



The Baptist Church,
Brierfield

October 2023



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



What can you do?

(A short message by David Leeming)

Holidays are over and we need to get back to our autumn tasks. Please think about what you can do for the Lord.

He has done great things for us. And we can show our gratitude by serving him and doing all we can to extend His kingdom here on earth. We have a great band of people in our church doing all they possibly can to keep the church alive and kicking and we have a Saviour to tell the world about.

People today have a great need of physical support and an overwhelming need of spiritual guidance. So our plan is to invite people to join us for worship the spiritual side and then feed them with pie and peas for their physical needs. Our first try is on the last Sunday in September and will continue each Month. Perhaps we will change things as we put it into practice. but we need your prayerful support.

The replacement of the windows in the Church has gone extremely well and we must thank Peter for supervising the work. We now have to get the Church back to the state we all love. Tuesday mornings are our work time and we would welcome anybody to join us.

There is much to do on the spiritual side as well. We can really praise God with our group of musicians and we can improve our knowledge of Gods word as we share in the prayer and Bible study nights. Don't forget to have your daily quiet time with the Lord. It's a time when we get strength and support for the day ahead.

Let's build up a thriving community to which we can bring our family and friends.

David

Items of Interest & Dates for your Diary

Bible Studies/Prayer Meetings - Please pray for these and attend if at all possible, starting at 7:30pm.

October	10 th & 24 th
November	7 th & 21 st

Fellowship Group

Meet on Wednesday 18th October at 7.30 p.m. in the Primary Room, when we will be playing Bag Beetle. All Adults are welcome to join us. There will be a light supper to follow.

Evening Services

Evening services resumed in September, but they will change to the last Sunday of the month instead of the 2nd Sunday, as previous. Please note **Capenwray** will not be able to stay for an Evening Service on the 8th October so there will not be an Evening Service now that evening. We will have normal Evening Service on October 29th. We are also hoping that we may have a visit from Holly one of our missionaries on the 26th November, more details to follow in notices and in Novembers Newsletter.

Church Meeting

A reminder that the next Church meeting will be held on the 3rd October at 7:30pm. All Church members are encouraged to attend and everyone is welcome.

Door Stewards & Service Leaders

We are still in need of more people to be Door Stewards & Service Leaders and support these two important activities here in the church. If you would be able to help with either or both, please contact Mark for more details.

Shoe Boxes

There is still time to bring along those Shoe Boxes! These are so we can make up the parcels for Samaritan's Purse, that then get sent to Children around the world in places where they wouldn't otherwise receive gifts this Christmas. If you can bring your shoe boxes to Church, save them when your buying new shoes and even asking if the store has a few more, that would be a big help. Thank You.

Family Praise Service

Our October Family Praise Service followed by Pie & Peas is planned for the 29th October, If you were unable to join us for the September Service, why not come along in October and share in the fellowship of our church and Praise the Lord.

Music Group Rehearsals

Music group rehearsals take place each Friday at 18:45 with an extra rehearsal for the Praise Service on Wednesday 25th October. If you can play an Instrument or Sing and would like to join the group then speak to Melanie, Morgan or Keith for more details.

Puzzles

Bible Word Search: APOSTLES / DISCIPLES

B J N K F D E A Z T E T G D M
Y A T O S K L M W H D H K D S
M S R I O P S E X A I O F S K
S P M T H Z H P H D E M T F B
O O C A H T Y V X D E A N H W
N N E T T O D J I A D S S E P
S U R A R P L P R E E C U Y M
S A M B I H H O X U B U H A G
T O I R A C S I M S E L P T L
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N H O J G C A N D R E W R M W
U M W J F J W M R R D J D W F
H X Y S U S W L P K R O R E P

SIMON Peter

JOHN

THOMAS

THADDAEUS

MATTHIAS

ANDREW

PHILIP

MATTHEW

SIMON

PAUL

James ZEBEDEE

BARTHOLOMEW

James ALPHEUS

Judas ISCARIOT

SCRIPTURE

Scavenger Hunt



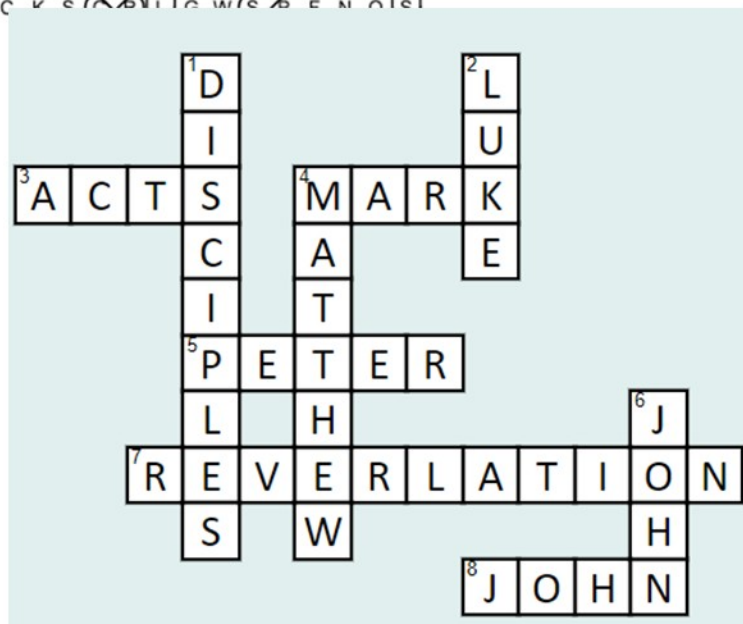
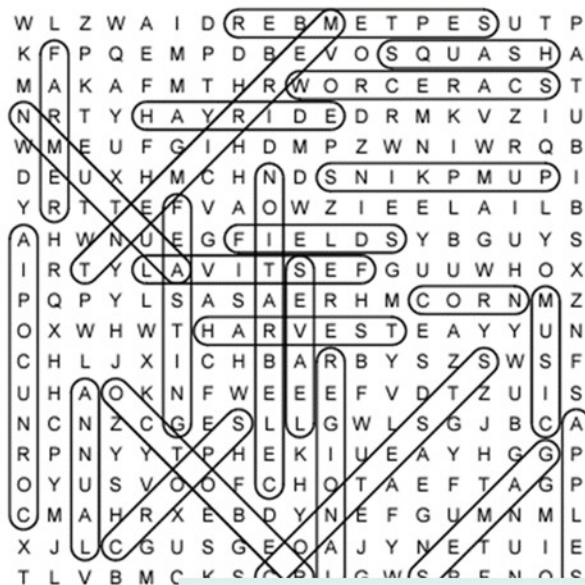
Locate each of the following items in the Bible & give the chapter and verse where they can be found:

- Talking Donkey _____
- Floating Axehead _____
- Crown of Thorns _____
- Colorful Coat _____
- Pillar of Salt _____
- Golden Calf _____
- Fiery Furnace _____
- Giant Goliath _____
- Man-Eating Fish _____
- Noah's Ark _____
- Forbidden Fruit _____
- Lions' Den _____
- Budding Rod _____
- Hangman's Gallows _____
- House on the Sand _____
- Seven Seals _____
- Dewy Fleece _____
- Chariots of Fire _____
- Prison Earthquake _____
- Plague of Frogs _____
- Widow's Mite _____

HINTS: Genesis 2:16-17; 6:14-22; 19:26; 37:3; Exodus 8:1-4; 32:3-5; Numbers 17:8; 22:28-30; Judges 6:37-40; 1 Samuel 17:4-9; 2 Kings 2:11; 6:5-6; Esther 5:14; Daniel 3:15-27; 6:16; Jonah 1:17; Matthew 7:26; Mark 12:41-44; 15:17; Acts 16:26; Revelation 6:1



Last Months ANSWERS



Prayer Matters

Thank-you to all those who have joined our Prayer Chain group. We are receiving requests for prayer support from many people and these are shared within the group.

This month we can give thanks for the dedication of Piper Rose. It was lovely to see her with her family on that happy occasion.

The church Elders and Deacons have asked us to pray for our new initiatives in the work of our own church. In order to move forward we are asked to pray especially for the Family Praise and Worship services planned for the end of each month. We are hoping to follow these with a free lunch and encourage others to join us. By now the first of these services, which was Harvest, has been celebrated. I know we pray continually for our Church but now more than ever we need God's help to guide us in the best way we can and show our community that we are alive in His name. Please join us in these prayers.

God Bless,

Kathryn

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Please leave a message if there is no immediate answer



Congratulations, Hannah

Congratulations to Hannah on receiving her Brownie/ Rainbow Leadership award.

She has given time and commitment to our unit in Brierfield and we wish her well as she moves on to University in Teesside.

She has found a unit there and will be a great help to them but she will be back! The picture shows Hannah next to our County Standard at the presentation evening at Turf Moor 4th September.



BA NUAN'S STORY



Your support is bringing people to faith in Thailand.

Ba Nuan went from not being able to see a way forward to living every day for Jesus. Her incredible story was made possible through your gifts to the Thailand Spring appeal.

As a child, Ba Nuan was sent to care for her grandmother when she became too elderly to look after herself. Though young, Ba Nuan grew up far from home, becoming both caregiver and breadwinner.

When Ba Nuan wasn't at school, she spent her free time labouring and collecting sticks to be sold for thatched roofs – with no time to dream about her future.

But as Ba Nuan grew, so did her work ethic. She opened a restaurant and worked as a medium to cure people believed to be cursed by black magic. Married with two children and a stable career, poverty gradually lost its grip.

But one day, Ba Nuan's world crumbled. She was heartbroken to discover her husband had been unfaithful and her business began to collapse. Then, tragically, Ba Nuan's husband took his own life. Alone and in despair, Ba Nuan couldn't

see a way forward. Until she was introduced to Jesus.

Ba Nuan was invited to the church run by BMS World Mission workers Helen and Wit Boondeekhun in Wang Daeng. There, she encountered unconditional love, from God and from her new community. "I didn't have any hope, my life was in despair," says Ba Nuan. "But now I have found a new life."

Amazingly, the village has gone from not knowing Jesus, to a community where eight new believers were baptised just last year. Excitingly, Ba Nuan was one of them. And she has this message for supporters: "Love God with all your mind, soul and strength, because God is powerful, and he can help you, and he loves you so much."

Read more about Ba Nuan's story and her life in Wang Daeng here:
www.bmsworldmission.org/ba-nuan

FORGING A PATH: AYMAN'S STORY



Ayman wants to teach his community about God to help them overcome the challenges they face.

When you search for the words 'Christian' and 'Palestinian', a host of online articles will tell you that this demographic is one that's been declining for years. Only a very small minority of the population in the area Ayman lives now identify as Christians. Despite this, Ayman feels that his Christian identity is in his bones, enshrined as a living, breathing presence in his hometown not far from Bethlehem. "So many of us carry religion deep in our own identity and with much appreciation for being the living stones that Jesus Christ left as a testimony of his work," he explains.

Having been raised in a Christian family, Ayman was keen to build on the faith of his childhood by studying for a degree in Biblical Studies as an adult. BMS' long-standing support of Bethlehem Bible College has been crucial for helping students like Ayman through the years to access their studies. "I was aware that

Bethlehem Bible College was one of the best institutions where I could pursue a theological programme and grow as a person at the same time," Ayman explains.

Ayman's got dreams for his future – he'd love to preach on what he's learned about God in this community and share his faith. "We, Christians, are a minority," Ayman adds, "but I believe that thanks to the college, I can guide and teach about God to my community and help them overcome these challenges." Thank you for your support for Bethlehem Bible College, bringing a future filled with hope to people like Ayman in Israel-Palestine.



Read more stories of inspiring young
Christian leaders here:
www.bmsworldmission.org/ayman

2023		Preacher	Door Steward	Service Leader
1st October	10.30 a.m.	Missionary Service	S.Dunham	E.Wilkes
	Vestry Prayers:	David/Mark		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
8th October	10.30 a.m.	Capenwray	J.Greenwood	M.Wilkes
	Vestry Prayers:	Donald/Peter		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
15th October	10.30 a.m.	Erica Atkinson	A.Higgin	B.Baldwin
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel/Janice		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
22nd October	10.30 a.m.	Colin Scholes	G.Leeming	D.Driver
	Vestry Prayers:	David/Peter		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
29th October	10.30 a.m.	Steve Ansell	E.Wilkes	Family Worship Service
	Vestry Prayers:	Donald/Janice		
	6.00 p.m.	EVENING SERVICE TBC		
5th November	10.30 a.m.	Nigel Leeming	C.l'Anson	J.Greenwood
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel/Mark		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
12th November	10.30 a.m.	Remembrance Sunday	—	—
	Vestry Prayers:	David/Janice		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
19th November	10.30 a.m.	David Livermore	B.Baldwin	G.Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	Donald/Mark		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
26th November	10.30 a.m.	Family Worship Service	D.Driver	Family Worship Service
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel/Peter		
	6.00 p.m.	EVENING SERVICE TBC		

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