



The Baptist Church,
Brierfield



November 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.

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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 Kathryn Hughes, or by email to newsletter@brierfieldbaptistchurch.org.uk



A short message by David Leeming

Dear friends, at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month this year we will mark 100 years since the Armistice was signed to end the first world war. Early in 1914 young lads from Castle and Cottage were marching to play their part in this horrific conflict.

Little did they know what horrors they would face, The sights and sounds, the dirt and filth were unthinkable. Many went to their deaths and those who did return were sightless, limbless gassed or mentally affected for the rest of their lives. Around the hearth and table were empty places bringing lasting sorrow and broken hearts. Sadly just 21 years later the horror was repeated. These men and some women gave their lives for a better world, a better country. But today 100 years later our land is devastated. Mothers who can't feed their children and have to resort to food banks. The aged who cannot be cared for properly because resources are limited, a health service desperate for funds in order to help people recover. We see, in the streets, men and women sleeping in doorways, under railway arches or bus shelters. Many are out of their minds with drugs. All political parties have tried to sort these problems out, but still they remain. I am firmly of the opinion that only God can change these situations and make our country better, but as a nation we have departed from the rules set down in Gods Word. We have same sex marriage, we have state promoted gambling, we have homosexual and lesbian people doing as they like and much much more. How can we expect our God to help us when we have turned away from him as a nation and as individuals. 'We don't do God' is a common comment. But in this world, those of us who are followers of the Lord Jesus Christ are to be Salt, we are to be light and truth. We must continue to stand for what is right and true and according to Gods' laws.

Psalm 121 is a favourite of mine and especially in the new translations it is easier to understand . The opening words are.....

I will lift up my eyes to the hills...
Where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord
the maker of heaven and earth

These words and this truth should give us a confidence that even though we are in such a mess God is there to help and support us.

This of course means not only in our national life but in our private life. At the end of the Psalm we are again assured He will watch over us.

In 1939 to 1945 King George the sixth, the prime minister and other leaders called on the people of this realm to pray for deliverance from evil. Many came forward and prayer meetings were well attended , can I suggest we do like wise and remember our nation at this time in our church prayer meetings, our church services and in our private devotions confessing the sin of our nation and pleading for God to help us.

I haven't even mentioned the "B" word but include that in your prayers also.

Announcements

11th November - Remembrance Sunday Service & Cenotaph

10.00 a.m. Church Service – Leader Peter I’Anson

10.45 a.m. Service at Cenotaph – please see further details in November newsletter.

14th November - Coffee Morning at Donald’s - 10.30 a.m.

14th November - In-Betweens – Film Show & Supper 7.30 pm

16th November - J.A.M. Club - 7.45 – 9.15 p.m.

25th November- Prize Giving Service - Preacher: Phil Jump

27th November - Church Meeting - 7.30 p.m. All members and congregation welcome.

Dates for December – Early Notice

3rd December - Cluster Group Meeting - 7.00 pm at Brierfield Baptist Church

6th December - Officers Meeting - 7.30 pm

Also

Christmas Events and Dates : - No Sunday evening services in December after 2nd December

9th December – 2.30 p.m. – Christmas visits to all Retirement Homes

10th December – 6.30 p.m. – Young People’s Carol Service – Arranged by Janice – Music being provided by Grahame & Sarah

15th December – 10.45 – 11.30 a.m. – Carols around the Tree in Brierfield Centre – Grahame to play – Howard organising Sound System

16th December – 10.30 a.m. – Christmas Service – Preacher George Kendal - followed by Lunch and Family Party

23rd December – 10.30 a.m. Family Service - Preacher Nigel Leeming and Sunday School

24th December - 6.30 p.m. Christmas Eve Carol/Christingle Service – Arranged by Janice Greenwood – Preacher Kath Rowland

25th December - 10.30 a.m. Christmas Day Service – Preacher Kath Rowland

30th December - 10.30 a.m. Family Service and Sunday School – Preacher David Leeming

6th January 2019 - Re-Dedication Service 10.30 a.m. to be taken by Elders

JOB VACANCIES

Missionary Secretary & Chapel Cleaner

Pleased to report that both vacancies have now been filled – Sarah Greaves has agreed to take on responsibility as Chapel Cleaner and Elizabeth Wilkes has agreed to take on responsibility as Missionary Secretary. The church as a whole owes them both our thanks, prayers and best wishes as they take on these new roles in their already busy lives.

Discipleship Explored

When you read this the course will have already commenced and be nearing completion. But it is not too late for you. You are welcome to come along and join in the closing sessions if you want to. If you have missed it all, see Philip. There are just a few handbooks left, and when the course is over, you could borrow the DVD and work your own way through the course at your own convenience. I would be willing to answer any questions that arise privately.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2018

100th Anniversary of the end of World War I

10.00 a.m. – Service in Chapel - Leader: Peter I'Anson

10.30 a.m. – Service to finish – to allow people to make their way to Cenotaph – people remaining in chapel to continue with prayers.

10.45 a.m - Service to start at Cenotaph – Brierfield Baptist Church leading worship (Nigel Leeming) – other churches participating. Howard Greenwood to lay wreath on behalf of Brierfield Baptist Church.

After service at Centotaph people to return to chapel for coffee.



PRIZE GIVING SUNDAY – 25th November, 2018

Prayers: 10.00 a.m.

Service: 10.30 a.m. – Prize Giving Service - Preacher: Phil Jump – This is a special service for the children, please come and support them.

6.00 p.m. - Preacher – David Livermore

Puzzle Page

Bad Guys and Rascals of the Bible by Bill Brinkworth



Words to find:

Hophni

Phinehas

Cain

Hophni

Rehoboam

Judas

Ahab

Rehoboam

Hazael

Satan

Adonijah

Hazael

Herod

Zedekiah

Goliath

Herod

Nadab

Absalom

Ahaz

Nadab

Hophni

Phinehas

Cain

Hophni

With acknowledgements and thanks to www.openthoumineeyes.com/puzzles

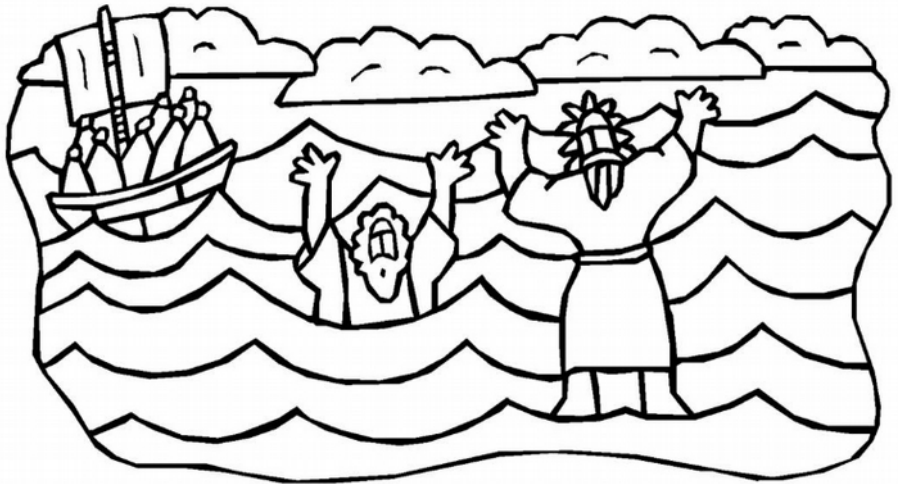
Kids Corner

Jesus Does Amazing Things!

Read Matthew 14:25-32.

Finish the sentences.

Color the picture.



Jesus _____ on water.

**Nelson
Churches
In
Covenant
NCIC Outreach**

On behalf of Nelson Churches In Covenant Outreach food-bank (NCIC Outreach) I thank your congregation for the recent harvest donation of food which you kindly delivered to Christ Church last week.

NCIC Outreach has been giving out Emergency food parcels for people in our community, with the help of all the Churches in the Covenant in providing Volunteers and donations of food and money, for over 6 years. The service is run every weekday from both Christ Church and the Salvation Army, 2 pm to 4pm.

At Christmas time we would like to be able to include additional tins of meat, fish, fruit & rice pudding products as well as the festive treats we all indulge in. So your help in providing these goods will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your generosity, Kind regards, Elena, at Christ Church, Nelson. Oct 2018.

THE WOMAN RESISTING PERSECUTION TO HELP PEOPLE FIND JESUS

Name: Gillian Francis

Location: Kolkata, India

The challenge: working in communities where Christians are persecuted, threatened, imprisoned, and killed. Hindu and Muslim fundamentalist groups attack Christians, angry that people are believing the gospel and accepting Jesus into their lives.

The ministry: Gillian helps lead a huge church planting movement in villages in West Bengal by overseeing the critical and complex administrative work that's needed. With her support, tens of thousands of people have heard about Jesus for the first time, giving their hearts to him and opening their homes to become places of worship and transformation.



THE YOUTH WORKER USING FOOTBALL AND MUSIC TO SHARE HIS LOVE FOR JESUS

Name: Ajarn Tah

Location: northern Thailand

The challenge: alcoholism and drug taking are destroying lives in the Thai Buddhist village where youth worker Ajarn Tah works. BMS workers Helen and Wit Boondeekhun brought him in to try and stop young people from drifting into addiction.

The ministry: starting a football team takes hard work, patience and, critically, players. Tah managed to form his team of ten to 13-year-olds in just one afternoon. Clearly the recruits knew what to do as they not only won their first match, they did so 6-1! And more than just the beautiful game, young people are hearing about a meaningful life. Before each match, the entire team goes to a local church to sing Christian songs, play games and hear a short message.

Tah's work in the village of Wang Daeng also sees him teaching guitar to pupils at the village school, using Christian songs to share his passion for Jesus.



Prayer Matters

This month I want to direct your attention to Turkey – not the edible kind that we may be planning for Christmas, but the country. Under President Erdogan, Islam is the only permitted religion. So for a convert to Christianity to leave Islam is seen as a betrayal of Turkish identity. I read in the Open Doors prayer sheets that some believers from Muslim backgrounds keep their faith secret, and are too afraid to meet with other Christians because of pressure from their families and communities.

Religion is recorded on ID cards, and can be difficult to change. If believers change their religion to 'Christian' on their ID cards, it is easy for employers etc. to discriminate against them. However, if they don't, their children will automatically be registered as Muslim, and expected to attend Islamic classes.

Open Doors is calling for prayer support for persecuted believers in Turkey. We have it easy in our country – but do we take advantage of our freedom?

Let's always take the time to pray:

- For believers from Muslim backgrounds to be able to minister graciously and wisely to their families;
- For strength and encouragement for those who are treated as traitors after embracing the Christian faith.

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

Fred Davies

I was born in 1925 in St Helens and had a sister two years older than me. Our mother died in 1932 aged 32. We missed her love and care but survived with the help of our father's family. I attended Parmount C of E school , passed the 11plus and went to Grammar school. At 16 I joined Pilkington Glass Ltd as a clerk and stayed 17 years, interrupted by 4 years in the R.A.F. training as a wireless mechanic, mainly in the South of France. Whilst at Pilkingtons I studied and became ICMA accountant and a member of the group accounts team. I left there to work at Burco Dean in Burnley where I stayed for 30+ years before retiring at 62.

I married Margaret in 1948 and we had 60 years together, with two children, three Grandchildren and seven Great Grandchildren.

I have attended churches in St Helens (where I was christened and confirmed), Haydock and Burnley. When my son joined the Boys Brigade at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church we went to that church and Margaret and I both became officers. It was when we moved to Brierfield that we began to worship here at Brierfield Baptist Church.

Margaret and I enjoyed holidays in our caravan and holidays in Crete. In retirement we travelled around the world. Once Margaret became ill I was her carer until the day she died. We were always grateful to Donald Leeming who came for years to give communion in our home.

I daily thank God for family and friends who are making my days happy and enjoyable. As I get older my choice of Hymns are changing but "Nearer My God to Thee" seems appropriate.

		Preacher	Door Steward	Morning Service Leader
4 th November	10.30 a.m.	Grahame Baldwin	D. Driver	B. Driver
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Philip Rowland / Janice Greenwood</i>		
	6.00 p.m.	Dave Bartram		
11 th November	10.30 a.m.	Peter I'Anson	G. Leeming	S. Greaves
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Nigel Leeming / Peter I'Anson</i>		
	6.00 p.m.	Susan Western		
18 th November	10.30 a.m.	John Caddy	R. Bolton	M. Lewis
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Donald Leeming / Kath Rowland</i>		
	6.00 p.m.	Colin Scholes		
25 th November Prize Giving	10.30 a.m.	Phil Jump	J. Greenwood	B. Baldwin
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>David Leeming / Janice Greenwood</i>		
	6.00 p.m.	David Livermore		
See separate page for additional Christmas dates, services and Events				
2 nd December	10.30 a.m.	Geoff Hartley	C. Leeming	R. Hartley
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Peter I'Anson / Philip Rowland</i>		
	6.00 p.m.	Stephen Wells		
9 th December	10.30 a.m.	Howard Ellison	C. I'Anson	G. Fogg
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Nigel Leeming / Kath Rowland</i>		
	6.00 p.m.	No Evening Service		
16 th December	10.30 a.m.	George Kendal	K. Hughes	G. Leeming
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Donald Leeming / Janice Greenwood</i>		
	6.00 p.m.	No Evening Service		
23 rd December	10.30 a.m.	Nigel Leeming	D. Mullarkey	R. Rigby
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>David Leeming / Peter I'anson</i>		
	6.00 p.m.	No Evening Service		
30 th December	10.30 a.m.	David Leeming	S. Dunham	G. Baldwin
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Philip Rowland / Kath Rowland</i>		
	6.00 p.m.	No Evening Service		