



The Baptist Church,
Brierfield

May 2024



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



Let's Take It To The Lord In Prayer

(a short message by Nigel Leeming)

This month we celebrate Pentecost when filled with the Holy spirit Peter and the eleven preached to a vast crowd. This marks the beginning of the Christian church's mission to the world.

When Jesus calls his first disciples in Luke 4, we are introduced to Simon Peter a simple fisherman washing his nets. Hearing the word of God through Jesus transformed Simon Peter's life!

Peter not only caught a big catch of fish that day, he also caught a big vision of what God could do with his life. Three years later, he preached the sermon described in Acts 2 in which 3,000 people were converted in one day. He laid the foundations whereby 2,000 years later over two billion people profess the name of Jesus.

A simple man who followed Jesus but who, like us, had many faults and displayed them on many occasions. He and the rest of the disciples were transformed from men in hiding following the crucifixion of Jesus into great ambassadors for Jesus. Not in their own strength but with the strength of the Holy Spirit. Often, we don't feel qualified or perhaps skilled to take roles within the Church. At such times Look at the transformation of Peter and the others in the book of Acts.

Imagine what we can each achieve for the Lord through the Holy spirit when we seek this, Power!

As a Church we are planning a time for prayer and asking for guidance. Please seek the Lord and take an active role over the next few months to;

- Pray that the Holy spirit guides us as individuals and as a Church family!
- Pray for each other in our Church Family
- Stand up to be used by the Lord as he sees fit and not how we see fit!

Nigel

Items of Interest & Dates for your Diary

Bible Studies/Prayer Meetings

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

May	7 th & 21 st
June	4 th & 18 th

Church AGM: The Church AGM will be held on the 14th May in the Primary room starting at 19:30, all Church Members are requested to attend.

Deacons: A notice has been placed on the Notice Board at the entrance to Chapel and will remain there until Sunday 12th May, for nominations and the seconding of Deacon(s). Elections for Deacons will take place at the AGM and we are currently looking for new Deacons as well as Mark seeking re-election. We ask for your prayers on this matter.

Fellowship Group: Meet on Wednesday 15th May at 7.30 p.m. for Sjoelen (Dutch Shuffleboard Game) Led by Mark. The evenings Activities will be followed by a light supper for a small charge.

Evening Services: The May Evening Service will be on the 26th, Led By David and then 30th June there will be a short service to close our Day of Prayer, both start at 6pm.

Family Praise Services: Our Family Praise Services followed by Pie & Peas are on the last Sunday of each month with the next being the 26th May, please come and join us. The Worship Praise Team are looking for support to help distribute leaflets promoting the Family Praise Service on the Last Sunday of Each Month. These are the planned dates for the next few months, May 25th, June 29th, July 27th. Meeting at Church for 13:30 each month unless otherwise notified.

Music Group Rehearsals: Music group rehearsals take place each Friday at 6:45p.m. If you can play an Instrument or Sing and would like to join the group then speak to Melanie, Morgan or Keith for more details.

Maintenance Team: We meet most Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. for a couple of hours to carry out maintenance on the Church building, with a variety of tasks. If you or someone you know, has any DIY skills, or simply can pick up a paint brush, then please come along and give us a hand. For more information speak to Grahame or David.



Donald Leeming

It is with sadness we mark the loss of another stalwart of our church family. In the early hours of Monday 8th April Donald passed away at Brierfield House having spent the previous morning taking part in the Worship at Chapel. It is with sadness we mark his passing, but it is in the sure knowledge that he is in a far better place and somewhere he has looked forward to.

Donald reminded us only recently that in October he would have been a member of our Church for 70 years. An achievement he was very proud of. Having been brought to Sunday school with David in the latter years

of the war they found their home here and were later joined by their parents. Donald was an active member throughout his life with only the mobility and evening care requirements in recent years preventing him attending the Bible Studies, evening meetings and services.

In past years he was one of the first at Chapel and one of the last to leave at both evening and morning services. Donald played an active role in the ministry of deacon and later as an Elder. His faith and Christian beliefs were central to his life and activities. He was a lay preacher for many years and helped our friends a Hurstwood in the 1980's as well as the Christian endeavor organisation. For many years he organized the preaching plan here and undertook a significant amount visiting.

In 2017 Donald had a fall that resulted in the "Second great flood". He was fortunate to recover from his injuries but following this time his mobility and concentration began to deteriorate resulting in him becoming relatively housebound for the past 3 years. However, he still made the effort to attend the Sunday services.

As his immediate family, we saw the stubborn side of him and his selective hearing. However, to many of his friends at Church and the wider Christian community together with care workers and nurses he was a loveable old man. He was much loved and will be missed by many.



David, Glenys, Nigel, Janice and Elizabeth

David would like to thank everyone for their Prayers cards and donations to the Church marking the death of his brother Donald . This is the time when you know the love and concern of your Christian family. It has been a sad time and Glenys and myself would like to put on record, that we are grateful for the way Nigel, Janice and Elizabeth along with Chris, Howard and Mark have supported Donald in these last few years. I know we are sad to loose Donald but we believe that he is with the Lord and free from pain and suffering. Thank you.

Christian Aid Week

Christian Aid week is from the 12th May to the 18th May. In previous years we have done house to house collections, but we feel this is not safe today and so there will just be a Church collection. If you wish to donate there will be envelopes available and there will be a box on the radiator at the back of the church for your gifts. Please try to support this worthy cause.

**7 days, so many ways
to make a difference**



Christian Aid Week 12-18 May

In Burundi, poverty pushed Aline to the brink of survival. But with help from Christian Aid, Aline pushed back harder. Now thriving, she says: **'I see that a bright future for me and my children is really possible'.**

Seven days, so many ways to fund lasting change.
This Christian Aid Week, what will you do? CAWeek.org

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Puzzles



Love Thy Neighbor



Word list:

BUILD	HUMBLE
CARE	KIND
COMPASSIONATE	LOVE
ENCOURAGE	MIND
FORGIVE	NEIGHBOR
GOD	PRAY
HEART	SHARE
HELP	TREAT



BIBLE ARROW WORD II

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		↳			↳	↳	
Paddle	↳		↳	↳			↳
Natural area	↳						↳
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Daniel and the Lions' Den

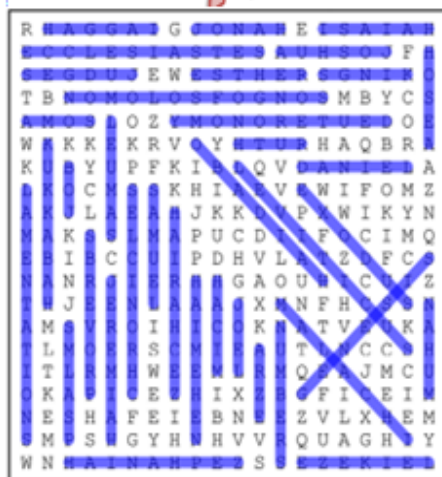
Daniel 6



Can you help Daniel escape from the lions' den?



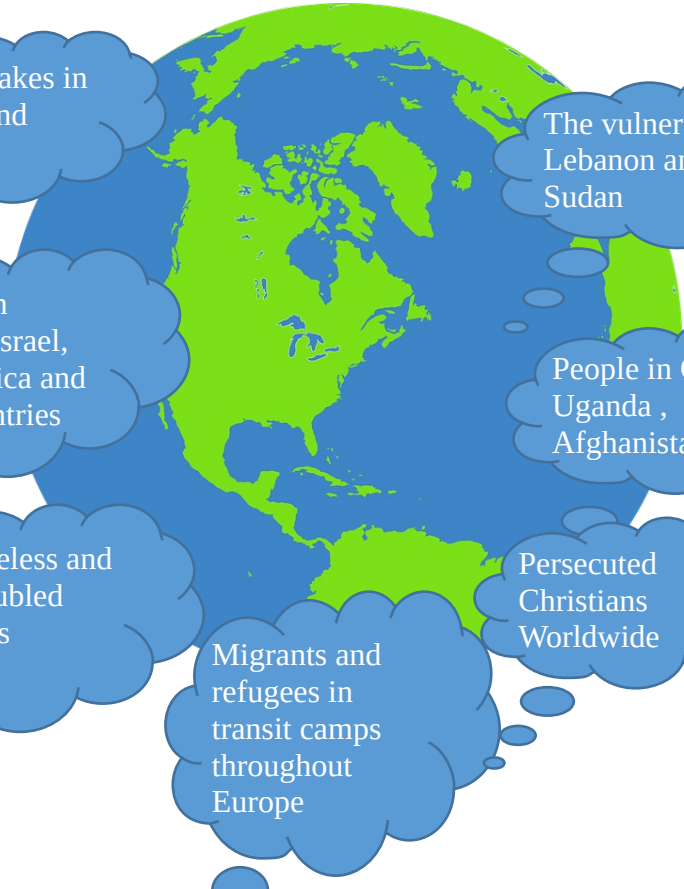
Last Months ANSWERS



I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. It was a lulu; kept people looking so hard for facts. For others it was a real revelation of proverb status. Some were in a jam, especially since the names of the books are not capitalized. But the truth finally struck home to numbers of readers. It should be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes there are some books that will be a hard job to find, but those are the most fun. Can a human being really find all twenty-five of them? At the worst, you should find fifteen. A gal at Ianstown, Scotland did. So did a man named Timothy Hezekiah. No defect in the genes is required, nor is chronic lessening of thought; although I will admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. What will keep you from answering this challenge? A little lady says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. How long you keep working on it only you can judge, so long as you try to compete. Remember, we've had fun seeking out twenty-five books of the Bible, but it is by far more important to "seek first his kingdom and his righteousness." It's always true, God loves you.

Prayer Matters

This troubled world needs our prayers and together we pray that God will use us to make a difference however we can.



Earthquakes in
Nepal and
Taiwan

The vulnerable in
Lebanon and
Sudan

Conflict in
Ukraine, Israel,
Gaza, Africa and
other countries

People in Chad,
Uganda ,
Afghanistan

The homeless and
those troubled
with life's
worries

Persecuted
Christians
Worldwide

Migrants and
refugees in
transit camps
throughout
Europe




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Please leave a message if there is no immediate answer





WORLDNEWS

2023 - A YEAR IN REVIEW



You changed the world in 2023 through your giving and prayer.

From conflicts in Israel-Palestine to earthquakes in Nepal and Afghanistan, 2023 was marked by highs and lows.

Despite these challenges, God has been faithful through it all, and the new year gives us an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of the BMS community. Here is a review of the most impactful events:

Transformed Lives in Thailand

The Thailand Spring Appeal saw remarkable generosity, leading to transformed lives in South Thailand. Success stories like Thew and Suree's food stall and Ajarn Arreat becoming a BMS-supported worker showed the power of your support. Five years ago, there were no believers in the region. Thanks to you there are now three blossoming churches!

A Season of Change in Chad

Guinebor II Hospital in Chad experienced significant changes with the departure of the Shrubsole, Chilvers and Spears families. Installation of new solar panels, partially funded by your generous giving, marked a shift towards sustainable energy sources.

Bringing Abundant Life in Uganda

Support for Days of Plenty empowered farmers like Barbara to overcome challenges and secure a better future, increasing their income and allowing their children to go to school.

Women on the Frontline of Climate Justice

COP28 highlighted the critical role of women in climate justice efforts globally. Your prayers for gender justice champions and activism against gender-based violence showed solidarity with those fighting for equality.

Hope Amid Disaster

Despite conflicts and disasters, your generous giving and prayers provided crucial support to affected communities. Displaced Armenians and earthquake-stricken regions received aid, and your prayers are still making a difference in the Israel-Gaza conflict.

Thank you so much for the transformation you've brought to 2023. It would not be possible without you. Your support will help more people across the world hear the good news about Jesus!

See how your support
has helped change
the world.



Zambian farmers convinced by benefits of *organic* fertiliser

Lawson Liao explains how a new initiative is prompting farmers to give up costly, imported, chemical fertilisers

Nyampande Organic Farmers' Cooperative

Operation Agri (OA) has recently started to support an agricultural project in Zambia. The 'Organic Fertiliser Farming Training project' is run by Pastor Lawson Liao of Kingdom Life Ministries. OA is partnering with the African Pastors Fellowship.

The purpose of the project is to show the advantages of locally made organic fertiliser (which is good for the environment) over costly, imported, chemical fertiliser. Practices that lead to deforestation, land degradation, soil erosion and land pollution will also be addressed.

Training

Training was given from 25th to 29th of October 2023 in the Petauke district of the Eastern Province of Zambia. Four hundred small scale local farmers were drawn from seven villages. A number of church leaders from different denominations, local Headmen and Headwomen, representatives of NGOs, (Non-Governmental Organisations), and government agronomists, observed the training.

Two groups, (one of 192 farmers and another of 208), were trained in two villages in the benefits of organic fertilisers and the dangers of chemical fertilisers.



Training session on making liquid manure

They were taught how to use local raw materials, such as animal manure, plants, and water to make organic fertiliser. The concepts seem to have been understood by those who attended.

The result has been that local village headmen and headwomen from the other parts of the chiefdom are asking to receive this training in April, so that they can prepare properly for this year's crops.

There is a map on the Children's Page (p6) which shows the location of Zambia and its neighbouring countries.

(We plan to bring you a more detailed article about this exciting project in the next, (July 2024), magazine.)

Lawson Liao

Letter received recently from Nelson Churches In Covenant Food Bank

**Nelson
Churches
In
Covenant
NCIC Outreach**

2nd April 2024

Brierfield Baptist Church
5 Guilford St,
Brierfield,
BB9 5LH

Dear Members of Brierfield Baptist Church

I would like to thank you very much for your generous donation of £50 for the food bank at Christ Church as well as your regular donations of food.

On behalf of the NCIC Outreach volunteers and members, thank you all for your generosity and help in supporting all those in need in our community who use to our service.

With your help, in January and February this year we have handed out 338 food parcels and the demand does not appear to be reducing.

We are always on the lookout for new volunteers to give two hours of their time each month to help at the foodbank. If any of your congregation would like to help, could you please contact me on 07968 050 390.

Thank you

Kind regards,



Andy Parker
Treasurer
NCIC Outreach Food Bank

Brierfield Baptist Church

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**A Family Friendly
Approach To Faith**

All Welcome

**Every Last Sunday
Of The Month**



**The Last Sunday Of
Every Month**

SUNDAY

**10.30 AM
Start**



**Guilford St,
Brierfield BB9 5LH
Opposite Dixy
Chicken**

2024		Preacher	Door Steward	Service Leader
5th May	10.30 a.m.	Rev Keith Richardson	J. Greenwood	B. Baldwin
	Vestry Prayers:	David/Mark	Communion: End Of Service	Janice Greenwood
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
12 th May	10.30 a.m.	Miles Alderson	A. Higgin	G. Fogg
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel/Janice	Communion: Start Of Service	Grahame Baldwin
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
19 th May	10.30 a.m.	Keith Foster	G. Leeming	J. Greenwood
	Vestry Prayers:	David/Peter	Communion: End Of Service	Peter Lewis
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
26th May	10.30 a.m.	Family Praise Led By Bea Foster	M. Wilkes	Family Praise Service
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel/Mark	Communion: Evening Service	David Leeming
	6.00 p.m.	EVENING SERVICE – David Leeming		
2nd June	10.30 a.m.	Daniel Parkinson	C. l'Anson	M. Paterson
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel/Janice	Communion: End Of Service	Nigel Leeming
		NO EVENING SERVICE		
9th June	10.30 a.m.	Ruth Brierley	A. Kellow	G. Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	David/Peter	Communion: Start Of Service	Mark Wilkes
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
16th June	10.30 a.m.	Christine Barnes	B. Baldwin	M. Lewis
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel/Mark	Communion: End Of Service	Janice Greenwood
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
23rd June	10.30 a.m.	Nigel Lawrence	D. Driver	E. Lord
	Vestry Prayers:	David/Janice	Communion: End Of Service	Grahame Baldwin
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
30th June	10.30 a.m.	Family Praise Led By Susan Western	J. Greenwood	Family Praise Service
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel/Peter	Communion: Evening Service	Peter Lewis
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		

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