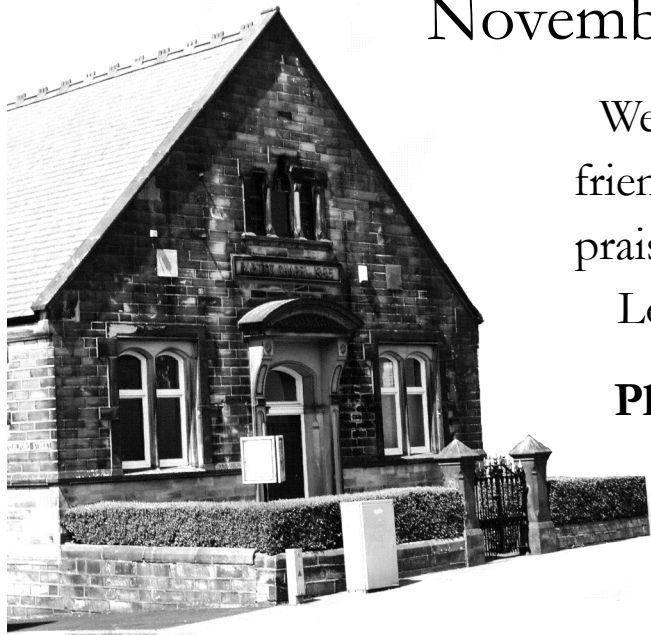


The Baptist Church, Brierfield

November 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 Wilkes

01282 774847

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 Wilkes

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Mid week meetings for adults as announced

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November is a very momentous time in the life of the church. On Tuesday November 28th we meet to consider appointing Elders who it is hoped will be able to strengthen the work for the future and also be able to prepare for the future. It is so necessary that EVERY church members seeks the Lords Guidance, and of course we trust others who are not members will be praying that the church will make the right decision.

There are 3 important dates to remember:-

Sunday 12th November is the last day for nominations. They close after the evening service.

Tuesday 14th November is the day for the 12 hour clock. This commences at 7.30 a.m. and folk are asked to pray for guidance in half hour blocks. The final period from 7.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. will be a time for sharing together in prayer and for this you are invited to join us in the primary room.

Tuesday 28th November is a church meeting where the major part of the meeting will be devoted to the election. This begins at 7.30 p.m. and you will realise how important it is that all members are present. Other members of the congregation are welcome but cannot take part in the vote.

David and Donald current Elders.

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday November 12th is Remembrance Sunday and there are some changes.

The morning service will commence at 10.00 a.m. WE will have a short service led by Kath and at 10.30 a.m. we will go to the Cenotaph for the Brierfield service which this year will be taken by the Methodists. We will then return to the church for coffee etc. as usual. Those not wishing to go can stop in the church where Philip and Donald will lead prayers etc. Children should attend at 10.00 a.m. and will go into Sunday school after the first hymn. The evening service will be as normal.



Please remember the events planned for Christmas.

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| 10th Dec | 2:30pm | Visit to Retirement Homes
<i>No Evening Service</i> |
| 16th Dec | 10:45 -
11:30am | Carols in Brierfield Centre
A Brierfield Churches Together event. |
| 17th Dec | 10:30am | Christmas Service and Family Party
Watch out for more details,
<i>No evening service.</i> |
| 24th Dec | 10:30am | Family Service and Sunday School
<i>No Coffee.</i> |
| | 6:00pm | Carol Service |
| 25th Dec | 10:30am | Christmas Day Service |

Prayer Matters:

Soon it will be Christmas, a time of a new beginning, when God intervened by sending His Son down to minister and die in our place. It is also a time of change in our church, as additional elders are elected to oversee the spiritual side of the church. We need a change in our country as it drifts further and further away from the Biblical standards fought for by our ancestors. Perhaps we ourselves need a new beginning, or to draw closer to the Lord.



Are we praying about these things? Psalm 61, v2 says, "From the ends of the earth I call to you; I call as my heart grows faint: - lead me to the Rock that is higher than I." Are we calling on God - praying earnestly for new beginnings? We can look back and know that God has always answered our prayers. For v3 says, "For You have been my refuge – a strong tower against the foe!" Have confidence; keep on praying, and in God's time He will answer. Let's look forward to God's answers .

So let's pray that

- The people God wants as elders are indeed elected, and are then supported and prayed for by all of us;
- That this Christmas many people will receive that eternal gift of everlasting life through Jesus Christ;
- That God, through His Holy Spirit, will so move in this nation that there is a revival as people seek out Christ Jesus.

Please also pray for:

- Our Missionary Contacts – Irene, Rachel, 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
- 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.

Dates For Your Diary

7th November	7:30pm		Church Lounge
		Bible Study	
13th November	10:00am		Primary Room
9th November	7:30pm	Officers Meeting	Church Lounge
12th November		Remembrance Sunday—please note changes.	Church
14th November	7:30pm	12 Hour Clock and joint prayer	Primary Room
15th November	7:30pm	In-between Group—Film Night with Howard	Primary Room
21st November	7:30pm		Church Lounge
		Bible Study	
27th November	10:00am		Primary Room
28th November	7:30pm	Church Meeting	Primary Room
5th December	7:30pm		Church Lounge
		Bible Study	
11th December	10:30am		Primary Room
10th December	2:30pm	Visit to Retirement Homes	
16th December	10:45am	Churches Together Carol Service	Brierfield Centre
		Christmas Service with Family	
17th December	10:30am	Party—watch out for more details.	Church
24th December	10:30am	Family Service and Sunday School—No Coffee	Church
	6:00pm	Carol Service	Church
25th December	10:30am	Christmas Day service	Church



WORLDNEWS

FREE FROM DEPRESSION: KAMALA'S STORY

Following the 2015 Nepal earthquakes, your giving to BMS World Mission is helping people rebuild their lives.



Hundreds of thousands of pounds were given to the BMS Nepal earthquake appeal. £100,000 of that has gone to Gorkha district, one of the areas hardest hit by the earthquake. Here, we're helping around 12,000 people by rebuilding homes, providing healthcare services, and empowering people through self-help groups and advocacy.

One of those you're helping is 28-year-old Kamala. "I had depression," she says. "Because of this, I couldn't work to support my family. I had to quit my teacher training." As a girl, Kamala suffered with bone problems in her legs. At 12 she had surgery, which initially worked. But six years later her condition came back, worse than before. The problems led to an infection and made it extremely painful to move.

"I would just lie in bed all day," says Kamala. "It was awful." Her physical pain massively impacted her mental health, too. She stopped speaking to her friends and family. She started to lose hope.

Things got even more difficult for Kamala when she lost her home following the earthquakes. But she wasn't ready to give up. She joined a self-help group, which BMS helped set up to aid people's recovery. People in the group encouraged her to see a doctor and they prayed for her.

Kamala met a BMS partner and got financial help. She was able to go to a hospital, where she finally got the right medications to treat her depression and legs. Along the way, she became a Christian.

"I feel much better now," says Kamala, with the biggest grin. "My dream is still to be a teacher someday."

Kamala is just one of the people your giving is helping in Gorkha. Empowering people to chase fullness of life in Nepal – that's what your giving to BMS enables. Thank you.

Action! Help us help more people across the world today. Donate here: bmsworldmission.org/give

UPDATE: SOUTH SUDAN FOOD CRISIS APPEAL

Your gifts to BMS World Mission's South Sudan appeal totalled **£14,095.53**. Through this, we're offering real help to South Sudanese people facing one of the worst food crises in modern history.

Launched in July 2017, BMS' most recent appeal sought to help tackle the worsening food and humanitarian emergency in South Sudan. Your generous giving raised over £14,000. South Sudan has been plagued by war for years, resulting in tens of thousands of people dying and millions more being forced to flee their homes.

Extreme hunger is making fragile lives even more precarious.

Twenty million people face starvation in South Sudan, north east Nigeria, Somalia and Yemen.

BMS is now meeting the needs of as many hungry South Sudanese people as we can, both in South Sudan and northern Uganda.

Thank you for giving so generously. Because of you, lives are being saved and people are being given hope.

Help us respond when disasters happen by giving before they happen. Visit bmsworldmission.org/disaster



Thank you for your gifts to BMS disaster recovery. They have enabled us to respond to and alleviate the suffering of people around the world.

Sri Lanka, flood relief, £26,200

Providing stationery, shoes and hygiene packs for children following flooding.

Haiti, disaster risk reduction, £5,515

Improving hospital access in areas susceptible to flooding following Hurricane Matthew.

Nepal, monsoon flooding response, £12,000

Providing immediate relief supplies such as blankets, mosquito nets and water filters in response to severe monsoon flooding.

Bangladesh, landslide relief, £5,194

Providing materials for families to rebuild houses.

Myanmar, disaster risk reduction and preparedness training, £6,345

Providing training to local and regional conventions on responding to disasters.

		Preacher	Door Steward	Morning Service Leader
5th November	10:30am	Philip Rowland	C. Leeming	G. Fogg
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Donald Leeming</i>	<i>Kath Rowland</i>	
	6.00pm	Anne Booth		
12th November	10.30am	Kath Rowland	G. Leeming	
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>David Leeming</i>	<i>Peter l'Anson</i>	
	6.00pm	George Kendal		
19th November	10.30am	John Caddy	Peter Lewis	G. Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Donald Leeming</i>	<i>Philip Rowland</i>	
	6.00pm	Earnest Gorton		
26th November	10.30am	John Fisher	R. Bolton	N. Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>David Leeming</i>	<i>J, Greenwood</i>	
	6.00pm	Nigel Leeming		
3rd December	10.30am	Prize Giving	E. Wilkes	Melanie Lewis
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Donald Leeming</i>	<i>Kath Rowlands</i>	
	6.00pm	George Kendal		
10th December	10:30am	Graham Baldwin	Declan Driver	B. Baldwin
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>David Leeming</i>	<i>N. Leeming</i>	
	6.00pm	No Evening Service		
17th December	10.30am	Christmas Service	K. Hughes	
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Donald Leeming</i>	<i>Peter l'Anson</i>	
	6.00pm	No Evening Service		
24th December	10.30am	Geoff Hartley	C. l'Anson	R. Bolton
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>David Leeming</i>	<i>Philip Rowland</i>	
	6.00pm	Carol Service		
31st December	10.30am	David Leeming	J. Greenwood	
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Donald Leeming</i>	<i>Kath Rowland</i>	
	6.00pm	No Evening Service		