



The Baptist Church,
Brierfield

October 2022



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



God Save The King!

(A short message by Philip Rowland)

History moves on. Our late Queen Elizabeth II has gone to be with her Lord. One of her titles was 'Defender of the Faith', and this she has faithfully done. She has been succeeded by her son, now known as King Charles III. May the Lord bless him in this office, and I urge all of you to remember him, and the royal family, in your prayers.

I note that while he has taken the title 'Defender of the Faith', he has remarked that he would rather it be 'Defender of Faiths'. Should this be a worry to us? I think not.

Originally the title was given to Henry VIII by the Pope for Henry's criticism of Luther's stand against the church corruptions of his day. Henry kept it, even after he was made head of the church of England, saying that he would defend the Protestant Faith. It became illegal to attend any other form of worship. This carried on for many years.

Much later, William III, while keeping that title, allowed that other forms of Protestant worship should be allowed in our land, and there we find the true roots of the Baptist Movement.

So what does our new King mean? He has affirmed his own allegiance to the Protestant Anglican Faith. And we can but be thankful for that. But he is acknowledging the fact that there are many faiths being practised in this realm, and that all should be allowed to flourish. We may have our own opinions on that. But we should remember that if we give others this freedom of worship, it should not be at the sacrifice of our own long and hard established freedom to worship the Lord God Almighty as we think best.

This is a freedom which some are trying to deny us today, for fear of upsetting others at our expressions of faith and practice. Like the disciples of old, we must choose to speak confidently of what is right and is contained in the Word of God. Long may this freedom exist.

The Queen was regular in her attendance at worship and took every opportunity to express her Christian faith. It would be a good thing if we followed her example, and were more free in speaking of our dearly held beliefs.

Philip

Bible Studies/Prayer Meetings

Please pray for these and attend if at all possible, starting at 7:30pm and led by Philip.

October	11th & 25th
November	8th & 22nd
December	6th

YOUTH WORK

Rainbows & Brownies Monday's 6.15 - 7.15 p.m

Except Half Term week Monday 24th October.

J.A.M. Club

No information with regards a re-start date as yet, an announcement will be made in chapel, hopefully in the near future.

Fellowship Group

Meet on the Wednesday 12th October at 7.30 p.m., for Bag Beetle.

Evening Services

for October to December 2022

9th October *leader:* Grahame;

13th November *leader:* Nigel;

11th December *leader:* Philip.

Stamps & Collectables

Please continue to bring your old stamps etc. - I will be sending the last parcel early December to BMS. Thank-You. Angela

Officers Meeting - 20th October at 7.30 p.m.

Thursday 20th October at 7.30 p.m. - Officers please put in your diary or on your phones.

Retirement Home Visits – December 2022

There will be the annual Christmas visit by all the Brierfield Churches on Sunday 11th December to all homes commencing at 2.30 p.m. Again volunteers will be requested to take some part in this much appreciated part of the build up to their Christmas activities.

In Memoriam

The Death of Queen Elizabeth came as a shock to most of us.

We were always pleased to hear of her faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and she used her Christmas broadcasts to let everyone know of her faith with an unashamed emphasis on the gospel. She was an extraordinary witness for Jesus. In August she said “throughout my life the message and teachings of Christ have been my guide”. Our new King Charles the third has a great act to follow but as He takes up the position we pray that he will be like his mother and Follow the teachings of our Saviour and may he be a witness to all of the saving power of our Lord WE need to pray for him at this time and also for the Royal family.

At the same time as these happenings we have a new prime minister. How we need to ask God to guide her that she might lead the country out of the many problems surrounding us.



Prayer Matters

Much has changed lately. Over the last two years or so we have had restrictions on the ability to meet together because of the Covid plague, and sadly, many have died from its effects. We have had confusion in Parliament, and now have a new Prime Minister.

Thus after 70 glorious years, the second Elizabethan age has come to an end with the death of the Queen. There is continuity, but change. We have a new Prime Minister, Liz Truss, and a new King, Charles II.

We are urged to pray for those in authority and power, and to give honour and respect to them in their office, for in the end, God being in control of all things, they hold office under Him, for our good and the peace of the realm. Paul said this to the early Christians, even when the evil Nero was the Roman Emperor!

So I call you to pray for our country this month in particular.

Let's pray

- That God will be with our new Government as they tackle the many problems our country is going through at the moment.
- That their rule and decisions will benefit the population of Great Britain as a whole.
- That God will be with King Charles II as he performs the many responsibilities and tasks he is faced with.

Please continue to pray for:

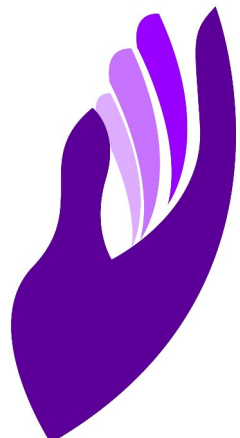
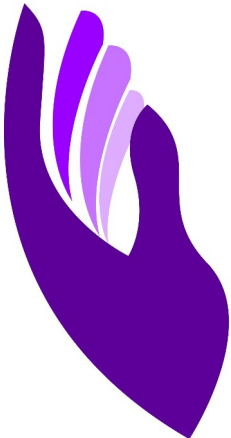
- The young people in our church, and all those who work with them in His Name.

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.





SHINING LIGHT ON MALARIA'S SHADOW

Malaria is one of the biggest threats in countries like Chad. In 2020, 96 per cent of the world's malaria deaths happened on the African continent.

In the face of fatalities, the team at Chad's Guinebor II (G2) Hospital combat fear with knowledge to bring hope to the community.

"The biggest health concern that our neighbours expressed was worry about malaria." BMS World Mission nurse Jackie Chilvers was part of a team that surveyed the local community around G2 Hospital in order to understand people's health needs. And while they knew from the scale of hospital numbers how large a problem malaria was, they had no idea how big a problem fear and hopelessness were in the community.

"One of the most difficult things to hear was their lack of hope. That they just feel like, 'Well, malaria is malaria, we just have to see what happens if we get it,'" says Jackie. The G2 team found a lack of knowledge about malaria was a large part of why it affects so many. But they're working to change that.

"The treatment is available and that's the good thing," says BMS nurse Brian Chilvers. "Most people who receive that treatment, if they receive it within a reasonable time span, will survive and

recover from malaria." Depending on the symptoms, a simple oral treatment is available, or an injectable or intravenous treatment for those who are more ill. But more important than offering treatment is helping people avoid catching malaria at all.

When the original survey was conducted, they were joined by a drama group who showed people the importance of seeking medical help at the hospital rather than turning to traditional medicines. The G2 team plan to send the drama group round again to help people recognise the early signs of malaria and point them towards Government schemes already in place to help combat the disease. The vision is that, eventually, rural communities in Chad won't have to live without hope in the face of malaria.

Please keep praying for Brian and Jackie Chilvers and the team at G2 as they combat malaria. You can find out more about Brian and Jackie's work on the BMS website: bit.ly/ChilversWN

		Preacher	Door Steward	Morning Service Leader
2nd October Missionary Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Mark, Elizabeth and Elaine	B. Baldwin	M. Wilkes
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Philip/Mark</i>		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
9th October	10.30 a.m.	Geoff Hartley	C. Leeming	B. Baldwin
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>David/Kath</i>		
	6.00 p.m.	EVENING SERVICE – Preacher: Grahame		
16th October	10.30 a.m.	Danny Cliffe	G. Leeming	S. Greaves
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Donald/Peter</i>		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
23rd October	10.30 a.m.	Kath Rowland	E. Wilkes	J. Greenwood
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Nigel/Mark</i>		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
30th October	10.30 a.m.	Steve Ansell	A. Higgin	G. Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Philip/Janice</i>		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
6th November	10.30 a.m.	Stephen Wells	D. Driver	N. Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>David/Kath</i>		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
13th November Remembrance Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Remembrance Sunday	S. Dunham	M. Lewis
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Donald/Mark</i>		
	6.00 p.m.	EVENING SERVICE – Preacher: Nigel		
20th November	10.30 a.m.	Ruth Brierley	J. Greenwood	E. Lord
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Nigel/Peter</i>		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
27th November Prize Giving	10.30 a.m.	J. Greenwood	A. Higgin	K. Rowland
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Philip/Janice</i>		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
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