

The Baptist Church, Brierfield

May 2015



We meet in a warm,
friendly atmosphere to
praise and worship the
Lord Jesus Christ.

Please do join us

Services every Sunday

10:00am

Prayer Meeting

10:30am

Family Service

6:00pm

Evening Worship

Children and Young People's meetings

Details are announced during the family service, more information is available from:

Rainbows and Brownies Weekly Meetings Elizabeth Wellman 01282 690403

Guides Weekly Meetings Janice Kay 01282 605594

Sunday Club For boys and girls
upto 11 years old David Leeming 01282 618026

JAM Club (Jesus and Me) For those in year 6
and above. Elizabeth Wellman 01282 690403

Mid week meetings for adults as announced

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We have all been shocked by the earthquake disaster in Nepal. BMS had 21 mission workers in Nepal when the earthquake struck. At the present time we understand all are safe. BMS will be responding and they ask for our prayers.

The scale of the disaster is huge and its effects are, as ever in such situations, far worse for the poor among whom our workers are active. That is why BMS is asking for prayer support and financial support.

If you wish to make a donation please see either Janice or Cynthia. We have sent a gift from the communion fund.

All donations will be used wisely as part of a co-ordinated response of international Christian organisations and the long term partners of BMS.

The people of Nepal desperately need your help. Please join in sending immediate relief and help with the long term recovery plan.

The missionary pages will have more information of how BMS is responding in Nepal.

Bible Studies

The dates for May are the 5th and 26th and in June on the 9th and 23rd. We commence in the lounge at 7.30 p.m. and finish for 9.00 p.m. Please do join us.



Inbetween Group

On the 13th May we are having a meal out at the Pendle Inn. Please let Bernice know if you are coming. In June we are having a walk and picnic supper at Downham. We will probably set off from the church at 7.00 p.m. to be at Downham for 7.30 p.m. You should bring your own picnic supper. Everybody is welcome.

Annual Church Meeting

This is on the 19th May at 7.30 p.m. in the Primary Room. All Church members should be present and members of the congregation are welcome. Please watch out for nomination requests for deacons and do try to come.

Iraq

I have received a note from our friends at St Luke's regarding correspondence from Baghdad. Rev Andrew White who is the Vicar of Baghdad is requesting urgent prayer. ISIS have just taken over the town of QUARAGOSH which is the biggest Christian city in Iraq. Hundreds of man women and children are being beheaded. The Christian community are asking for prayer. Please take one minute to pray for the situation.

Fred Davies

It was very nice to join with Fred to celebrate his 90th Birthday with a lunch. Fred has written: ***"Thanks to my friends who enjoyed my birthday lunch. We must express our gratitude to the ladies who provided both food and splendid cake. Fred Davies"***

Saturday 9th May

Church Day Out

Barley Village Hall

Start 10.00 for 10.30 am

- Morning will be a presentation from Racheal Lawrence with separate meeting for children.
- Bring a packed Lunch.
- Afternoon Fun Activities - if it is wet or fine!
- 4.00 p.m. Finish with Epilogue.
- Please put you name on the list, indicating if you can provide transport or if you want transport, or see Graham.

We will have a great day out if everyone comes please do join us.

The Baptist Church, Brierfield Anniversary Services

Sunday 17th May



9:30_{am} Prayer Meeting

10:30am Family Service

6:00_{pm} Evening Worship

Preacher: Mike Huck.

Please make a note of this and join us to celebrate 129 years of Baptist worship in Brierfield

Prayer Matters

Shortly we will be voting in the General Election. In these confusing days, we can only rely on the Lord to guide our votes. Let's pray that the next Government will uphold Biblical principles, and rule the country wisely.



But more than a stable Government, we need a return to the Lord as a nation. Let's continue our prayers for Revival to come to our land as it has done in years gone by, and that we might once more be known as a Christian nation.

- **With revival comes joy of heart;** suggested prayer: Lord, replace other attractions with love for you, Your people, Your kingdom, and spiritual realities.
- **With revival each church will come in to its own:** suggested prayer: Lord, bring the churches of our land into the reality of experiencing You, rather than just having ideas about You.

Please also pray for:

- Our Missionary Contacts – Irene, The Milns, Rachel, the Dellors and Natalie;
- That our Church will grow both in numbers and grace.
- That the Lord will show us as a church how to reach out to lost souls around us.
- The Holiday Club in the Summer.
- The Christianity Explored project in the Autumn.

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.



If any one wishes to do a house to house collection please see David, I have all the necessary items.

There is a **Hunger Lunch** at St Luke's on Friday 8th May from 12.00 noon until 2.00 p.m. Please support this

There is also an event planned by the guides.

A **Mad Hatters Tea (coffee) Party** on Monday May 18th from 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. in the primary room. There is no charge but donations for Christian Aid. Please note Hats must be worn or you will be fined

Please do come and support the Girls and Christian Aid.

Brierfield House

We are taking a short service at Brierfield House on the 14th June at 2.30 p.m. It is always the same folk who provide music and lead the service and give a short message. What about some new volunteers to serve the Lord at this service New Volunteers please see David.

Ron Bolton

We are pleased to hear that Ron Bolton is out of Hospital and at home. We understand these are difficult times for both him and Dorothy. We send them our Love and Prayers and hope to see Ron back on his feet without crutches soon.

Handrail

Thanks to Peter Lewis for the new handrail at the Guilford street entrance. I know many have used it without realising it was there. We do appreciate when people help out with these small jobs.

Scaffolding

You will have noticed the scaffolding at the church entrance. The lead flashing has been renewed on the gable and the apex has been pointed. In order to keep the elements out. We have arranged for the same work on the Ross street apex.

An update from Nepal

All BMS workers in Nepal are safe and accounted for, and our partners are contacting their staff around the country.



BMS is sending three grants to assist partners in Nepal with emergency relief work and Jerry Clewett is jumping into action this week.

The Nepal earthquake has, as of today, claimed over 5,500 lives. Thousands more have been injured and more, both alive and dead, are being removed from the rubble. Your generosity has enabled BMS World Mission to provide some essential funding to our partners in Nepal.

Having people on the ground who know what is happening and can effectively co-ordinate with partners and relief agencies is essential after disasters. BMS mission worker and technical director for United Mission to Nepal (UMN) Jerry Clewett has spent the last few days doing just that. "I stayed in the office until 7pm on Wednesday writing situation reports for a potential meeting in Dhading District, where UMN hopes to provide emergency food, shelter, essentials and supplies," says Jerry. Dhading is near the earthquake's epicentre, west of Kathmandu, and an area where 241 lives were lost. Reuters reports survivors remaining helpless on the ground for hours, left immobile by the severity of their injuries, waiting for help to come.

BMS has sent three grants to our partners in Nepal. They are:

- £10,000 to UMN to assist with the medical relief in Dhading District. This relief grant will provide medical care for seriously injured people as well as those with less serious injuries.
- £10,000 to International Nepal Fellowship for emergency relief items in Gurkha to give tents, food, hygiene packs and water.
- £6,600 to the development wing of the Nepal Baptist Church Council for medicine and shelter.

Please continue praying for the survivors of this disaster.

Many are homeless, injured and hungry, waiting for their loved ones to be found. Pray for the relief effort, that it reaches all areas of the country, remote villages and cities alike. Pray for BMS workers on the ground.

In the long term, many survivors will need the help of occupational therapists like Megan Barker. You can support her work and help them to rehabilitate their patients, who will need months of intensive therapy, by supporting our long-term work detailed in the upcoming resource, My Father's House.

If you would like to make a donation there are envelopes available. Please see Cynthia if you cannot find one.

Dates For Your Diary

5th May	7:30pm	Bible Study	Church Lounge
8th May	12 - 2pm	Hunger Lunch for Christian Aid	St Lukes
9th May	10:00am	Away Day	Barley Village Hall
13th May	7:30pm	In-Between Meal Out	Barley Inn
18th May	7:00pm	Mad Hatters Coffee Evening	Primary Room
19th May	7:30pm	Church Annual Meeting	Primary Room
26th May	7:30pm	Bible Study	Church Lounge
4th June	10:30am	Coffee Morning	Peter and Cynthia's
8th June	7:30pm	Officers Meeting	Church Lounge
9th June	7:30pm	Bible Study	Church Lounge
14th June	2:30pm	Visit to Retirement Homes	Brierfield House
16th June	10:00am	Brierfield Churches Meeting	32 Reedley Road
17th June	7:00pm	In-between Picnic	Downham
23rd June	7:30pm	Bible Study	Church Lounge

Coffee Mornings

Our next coffee morning is on Thursday June 4th (not as previously advertised) at Peter and Cynthia's. There will be no coffee mornings in July or August and they will resume in September.

Sunday Morning Coffee Rota

3rd May	Janice	Elizabeth
10th May	Angela	Chris
17th May	Richard	Gill
24th May	Kay	Rebecca L
31st May	Declan	Franki
7th June	Elaine	David M
14th June	Sheila	Peter L
21st June	Philip	Donald
28th June	Janice	Elizabeth

		Preacher	Door Steward	Morning Service Leader
May 3rd	10:30am	Donald Leeming	Kath Hughes	C. l'Anson
	Vestry Prayers	<i>David Leeming</i>	<i>Peter l'Anson</i>	
	6.00pm	Philip Rowland		
May 10th	10.30am	K. Rowland	C. l'Anson	B. Driver
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Donald Leeming</i>	<i>Jack Parkinson</i>	
	6.00pm	David Leeming		
May 17th Church Anniversary	10.30am	Mike Huck	S. Dunham	K. Rowland
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>David Leeming</i>	<i>Jack Sunderland</i>	
	6.00pm	Mike Huck		
May 24th	10.30am	J. Caddy	C Leeming	G. Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Donald Leeming</i>	<i>Nigel Leeming</i>	
	6.00pm	D. Lawrence		
May 31st	10.30am	G. Jackson	G. Leeming	N. Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>David Leeming</i>	<i>Philip Rowland</i>	
	6.00pm	Donald Leeming		
June 7th	10:30am	Peter l'Anson	David Mularky	Melanie Lewis
	Vestry Prayers	<i>Donald Leeming</i>	<i>Jack Parkinson</i>	
	6.00pm	Nigel Leeming		
June 14th	10.30am	E. Parsons	E. Wellman	B. Baldwin
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>David Leeming</i>	<i>Peter l'Anson</i>	
	6.00pm	E. R. Steel		
June 21st	10.30am	G. Hartley	Neil Binns	C. l'Anson
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Donald Leeming</i>	<i>Jack Sunderland</i>	
	6.00pm	D. Lawrence		
June 28th	10.30am	T. Yates	Jordan Leeming	B. Driver
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>David Leeming</i>	<i>Nigel Leeming</i>	
	6.00pm	E. Platt		