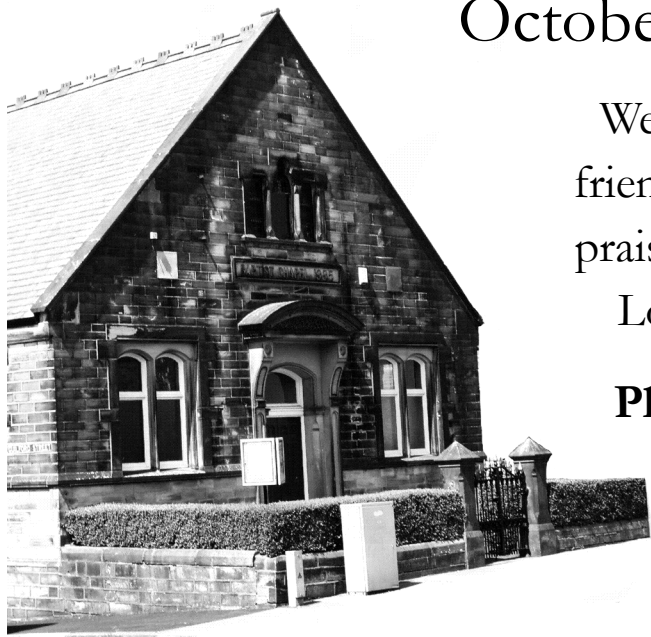


The Baptist Church, Brierfield

October 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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We want to thank everyone who brought items for the food bank to the Harvest. The food bank really appreciated these gifts.

Thanks to Angela for taking the gifts and a special thanks to Cynthia and her team for the excellent lunch.

Elders The Nomination form is on the Notice board. Nominations must be for people who are church members and proposer and seconder must also be church members. Nominations will close on the evening of the 12th November. On the 14th Nov we are having a 12 hour clock 8.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. Places for names will soon be available. The period 7.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. will be held at the church and will be a united time of prayer when we will all pray for those nominated, that the right decision will be made. Please support this. The Meeting for the vote is on Tuesday 28th November at 7.30 p.m.

Christmas As most will already know Christmas eve is a Sunday and so we reviewed what we should do . The church meeting agreed as follows:

10.12.17 Visit to the Nursing homes, no evening service

17.12.17 10.30 a.m. Christmas service followed by Family Party , no evening service

24.12 .17 10.30 a.m. Family service and Sunday school (no Coffee) 6.00 p.m. Carol Service

25.12.17 10.30a.m. Family Service.

Authorised person After many years Donald has given this up. The Church meeting agreed that Angela Higgin will be the authorised person and Kathryn Hughes will be the assistant. The change is being put in place.

Remembrance Sunday. Please note the service will commence at 10.00a.m. Notices will be on a paper and the offering during the first Hymn, the children will leave after the Hymn and the service is planned to end at 10.30 in time for those who wish to go to the cenotaph, others may stay behind with Philip and Donald who will lead prayers. The cenotaph party will return and we will all have coffee etc. together

Welfare Fund Two donations from the Welfare Fund (formerly the communion fund) have been made. One of £250.00 has been made to B M S for education in Nepal. More can be learnt about this from the Latest Engage magazine, copies available. The other is to Christian Aid for the relief work in Bangladesh where the people from Myanmar (formerly Burma) are being housed as they are refugees. Again, we are sending £250.00

I know that people may wish to also donate personally. If you wish to make a donation to either they should be handed to Cynthia.

Sunday School Light Party Can we ask for your prayers for this night. It is on the 31 October at 6.30 p.m. Please pray for many children, for their safety and that a good time may be had by all , and of course that they may learn something about the LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

Dates For your Diary

8th October Ordination Service for New Deacons at the morning service

9th October Meeting with Phil Jump at Nelson for delegates 7.00 p.m.

10th October Brierfield Churches at 32 Reedley Road 10.00 a.m.

Bible Study 7.30 p.m. in the Church Lounge

16th October Bible study 10.30 a.m.

18th October In-between Group 7.30 p.m. primary. This will be a games night and not as planned

24th October Bible Study 7.30 p.m.

30th October Bible Study 10.30 a.m.

31st October Light Party for Children. Look out for more details

7th November 7.30 p.m. Bible Study

9th November 7.30 p.m. Deacons Meeting

12th November Remembrance Sunday Look out for changes to times of services

13th November Bible Study 10.30 a.m.

14th November 12 Hour Prayer Clock for Decision on Elders

15th November In-between group Film Night by Howard all welcome

21st November Bible Study 7.30 p.m.

Philip Rowlands sent me the following notes and I thought it would be good for us all to note the contents.

A MODEL FOR MINISTRY

I (Philip) discovered a study in Kath's **EXPLORE** Bible notes for Friday 22nd September 2017, published by **The Good Book Co**, and reproduced (with slight adaptations) here with permission.

Paul is writing to Titus, and advising him about the appointment of Elders in the church.

Titus 1, vv6-9. "An elder must be blameless, the husband of but one wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient. Since an overseer is entrusted with God's work, he must be blameless – not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain. Rather, he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it."

This passage gives rise to some questions:

What should an elder's home life be like?

What should an elder's character be like (both negatively and positively)?

What else must an elder do?

To help us, let's look at some of the particular features mentioned.

The emphasis is more on confession (their belief and teaching) and character (their personal godliness) than on competence (their skills); but Paul here specially focusses on the home life of an elder.

'Blameless' (v6) does not mean entirely without fault. No elder is perfect, and we need to remember neither to pretend they are perfect nor demand it. 'Blameless' does mean to have a good reputation, against which an accusation cannot be made.

'Husband of but one wife' (v6) simply means a 'one-woman man'. In other words, it does not exclude single men. Rather, we are to look for men (if married) with a strong marriage, men who are committed to their wife, who care for her, and who have no history of flirting with other women.

The same kind of clarification applies to the next phrase: 'a man whose children believe'. The word 'children' here implies small children. Most children in their early years believe what their parents believe. So the beliefs of young children will reflect their home life, and so Paul wants Titus to appoint elders whose children's beliefs reflect a home life built around the Christian life.

[And finally, he must ensure that the Gospel preached in the church is as passed down from the Apostles (and as now recorded for us in the Bible). In disputes, he must be a peacemaker, while holding fast to what is right. Above all, he must remember that he is responsible to God for his conduct and must one day give account for all he has done while in his position.]

If anybody is looking for daily Bible Notes, I can thoroughly recommend **EXPLORE** Bible notes, published by the **Good Book Co**, whose website is **www.thegoodbook.com**

Their email address is: **admin@thegoodbook.co.uk**

The Good Book Co is the publisher of **Christianity Explored**, which we ran the other year, and hope to follow up with **Discipleship Explored** next year, all being well.

Prayer Matters:



The decisions being taken in our church are perhaps the most important for a number of years. We have been served ably by Donald and David over the years as Elders, but the time has now come to strengthen the Eldership team to ensure that the church is just as well led spiritually in the future. Unlike deacons, the position of eldership is longer term, maybe even for life. Perhaps we think – “Well, we won’t be here in a few years, what does it matter anyway?” But it is very important that the church is well led spiritually. It is every Christian’s role to build the Kingdom of God, but more especially those who are in the position of eldership, for they are responsible not only to and for their congregation, but will be held accountable before God for their oversight of the Gospel in our fellowship.

So let’s pray that

- Those who are selected will be equipped, empowered and guided by God in all they do.
- Those candidates who are selected will solemnly and yet joyfully fulfil their God-given duties with love and compassion, justice and mercy.
- If any candidate is not selected by the church, that they should be content to know that it is not God’s will for them at this time, and seek other ways of serving the Lord in this church.

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.

		Preacher	Door Steward	Morning Service Leader
1st October	10.30am	S. Wells	D. Driver	B. Driver
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Donald Leeming</i>	<i>Graham Baldwin</i>	
	6.00pm	T. Yates		
8th October	10:30am	D. Cliff	K. Hughes	K. Rowland
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>David Leeming</i>	<i>G. Hartley</i>	
	6.00pm	Philip. Rowland		
15th October	10.30am	P. l'Anson	C. l'Anson	R. Rigby
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Donald Leeming</i>	<i>P. l'Anson</i>	
	6.00pm	Donald Leeming		
22nd October	10.30am	H. Ellison	J. Greenwood	R. Hartley
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Donald Leeming</i>	<i>N. Leeming</i>	
	6.00pm	E. Gorton		
29th October	10.30am	Kath Rowland	S. Dunham	S. Greaves
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Donald Leeming</i>	<i>J. Greenwood</i>	
	6.00pm	D. Livermore		
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'A nson</i>	
	6.00pm	Anne Booth		
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		