



The Baptist Church,
Brierfield

March 2022



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



Dear Friends

(A short message by David Leeming)

As I write this we have just come out of the three weather warnings and the sun is shining. In the garden the bulbs are showing and everything is coming alive. I expect we will have more bad weather, may be snow or winds or frosts before we are properly out of the winter and into summer. Spring is a wonderful time of the year with everything coming to life again and its even more wonderful when we remember that our Lord came to life again after defeating death itself. We celebrate this time at Easter and I hope we will be able to celebrate this in the usual manner.

Jesus suffered greatly on the cross bearing your and my sins and making it possible to be with him in heaven when he calls us home. This is great news and its our job to make sure we proclaim this truth to others. It may be a partner or our children or may be our friends that we need to invite to join us at church and at other events where they can get to know Him. What a pity it will be when we are rejoicing in heaven without them. If we believe in our Saviour it's our task to invite them and also pray for them.

I've been attending our Church all my life, and that's a long time, but I invited Jesus into my life when I was about 16 and have never regretted it. He has been there when I had difficult times and in the good times and has always been dependable. I thank those who led me on this path and trust that one day we will meet again. In the mean time Join me in supporting the work of the Church and in serving our Saviour and Lord.

David



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Dear friends,

The Elders are very concerned with the drop in attendance's each Sunday. We realise that some are ill and are worried about catching the virus others are just being careful. Which was the reason why we roped off pews just before Christmas. We know that some were not happy with this but our main concern was to make the Church safe from the Virus and to assure folk that it was as safe as possible to attend.

However attendances have not improved and those watching on line have been slowly reducing. All this means we are putting the future of the Church at risk. Income has fallen and the children's work is at a low ebb. The work among the children and young people is currently being started by Janice, Elizabeth, Mark and Gillian, and we would ask for support in prayer and also by encouraging children and young people to attend the various activities.

We feel that the wearing of masks is at your discretion. Coffee will be available after the service in the Primary room as before.

We are trusting the Lord to watch over us and protect us and we prayerfully ask you to go back to where we were before the pandemic and return to attendance each Sunday. Scripture teaches us the we should meet together for worship and for encouragement to other believers.

And on a final note we are rejoicing that there is a Baptismal service in the morning on the 27th March. There is only one candidate at the moment, but if you have not been Baptised we ask you to consider this prayerfully and talk to any Elder.

Regards, Nigel, Philip, David and Donald

Bible Studies/Prayer Meetings

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

March	8 th , 22 nd
April	5th & 19th

Fellowship Group

The next event will be on Wednesday 16th March 7.30 p.m. and will be a Quiz Night - all adults welcome.

Officers Meeting - Thursday 17th March at 7.30 p.m.

Gift Day - Sunday 20th March 10.30 a.m.

Please support us on this important day within our church.

Baptism Service & Mothering Sunday - Sunday 27th March 10.30 a.m.

A baptism service will be held for Cheryl Reeder, when we welcome her into membership of our church. If anyone else is interested in Baptism please see one of the Elders.

Brierfield Churches - Tuesday 29th March 10.00 a.m

Brierfield Churches will meet together at our church.

Church Meeting -Tuesday 29th March 7.30 p.m.

This will be held in the Primary Room. All church members and congregation welcome.

Brierfield Churches-Thursday 31st March 7.30 p.m

A joint Prayer Meeting of all three churches will be held - further details will be announced in chapel.

YOUTH WORK

Rainbows & Brownies Monday's 6.15 - 7.15 p.m - Will meet each Monday until 29th March when they will break for the Easter holidays - and will resume on Monday 25th April

J.A.M. Club - Has re-started on Friday evenings once a month and will be meeting again on Friday 11th March at 6.30 p.m. If you have young people who are interested - Year 4 and upwards - or know of anyone that may be interested, please let Mark or Elizabeth know.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Since the beginning of Covid numbers of children attending have been either low, or sad to say, sometimes non-existent. Could we please encourage children and their families to return to our fellowship, you are a vital part of our church family and we miss you all.

Offering Envelopes 2022/23

The new envelopes have arrived and will be available for collection in the next couple of weeks.

Flower List for 2022

Please check if any dates you require are still free and/or contact Glenys.

Prayer Matters

We are told to go out and be salt and light in the world. But so often we feel to be ineffective in what we do. We may not be the sort to go preaching to people, or to be like one of Kath's uncles, whose first words to a stranger would be "Are you saved?" !

But as we quietly live for Christ – at least, I hope we do! – as we pray and try to do to others as we would have them do to us, perhaps we are being salt and light. When we offer a kind word to someone, when we offer to help them over some difficulty, or when we commiserate with them over some loss or problem, then we are having an influence. We may not see any startling effect immediately, but just think, the smallest pinch of salt into the pot brings out the flavour of the whole pot.

It was remarked upon the early Christians about how they loved one another. Let's put into practice the important thing Jesus spoke of – loving the Lord God, **and our neighbour**. That way we may unwittingly become salt and light in our troubled society, to the glory of God.

So Let's pray for

- A Christlike regard and compassion for others
- Courage to face the future, however troubled it may seem – it's in His hands;

Please continue to pray for:

- The young people in our church, that they will grow up knowing right from wrong, and knowing the Lord Jesus and all that he has done.

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.



MEET ABER



Aber* is a bright and hard-working 13-year-old girl, excelling at school and with incredible potential. But all that was about to change.

During Uganda's first Covid-19 lockdown, BMS World Mission-supported child protection officer Valerie was contacted by Aber's head teacher. He said Aber's family were in the process of arranging a marriage for her, so they could secure some income. "It's not legal," says Valerie, "but it's as if it's legal, it's done so much. The man would be much older, and already have two or three wives."

Valerie immediately brought a lawyer to Aber's home, who explained that she must go back to school. Valerie then worked with her contacts – local counsellors, the headmaster and others – to make sure she could stay there. Her head teacher even said she didn't have to pay school fees. Aber is now back in class – and is one of the most successful students in the school.

**Name changed.*

You can help more children like Aber by supporting our Uganda Child Protection appeal today:
bit.ly/Protect-A-Child

DISASTER RECOVERY



Because you give, we can support people in times of crisis across the world. Thank you.

Ukraine, provision of emergency items during the winter months: £10,000

Reaching families with blankets, heaters and thermals to help them get through the winter.

Haiti, emergency food and school supplies: £8,000

After a 7.2 magnitude earthquake in August 2021, you helped provide emergency food parcels for 320 people, and got children back into school.

Nepal, providing mental health support: £10,400

You're helping over 600 people who have experienced mental health problems due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Thailand, supporting vulnerable families with food provisions: £4,850

Over 1,800 people who have experienced food insecurity because of the Covid-19 pandemic have been reached with food parcels thanks to your generosity.

		Preacher	Door Steward	Morning Service Leader
6 th March	10.30 a.m.	Mark Heaton	B. Baldwin	M. Wilkes
	Vestry Prayers:	Donald/Mark		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
13 th March	10.30 a.m.	Gerald Norcross	R. Bolton	E. Wilkes
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel/Janice		
	6.00 p.m.	Gerald Norcross - (Music Based Evening Service)		
20 th March	10.30 a.m.	Geoff Jackson	D. Driver	B. Baldwin
	Vestry Prayers:	Phlip/Peter L.		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
Baptismal Service 27 th March Mother's Day	10.30 a.m.	Baptismal Service	S. Dunham	K. Rowland
	Vestry Prayers:	David/Kath		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
3 rd April	10.30 a.m.	Paul Carter	J. Greenwood	D. Driver
	Vestry Prayers:	Donald/Peter L.		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
PALM 10 th April SUNDAY	10.30 a.m.	Philip Rowland	C. Leeming	G. Fogg
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel/Janice		
	6.00 p.m.	Easter Songs of Praise		
EASTER 17 th April DAY	10.30 a.m.	Howard Ellison	G. Leeming	S. Greaves
	Vestry Prayers:	Philip/Mark		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
24 th April	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Keith Richardson	D. Mullarkey	J. Greenwood
	Vestry Prayers:	David/Kath		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
1 st May	10.30 a.m.	John Prior	J. Greenwood	D. Driver
	Vestry Prayers:	Donald/Peter L.		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		

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