



The Baptist Church,  
Brierfield

October 2020



*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 I'Anson, or by email to [newsletter@brierfieldbaptistchurch.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@brierfieldbaptistchurch.org.uk)



# Coming Together

*(A short message by David Leeming)*

A few weeks ago we had a fire in the garden and cooked our tea outside. Glenys (the Guider) lit the fire with only two matches allowed and I was to cook the burgers etc., while Glenys made the salad. All went well till Glenys saw the fire wasn't right as it was too tall for the grill to be fitted. She took the most blazing burning wood off the fire and put it at the side. Two minutes later the blazing burning wood was out dead lifeless and just charred round the edges from its blazing experience.

Its now 6 months since many of the members and friends joined us in the church for worship. Even the number going on line has fallen and when we asked for donations for the harvest food bank only one person who has not been coming sent some items. Giving for the Lords work has fallen and we are missing help and co-operation let alone seeing folk.

I know that many have been shielding but this has now lapsed and some are ill and unable to attend but we must all remember the lesson of the wood when its taken out of the fire it soon dies away. Can I invite you to attend on a trial basis ,see what we have put in place and if you are not comfortable tell us ,we may be able to change things. There is special arrangements for children with a video and a quiz (sorry no singing ) but lots of fun and you are going to school.

I do hope to see you at the service soon. The words of St Paul remind us

Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another-and all the more as we see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10 v 25

*David*

# Items of Interest

## Harvest – 20<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Following our Harvest Service, the tinned and dried goods donated by our congregation were delivered to the Food Bank In Nelson the following day. Eleanor (who runs the Food Bank) asked for their thanks to be passed on to everybody at Brierfield Baptist Church who continue to support them in this very practical way.

## 2020 Shoebox Appeal

We are once again supporting the Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Leaflets are available in chapel. If you are not attending chapel and would like a leaflet contact Angela (414979)/ Janice (605594) who can arrange to deliver/post one to you. If you wish to give money instead please give/send your money to Janice asap, so she can use your donation to help to fill extra shoeboxes. The last day for sending/bringing your box to chapel is **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November**, or you can drop your box of at Janice and Howard's house **before** the 1st November. Just a reminder that you cannot pack either liquids, toothpaste or sweets in your shoebox. Please support this worthy cause this Christmas.

## Remembrance Sunday – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020

As the information on this page has been written to go in the October newsletter things may change by November, but as of now (22<sup>nd</sup> September) we are unsure as to whether or not the Remembrance service at the Cenotaph will be allowed to take place, which is why it has been marked TBC. We as a church may have to hold our own Remembrance service in chapel possibly. Any updates will be announced in chapel to keep people informed.

## Prize-giving Sunday – 29<sup>th</sup> November 2020

A Prize-giving service with a difference. Janice is looking for some volunteers – and this can include everyone. Please make a short film, perhaps a couple of minutes in length possibly on WhatsApp, about a book that you have found inspirational to your faith, or that has helped you along the way. If you want more information, please talk to Janice who will need your video by the 8<sup>th</sup> November.

## Do You Need Help?

Could we remind any member of our church family, that should you need any help, to please contact any of the Church Elders or Officers who will do their best to help or will try and put you in contact with someone who can.

# Prayer Matters

This Covid pandemic has dealt a huge blow to many churches, including ours. We cannot any longer sing God's praises, but we can have hearts that are full of praise. I trust that we often have our own little sing to the Lord, thanking Him for all that we are and have, in spite of all that is going on at the moment.

We are no longer able to fellowship together as before, but that does not mean that we cannot still care for each other, and seek to remain in contact. Some of us are able to attend the morning services in person, and some join online. I imagine that we all long for that day when normality will be restored.

But as a church, we are maintaining our witness by keeping the doors open, and I am sure that that in itself is taken as a sacrifice of praise by our Lord God, who has all things in His hands.

## So let's pray:

- Firstly, that God will continue to be with us in these unprecedented times, directing and protecting us;
- That our hearts may be continually praising our Lord , wherever we are at any given time;
- That those we have not seen physically for a while are not forgotten, but that God will let them know that they are remembered in prayer by many of us.
- That the Lord will open doors to us so that we can speak of His love and forgiveness available to all who seek it.

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.



# Rachel's News

## September 2020

*For nothing is impossible with God.*

Luke 1:37

Hi everyone, Greetings from North Wales! I trust you are all keeping safe and well.

How was your summer? Summer looked very different for us this year. We were expecting to be camping in tents in North Wales with about 300 campers. Coronavirus made running a camp in tents impossible and so in May we started planning for an alternative online WEC Camps 2020 programme, WEC Camp Everywhere, from Monday 3rd to Friday 7th August.



What a steep learning curve that was!

This time last year I had never heard of 'Zoom' but in the space of about 10 weeks, with God's help, we were able to put together a 'camp' that would normally take us 10 months to prepare. At the back of my mind was, would anyone want to come? Well, the answer was, Yes- They came! We had 176 children register for the event (we thought we might get 50) and during the five days we had 100- 140 attending sessions on a regular basis.

Some sessions, such as the morning Bible teaching meeting, the evening Mission Focus meeting and some activities, were for both Teen and Warrior Camp aged children. Other activities and small group discussions were age specific. Most sessions were live and so keeping track of all the sessions, presenters, participants, safeguarding procedures and technology was quite a feat and we are thankful to the brilliant team who helped in each area. We are thankful to our Bible Teacher Michael, who spoke about Trustworthy sayings from Timothy and Titus under the theme of Living in Hope. We have had some lovely feedback from campers who have said this teaching, along with the small group discussions, had helped them grow in their faith. One camper is now reading her bible every day.

Running camp in this way allowed for some new opportunities. Because we couldn't have a missionary speaker on site for the week as we would usually, we contacted several missionaries who recorded interviews for us. In this way our campers had access to people we may not normally be able to get to camp, including Maud Kells, who spoke about her time in Congo.



We also trialed an online bookshop. Books about Maud were very popular as were the T-shirts produced by our colleague, Paul, in Northern Ireland.

We had campers attend from India, Brazil and Canada. The Canadian boy would be up at 5:00 am so that he could join in the meetings and the girl in India was still online at 11:00 pm! The camp had a greater reach than we imagined.

Although everyone took part remotely we thank God that there was a real spirit of unity, a lovely atmosphere and great fun. Some of the videos of people taking part in the 'minute-to-win-it' challenges were hysterical.

The greatest blessing for me was having Lydia help with the bulk of the administration. I was attending so many Zoom meetings it would have been impossible for me to do all of the usual admin involved. God continues to meet all of our needs!



Enjoying the fresh air at St Mary's Lighthouse , Whitley Bay.

I have come to the end of a lovely holiday in York, housesitting for my friends and their cats again. I have loved walking into York and exploring the area as well as doing some painting and patchwork. I also had chance to finally spend some time with my family and friends and I am pleased that they have kept in good health. Was really excited to be able to go to my local church for the first time on Sunday. It was such a treat to physically be with people again after such a long time. Not being able to sing in church just doesn't feel right. Are you allowed to hum?

I feel very well rested and ready to go back and start writing the reports needed for the upcoming leadership meetings.

This autumn we are unsure of how many children's events we will be able to do but perhaps online experiences will be possible. This is an area to explore.

Praying that God keeps you safe and well.

God bless,

Rachel

1. Praise the Lord for the good feedback which we have received from those who took part in WEC Camp Everywhere. Please pray that the seed which was sown back in the summer will be well established and bringing fruit in young lives.
2. Pray for wisdom and creativity as the Camp Teams consider what is and what is not possible this winter and coming spring. While zoom is a good option we want to run some face to face events in the spring. Pray 'Camp in a Field' will be possible next summer.
3. Our Children's Resources, artefacts, written information and activities can still be used in virtual programmes. Please pray that we find the right openings for this and praise the Lord that coronavirus does not stop Him challenging and encouraging young lives with Christian service and World Mission.

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		<b>Preacher</b>	<b>Door Steward</b>	<b>Morning Service Leader</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> October	10.30 am	Daniel Parkinson	C. Leeming	B. Baldwin
	Vestry Prayers:	Philip Rowland		
	6.00 pm	<b>No Evening Service</b>		
11 <sup>th</sup> October	10.30 am	Paul Carter	C. I'Anson	G. Fogg
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel Leeming		
	6.00 pm	<b>No Evening Service</b>		
18 <sup>th</sup> October	10.30 am	Kath Rowland	S. Dunham	N. Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	Donald Leeming		
	6.00 pm	<b>No Evening Service</b>		
25 <sup>th</sup> October	10.30 am	David Boadle	E. Wilkes	M. Lewis
	Vestry Prayers:	David Leeming		
	6.00 pm	<b>No Evening Service</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> November	10.30 am	Grahame Baldwin	S. Dunham	K. Rowland
	Vestry Prayers:	Philip Rowland		
	6.00 pm	<b>No Evening Service</b>		
8 <sup>th</sup> November Remembrance TBC	10.30 am	Elders	J. Greenwood	Elders
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel Leeming		
	6.00 pm	<b>No Evening Service</b>		
15 <sup>th</sup> November	10.30 am	Mark Heaton	C. Leeming	G. Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	Donald Leeming		
	6.00 pm	<b>No Evening Service</b>		
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	10.30 am		C. I'Anson	B. Baldwin
	Vestry Prayers:	David Leeming		
	6.00 pm	<b>No Evening Service</b>		
29 <sup>th</sup> November Prizegiving	10.30 am	J. Greenwood	G. Leeming	J. Greenwood
	Vestry Prayers:	Philip Rowland		
	6.00 pm	<b>No Evening Service</b>		

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