



The Baptist Church,
Brierfield

May 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 l'Anson, or by email to newsletter@brierfieldbaptistchurch.org.uk



Leave things to God.

(A short message by Donald Leeming)

Anxiety is a part of life. We become anxious and worry about various aspects of life - the future especially. The real answer is to leave things to God to work out His purpose (Romans 8 v 28).

How unwilling are we to leave things to God.

We read in the book of Ruth, chapter 3 v 18, of Ruth pondering about a future with Boaz and Naomi, her mother in law, told her to sit still, wait and things will work out.

Yet it is not lazy waiting for God.

I was reminded too of Holy Children (Daniel 3 v 16). They were about to be thrown into the burning furnace, but their confidence was of God, that He will deliver and if he does not one says we will still trust Him. What a faith and trust. What confidence as things are left with God (Daniel 3).

Think too of our Godly forefather at the time of the Reformation. In many ways they lived in fear. One of their hymns says:

*Leave God to order and provide.
And hope in Him whate'er betide;
Thou'lt find Him in the evil days
Thy all-sufficient strength and guide;
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
Builds on a rock that naught can move.*

These thoughts arose as I came across a poem by Corrie ten Boom, called The Tapestry Poem. We know what she suffered and witnessed in the concentration camp in World War II. It is called The Tapestry Poem. The first line begins My life is but a weaving and one verse says:

*He knows, He loves, He cares;
Nothing this truth can dim.
He gives the very best to those
Who leave the choice to Him.*

Donald

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.

May	2 nd , 16 th & 30 th
June	13 th & 27 th

Rainbows & Brownies

Will not meet on the 1st or 8th May due to Bank Holidays, returning on the 15th & 22nd and then off again on the 29th for another Bank Holiday.

Blue Tokens

Please remember if shopping in Tesco to pick up a Community Grant Blue Token (Or as many as you can!) and place them in the voting receptacle at the top of the travelators, making sure to place them in the 2nd Brierfield Brownies section. The Brownie's Thank You.

Fellowship Group

Meet on Wednesday 3rd May at 7.30 p.m., When we will be having a Party to celebrate the Kings Coronation, all adults welcome.

Evening Services - for May and June 2023 -

14th May - Leader To Be Confirmed,

11th June - Leader To Be Confirmed.

Door Stewards & Service Leaders

We are still looking for people to be Door Stewards & Service Leaders 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.

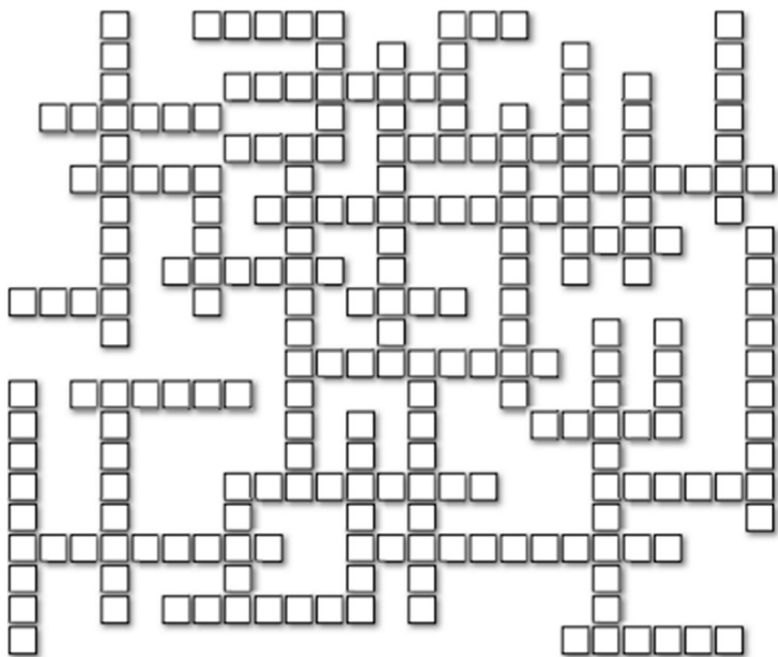
Church AGM - 9th May 7:30 p.m.

Notice of our AGM, ALL Church Members should attend, where possible, as this is an important meeting in the Church Calendar. There are four Deacons seeking re-election at this meeting and need to be proposed & seconded, by Church members, in order to be able to enter the vote to stand again at the AGM. The form for this is on the Notice Board In Church and will remain there until the Sunday before the AGM (7th May)

Puzzles

David and the Ark

2 Samuel 6



3 LETTERS

ARK

4 LETTERS

CART
DEAD
FIND
OXEN
WIFE

5 LETTERS

ANGER

BREAD

BUILD
CEDAR
DAVID
HOUSE
UZZAH

6 LETTERS

DANCED
ISRAEL
MICHAL
NATHAN

WINDOW

7 LETTERS

BLESSED
CARRIED
ENEMIES
FOREVER
SERVANT
TRUMPET

8 LETTERS

ABINADAB

OBED-EDOM

SHOUTING

9 LETTERS

CHERUBIMS
FOOTSTOOL
HANDMAIDS
HOUSEHOLD
SACRIFICE

10 LETTERS

LINEN EPHOD

TABERNACLE

11 LETTERS

CAKE OF BREAD
INSTRUMENTS
PHILISTINES
PIECE OF MEAT
THREE MONTHS

12 LETTERS

FLAGON OF
WINE

A B C D E F G H I

1	H		I		O		E		
2		M			E		Y	K	
3		Y	N		K		I		O
4				M					
5			O		N	H		L	
6	M				L	O	K		N
7	Y						L		M
8	N	L			I				K
9		H	K		M	Y		O	E



Paul Taught Lydia About Jesus Word Line-Up



Unscramble each of the clue words. Take the letters that appear in the circled spaces and unscramble them for the final question.

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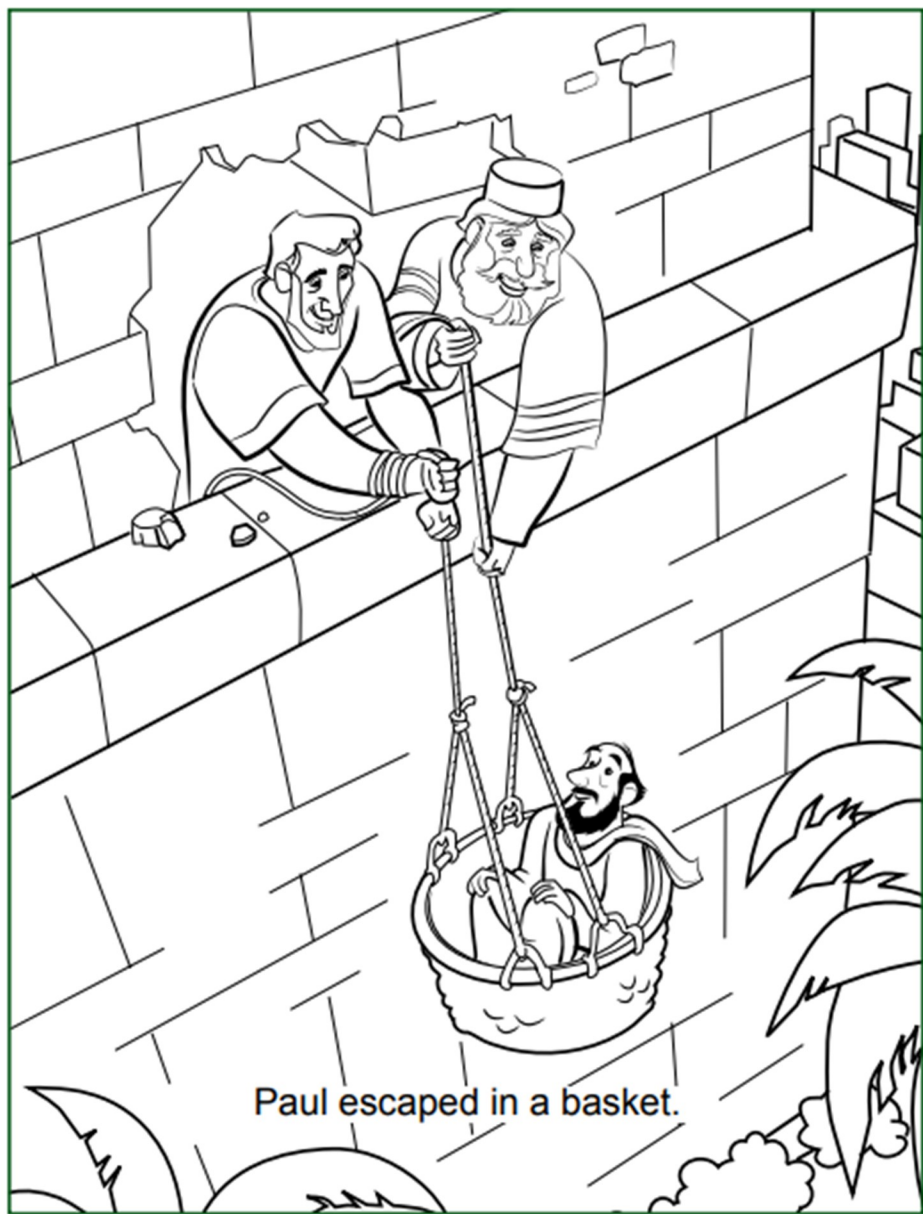
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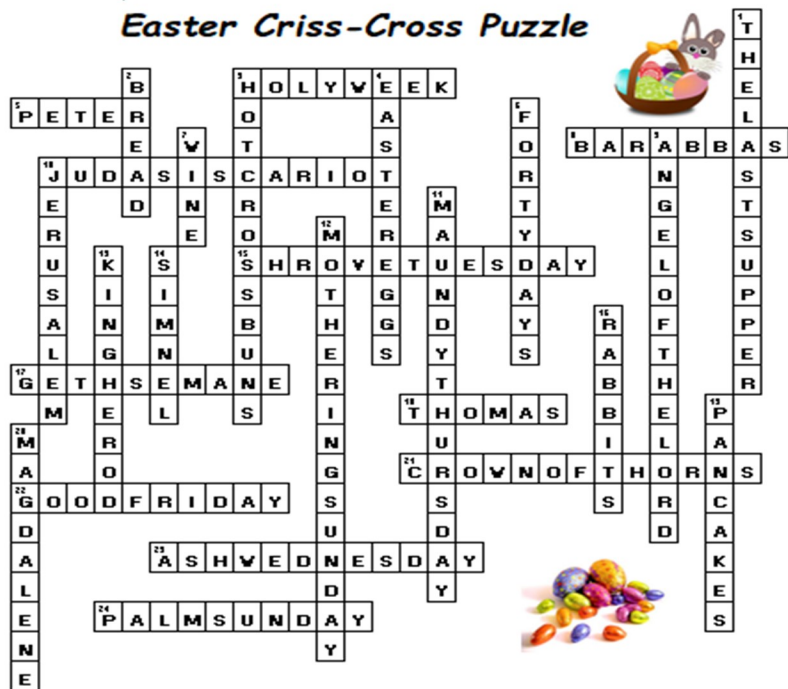
----- about Jesus.



Paul escaped in a basket.

Last Months ANSWERS

Easter Criss-Cross Puzzle



P A L M

16 1 12 13

O L I V E S

15 12 9 22 5 19

D O N K E Y

4 15 14 11 5 25

B R A N C H E S

2 18 1 14 3 8 5 19

J E R U S A L E M

10 5 18 21 19 1 12 5 13

H O S A N N A T O T H E

8 15 19 1 14 14 1 20 15 20 8 5

S O N O F D A V I D !

19 15 14 15 6 4 1 22 9 4

Prayer Matters

We have been considering Easter, and all the Jesus did for us on the cross. I wonder if you noticed that, as Jesus predicted beforehand what would happen to Him, that the disciples often didn't understand what He was saying to them?

I often feel like that when I am reading the Bible. "Lord," I say to myself, "I just don't understand that!" And then at other times I read a familiar passage and see something new – or at least new to my understanding! Like, for instance, that when Jesus stilled the storm on the lake, that there were other boats with the one which contained Him and the disciples. The miracle spilled over to others at the same moment. God's merciful grace was in this case given to others unasked.

I can remember someone preaching many years ago, saying that God is His own interpreter. And indeed, we do need help sometimes to understand just what the Lord is saying to us. So let's not think that those disciples of old were a bit thick! It may be perfectly clear to us in retrospect, but then so much else in life is clear in the same way. But when Jesus appeared to His disciples, just after those two on the Emmaus Road had said that they had seen the risen Lord, we read in Luke 24, v45, that Jesus opened their minds so they could now understand the Scriptures.

Let's pray this month

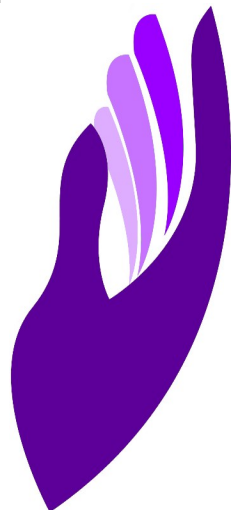
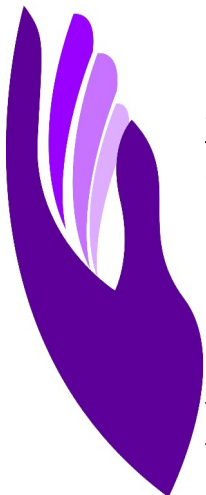
- That the Lord will likewise open our minds as we read His Word, so that we can understand it and apply it to ourselves.
- That he will give us so clear an understanding that we will be able to share the revelations to others in our church family.

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

- 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.





Join us for an

Indoor Street Party

Jacob's join lunch, games and
other activities

Sunday 7th May 2023

Following the morning Service

SPREADING THE GOSPEL IN THAILAND

*Your support helped bring
Thew to Christ.*

"I dreamed of having a normal life," says Thew, whose parents split up when he was young, "to have a mum and dad – a perfect family, and to have enough money." Instead, Thew spent much of his childhood moving from home to home and school to school. Thew would often pray in the Buddhist temple for his family to reconcile. "Praying was a temporary comfort," explains Thew. "It uplifted a little bit of spirit and soul and mind, but always temporarily." Eventually, as an adult, Thew settled in the village of Wang Daeng in the Uttaradit province of Thailand. And it was here that Thew's journey to the peace he had always wanted began.

As Thew got to know the community at Wang Daeng, he met his now-wife Som – and he also got to know BMS World Mission workers Helen and Wit Boondeekhun. As Thew and Som's relationship grew, so did their interest in Jesus Christ. They began coming to church, attending Bible study and wonderfully, last Easter, they were both baptised.

Now, Thew and Som are married and Thew has the stable, loving family that he always dreamed of. Even more importantly, he is part of a global family of believers. And

Thew can see the difference that his faith is having. "I'm becoming a new person, a different person," he explains. "I've got a hot temper and, in the past, I would get angry. Now I'm learning to cope with my anger differently."



Helen and Wit Boondeekhun.

Thew is already passing on the good news. He recently told his mum that he had become a Christian – which isn't an easy thing to do in a country where Buddhism is an integral part of life. "I have a passion, and I want to share the good news that God loves you and really cares for you," says Thew.

Do you want to support Helen and Wit as they spread the gospel in Thailand? Visit www.bmsworldmission.org/thailandappeal to find out how you can help!

2023		Preacher	Door Steward	Morning Service Leader
7th May	10.30 a.m.	Geoff Hartley	J. Greenwood	E. Lord
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel/Janice		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
14th May	10.30 a.m.	Christine Barnes	A. Higgin	E. Wilkes
	Vestry Prayers:	Philip/Mark		
	6.00 p.m.	EVENING SERVICE & COMMUNION Led By TBC		
21st May	10.30 a.m.	Philip Rowland	C. Leeming	B. Baldwin
	Vestry Prayers:	David/Kath		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
28th May	10.30 a.m.	TBC	G. Leeming	M. Wilkes
	Vestry Prayers:	Donald/Peter		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
4th June	10.30 a.m.	Gerald Norcross	E. Wilkes	D. Driver
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel/Mark		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
11th June	10.30 a.m.	Bea Foster	B. Baldwin	G. Fogg
	Vestry Prayers:	Philip/Kath		
	6.00 p.m.	EVENING SERVICE & COMMUNION Led By TBC		
18th June	10.30 a.m.	Martin Ashby-Smith	D. Driver	S. Greaves
	Vestry Prayers:	David/Peter		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
25th June	10.30 a.m.	TBC	S. Dunham	J. Greenwood
	Vestry Prayers:	Donald/Janice		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
	10.30 a.m.			
	Vestry Prayers:			
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		

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