



The Baptist Church, Brierfield



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May Newsletter 2018

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

Guides - Contact Janice Greenwood for more details on 01282 605594

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.

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



The Lord's calling

a short message by Donald Leeming

As I was considering the subject for my introduction word came of the death of Mr Bert Williams, I had my topic.

Bert & Dot were lovely Christians who were a blessing to all with whom they came in contact. They were from Liverpool; Bert a school master, Dot a nurse. They came in contact with Brierfield Baptist Church through Peter and Cynthia, who met them at a christian endeavour holiday home (Brockley Hall, I think). Bert came to preach for us two or three times a year, for over 35 years, up until the journey became too much for him 3 years ago. He liked coming to Brierfield, to the church and to the town and countryside.

He was involved with the Gideons, and various other groups seeking to make the Lord Jesus Christ known. It has been good to know him and now he is with Jesus which is far better.

I recently heard of a lady who had gone to be with the Lord. In her church she was a Sunday School teacher, a leading member of the choir and if she was absent from a Sunday service there would be a good reason.

Then I heard of a man still living aged 90, who never misses a service come rain or shine. I would go on, but enough said.

The church of Jesus Christ is founded and built upon loyal and faithful servants, and each of us has a part to play. He calls us to trust and to follow Him and serve Him, and it maybe He is calling some of us to follow Him through the waters of baptism and then to join the church and serve Him there. May each of us respond to His calling.

Jesus calls us in the tumult of our lives wild restless sea.

Day by day He is calling

Saying Christians follow Me.

Announcements

It is with sadness that we record the passing of Bert Williams. News arrived early last week that he had died in Hospital around the 10th April.. Bert was a regular visitor to the church and conducted many services .Initially he came with his first wife who always gave a solo to compliment his preaching. He had an unending number of stories always with a good practical moral for us. He was a Liverpudlian through and through and the Liverpool humour came through when you talked to him. As a church we thank God for all he did for us and we praise God for his Christian service throughout Liverpool.

At the current time we are trying to arrange a **Baptismal service** probably in early July. Currently there are two candidates but we would like more. We ask that we all think seriously about Baptism, remembering that it is believers baptism. Any one who is interested and would like to explore this further should contact any of the Elders.

Lancashire Festival of Hope with Franklin Graham is being held on the 21st 22nd and 23rd of September at the Winter Gardens in Blackpool. Each evening there is a rally at 7.00 p.m. I wonder if we can arrange a party to go on the Saturday . If anyone is interested please let David Know.

There are **Christian life and witness courses** for helpers during may. The nearest one to us is at Padiham road Methodist Sat 19th May at 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. I have further details for those interested.

Inbetween Group: Our next get together is on the 23rd may and is going out for a meal. We are going to the New Waggoners in Burnley. We are meeting at the church at 7.00 p.m. and plan to eat around 7.30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Please let Bernice know if you are coming.

Bible Studies. The dates for Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m. are 9th 29th May and Mondays 14th and 4th June. Please note the dates. Looking at Gods' word and knowing His instructions for us is an important part of the Christian requirement. Can I ask you to think carefully of giving up 2 hours per fortnight and joining us.

Church Meeting. The Annual church meeting is on the 22nd May at 7.30pm. Attendances at church meetings is a very important part of a church members commitment . so please make sure you are there. other friends of the church are very welcome .

Christian Aid Week. Hunger Lunch in place of soup and sandwich at st Lukes at 12.00 noon on the 11th May and the Methodist church are doing a house to house collection. Let me know if you wish to help. Don't forget the Bacon Butties and Sausage sandwich on the 26th may 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon at our church.

Open Air Service outside the Community centre on July 8th 6.00 p.m. please note the date.

Open air Witness Saturday 12th May meet at the Methodist church at 10.45am for going out at 11.00am to 12 noon.

Anniversary

Sunday May 20th

9.45am. Prayer Meeting

10.30am. Family service followed by Lunch

6.00pm. Evening worship

Preacher Rev David Livermore.

There is a list of items on the notice board in the primary room that we require for the lunch, please add your name and number of portions if you are able to help. Also, volunteers are wanted to help set up for the lunch, please see Cynthia for more details.

Trustees: We are in the process of increasing the number of Trustees for the church. David needs the following information from those who have shown an interest in being added to the list: Previous names (If relevant), D.O.B. and current addresses.

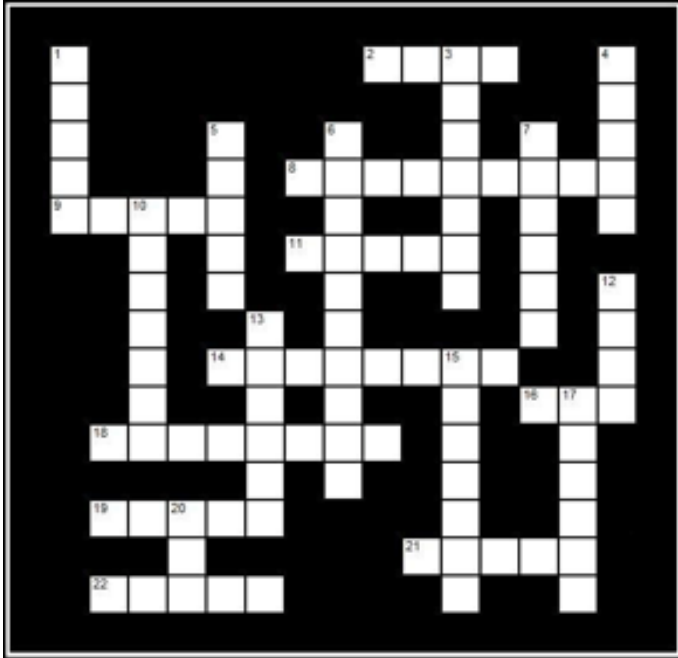
General Data Protection Regulation: On 25th May 2018 the data protection law will change with the introduction of the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). This will have an impact on our church and the various groups within it that collect, store and use member's personal information. The church will do everything necessary to make all such information safe, including addresses and contact numbers. Each group within the church is responsible for taking the following action:

- Check all relevant data including that stored on computer or memory stick.
- Delete information no longer needed or shred out of date paperwork.
- Keep current records, including financial, in a safe and secure place.

Do not leave anything on view during a meeting.

There is a hefty fine if we do not respond fully to this legislation. If in doubt please speak to Angela, Janice or Kathryn.

Puzzle Page

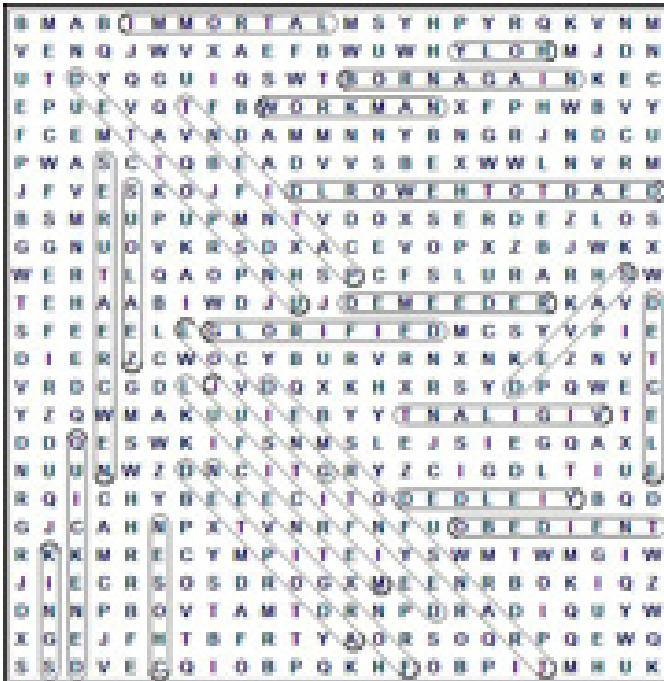


Across:

2. Place of Torment
8. Lamb
9. Jesus' brother
11. David's father
14. Tribe of Israel
16. ___ Commandments
18. Peter
19. Abraham's wife
21. Wilderness food
22. Jesus' betrayer

Down

1. Leader of Israel
3. Satan
4. Born again
5. Whale's supper
6. First worship building
7. Used a fleece
10. Last OT Book
12. First born son in the Bible
13. 23rd OT Book
15. Isaac's father
17. Prophet of Ahab's day



<- Answers to last month's wordsearch

Kids Corner

Simply human, simply God?

XSTREAM II

Luke 2:1-7



circle in one colour all the things that are true about a human being. Now circle, using another colour, the things that are true about God.

Makes plans	says nasty things sometimes	can make a meal
Has a big plan for the world	can make a sunset	Loves people
Loves everybody	Heals people completely inside and out	Makes people better
Is perfect	Gets worried about tomorrow	Knows all about the future

Which of these are true about Jesus?



WORLDNEWS

REFUGEES ARE LIKE YOU AND ME

Former BMS World Mission worker Ann MacFarlane witnessed refugees coming ashore in Italy, and has seen God at work in their lives. Here she reflects on people she's met off the boats:

When Blessing arrived at the port, there was nowhere for her to go. There was no way, after witnessing her five and six-year-old children drown in front of her, that the authorities could put her in a mother and child facility. So my husband David and I took her into our home until they found a place for her to go and get the help she needed.

People like Blessing kept arriving, almost daily. The boats kept coming, and to begin with I felt helpless. I felt like there was nothing I could do. But as a Christian, I believed that I couldn't follow a living God and not do something. So alongside an army of volunteers and people from our church, we would offer water. We would give them snacks, work alongside the doctors and help to translate. We would do anything we could to help.

Through all of this, we've seen God at work. We've seen miracles happen. I've sat with a woman giving birth in a hospital the same day she came ashore.

I've sat with that very same woman in church, praying for months on end for her husband to arrive, unsure of where he was. And I've rejoiced as I've seen them reunited.

God has taught me that the people arriving on boats are no different from you or me. Christ doesn't see us as different. To him, we're all the same. We have blood that runs through our veins. We all have souls. And I can't help but praise God for all that he does for these people. Through all the horrible things that have gone on, God has been there.



Help us continue to support refugees and other people in desperate need. Donate here: bmsworldmission.org/disaster



DISCIPLESHIP **EXPLORED**

Discipleship Explored is an eight week journey through Paul's letter to the Philippians which will help us think through questions like

How can I be sure I am a Christian?

What is life really all about?

How can I grow as a Christian?

How can I enjoy being a Christian more?

This is an advance warning of the course which will run during October and November this year. As elders, we would encourage as many people to attend as possible. The course will commence on Monday 1st October at 10.30 am, and that session will be repeated on Thursday 4th October at 7.30 pm. This pattern will continue for the following seven weeks.

Sausage Sandwich and Bacon Butty morning

Saturday 26th May 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon

Everyone welcome

Proceeds for Christian Aid.



Prayer Matters

This month let's concentrate on our own church here in Brierfield. There are several areas where we need prayer. In the first place, let's **pray that God will build up our church** through His Holy Spirit moving amongst us. At the same time, we need to **pray that God will prosper us in all areas** – indeed, early signs of blessing are there, with some coming forward for Baptism, and we thank God for this encouragement. I said early signs – let's pray the Lord of the Harvest to grant a large harvest of souls in this place.

Then we ought to **pray for the Lord to bring new people into our church**, which again will build us up. Remember, we are often God's hands and voices in this matter, so let's try to pray for and encourage our friends and family to come and join with us.

And while we are talking about our responsibilities, let's **give thanks and pray** for all those who hold **positions of responsibility** within our church. But more importantly, let's not forget the **vast army of volunteers** who do things like give out and collect the hymn books, the musicians, those who brew-up for us after the service, and many other little jobs for which they are often never thanked.

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...

I am **David Leeming**, I was born in May 1942. My parents and brother had come to live in Brierfield as my mother wanted to be near her brother as my father was going away in the war to the far east. I was brought to the Baptist church immediately and have been coming ever since. I was Baptised in April 1956, after accepting Christ as my personal Saviour. In 1966 I married my Sunday school sweet heart and we had three children, Nigel, Janice and Elizabeth. I have taught in Sunday school since 1957 and was appointed church secretary in 1967. I was a management accountant among other things during my working life, being with Smith and Nephew for over 30 years. As a young person I was a boy soprano and was soloist at many churches especially our own, which gave me a love of Hymns and some sacred music. I am thrilled with the Messiah and love the music and words. I remember singing in it at a nativity in the big school, many years ago. When I look back over the years many people come to mind who helped me and inspired me . Sunday school teachers, church leaders and family and friends. I hope that in the days to come I will have been such an inspiration to others.

When I was eleven I along with others I had to learn chunks of scripture and if we could repeat them satisfactorily to the Elder we received a Bible under the will of Philip Lord Wharton. I did manage it eventually and was presented with the Bible in May '52.. In the Bible Mr Willie Greenwood one of the Elders had underlined a verse, we had to find it and it became a favourite text of mine.

Proverbs Chapter 4 v23.

"Keep thy heart with all diligence for out of it are the issues of life. " I am thrilled to serve the Master , the one who gave His Life for me.



		Preacher	Door Steward	Morning Service Leader
6th May	10:30am	Grahame Baldwin	E. Wilkes	M. Lewis
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Donald Leeming</i>	<i>Kath Rowland</i>	
	6.00pm	Philip Rowland		
13th May	10.30am	Kath Rowland	Declan Driver	B. Baldwin
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>David Leeming</i>	<i>Janice Greenwood</i>	
	6.00pm	Susan Western		
20th May <i>Anniversary</i>	10.30am	David Livermore	Kath Hughes	M. Lewis
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Philip Rowland</i>	<i>Peter l'Anson</i>	
	6.00pm	David Livermore		
27th May	10.30am	Harold Hogarth	C. l'Anson	B. Driver
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Nigel Leeming</i>	<i>Kath Rowland</i>	
	6.00pm	Rev. Geoff Hartley		
3rd June	10.30am	Paul Carter	J. Greenwood	K. Rowland
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Donald Leeming</i>	<i>Peter l'Anson</i>	
	6.00pm	Rev. Geoff Jackson		
10th June	10.30am	Geoff Hartley	S. Dunham	R. Rigby
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>David Leeming</i>	<i>J. Greenwood</i>	
	6.00pm	Howard Ellison		
17th June	10.30am	Earnest Gorton	C. Leeming	R. Hartley
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Philip Rowland</i>	<i>Peter l'Anson</i>	
	6.00pm	Kath Rowland		
24th June	10.30am	David Leeming	G. Leeming	S. Greaves
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Nigel Leeming</i>	<i>K. Rowland</i>	
	6.00pm	Ann Booth		
1st July <i>Easter Sunday</i>	10.30am	Chris Cheeseman		
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Donald Leeming</i>	<i>J. Greenwood</i>	
	6.00pm	Earnest Gorton		