



The Baptist Church,
Brierfield

November 2025



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



“Lets Go! We’re Burning Daylight”

(a short message by Nigel Leeming)

From this Sunday the evenings are getting darker and the nights are getting longer. It’s a dark time of year which is gradually, artificially, lit up as we approach Christmas. It’s not my favourite time of year with the limited daylight.

It’s important to make maximum use of the daylight to utilise this light to the full. It reminds me of the classic John Wayne line in the film *The Cowboys*

”let’s go! We’re burning daylight”

John 8:12 says

”Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”



In these dark months let’s consider Jesus as the light of the world with a view to asking ourselves are we making the most of this true light in our daily lives. Are we open to Gods teaching using him to light the way or are we happy to stumble along in our own strength and the poor light of this world. This week we will see people celebrating Halloween. Whilst to some it is a time of harmless fun imported from America. The truth is this world is a constant struggle between the dark evil of Satan and the true light of our lord Jesus Christ. Back at the beginning of John we are given the good news

John 1:5 ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome^[a] it.

And as we read Gods word, we see it never will.

Let’s all take time out to praise God, look at the way we live and look to utilise the light of the Lord Jesus in all aspects of our lives

- Let’s analyse the way we live compared to this true light. Let’s use it to identify our faults in our thoughts and actions, allowing us to develop into the person Jesus wants us to be
- Let’s consider are we spreading this light. Are we the Church God wants us to be

Thank God his light is eternal

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.

November	7 th & 21 st
December	2 nd & 16 th

Friendship Group: Meet on Wednesday 12th October when Howard will be presenting his Film Night, a firm favourite, followed by a light supper for a small fee. In December the meeting will be on the 10th when we will be having our Christmas Party. The Friendship Group is open to any adults and if you would like to join us just come along or speak to a member of the Friendship Group.

Evening Services: The next Evening Service will be on the 30th November which will be taken by Capenwray and then the 28th December. With January's on the 25th. Evening Services are followed by Holy Communion.

Music Group Rehearsals: Music group rehearsals will continue after the Sunday Service for now. If you can play an Instrument or Sing and would like to join the group then speak to Melanie, 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, If you have any DIY skills, or can pick up a paint brush, then please come along and give us a hand. For more information speak to Grahame or David.



Remembrance Sunday: There will be No service in Chapel, Grahame & Cynthia will be conducting a time of prayer and 2 Minutes Silence at 11am. We will go the Cenotaph as a Church for the service and then have Communion on our return followed by refreshments.

Christmas Recording Dates: The Plans are underway for our Christmas Day Service which will be pre recorded again this year. To facilitate this we have two dates for the recording of the Carols, the first is only for the Music Group when we will record the backing music and that is the 16th November time to be arranged and then if you would join us on the 23rd November at 1pm we will record the singing to the pre recorded backing tracks, as many of the congregation that are able to join us would be great. On that Sunday if you wish to bring a packed lunch and stay we will provide Tea, Coffee and Juice.

Praise & Munch Dates 2025

Family Praise Services: At the Church Meeting in March, it was decided that the Pie, Peas & Praise, would now be called Praise & Munch! We will also be looking to vary the food offer, to make it more inclusive for our Church family, any suggestions would be most welcome, speak with Elaine or Gillian.

Date	Meal	Coordinator
30 th November	Soup & a Sweet	Angela
21 st December	Christmas Festive Buffet Lunch	

Dates further ahead:

Retirement Home Visits: The Christmas retirement home visits to all three homes will take place on Sunday 7th December starting at 2:30pm at Marsden Heights and then moving on to Brierfield House and Victoria House. Please come and join us if you are able.

Brierfield United Churches Carol Service: This years United Churches Christmas Carol Service will be held in Chapel on Sunday 14th December starting at 2:30p.m. All are welcome and it would be great to see a good representation from our church in the congregation, please make a note in your diary to join us.

Carol Singing In Brierfield: The annual Carol singing on the steps of the Methodist Church in Brierfield will take place on Saturday 20th December starting at 11am. This is a great opportunity for us to misson & outreach, so please put in your diaries and come and join us.

Congratulations: To Bernice & Grahame for becoming Great Grandparents recently. Their Grand Daughter gave birth to a boy Ellis Richard Garde.

Both Great Grandparents appear to be doing well! If you ask nicely, Grahame will be pleased to show you some pictures of the baby.

Puzzles

MISSION

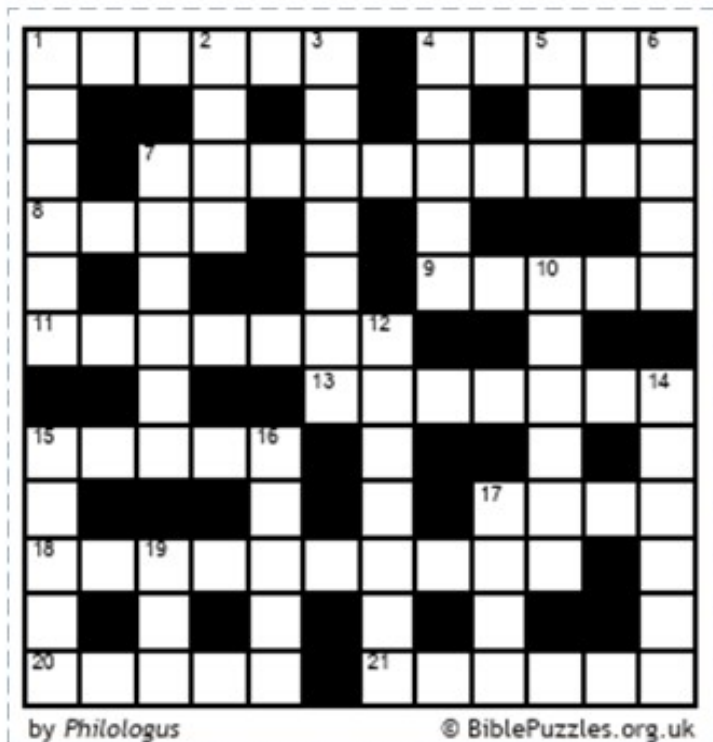
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BAPTISM
COMMANDMENTS
COMMUNITY
COMPASSION
CROSS
DISCIPLES
ENCOURAGEMENT
FAITH

FELLOWSHIP
GENEROSITY
GOOD NEWS
GOSPEL
GRACE
HEALING
HOPE
JOY

LOVE
MINISTRY
PRAYER
PURPOSE
SERVING
TEACHINGS
TRUSTING GOD
WITNESS

QUICK BIBLE CROSSWORD VIII



Across

- 1 Conflict (6)
- 4 Implement of war (5)
- 7 Forty years were spent here by Israel (10)
- 8 Watery downfall (4)
- 9 Consumed (5)
- 11 Testimony (7)
- 13 Sow (7)
- 15 Healed (5)
- 17 Tear (4)
- 18 Providential (10)
- 20 Humble (5)
- 21 Language (6)

Down

- 1 Obtain temporarily (6)
- 2 Jacob, for example (4)
- 3 Eternal (7)
- 4 Attend (5)
- 5 First woman (3)
- 6 Resurrected (5)
- 7 Season (6)
- 10 Tenths (6)
- 12 Red (7)
- 14 Enigma (6)
- 15 Biblical transport (5)
- 16 Decomposition (5)
- 17 Destroy (4)
- 19 Uncooked (3)

Jacob tricks Esau.

Genesis 25:19-34; 27:1-41



Last Months ANSWERS

BIBLE TREES

SOLUTION



QUICK BIBLE CROSSWORD VII - SOLUTION



Across: 1 Gabriel, 5 Sick, 7 Eye, 8 Sparrows, 9 Tests, 10 Hail, 13 Safe, 14 Song, 18 Gate, 19 Eagle, 21 Naphtali, 22 Asa, 23 Seer, 24 Donkeys.

Down: 1 Greatest, 2 Blessing, 3 Insist, 4 Loathe, 5 Sardis, 6 Cows, 11 Language, 12 Generals, 15 Gather, 16 Herald, 17 Legion, 20 Cave.

Prayer Matters

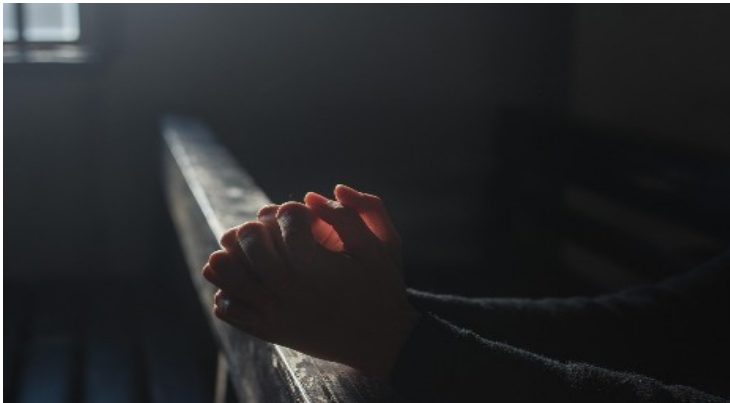
Last month we held our "Light a Candle" service.

We pray for those who joined us, that they found some comfort as they came before God with their memories of loved ones.

We now look forward to Christmas and our next outreach initiative.

This will also be in the form of hand delivering invitations to join us for Christmas services. Again we are urged to pray that people will read the literature and want to come and learn more.

The prayer chain group have been updated with many issues and requests for prayer. If you would like to join us please give me (Kathryn) your email address. You will then receive any prayer requests and we are witnesses that our prayers are heard and answered. Thank you.



Kathryn

If you have anything you would like to be added to the prayer chain, please send it to Kathryn:

Email: bbprayer@outlook.com

Mobile: 07305 541647

Please leave a message if there is no immediate answer





70 years of smuggling Bibles

For 70 years, Open Doors partners have smuggled Bibles where they are most needed. Daniel courageously takes Scripture into the Muslim world, continuing the Bible-smuggling legacy of Brother Andrew today.

A Bible can be incredibly powerful. A Bible can transform someone's life. It can even transform a whole community, generation after generation. Once the door opens, there's no knowing what God will do next. He is, after all, 'able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine' (Ephesians 3:20).

The power of the Bible

This truth is something Brother Andrew knew well. In 1955, he started smuggling Bibles into Communist Eastern Europe. "I have seen again and again the Bible's power to change people from within," he wrote. "The power of the Bible is simple, but profound."

That's how the work of Open Doors started. Today, 70 years after Brother Andrew's first trip behind the Iron Curtain, Open Doors fieldworkers continue to take great risks to provide food, aid, encouragement, training, trauma care and more. And they are still smuggling Bibles.

Smuggling Bibles for 25 years

"I never thought I would do this for a living," says Daniel*. "I came in contact with Open Doors – and look at me now. I'm using all my experience and skills to bring the Bible to persecuted believers in creative ways."

Daniel has now been smuggling Bibles in the Muslim world for 25 years! It would be too dangerous to explain his methods or tell you which country he works in, but it's a place that God put on his heart.

"God's will for my life"

Daniel has seen more miracles, but none are more beautiful than seeing Muslims embracing Jesus Christ. "I can see many good things," he says. "People come to faith – God has shown his loyalty."

It's hard and dangerous, but he knows that he is where God has called him. "My life is really complicated," he says. "Sometimes, I want to quit my ministry, sit under a fig tree somewhere and grow old in peace. I would stop if hadn't known for sure this was God's will for my life. He confirms it so often. God is intimately involved."

It's 70 years since Open Doors began, but the ministry has the same heart of courage, unity and dependency on God. Thank you for being part of the journey – and please keep praying. It's still vital to Open Doors' mission. As Brother Andrew says, "Our prayers can go where we cannot... there are no borders, no prison walls, no doors that are closed to us when we pray."



Weekly Service Rota

November 2025			December 2025		
2 nd	Preacher Service Leader Door Steward Evening Service Communion End Of Service	Derek lawrence Melanie Lewis Angela Higgin No Service David Leeming	7 th	Preacher Service Leader Door Steward Evening Service Communion End Of Service	Bea Foster Cynthia I'Anson Jack Wellman No Service Janice Greenwood
9 th	Preacher Service Leader Door Steward Evening Service Communion On Return	Cenotaph No Service Nigel Leeming	14 th	Preacher Service Leader Door Steward Evening Service Communion Start Of Service	Ashleigh Stansfield Michael Patterson Bernice Baldwin No Service Grahame Baldwin
16 th	Preacher Service Leader Door Steward Evening Service Communion End Of Service	Christine Barnes Elaine Lord Glenys Leeming No Service Mark Wilkes	21 st	Preacher Service Leader Door Steward Evening Service Communion End Of Service	TBC Neil Binns Janice Greenwood No Service Peter Lewis
23 rd	Preacher Service Leader Door Steward Evening Service Communion End Of Service	Prize Giving Janice Elizabeth Wilkes Mark Wilkes No Service Nigel Leeming	28 th	Preacher Service Leader Door Steward Evening Service Communion Evening Service	TBC Bernice Baldwin Angela Higgin TBC David Leeming
30 th	Preacher Service Leader Door Steward Evening Service Communion Evening Service	Capenwray Mark Wilkes Neil Binns Capenwray Cynthia I'Anson			
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Vestry Prayers

November 2025			December 2025		
2 nd	Nigel	Janice	7 th	David	Janice
9 th	Cynthia	Peter	14 th	Nigel	Peter
16 th	David	Mark	21 st	Cynthia	Mark
23 rd	Nigel	Kathryn	28 th	David	Kathryn
30 th	Cynthia	Neil			
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