



The Baptist Church,  
Brierfield

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



# Memories

*(A short message by Donald Leeming)*

As the nights draw in and the days get shorter it's good to recall summer days and holidays.

My parents and I had a number of holidays at Saltburn on the east coast, 17 miles north of Whitby. A favourite trip out was to Fountains Abbey & Ripon. We always seemed to have a lovely early autumn day over the North Yorkshire Moors, heather covered. With a detour to Ralph Cross for a hymn and a prayer, and then onto Fountains for a guided tour (claimed by some to be the finest in Europe) & have our packed lunches at the Studly Royal Picnic Site; then off to Ripon to spend the afternoon there. There was a great deal to do – optional visit to the Cathedral, sitting in the splendid gardens where often there was a military band playing from nearby Catterick, visit the shops and explore the quaint old streets and buildings.

One of the quaintest buildings is the Wakemans house, or Town Hall. It was built in 1799 and between the first floor windows and roof there is an inscription which reads *“Except ye Lord. Keep ye cittie Ye Wakeman waketh in vain”* taken from the Geneva Bible, part of Psalm 127 v1 which to me reads Except the Lord, keep the city the watchmen waketh but in vain.

Those who built in 1799 believed in the necessity of committing to the Lord the safety of their town and its inhabitants, and that with all the guarding they could sustain, if the Lord was not present to sustain their labours would be in vain.

As far as I know the building is not open to the public, but what a message we have. As a nation we have had one problem after another – yet there is no seeming desire to seek the blessing of the Lord. Sadly, letters to the government and even the Queen are no longer acknowledged, let alone acted upon. How we need the Lord to bless us, guide us and revive us in these days.

Another thought of Ripon each evening at dusk the wakenman dons a three cornered hat and blows a horn warning people of the coming dangers of the night. How we need to be sure that we have come to Jesus and know His protection and guidance in our lives at all times.

Near the cathedral there is, or used to be, a delightful tea shop which serves smashing cream teas where we finished the day out, and then it was back over the heather covered moors.

May the Lord yet keep our nation and ourselves in His love and protection.

*Donald*

## Silver Wedding

We would like to congratulate Nigel and Chris Leeming on their Silver Wedding Anniversary, we wish them many more happy years together.

## Bible Studies/Prayer Meetings

Month	Mon 10.30 a.m. (led by Philip)	Tues 7.30 p.m. (led by David)
October	18 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup>
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>

## Harvest – 5th September 2021

Our food gifts were delivered to Nelson Food Bank on Monday 6th September, and once again I was asked to pass on their thanks to everyone for our continued support. Our monetary gifts were sent to Operation Agri and these amounted to £227.55. Angela

## Missionary Sunday - 19th September

Thanks go out to Mark and Elizabeth for leading the worship at our Missionary Sunday service, our first one for a few years. There was good congregation participation with a short quiz and videos showing how Christians in various parts of the world are determined to keep and show their faith under difficult circumstances.

## Rainbows and Brownies

As it's Half-Term week commencing 25th October there will be no Rainbows or Brownies this particular week.

## Prayer Meetings before Morning Services

We are once again meeting for prayer in the church lounge before morning services each week. Prayers will commence at 10.00 a.m. but please feel free to join us at any-time before our morning service starts.

## Evening Service - 10th October 6.00 p.m.

We are continuing our programme of re-instated Evening Services on the 10th October and this will be led by Nigel. **14th November** will be led by Kath and the **12th December** by Janice. Please make every effort to support these services with a difference.

## Officers Meeting - 21st October

There is an Officers meeting on Thursday 21st October at 7.30 p.m. in the church lounge.

## Shoebox Appeal

We are once again supporting the Christmas Shoebox Appeal. If you are not attending chapel and would like a leaflet please contact Janice (605594) or Angela (414979) who can arrange delivery/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 boxes. We are having a 'Shoebox Packing Evening' in the Primary Room on **Monday 25th October at 7.30 p.m., your help would be most appreciated.** The last date for sending or bringing your box to chapel is **Sunday 7th November**, or you can drop your box at Janice and Howard's house **before** the 7th November. Please remember you cannot pack either liquids, toothpaste or sweets in your shoebox. Please support this worthy cause this Christmas.

## Brierfield Churches Meeting

Once again another sign that things are getting back to normal. There will be a Brierfield Churches meeting at our church on Tuesday 26th October at 10.00 a.m..

## New Friendship Group

The New Friendship group will meet on **Wednesday the 13th October at 7.30 p.m.** Everyone is welcome. We are planning a Beetle Drive. Light refreshments will be available Don't be a couch potato come and enjoy friendship and good company.

# Prayer Matters

A fresh thought struck me as I was meditating the other day. Our God is a gracious and merciful God, and He is also a God of second chances. He commands us to be holy, obedient people. How often do we fail to live up to that? But God, while saddened no doubt at our failings, is patient with us, and gives us a second chance. Often I need a third or fourth (and more!) chances.

God had given Moses the 10 Commandments, but before he could even get down off the mountain with the tablets inscribed by God, the laws had been broken by the Israelites. Initially angry, following Moses' intercession God gave them a second chance. New tablets were made by Moses and inscribed afresh by God. A second chance.

We are called to be a holy people. God, in Christ Jesus, offers us that second chance. No matter what we have done, we can be forgiven if only we will confess and repent. None of us are perfect, but if we are trusting in Him, then we are forgiven our sins and trespasses<sup>23</sup>.

## Let's also pray for

- Ourselves, that we may be more obedient to His commands, and live visibly holy lives to His glory.
- Our friends and family, 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, Creator of heaven and earth..

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.



# Generous giving

Treasurer **James Townsend** celebrates the life-transforming projects funded by six decades of donations and gifts

## It all adds up! D + G + P = T

2021 is Operation Agri's 60th Anniversary year! The charity celebrates its 60th year supporting projects in Asia, Africa, and South America. That's 15 projects in ten countries on three continents!

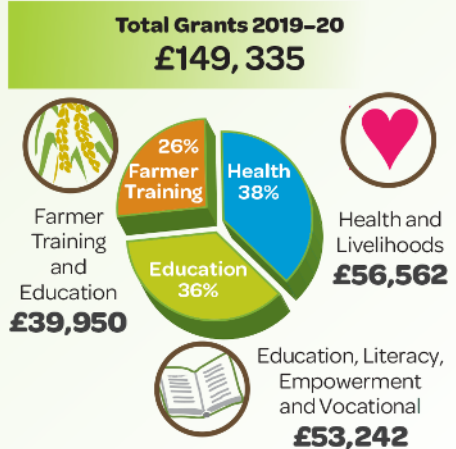
A conservative estimate is that gifts and donations of over £8 million have been given to Operation Agri towards projects to transform the lives of thousands of people over the years, (men, women, and children), through the work of Operation Agri and our in-country partners.

Projects from the earliest of days in the 60's include shipping day-old chicks overseas, the training of farmers in new ways to increase their yields and move them from subsistence farming, and educating women and children in life and vocational skills, and healthcare in the community. All of which sum up to the transformation of so many lives, over six decades.

## A challenge and a thank you

2020 was a challenging year, due of course to the pandemic, but we were especially encouraged that income amounted to £150,000 for the year ending 31st October 2020 compared with £152,000 for the same period in 2019. An enormous thank you to all who supported and gifted to Operation Agri during such a difficult year.

Grants to the projects in 2020 amounted to £149,000 – an amazing accomplishment compared with £152,000 grants in 2019.



## D + G + P = T?

**That's D = Donors + G = Gifts  
+ P = Projects = T = Transformed Lives!**

Thank you again for your support of the work of Operation Agri over the years, we look forward to accomplishing much more in the decades ahead – with your support and by the Grace of our Lord Jesus.

**“And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you have given to one of the least of these my brothers, you have given to me.’”**

MATTHEW 25:40

For an OA map annotated with grants by country, email: [admin@operationagri.org.uk](mailto:admin@operationagri.org.uk)



*James Townsend*  
Operation Agri Treasurer

		Preacher	Door Steward	Morning Service Leader
3rd October	10.30 a.m.	Ian Ferguson	J. Greenwood	D. Driver
	Vestry Prayers:	Philip/Peter L.		
	6.00 p.m.	<b>NO EVENING SERVICE</b>		
10th October Evening Service	10.30 a.m.	Christine Barnes	C. Leeming	G. Fogg
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel/Kath		
	6.00 p.m.	Nigel Leeming		
17th October	10.30 a.m.	Kevin Wilding	G. Leeming	S. Greaves
	Vestry Prayers:	Donald/Peter L.		
	6.00 p.m.	<b>NO EVENING SERVICE</b>		
24th October	10.30 a.m.	Bea Foster	D. Mullarkey	J. Greenwood
	Vestry Prayers:	David/Janice		
	6.00 p.m.	<b>NO EVENING SERVICE</b>		
31st October	10.30 a.m.	John Prior	E. Wilkes	G. Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	Philip/Mark		
	6.00 p.m.	<b>NO EVENING SERVICE</b>		
7th November	10.30 a.m.	David Lavender	B. Baldwin	N. Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel/Kath		
	6.00 p.m.	<b>NO EVENING SERVICE</b>		
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.	<b>NO EVENING SERVICE</b>		
Prize Giving 28th November	10.30 a.m.	Prize Giving	S. Dunham	J. Greenwood
	Vestry Prayers:	Philip/Peter L.		
	6.00 p.m.	<b>NO EVENING SERVICE</b>		

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