



The Baptist Church,  
Brierfield

March 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 I'Anson, or by email to [newsletter@brierfieldbaptistchurch.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@brierfieldbaptistchurch.org.uk)*



# Difficulties...

*(A short message by Nigel Leeming)*

**Do you ever get discouraged? Are you tempted to lose heart? Do you have doubts?**

We are aware of many in our Church family are experiencing difficulties due to the loss of loved ones, illness, daily pressures and workloads many are facing in these difficult times.

If you are having such thoughts, you are not alone. We have seen at recent Bible studies how even John the Baptist had his doubts about Christ when faced with the difficulties of imprisonment. Paul too was almost certainly tempted to lose heart, and we are aware he wrote to other Christians who were also tempted to do so. Paul wrote "We do not lose heart" (2 Corinthians 4:1,16). If you look on line at the Message translation of the Bible we see an interesting line in v1 "We do not throw up our hands and walk off the Job"

Why not? Well Paul explains that it is because in Jesus we have received a "treasure" (v.7) This treasure is the message of Jesus Christ. It is because the message Paul has to proclaim is so amazing that he starts and ends by saying, "Therefore..... we do not lose heart". This treasure is inward and unseen. Paul describes it as being in "Jars of Clay (v.7).

Our culture is based on / emphasises the outward and the seen. Our media is dominated by physical beauty and outward success. The bible stresses the importance of the inward and the unseen. Our beliefs, thoughts and attitudes that determine our outward behaviour. Look at v.18 "for what is seen is temporary and what is unseen is eternal.

If you do have doubts / failings, it is because we are but Jars of Clay. But this lent and Easter let's consider this treasure, lets seek Jesus in our thoughts, our personal study and remember what he did for each of us on the cross.

Let's remember our sin creates a barrier between us and God but thanks to the actions of Jesus that first Easter this barrier, along with the curtain in the temple, were ripped apart from top to bottom

Let's praise God for the Hope this gives us even in the most difficult times of our lives

*Nigel*

# 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.

March	7th & 21st
April	4th & 18th

## Warm Room - Each Thursday In March

The "Warm Room" will be open for Tea/Coffee & Biscuits from 6.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Volunteers are still required for March, if you would be willing to help with this please put your name down on the list in the Primary Room.

## Rainbows & Brownies

Monday's 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th March at 6.15 p.m.

## Fellowship Group

Meet on Wednesday 22nd March at 7.30 p.m., When it will be Sjoelen night - all adults welcome.

## Evening Services - for March and April 2023 -

12th March - leader: Nigel; 9th April - An Easter Songs of Praise Led By Melanie, Both Start at 6pm in the Primary Room

## Gift Day

This Year our Gift Day will be on Sunday 26th March, Envelopes will be available the week before, so you can bring your Gifts on the 26th.

## Retirement Home Visits

The next retirement homes visit will be 9th April, however due to Holidays and other commitments we are short of numbers to attend, and we need two new volunteers to take this brief service. If you can help with this visit, which is important for our work in the community, or you would like to know more, speak with Nigel.

# Puzzles

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**For B2, I3, D6, G7, and A9**

( Hebrews 11: 37)

How many Pieces were some of the Lord's Prophets sawed into ?

**For C1, H3, F4, A5, B7, and I8**

(Revelation 21: 9)

How many vials in Revelation contained Plagues?

**For C2, E5, and F7**

(Genesis 32: 6)

How many Hundred mencame with Esauto meet Jacob ?

**For D7 and H9**

( 1 Chronicles 3: 5-8)

How many sons were born tyo King David in Jerusalem ?

**For E1, I7, A8, and F9**

( Revelation 16: 13 )

How many evil spirits, looking like frogs did John see coming from a dragons Mouth ?

**For E3, G4, D5, F8 and I2**

(Genesis 11::11 )

How many hundred Years did Shem live after having Arphaxad?

**For F2, C3, and B5**

(Judges 12: 13-14)

How many years was AbdonJudge of Israel ?

**For G1, A3, B4 and H5**

(Exodus 2:11)

How many Hebrass did Moses see and Egyptian beating up?

**For H1, D3, I4, B6 G8 and C7**

(Revelation 4: 8)

IN Johns Vision of Heaven How many wings did each of the four beasts Have ?

E P E D S N D C S F W A R K S  
 A F L O I T E G U X O G S Z F  
 R O A G F N S O B B W A T E R  
 T U M H L A T P S N I K N Q B  
 H N E T O N R H I R R T G O D  
 R T F I O E O E D P Z Q S Q N  
 E A D W D V Y R E R M N L L I  
 E I N D C O H W D G O C R Q A  
 D N A E U C G O U A S H O Y R  
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 S R M W X M R P E B R A V E N  
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NOAH	ARK
EARTH	GOPHER WOOD
EVIL	PITCH
RIGHTEOUS	CUBITS
WALKED WITH GOD	ROOF
DESTROY	THREE DECKS
FLOOD	RAVEN
MALE AND FEMALE	DOVE
FORTY DAYS	OLIVE LEAF
RAIN	COVENANT
FOUNTAINS BURST	
WATER SUBSIDED	



## The Good Samaritan

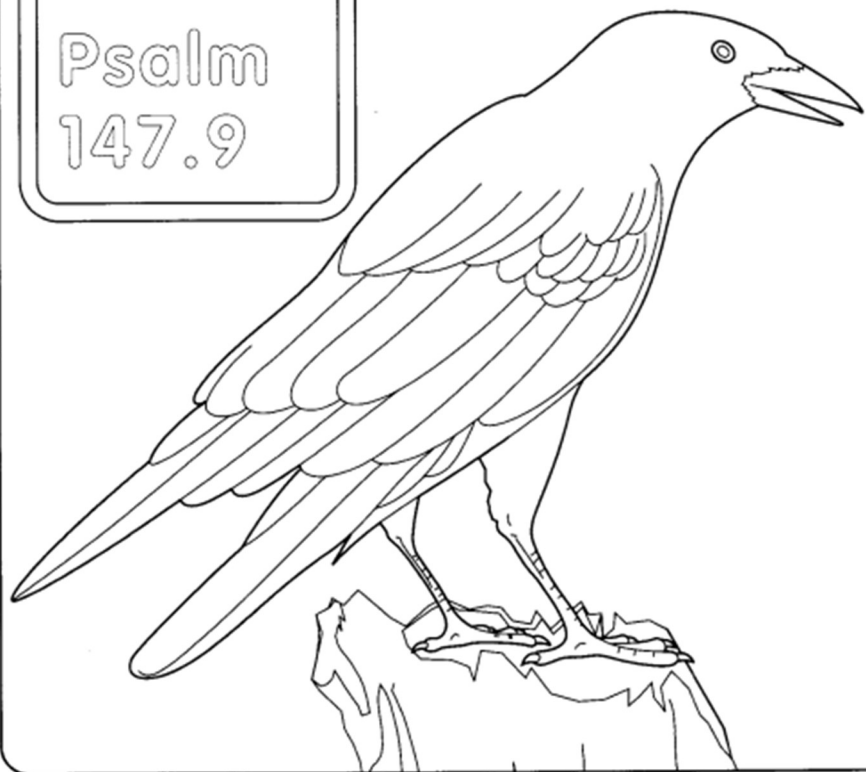
Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? And he said,

H e t h a t h e w e d  
 m e r c y o n h i m

Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise. *Luke 10.36,37*

He giveth to  
the beast his  
food

Psalm  
147.9



He giveth to the beast his food, *and* to the young ravens which cry.  
Psalm 147.9

# ANSWERS FROM LAST MONTH

A B C D E F G H I

1	I	H	E	L	S	T	M	O	A
2	A	T	M	I	O	H	S	L	E
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4	L	A	H	T	I	E	O	S	M
5	E	M	S	A	L	O	I	T	H
6	T	O	I	S	H	M	A	E	L
7	M	E	T	H	A	S	L	I	O
8	H	L	A	O	T	I	E	M	S
9	S	I	O	E	M	L	H	A	T

GIVE GIVE  
GIVE GIVE  
GET GET  
GET GET

Forgive and Forget

PASS  
LAMB

Passover Lamb

THE COVENANT

Ark of The Covenant





## Easter Flowers

From Sunday 12th March there will be a Collection Box on the Radiator as you come into Church, for Donations towards the Easter Flowers, which will be on display during our Easter Services.

## Door Stewards and Service Leaders

Our list of Door Stewards & Service Leaders has shrunk recently, so we are looking for some people 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.

## Easter Services

A full list of Easter Services will be included in next months Newsletter. But for your diaries here is a peek at what's coming up . . .

- **2nd April 10:30** Palm Sunday Morning Service  
– *Preacher Nigel*
- **6th April 18:30** Maundy Thursday Communion Service  
– *Led By Mark*
- **7th April 10:30** Good Friday Morning Service – Preacher Philip
- **9th April**
  - **09:00** Easter Sunday Communion Service  
– *Followed by Breakfast*
  - **10:30** Easter Sunday Morning Service  
– *Geoff Hartley*
  - **18:00** Easter Sunday Songs of Praise  
– *Led By Melanie*

# Prayer Matters

As we enter the season of Lent, (started 22nd February) we begin to think about all that Jesus accomplished for us on the cross. We call this season Lent, which is a period of 40 days during which we Christians remember especially the events leading up to and including the death of our Lord, where He bore our sins upon His sinless self so that we might be reconciled to God the Father and presented blameless in His sight. This period is called Lent after an old English word meaning 'lengthen', presumably because it is the time of year when days become noticeably longer.

Now that the days are getting longer, let's 'lend' some more time to the Lord as we meditate upon all that He has done for us. We may repent of our sins, but still we are stained and unable to approach the Holy Father, to whom we address our prayers. Without His intervention and help we would be utterly lost after death. It is only as we trust in all that Christ has done, and accept the forgiveness that He offers, that we have any hope of entering heaven.

Not for nothing is Easter called the Hinge of History.

## Let's pray

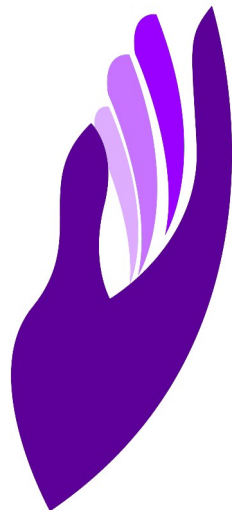
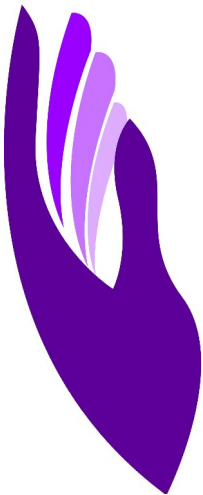
- Putting our trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and Him alone for our salvation.
- That all our family and friends will in time put their trust in Christ as our prayers for them are answered.

**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](mailto: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.





## HISTORY-MAKING MISSION



*BMS workers Pete and Lou make mission history with Pastors Nandita and Jyoti!*

**In November 2022, the Bangladesh Baptist Church Sangha (BBCS) gathered to mark the 225-year anniversary of BMS World Mission founder William Carey's arrival in Bengal.** More than 3,000 Bangladeshi Baptists came together to celebrate this milestone, along with BMS General Director Kang-San Tan, Head of BMS Trustees Marc Owen, and BMS workers Louise and Peter Lynch.

The theme chosen for the anniversary was Revelation 2: 25, which looks towards our future hope as believers: "...hold on to what you have been given until I come." As Louise explained, "The whole idea of the celebration is to go forward, looking into how we can share the gospel even more successfully across Bangladesh!"

A hugely exciting part of this for BBCS was the work Louise and Peter have been doing behind the scenes with BBCS to prepare the way for the ordination of their first female pastors, Jyoti Ratner and Nandita Sharkar! As the Lynches shared in their November prayer letter:

"Jyoti and Nandita are our friends and we have seen their patient service irrespective of recognition. So, it has been really good to have been part of the behind-the-scenes team within BBCS working towards this day, and to pray for these women as they develop, train and support the next generation. The very public inclusion and affirmation of these women also, I think, communicated something about how BBCS leadership wants to be."

225 years on, our understanding of mission has changed and so has the church in Bangladesh. As Kang-San put it, "Jesus Christ's sacrifice is available for all, young and old, female and male to participate fully in the leadership of the church."

To read more about these celebrations and the new direction of mission, visit [www.bmsworldmission.org/celebration](http://www.bmsworldmission.org/celebration)

<b>2023</b>		<b>Preacher</b>	<b>Door Steward</b>	<b>Morning Service Leader</b>
5th March	10.30 a.m.	Kath Rowland	S.Dunham	M.Wilkes
	Vestry Prayers:	Donald/Mark		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
12th March	10.30 a.m.	Susan Western	J.Greenwood	B.Baldwin
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel/Kath		
	6.00 p.m.	EVENING SERVICE & COMMUNION Led By Nigel		
19th March <b>Mothers Day</b>	10.30 a.m.	Cathy Browne	A.Higgin	D.Driver
	Vestry Prayers:	Phillip/Peter		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
26th March	10.30 a.m.	John Fisher	C.Leeming	G.Fogg
	Vestry Prayers:	David/Janice		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
2nd April <b>Palm Sunday</b>	10.30 a.m.	Nigel Leeming	E.Wilkes	S.Greaves
	Vestry Prayers:	Donald/Kath		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
9th April <b>Easter Sunday</b>	10.30 a.m.	Geoff Hartley	G.Leeming	J.Greenwood
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel/Peter		
	6.00 p.m.	EVENING SERVICE & COMMUNION Led By Melanie		
16th April	10.30 a.m.	Danny Cliff	B.Baldwin	G.Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	Philip/Janice		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
23rd April	10.30 a.m.	Jim Lohead	D.Driver	N.Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	David/Mark		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
30th April	10.30 a.m.	Geoff Jackson	S.Dunham	M.Lewis
	Vestry Prayers:	Donald/Peter		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
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