



The Baptist Church,
Brierfield

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



This Broken World

(A short message by Nigel Leeming)

Over the last couple of months the Sunday school looked at Genesis and the creation of our world.

Genesis 1:31 God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

Look at the world now it is anything but good. Having spent some time in the Southwest of England recently I saw first-hand the events of climate change on our natural world. This with the backdrop of the horrific events in Israel, the Gaza strip and the Ukraine.

We can only imagine what the world was like when God had first created it.

We can still see the beauty and intricacy of ecosystems and organisms but looking at what God has made we see the mess mankind has made. Be that as nations right through to us as individuals.

Thank God for two other significant days in the history of the world the crucifixion and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. These events give us hope.

Hope in the fact God has a far better place prepared for all who love the Lord Jesus.

We often sing “As the deer pants for the water so my soul longs after you” this is taken from Psalm 42. If you read it talks about being downcast and putting your hope in God.

The events in this World prove all too often how misplaced we are to rely on ourselves, mankind, science and human power. Palm 42 v 11 Why, my soul, are you downcast. Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Saviour and my God.

We need to trust and put our hope in God daily. Let's pass the message on to this broken World.

Nigel

Items of Interest & Dates for your Diary

Bible Studies/Prayer Meetings - Please pray for these and attend if at all possible, starting at 7:30pm.

November	7 th & 21 st
December	5 th

Fellowship Group

Meet on Wednesday 15th November at 7.30 p.m. in the Primary Room, when we will have a Film Night with Howard. All Adults are welcome to join us. There will be a light supper to follow.

Evening Services

Evening services have changed to the last Sunday of the month instead of the 2nd Sunday, as previous. Our November Evening Service will be a visit from one of our Missionaries Holly, please make every effort to attend and offer your support along with the church to Holly. If you don't have transport and wish to attend, then please let Mark know by the 19th November.

Door Stewards & Service Leaders

We are in need of more 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 let Mark know or ask for more details.

Shoe Boxes

A reminder that Shoe Boxes for the appeal need to be in church by Sunday the 5th November, this is to allow for them to be taken to the depot and then sent to the recipient.

Family Praise Service

Our November Family Praise Service followed by Pie & Peas is planned for the 26th November, why not come along in November and remember the challenge to each invite one person to join us to share in the fellowship of our church and Praise the Lord.

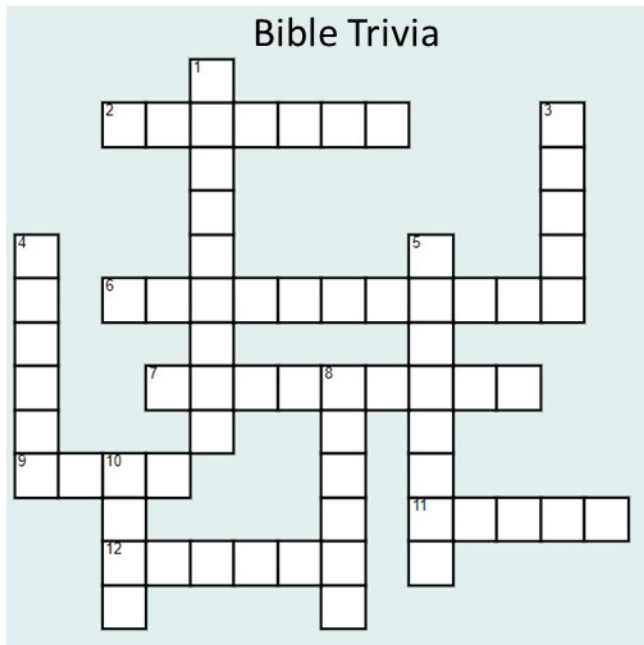
Music Group Rehearsals

Music group rehearsals take place each Friday at 18:45 with an extra rehearsal for the Praise Service on Wednesday 25th October. 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.

Officers Meeting

All Deacons and Elders are reminded that our next Officers meeting will be held on Thursday 16th November at 19:30.

Puzzles



Across

- 2 After the flood, what sign did God give that He would not destroy the earth with a flood again?
- 6 What river was Jesus baptized in? (HINT: Add river to the end of your answer)
- 7 What job did Jesus' earthly father, Joseph, do?

- 9 What is the name of Jesus' mother?
- 11 Who was the son of Abraham and Sarah?
- 12 How many disciples did Jesus have?

Down

- 1 What did Simon Peter do for a living?
- 3 Who denied Jesus three times?
- 4 What did King Solomon ask God to give him?
- 5 How many books are in the Bible?
- 8 How many brothers did Joseph have?
- 10 Who did Boaz marry?



Animals, Ark, Blameless, Condemned,
Covenant, Dove, Drunk, Earth, Evilness,
Favor, Flood, Forty days, Fruitful,
Generation, God's grace, Gracious, Ham,
Increase, Lifeblood, Merciful, Multiply,
Noah, Obedient, Promise, Rainbow,
Raven, Regret, Remembered,
Righteous, Seven pairs, Shem, Sign, Sin,
Troubled, Two by two, Vineyard, Worldly



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Last Months ANSWERS

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Prayer Matters

We have much to pray for.

As the church family continue towards upgrading and decorating the building, the Elders and Deacons remind us that the spiritual side of our work is even more important. Read Paul's first letter to Timothy chapter 3, verses 8 to 10 and pray that we can still follow the early church in the way we choose our leaders and workers

At our Harvest service we read about the Sower and where his seed landed. Then Jesus gave His explanation of the parable. Luke 8 (verses 11-15)

Verse 15 *"The seeds that fell in good soil stand for those who hear the message and retain it in a good and obedient heart and they persist until they bear fruit."*

As we ask God for direction in appointing new Deacons and Elders let us remember that we need His help in choosing leaders with their roots set in the "Good Soil" in order for the church as a whole to thrive and flourish.

The picture is of the seeds that our Luke sowed at the harvest service. They have started to flourish.

We also join together in prayer for the wars around the world. We pray for the leaders and the victims of the recent atrocities. May God grant a move towards peace and humanitarian care wherever it is needed. We pray that the world leaders will come together and agree to help each other and work towards making the world a safe place for all. Amen



God Bless,

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Please leave a message if there is no immediate answer



Christmas 2023

December 17th

10:30 Family Service Led By Sunday School & Janice
This Service will be followed by Christmas Buffet Party

December 24th

10:30 Morning Service Led By Mark
18:00* Carols By Candle Light Led By Nigel

December 25th

10:30 Christmas Service (*Recorded Service on YouTube*)

December 31st

10:30 Worship Praise Service Led by The Music Group

January 7th

10:30 Rededication Service Led by The Elders



HEART, HOPE, HELP: THREE SIMPLE WORDS FOR BMS' MINISTRY THEMES



When you've been around for 231 years, it can be a bit complicated to explain everything BMS World Mission does – there's quite a bit to cover!

That's why we've come up with some new titles for BMS' ministry areas: Heart for the Gospel, Hope for the World and Help for the Journey.

Heart for the Gospel looks like projects equipping ministers in the Peruvian Amazon to reach their communities, or making Jesus known in rural Cambodia.

Hope for the World projects are motivated by faith, powered by compassion and deliver real changes that make life easier for the most marginalised, striving towards bringing the most vulnerable hope.

And Help for the Journey can be summed up in work that supports Syrian children to get back into school in Lebanon, or helps Afghan refugees find safe haven in Lesbos.

We're so excited for everything you make possible through these three important ministries – taking 231 years of mission impact into an inspiring future.

Discover more about our ministry themes:
bmswm.org/HeartHopeHelp



Christmas Day Service

This year it has been decided that due to poor attendance last year, that we would have an online service on Christmas day. So during December we will be recording various bits for this service and we want everyone in the congregation to participate! Yes that means you as well. So during November Mark & Richard will be asking everyone what they would like to do, either a reading or choose your favourite Carol, Traditional or not (and why it's your favourite) we can then record you introducing it and telling us why its your favourite. We will have readings, carols and a message for Christmas Day and as well as participating we hope you will take a little time out of your morning and share in celebrating the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. So get thinking of that favourite Carol!



| 2023 | | Preacher | Door Steward | Service Leader |
|------------------|-----------------|---|---------------------|------------------------|
| 5th
November | 10.30 a.m. | Nigel Leeming | C.l'Anson | J.Greenwood |
| | Vestry Prayers: | Nigel/Mark | | |
| | 6.00 p.m. | NO EVENING SERVICE | | |
| 12th
November | 10.30 a.m. | Remembrance Sunday | — | — |
| | Vestry Prayers: | David/Janice | | |
| | 6.00 p.m. | NO EVENING SERVICE | | |
| 19th
November | 10.30 a.m. | David Livermore | B.Baldwin | G.Leeming |
| | Vestry Prayers: | Donald/Mark | | |
| | 6.00 p.m. | NO EVENING SERVICE | | |
| 26th
November | 10.30 a.m. | Nigel Lawrence | D.Driver | Family Worship Service |
| | Vestry Prayers: | Nigel/Peter | | |
| | 6.00 p.m. | EVENING SERVICE - Missionary Visit | | |
| 3rd
December | 10.30 a.m. | John Prior | A.Higgin | N.Leeming |
| | Vestry Prayers: | David/Mark | | |
| | 6.00 p.m. | NO EVENING SERVICE | | |
| 10th
December | 10.30 a.m. | Rev Keith Richardson | J.Greenwood | M.Lewis |
| | Vestry Prayers: | Donal/Peter | | |
| | 6.00 p.m. | NO EVENING SERVICE | | |
| 17th
December | 10.30 a.m. | Sunday School
Janice | G.Leeming | E.Lord |
| | Vestry Prayers: | Nigel/Janice | | |
| | 6.00 p.m. | NO EVENING SERVICE | | |
| 24th
December | 10.30 a.m. | Mark Wilkes | E.Wilkes | M.Wilkes |
| | Vestry Prayers: | David/Peter | | |
| | 6.00 p.m. | NO EVENING SERVICE | | |
| 31st
December | 10.30 a.m. | Worship Group | B.Baldwin | E.Wilkes |
| | Vestry Prayers: | Donald/Janice | | |
| | 6.00 p.m. | NO EVENING SERVICE | | |

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