



The Baptist Church,  
Brierfield

November 2021



*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](mailto:newsletter@brierfieldbaptistchurch.org.uk)



# What is different about us Christians?

*(A short message by Philip Rowland)*

In Exodus 33 we see Moses taking a tent and placing it outside of the camp. And anyone enquiring of the Lord for any matter was instructed to go there. It was to be a place of prayer. And why was it particularly so? Because of the Presence of the Lord there.

That tent was the place where Moses met with and talked with the Lord God face to face, as the Bible puts it, which means in a familiar manner, because we read elsewhere that Moses never saw the face of God, only His back parts as He passed by in glory on another occasion.

Let's move on a few centuries, to the time of Jesus. In the old way, the Temple, which replaced the tent of meeting, was still the focus of the nation's prayer life. But things altered. For Moses, God was present at the tent, and in the main prayers were made by the priests on behalf of the people. But Jesus taught us differently. He taught us to come to His Father wherever we were. To the Samaritan woman, Jesus explained that God is not defined by or confined to a place, but is Spirit, ever-present whenever His people pray to Him in Jesus' name.

Moses came as a privileged supplicant, the servant of God. But through sheer grace, we read in John 15, v15, Jesus says to His followers, "I no longer call you servants because a servant does not know His master's business. Instead, I have called you friends!"

What a privilege! Friends of God, invited to come before Him with our needs and desires (and not just at church, but wherever we are). We know God's favour because we are 'in Christ Jesus', who has promised to 'be with us always'. We know and accept that He was indeed with our forefathers (as it were). But do we realise this as our portion today?

More importantly, do we live out our lives as though this is the case? Do we talk (pray) to God daily? Do we listen to Him (ever)? Do we meditate on His Word, miraculously preserved down the years, so that as friends (and not hired servants) we may discern His will? Let us in the future 'talk' and 'walk' with the Lord in the closer fellowship He calls us to.

*Philip*

## Bible Studies/Prayer Meetings

Month	Mon 10.30 a.m. (led by Philip)	Tues 7.30 p.m. (led by David)
November	1 <sup>st</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup>
December	13 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>

### New Venture – the Bible Study Notes Online

The Bible Studies have resumed, and while some are attending (and we thank you), there may be others for whom the times and dates of the studies are not suitable.

At the moment we are looking at the **Book of Joshua**.

The series is called 'Dipping into Joshua' because it is not a consecutive verse by verse study of the whole book, but will deal with the major themes and teaching to be drawn from it.

If you would like a copy of the study notes online, please contact Philip with your email number either in person, or online on [philip.rowland@virginmedia.com](mailto:philip.rowland@virginmedia.com)

You will receive the Study notes, along with questions for you to ponder, and a suggested answer.

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

Rainbows and Brownies will meet each Monday evening in November, and on the 6th & 13th December. They will then re-start on the 10th January, 2022

### Brierfield Churches Meeting

Tuesday 2nd November - 10.00 a.m. at our church.

### Shoebox Sunday 7th November

Thanks to everyone who helped with the packing of the Shoe Boxes on the 25th October. Please remember that any Shoeboxes that you have packed yourself **MUST** be either delivered to Janice and Howard's home before the 7th November or to chapel on or before the 7th November. Delivery to the distribution centre will begin immediately after this date. If you still have to pack your box as you are reading this, please remember you cannot pack either liquids, toothpaste or sweets in your shoebox. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause this Christmas

## Remembrance Sunday - 14th November

Those wishing to go directly to the service at the Cenotaph are asked to assemble there before 11 a.m. We will return to chapel afterwards and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea together. Those wishing to come to and remain at chapel as usual can do so. A simple service of prayers and contemplation will be led by the Elders.

## Evening Service - 14th November 6.00 p.m.

Our Evening Service on the 14th November will be led by Kath and our final one of 2021 will be on the **12th December** and be led by Janice. Please make every effort to support these services with a difference.

## New Friendship Group

The Church Family group met on the 13th October. There were 9 present. We had a beetle drive and finished with Malt bread, tea and coffee - and lots of chatter. The next get together is on Wednesday 17th November at 7.30 p.m. Howard has agreed to show some films and there will be light refreshments. The cost will be £2.00.

On the 15th December we are holding a Christmas party, there will be a buffet and games etc. The cost again is £2.00, everyone is invited to both these events and we look forward to seeing you.

*P.S: We need to know if you are coming to the party so we can know how many to provide for. Please let David or Glenys know.*

## Prize Giving Sunday - 28th November

It is our annual Prize Giving day on Sunday 28th November in the chapel. Please come and support both the children and their teachers on this special day.

## Advent Sunday - 28th November

Christmas is definitely just around the corner when we will begin our Advent season on the 28th, with the lighting of the first candle on our Christmas wreath.

## Church Meeting

There will be a Church Meeting on Tuesday 30th November at 7.30 p.m. in the Primary Room. All members of the Church and congregation are welcome.

## THANK-YOU

On behalf of Glynn and myself we wish to thank everyone who has prayed for us, telephoned, brought or sent flowers and cards during the past three weeks since the sudden and unexpected death of Glynn's brother Malcolm, who I know was known to many of you. We will miss him very much as he played such a big part in our lives. Thank You - Angela & Glynn.

## Baptism

When you walk through the vestry have you ever stopped to look at the print on the wall? The picture depicts John the Baptist baptising Jesus. In Matthew 3:16, we learn about how Jesus was baptised before He started His ministry on earth.

As you look at the picture remember **If the Son of God pursued baptism**, so should we. Next time you're in the vestry **stop and look** at the picture and consider the impact that act had on Jesus. For those who have yet to pass through the waters of baptism ask ourselves why we haven't taken that step Jesus tells us in [Matthew 28:19-20](#) He wants us to spread His message of love. He told us to continue baptising and being baptised! To say Okay, Jesus. We're happy to obey. **Making the decision to become a follower of Christ is the best decision you'll ever make.** When you make a life-changing decision like this, you want to tell everyone about the new hope you've found in Jesus! You want to let people know you believe [God is real](#). Our faith should be personal, but not private. Baptism is about going public with your faith.

When we're baptised, we're reminded of what Jesus did for us. When we go down into the water, we're reminded of Jesus' death on the cross and His payment for our sins. But when we come out of the water, we're reminded that three days later, [Jesus rose from the dead!](#)

We have a Baptismal service organised for March 2022. We urge everyone who hasn't been baptised to consider and come forward for Baptism.

# Prayer Matters

In Spurgeon's 'Letters to my Students' he speaks of a trainee minister who felt that he was a failure because there were no conversions from his preaching. Surgeon immediately pointed to his prayer life. "Do you pray expecting God to answer and empower your preaching, so that there are conversions?" he said. And the minister confessed to a lack in his prayer life.

I regularly pray for what is called a 'Revival' in this country. But I am one among many. Do we all pray for this to happen? It is the true answer to the ills of this nation. So this month, let's pray that many will receive the best Christmas present ever – salvation, through the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. It's been over 100 years since the last major Revival in our land. Two words have been floating in my mind while thinking of this –

- Jesus' words in Matthew 7, v7; 'Ask, and you it will be given you'
- and James' reminder in James 4, v2; 'You do not have because you do not ask!'

## Let's pray for

- Our nation, that the Holy Spirit will move in the hearts of the people to seek out a better way of living, i.e., by following the Lord.
- Our friends and family in particular, that they may come to know Jesus as Lord.
- Our neighbourhood, that we may be a good witness to those round about us, and that many may call on the Name of the Lord God, and so find salvation for themselves.

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](mailto: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.



		Preacher	Door Steward	Morning Service Leader
7th November	10.30 a.m.	Howard Ellison	B. Baldwin	N. Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel/Kath		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
REMEMBRANCE 14th November & Evening Service	10.30 a.m.	Remembrance Sunday	R. Bolton	Elders
	Vestry Prayers:	Donald/Janice		
	6.00 p.m.	KATH ROWLAND		
21st November	10.30 a.m.	Stephen Wells	D. Driver	E. Lord
	Vestry Prayers:	David/Mark		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
Prize Giving 28th November	10.30 a.m.	Prize Giving	S. Dunham	J. Greenwood
	Vestry Prayers:	Philip/Peter L.		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
5th December	10.30 a.m.	Geoff Hartley	J. Greenwood	E. Wilkes
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel/Kath		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
Commissioning Of Deacons 12th December	10.30 a.m.	Grahame Baldwin	C. Leeming	M. Wilkes
	Vestry Prayers:	Donald/Mark		
	6.00 p.m.	JANICE GREENWOOD		
Carol Service & 19th December Christmas Lunch	10.30 a.m.	Sunday School	G. Leeming	K. Rowland
	Vestry Prayers:	David/Peter L.		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
26th December	10.30 a.m.	David Leeming	D. Mullarkey	B. Baldwin
	Vestry Prayers:	Philip/Janice		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
2022 2nd January	10.30 a.m.	The Elders	S. Dunham	J. Greenwood
	Vestry Prayers:	David/Mark		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		

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