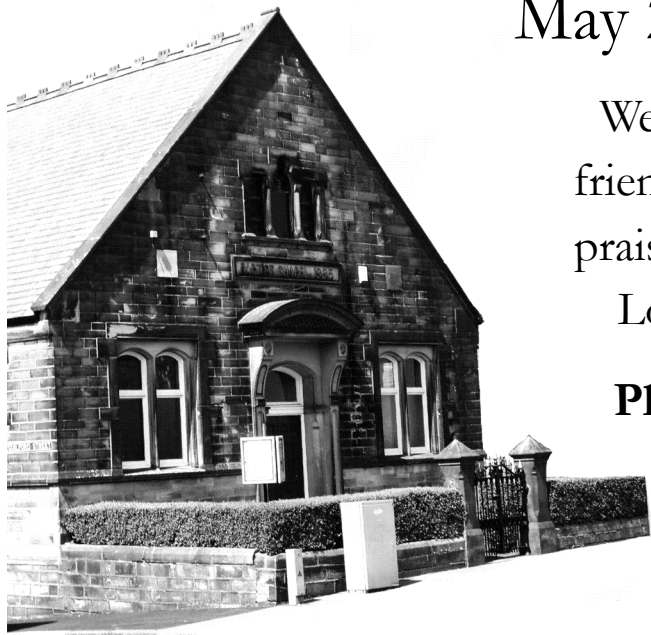


# The Baptist Church, Brierfield

## May 2017



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**

Rainbows and Brownies	Weekly Meetings	Elizabeth Wellman	01282 690403
Guides	Weekly Meetings	Janice Greenwood	01282 605594
Sunday Club	For boys and girls up to 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**

Church Secretary Mr David Leeming, Tel: 01282 618026 or 07811192134

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It seems as though Elections are very popular at the moment. We will be electing new Deacons at the church meeting on the 23 May at 7.30 p.m. All members should be present and we welcome all others to join us as well. Please note the Nomination Paper is on the notice board and will be removed on the 21st May at the close of the evening service. Please continue to pray for the replacement as Secretary and deacons and perhaps Elders. The support on the 12-hour clock was very gratifying as was the attendance at the evening prayer meeting.

Now about that other Election in June. I have always been of the opinion that the church should not get involved, but at a recent meeting I was at it was pointed out that we should do all we can as Christians to ensure we get the right government. In Philippians chapter 2 vs. 3 we read "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves." Perhaps this gives us a clue as to how we approach the general Election; we should consider how it would affect not only ourselves but also others. As we did at the referendum, the Brierfield Churches will be holding a Prayer meeting asking for Gods Guidance and His influence on the nation Please do join us.

**In-Betweens.** At the next meeting, we are going out for a meal to the Pendle Inn at Barley. This is on Wednesday May 17th. Please see Bernice for full details of times and transport. In June, we are going out for a short stroll and then a picnic .the date is the 14th and everyone is welcome to join us.

**Bible Studies.** We meet on Tuesdays and Mondays. Tuesdays are at 7.30 p.m. and the next is the 30th May and then the 13th and 27th June. Monday's dates are 8th May then the 5th June and the 19th June. These are 10.30 a.m. each morning.

Please do come along for a time of Praise prayer and study.

**Coffee Mornings.** The next Coffee morning is on the 9th May at the home of Peter and Cynthia. Transport can be arranged as usual.

**Christian Aid. Big Brekkie...** Thanks to all who supported this event. We received £186.00 for Christian Aid, which was very gratifying.

In addition to the Big Brekkie, there is a soup and social at St. Lukes on Friday 19th May at 12.00 noon. Cynthia can supply further details. The Methodists are arranging a House-to-House collection during week commencing the 14th May. If any one wishes to take part you should contact Stephanie at the Methodist church who will let you have envelopes and details of streets, perhaps you can do your street?

**Anniversary Services.** These are on the 4th June at 10.30 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. We are pleased to welcome Chris Cheeseman to preach at these services. Chris as you probably know was minister at the Brierfield Methodist church and is still very much connected with the Hospice. There will be a lunch after the service, if you are able to help with this please see Cynthia during coffee.

**Coffee Rota.** It will happen some Sunday No volunteers to make it and wash up ...No coffee.

## Dates For Your Diary

2nd May	7:30pm	Bible Study	Church Lounge
8th May	10:30am		Primary Room
9th May	10:30am	Coffee Morning	Peter & Cynthia's
17th May	7:30pm	In-Between Meal Out	
19th May	12 noon	Soup and Social for Christian Aid	St. Lukes
22nd May	7:30pm	Officers Meeting	Church Lounge
23rd May	7:30pm	Annual Church Meeting	Primary Room
30th May	7:30pm		Church Lounge
5th June	10:30am	Bible Study	Primary Room
31st May	7:30pm	Prayer Night for the Election	St. Lukes Church
4th June	10:30am & 6:00pm	<b>Anniversary Services</b>	
11th June	2:30pm	Retirement homes visit	Victoria House
13th June	10:00am	Brierfield Churches Meeting	32 Reedley Rd
13th June	7:30pm		Church Lounge
19th June	10:30am	Bible Study	Primary Room
14th June	7:00pm	In-between group stroll and picnic	
18th June	6:00pm	United Service	Chapel
24th June	11:00am	Mark and Elizabeth Wedding	
27th June	7:30pm		Church Lounge
3rd July	10:30am	Bible Study	Primary Room
1st July	10:30am	Open Air Witness	Methodist Church

**Upcoming Meetings.** There is an Officers Meeting on the 22nd May at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Lounge and the Church meeting in the Primary at 7.30 p.m. on the 23rd May.

**Brierfield Churches** . The 11th June is the date for us to visit Victoria House Nursing Home. We require someone to lead the service (Hymns Bible Reading and Prayers) and someone to provide Music. Any volunteers are most welcome. On the 31st May, there is the Prayer meeting for the General Election at Living Hope. It starts at 7.30 p.m. and I do hope everyone will try to attend. There will be a united service on the 18th June in our church at 6.00 p.m. Kath will be preaching. On the 1st July, we are holding some Open Air Witness in Brierfield Centre. This is at 10.30 a.m. meet in the Methodist Church for prayer. Two people from each church will go out to speak to people and listen to them giving them church literature. Free tea and coffee will be given out as well as activities for children. This is a new venture and needs your help. Watch out for more details.

# Prayer Matters:

Over the last few months we have been asking, seeking and knocking on heaven's door asking that our prayers for the future of our church will be heard and answered. There are changes which are taking place within it that could have far-reaching consequences. What we must be most concerned about is that we are attentive to the voice of the Lord as He guides, prompts and leads us.



So the question now is – have we heard the voice of Jesus urging us forward? When the saints of old prayed, they fasted as well. Have we been led into that? And more specifically, have we shown ourselves to be earnest before the Lord? How can we do that? Well, we sing about it often enough – let's try it. Just try getting down on your knees (literally) in submission to the Lord Almighty as you make your petitions known to Him!

## Let's pray that

- God will guide us as we make decisions about the future organising of our Church;
- As we consider additional Deacons, and possibly even Elders, the Lord will show us in a definite way who He wants to fill the positions in our church in the future.
- If called upon, we will be willing to work for the Lord .

## Please also pray for:

- Our Missionary Contacts – Irene, Rachel, the Dellors and Natalie, and indeed, all those on the Mission Field;
- That our Church will grow both in numbers and grace as the Lord adds to our number .

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](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.

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We must send wishes for a speedy recovery to Ron Bolton and to Philip Rowland. Ron has been in Hospital and is now home. We remember both of them, and their families, in our prayers at this time.

		<b>Preacher</b>	<b>Door Steward</b>	<b>Morning Service Leader</b>
7th May	10.30am	Stephen Wells	Declan Driver	Beverley Driver
	<b>Vestry Prayers:</b>	<i>Donald Leeming</i>	<i>Philip Rowland</i>	
	6.00pm	David Lavender		
14th May	10.30am	John Caddy	K. Hughes	K. Rowland
	<b>Vestry Prayers:</b>	<i>Donald Leeming</i>	<i>J. Parkinson</i>	
	6.00pm	Pat Heyhurst		
21st May	10.30am	David Leeming	C. l'Anson	R. Rigby
	<b>Vestry Prayers:</b>	<i>Donald Leeming</i>	<i>N. Leeming</i>	
	6.00pm	Kath Rowland		
28th May	10.30am	Tony Yates	J. Greenwood	R. Hartley
	<b>Vestry Prayers:</b>	<i>David Leeming</i>	<i>P. l'Anson</i>	
	6.00pm	David Livermore		
4th June	10.30am	Rev. Chris Cheeseman	S. Dunham	N. Leeming
	<b>Vestry Prayers:</b>	<i>Donald Leeming</i>	<i>P. Rowland</i>	
	6.00pm	Rev. Chris Cheeseman		
11th June	10:30am	Nigel Leeming	C. Leeming	S. Greaves
	<b>Vestry Prayers:</b>	<i>David Leeming</i>	<i>P. l'Anson</i>	
	6.00pm	Anne Booth		
18th June	10.30am	Grahame Baldwin	G. Leeming	M. Lewis
	<b>Vestry Prayers:</b>	<i>Donald Leeming</i>	<i>N. Leeming</i>	
	6.00pm	Kath Rowland		
25th June	10.30am	Donald Leeming	Peter Lewis	B. Baldwin
	<b>Vestry Prayers:</b>	<i>David Leeming</i>	<i>P. Rowland</i>	
	6.00pm	Stephen Wells		