



The Baptist Church,
Brierfield

May 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



Substitute

(A short message by David Leeming)

The message from the Elders should have been from Donald but he is at present in hospital, he is improving but only slowly. So I'm the substitute. I seem to have been doing this a lot. Mainly due to illness I seem to have been taking Communion every week and leading our prayers at the start of the service. I don't mind but I don't want to hog all the jobs.

Being a substitute reminds me that Jesus was once a substitute for you and me. We have just celebrated Easter where we seemed to have been holding a number of services at some the support was poor, others were better but not up to our usual numbers. Did you miss joining with us in person or did you join with us on line. On line to me is not the real thing but it is better than nothing but how much better when we can share our worship with the folks around us giving encouragement to each other But to get back to Jesus being our substitute Our sins were taken on Him when He went to the cross. The punishment He took was ours but He stood in for us. Jesus then defeated Death by rising on the third day showing He had made the way to God open for each of us What should our reaction to this be, just to note it, or just to move on to something else. Or does it demand My life My all to quote that favourite Easter Hymn. I'm sure we need to remember daily that He was our substitute and worship Him. not just on Sundays but every day

Where the whole realm of nature mine
That were a present far to small
love so amazing so divine
Demands (shall have) my soul my life my all.

David

Christine Shore

It was with great sadness we learnt of the death of Christine Shore a great worker for the Lord at St. Luke's. She was also someone who worked hard with trying to put a united face of the Brierfield Churches to the area. We know this is a sad loss for both her family and her church and we offer to them both our sympathy at this time assuring them of our prayers. **David.**

Bible Studies/Prayer Meetings

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

May	3 rd & 24 th
June	7 th & 21 st
July	5 th & 19 th
SUMMER BREAK IN AUGUST	

MARK RAMPLIN – Musical Evening Service 8th MAY at 6.00 p.m.

Please come and join us to hear Mark and a couple of friends, who will lead our evening worship. We have also invited churches in our Cluster Group and also the Methodist and St. Luke's churches in Brierfield.

Fellowship Group

Will meet on Wednesday 11th May at 7.30 p.m. for a party to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee - all adults welcome. Advance notice - a BBQ is planned on 8th July to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, more details nearer the date.

Officers Meeting

There will be an officers meeting on Thursday 12th May at 7.30 p.m.

Annual Church Meeting

Our Annual Church Meeting will take place on TUESDAY 17th MAY at 7.30 p.m. All church members should make every effort to attend, where possible, and all members of the congregation are also welcome to attend.

Brierfield Churches Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Brierfield Churches on the 31st May at 10.00 a.m. at our church.

YOUTH WORK

Rainbows & Brownies Monday's 6.15 - 7.15 p.m

Have re-started on Monday 25th April and will run until 23rd May. The 30th May, being the summer half-term.

J.A.M. Club

JAM Club meet on Friday 13th May at 6.30 p.m.

- **Advance note**
 - 10th June BBQ - names by 1st June
 - 8th July Trip - names required by 1st July.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - 15th to 21st MAY 2022

To raise funds for Christian Aid Week 2022, gift envelopes have been obtained, and will be available in chapel for people to use to support this worthy cause.

Flower List for 2022

There are currently 12 spaces still left available on this year's list. Please check if any of these are suitable, should you wish to place flowers on a particular Sunday. If you are currently not attending chapel, please contact Glenys.

Job Vacancy – Church Secretary

At the first Officer's meeting in January 2022, I informed the meeting that I intended to step down in 2023 (giving 12 months notice) at the AGM this year. Due to health and other personal

reasons, I have now made the decision to stand down sooner, and I will step down at the end of December 2022. I have enjoyed my time as Church Secretary and know that it is a very worthwhile, busy and much valued position within the church, but for my own well-being it is time to step aside. The position can only be held by a Church Member, so PLEASE, think, pray and ask questions if you feel called upon to take on this position. **ANGELA**

Gift Aid Information – from Janice

Just a reminder about gift aid, if you gift aid your collections we can claim 25% back from the government, this means that for every £1.00 you donate - as a church we can claim an extra 25p.

To allow you to gift aid, you must pay basic rate tax and make donations from your own funds. You must also have paid tax in the tax year and it must be equal or under the amount the charity can claim - i.e. if you donate £1000 we can claim back £250 and you must have paid £250 tax in that tax year.

If you have not yet signed up to the scheme please contact me so that I can arrange to complete the gift aid form, don't worry it's nothing taxing just name and address.

If you have signed up to the gift aid scheme please can you ensure that I know the number on the envelopes that you are using to ensure that all our records are correct. **THANKS. JANICE**

Old / No Longer Used Spectacles

For those people, like me, who have several pairs of old spectacles in a drawer at home - I have now found a source willing to re-cycle them. We all know of the 'Lions' - they collect them - check them and then re-distribute them to third world countries. I will place a box in the back classroom, if you wish to donate your old spectacles. Please only put the actual spectacles in the box, the cases need to be disposed of in your normal waste, or re-cycle bin. Thanks Angela

Communion Service - 8th May

Change of plan - As this is the 2nd Sunday in the month, this service would normally be held following the evening service. A musical evening has been booked with Mark Ramplin and a couple friends, At the recent church meeting, it was felt that it would be better to re-arrange the communion service, and have it following the morning and not the evening service.

Bible Studies – from Kath

One of the main functions of the church is to bring people closer to God and to help them understand what is being said in the Bible. Yes, we have preachers who come on a Sunday, and this is a great help.

A far greater help is the Bible Studies that we have once a fortnight. It's a time of studying a portion out of the Bible, and then discussing it. It's a time of learning together.

The Elders did a questionnaire some months ago, asking people if they were interested in coming to the Bible Study, and if so, when was the best day and time for them. Some people said, "Yes." They were interested and ticked the best day and time for them. Sadly, it hasn't worked. We have got three new people who are faithful every fortnight, but it's still the same faithful ones who are giving up one hour a fortnight. Yes, one hour or a bit longer, a fortnight. What would have happened if Jesus had said that He hadn't the time to go to the cross for us? He. gave up His life for us. Let's give up some time to learn more about Him and see the church grow.

I would like to thank Philip for all the time that he spends in preparing the studies. He faithfully gives up his time.

Please accept this in love as it is given in love.

Kath

Prayer Matters

As I look out of the window this morning, I see that the last of the daffodils and early bulbs are almost finished in their display, and that the tree buds are swelling - and some are even in flower already. How beautiful is the world God has given us to live in. What beauty, what perfection we can find in a flower. How sad that their beauty is fleeting, and will soon fade. There is an inherent sadness in fallen creation that reminds us that all good things come to an end.

But one day, it will be different. We don't know what heaven will be like, but we can perhaps conjecture that not only will we be captivated by the sight of our Lord Jesus in glory, but we will also be amazed by the beauty of heaven itself. We are given hints when John relates in Revelation that he can see a river flowing from the Throne of God, with trees on its banks, and these trees fruit (and thus may we also assume will flower) every month. While there is that inherent sadness in creation now, then that will be removed, for there will no longer be any sadness or sorrow there. In the new earth, everything will be beautiful and everlasting in its perfection.

So let's give thanks

- That in heaven there is beauty to be seen in our Lord in glory, and in His surrounds.
- That we find in Christ forgiveness for our sins, and so may be fit to enter the Holy City, and enjoy the place He has prepared for us in eternity when the time is right.

Please continue to pray for:

- The young people in our church, and all those who work with them in His Name.

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.





You're helping children in Nepal get access to education after two years of school closures.

A little boy sits outside a classroom on a bench. He's not in time-out – this is October 2021, and he's doing his best to access his school lesson while staying at a safe distance, as Covid-19 surges across Nepal. Inside the classroom, two girls sit metres away from their teacher. They don't own a computer or mobile device to join the lesson like some of their other school friends who are being taught from home on Zoom.

Now that the threat of Omicron is forcing schools in Nepal to close again, all these children will be at home, where they've already spent two years of their education. They come from a community where 85 per cent of people don't have access to a smart

phone or the internet, and where 70 per cent belong to the most disadvantaged people groups in Nepal's caste system.

Thankfully, that's not the end of the story. Although schools are closed once more, BMS World Mission's Nepali partners aren't shutting up shop. A grant funded by BMS supporters is providing a computer lab for a school in Lamjung district, so that teachers can host online lessons, and children can access essential content while gaining valuable computing skills. But there are even more long-term plans for the computer lab. Our partners hope that it will lead to more students and teachers in the area becoming computer literate, and that the lab will be open to the local community to receive IT training. They hope to eventually make the computers accessible outside of school hours, for job seekers who have lost their daily-wage income, to improve their skills and give them the potential for better job prospects. Thanks to BMS supporters, this small suite of equipment could have a life-changing impact!

Read even more stories of how your support has made an impact on education ministries across the world right here:

bit.ly/SchoolsOutForeverWN

		Preacher	Door Steward	Morning Service Leader
1st May	10.30 a.m.	John Prior	E. Wilkes	G. Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	Donald/Kath		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
8th May	10.30 a.m.	Jim Lohead	B. Baldwin	N. Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel/Mark		
	6.00 p.m.	Music Evening with Mike Ramplin		
15th May	10.30 a.m.	Tim Doggart	R. Bolton	M. Lewis
	Vestry Prayers:	Philip/Peter		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
22nd May	10.30 a.m.	Kevin Wilding	D. Driver	E. Lord
	Vestry Prayers:	David/Janice		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
29th May	10.30 a.m.	Geoff Jackson	S. Dunham	K. Rowland
	Vestry Prayers:	Donald/Mark		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
5th June Queen's Jubilee	10.30 a.m.	John Caddy (Puppets)	J.Greenwood	D. Driver
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel/Kath		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
12th June Anniversary	10.30 a.m.	Mark Heaton	C. Leeming	B. Baldwin
	Vestry Prayers:	Philip/Peter		
	6.00 p.m.	EVENING SERVICE & COMMUNION		
19th June	10.30 a.m.	Christine Barnes	G. Leeming	M. Wilkes
	Vestry Prayers:	David/Mark		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
26th June	10.30 a.m.	Stephen Wells	A. Higgin	E. Wilkes
	Vestry Prayers:	Donald/Janice		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		

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