This will be of major benefit to increasing numbers of our congregation both now and in the future. The Gift Day is our own personal way of saying Thank-you.

Church Meetings The first **Church Meeting** of 2019 will be held on **Tuesday 5th March at 7.30 p.m.** All members of the congregation are welcome to attend. It is also an important duty of Church Members and Trustees to make a special effort to attend Church Meetings, in order to support and help spread the load within our Church throughout the year.

Celebration Lunch On **Sunday 10th March**, we will be having a lunch of Soup & Sweets, to celebrate the 90th Birthday of Jack Sunderland. There is a list on the notice-board if you can help with contributions. Please come and join us and help Jack celebrate this momentous birthday with his family and church family. Volunteers to help set up on Friday 8th at 7.00 p.m. would be most welcome.

Nelson Food Bank Please remember to continue to support the ongoing needs of the Food Bank throughout 2019.

Bible Studies The dates for march and April are:

- Tuesday evenings at 7.30 p.m. 26th March 9th and 23 April
- Mondays 10.30 a.m. 18th March 1st 15th and 29th April

There is no Tuesday Bible study on the 12th March. Those who usually attend are asked to attend on the following Monday or request a written copy of the Study

Please do join us to delve into the word of God.

SWIP/WITH U ALWAYS

(SWIP – Schools Work in Pendle)

January 2019

Dear Friends,

Another year gone by, but, praise God that another one begins, with so many opportunities and I guess with some challenges ahead too.

This last term has been a busy one, I have been doing lots of lessons, a Spirituality Day, Year Communion and Form Communion. These have been in Fishermore and St Christopher's with Yr7, 9 10 and Yr11. Some of the subjects I have covered are Prejudice, Creation Vs Evolution, and Destiny. Also a full week on the 'With U Always' theme in Fishermore working with Yr7's for their Spirituality week. Along with my regular Chaplaincy work at St. Christophers's.

We have had many opportunities in schools throughout 2018 to share the Good News with the young people. God has again graciously allowed us the privilege of being able to go in to schools to do lessons, assemblies, communions, Chaplaincy work and 'With U Always' days etc.

I was recently reading something from a major Christian youth and children's organization who have found that 95% of young people in the UK don't go to church. THAT'S 95%! That number shocked me, even though I am regularly in schools and fully aware of the lack of knowledge the youngsters have of Jesus and God – but 95%! And that's just the number who don't go to church! Many of the ones that do go, only go in order to be eligible for entry to a particular school!

The need to reach the young people is as great as ever. The vast majority have no knowledge of the life changing good news of Jesus. So, whilst the doors are still open for us to have Christian input into schools, by God's grace in 2019, we will continue to go to where the young people are, as clearly they are not coming to church.

Thank you so very much for all your prayers and support in 2018. I wish you a very happy, healthy and blessed new year!

Jude

(Original of the above letter including photos can be found on the notice-board in the Primary Room)

Kids Corner

Bible Sudoku

1. Firstly you will need to write in your 'starter' numbers. This is done by using the clues below, and the A-I and 1-9 co-ordinates on the top and side of the grid. F5 has been done for you already.
2. Once the starter numbers are in place, complete the Sudoku puzzle as usual.

Easy

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
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For D1, G2, B3, I4, H7, F9:

Josiah was ___ years old when he became king. (2 Kings 22:1)

For F5, A7:

The 10 commandments were written on ___ tables of stone. (Deuteronomy 9:11)

For H2, D5, B6, E8:

Og, king of Bashan, had a bed which was ___ cubits [~4½ metres] long. (Deuteronomy 3:11)

For A4, I8:

The number of times Paul was whipped with 39 lashes. (2 Corinthians 11:24)

For E2, C4, G5, D6, F8:

The age of Joash when he began to reign over the kingdom of Judah. (2 Chronicles 24:1)

For A2, I3, F4, C5, G6, D7, B8:

The number of days it took God to create heaven, earth and all in them. (Exodus 20:11)

For C2, H4, G8:

The number of languages spoken before the building of the tower of Babel. (Genesis 11:1)

For B2, F3, A6, C8:

Lazarus was dead for ___ days before Jesus raised him from the dead. (John 11:17)

For G1, D2, I6, H8, C9

Noah had ___ sons (Genesis 6:10)

Intermediate

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
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For D5, I6, F8, A9

Jesus fed 5000 men, as well as women and children, with ___ loaves and 2 fish. (Matthew 14:19)

For A6, B8:

There is only ___ God. (1 Timothy 2:5)

For A4, F6, H8:

The number of people saved in the ark when the world was flooded. (Genesis 7:13)

For I1, C2, H4, F5, B6, G8:

The number of days that Jonah was inside the big fish. (Jonah 1:17)

For C1, H2, I4:

The day on which God rested (Genesis 2:2)

For A1, D2, H3, F4, B7, G9:

Jesus was crucified between ___ robbers. (Mark 15:27)

For G2:

Jesus healed 10 lepers, but ___ didn't come back to say 'thank-you'. (Luke 17:11-19)

For B2, D6, C8, I9:

Paul was on a boat heading for Rome when there was a great storm. The sailors let down ___ anchors to try to stop the boat from running onto rocks. (Acts 27:29)

Puzzle Page

Some of the Damage done by the Tongue by Bill Brinkworth



Words to Find:

rebellion

blasphemy

unkindness

lying

compromise

boasting

arguing

deceit

pride

debate

cursing

plotting

mockery

backbiting

murmuring

hypocrisy

gossip

With acknowledgements and thanks to www.openthoumineeyes.com/puzzles

YOU HELP WHEN OTHERS DON'T:

4 WAYS YOU'VE BEEN SUPPORTING RELIEF WORK ACROSS THE WORLD

When a disaster or conflict hits a nation, we know you want to help. Thanks to your faithful support for BMS World Mission, you are.

Four disasters, each marked by terrible suffering and loss. You will have heard about the conflict in Ukraine, the civil war in South Sudan, the lingering devastation from Nepal's earthquakes, and the impact of a tsunami on the Indonesian island of Sulawesi. What you might not know is that by giving to BMS, you've supported the people who desperately need help. We're in a strong position to respond in times of disaster as we're part of a global family of Baptists.

BMS World Mission is part of the Baptist Forum for Aid and Development (BFAD), a collective of Baptist organisations from across the world devoted to supporting those left in crisis as they rebuild after a disaster strikes. But vital help wouldn't happen without your support. "It has been a joy to see the Baptist family come together," says Rachel Conway-Doel, BMS Relief Facilitator. "The potential we have to make an impact is very exciting."

Here are some exciting ways that you, the BMS family, have already helped:

1. KEEPING PEOPLE WARM IN UKRAINE

Vital heating equipment is being distributed to people in danger of freezing in Ukraine, where temperatures can drop to minus 25 degrees in winter.

Over 1.5 million people have been displaced in Ukraine due to the ongoing conflict between the Ukrainian army and pro-Russia separatists, leaving many of them with no means to stay warm in sub-zero temperatures. Thanks to your generosity, we've been able to help provide people in Ukraine with thermal underwear, ceramic heaters, coal and



wood to help them get through the dangerous winter months. We'd like to say a special thank you to all those who've responded to our Ukraine appeal in the last few months. You've really made a difference!

2. STANDING BY THE PEOPLE OF NEPAL

Nearly 8 million people were directly affected by the devastating earthquakes that struck Nepal in 2015.

The media might not be there anymore, but BMS has continued to stand with the people of Nepal to help them rebuild after the catastrophic earthquakes that hit in 2015. Your giving has supported the rebuilding of public buildings and schools and provided disaster risk management training to help communities be better prepared should such a tragic disaster occur again.

3. GIVING CRUCIAL SUPPORT TO SOUTH SUDANESE REFUGEES

Many people with disabilities had to be carried out of South Sudan. Your support has helped provide wheelchairs for people unable to walk.

Five years of civil war in South Sudan has forced more than two million people to flee this young nation. Many have sought refuge in Uganda, reaching camps that stretch for miles. BMS funds have so far helped provide vital food rations to 1,700 children suffering from malnutrition, as well as food, agricultural tools, wheelchairs and pastoral support to people with disabilities.

4. COMING TO THE AID OF TSUNAMI SURVIVORS

Thousands of people were displaced after the catastrophic earthquake and tsunami on the island of Sulawesi last year.

Over 2,100 people were killed and 87,000 displaced after the catastrophic earthquake and tsunami that struck the Indonesian island of Sulawesi in October last year. Your support provided people on the ground with emergency food and personal hygiene kits and helped to build shelters and provide counselling support to trauma victims.

It's thanks to your heart for demonstrating God's love that we can stand alongside people who need help. When South Sudanese refugees say praise God for providing food and a wheelchair, it's because of your solidarity in the gospel. And when an earthquake victim who's lost their home is able to take shelter, it's you who's helped to provide that roof. But there are so many others we would like to support.



Please, give today and come to the aid of those who need to know Christian love across the world. Thank you.

www.bmsworldmission.org

Prayer Matters

We are drawing nearer to Easter. All too soon the year rushes on, but God takes great strides down the reaches of eternity as He watches the stars and planets in their rotation and His purposes reaching their conclusion. God is never rushed in what He does. Although He upholds the universe in every single way, yet he is interested in Man, the pinnacle of His creation.

And when mankind went astray, He purposed to redeem and restore man through the death of His Only Begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. The Creator and Upholder of the universe is never too busy to care for us. And so we have the assurance, backed up by experience, that He hears and answers our prayers. Let's thank God for that.

This month let's pray:

- That we too may find the time to pray to our heavenly Father, bringing all our needs before Him.
- That as He hears and answers prayer, we may be thankful, and glorify His name by sharing the good news abroad of all that God has done for us.

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

- 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

Sarah Greaves nee Rowland

I was born in Lewisham, South London on the 2nd October 1970. I lived there until I was over two years old when we moved “up North” to Barnoldswick. As a child I have had quite a few moves in Colne and Nelson.

My first job was as a carer in a home for the elderly and over the years I have gone back to that and finally find myself working with children. I have spent many years running my own school kitchen and playing the piano for them. I have played very nervously for one of Pendle’s mayors and the Bishop in Blackburn Cathedral.

I am a foster carer with two long term foster girls living with me. I am very family orientated and love spending time with my four children and five grandchildren. One of my favourite things is seeing all of my family together enjoying themselves although I am needing a bigger house with more crockery and cutlery as the family continues to grow.

I have always gone to church from being born really and while looking through some paperwork recently found my Salvation Army Junior Soldier’s promise which I made on October 9th 1977. I went to church with my parents throughout my childhood and for a time when I got married. I tried another church when my marriage broke up but could not settle and finally joined my parents at Brierfield Baptist. I was baptised at Woodlands Rd Baptist church in May 1997. I have had a few jobs in churches where I have worshipped over the years but my main role has been playing the piano/keyboard. I play now for the services in Brierfield Baptist and lead the morning service when my turn comes around. I am also the Child Safety coordinator for the church and youth groups. To add to the list I have recently accepted the duties of cleaning the chapel and side rooms.

My favourite food is curry, either home made or in a restaurant. I do like a bit of a spice kick but I’m not a Vindaloo kind of person.

I don’t have a favourite hymn but I like a modern version of

“I am not skilled to understand, What God has done, What God has planned.”

We don’t know what God’s plan is for us and our lives seem to change quite quickly sometimes.



		Preacher	Door Steward	Morning Service Leader
3rd March	10.30 am	David Lavender	K. Hughes	G. Baldwin
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Kath Rowland / Nigel Leeming</i>		
	6.00 pm	Geoff Hartley		
10 th March	10.30 am	Geoff Jackson	D. Mullarkey	B. Driver
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Janice Greenwood / Donald Leeming</i>		
	6.00 pm	Nigel Leeming		
17 th March	10.30 am	Mike Huck	D. Driver	S. Greaves
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Peter l'Anson / David Leeming</i>		
	6.00 pm	Paul Carter		
24 th March	10.30 am	Philip Rowland	R. Bolton	B. Baldwin
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Kath Rowland / Philip Rowland</i>		
	6.00 pm	Geoff Hartley		
31 st March Mothers Day	10.30 am	Nigel Leeming	G. Leeming	K. Rowland
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Janice Greenwood / Nigel Leeming</i>		
	6.00 pm	David Tattersall		
7 th April	10.30 am	Geoff Hartley	E. Wilkes	R. Hartley
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Kath Rowland / Donald Leeming</i>		
	6.00 pm	Stephen Wells		
14 th April	10.30 am	David Boadle	C. Leeming	N. Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Janice Greenwood / David Leeming</i>		
	6.00 pm	Tim Doggart		
21 st April Easter Day	10.30 am	Jim Lockhead	C. l'Anson	M. Lewis
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Peter l'Anson / Philip Rowland</i>		
	6.00 pm	Jim Lockhead		
28 th April	10.30 am	Howard Ellison	S. Dunham	R. Rigby
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Kath Rowland / Nigel Leeming</i>		
	6.00 pm	Geoff Hartley		