

# The Baptist Church, Brierfield

## September 2015



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**

*Details are announced during the family service, more information is available from:*

Rainbows and Brownies

Weekly Meetings

Elizabeth Wellman

01282 690403

Guides

Weekly Meetings

Janice Kay

01282 605594

Sunday Club

For boys and girls  
upto 11 years old

David Leeming

01282 618026

JAM Club (Jesus and Me)

For those in year 6  
and above.

Elizabeth Wellman

01282 690403

### **Mid week meetings for adults as announced**

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# Holiday Club

Holiday Club. We had just over 20 children each morning. We were pleased that the Lord brought the children He wanted and gave us an opportunity to talk to them about Jesus and His miracles.

We are trusting that some will join our mid-week activities and come on Sundays.

I want to thank all who helped, I know many put in a lot of work prior to last week and many attended regularly each morning. The great pleasure was that some of the young people of the church took such a major part.

I do trust that the Church will be blessed by this outreach.

## Bible Studies

These commence on Tuesday 8th September and the 22nd September. They are very friendly and no one is pressurized to take part. We begin at 7.30 p.m. and always end before 9.00 p.m. There are no Bible studies during October and November because of the Christianity Explored course.



## Inbetween Group

We meet on September 16th for a darts and bowls night. We begin at 7.30 p.m. in the Primary room. Everyone is welcome. There will be a supper for those wanting it and they should let Glenys know. The October meeting is on the 14th October and is a Duck Drive. If you don't know what this is ... come and see.

## Youth Activities

Rainbows Brownies and Guides Commence on September 7th for their winter sessions, Sunday club commences on Friday September 11th at 6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. and is for boys and girls upto 11, J.A.M. Club begins on September 25th at 7.45 p.m. to 9.15 p.m. This is open to all young people in Year 6 and upwards. This is a planning night. Please encourage young people to come.

## Coffee Mornings

Our next coffee morning is on Thursday 17th September t 10am at Donald's house. There will not be any coffee mornings during October and November because of Christianity Explored.

We will resume with a coffee morning at Peter and Cynthia's on Thursday 10th December at 10:30am. As always, if you need a lift see Cynthia.



# harvest

**Sunday September 27th . 10.30 a.m. Family Service**

*Followed by a Harvest Lunch*

**6.00 p.m. Evening Worship.**

***Preacher at both services is Rev J Fisher***

We will be decorating the church on Saturday morning, please see Glenys and Cynthia if you wish to help.

We will be collecting items of food at the morning service for the Food Bank Please do consider bringing something

The offerings on the Day will be for operation AGRI, an organisation helping people to have the knowledge, help and tools to feed themselves in third world countries.

We will be having lunch after the morning service, If you are able to help, or wish to bring food, please see Cynthia, Angela or Beverley.

There is a list for donations on the notice board in the primary room.



Supporting rural and urban development projects in Christ's name.

# Christianity EXPLORED

We are running the Free Christianity Explored course during October and November this year in our Church. It explores the claims and purpose of Christianity in a relaxed and informal atmosphere over a 7 week period.

If you haven't already put your name down for it, then we would love you to come and join with us. You don't need to know anything about the Bible, you won't be asked to read aloud, pray or sing during it, and you can ask any question you want. Just let Philip Rowland know.

It will run

**Every Monday from 5<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00am – 11.30am**

or

**Every Thursday from 8<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm – 9.00pm**

There will also be an

**Away Day on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November**, which will be held at  
**Shekinah, Newchurch-in-Pendle from 10.00am-3.30pm**

If needed, children will be provided for on that day, as will transport. Lunches will be available at a reasonable cost. If you know of anybody that might like a personal invitation from the Church, please let David Leeming know.

# Prayer Matters

The Holiday Club has sown the seeds of the Gospel in young minds. We pray that in the future these seeds will produce a crop of young people who know the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour. Please continue to pray for this to happen, for God to be glorified, and His Kingdom extended through all that we have done in His name.



Next month we will start to run the Free Christianity Explored Course, details of which you will find elsewhere on this Notice Sheet. It's a widely acclaimed course, which will be run in an informed and relaxed way over a seven-week period, which examines the claims and purpose of Christianity.

So please pray:

- For the preparations and plans for this Course to come to fruition;
- That many people will come along to hear the Truth put in a fresh and relevant way to life today;
- That everybody will be drawn nearer to Christ through the Course as it unfolds;
- For those who are leading and helping on the Course.

Please also pray for:

- Our Missionary Contacts – Irene, The Milns, Rachel, the Dellers and Natalie;
- That our Church will grow both in numbers and grace.
- That the Lord will show us as a church how to reach out to lost souls around us.

**The Brierfield Churches are holding a PRAYER NIGHT on the 17th September at the Living Hope Fellowship Commencing at 7.30 p.m. Please do join us.**

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.

## Responding to the refugees

**If you are concerned about the refugee situation, particularly in Calais, here is what you can do to help.**



The migrant crisis has dominated the news headlines and affected many communities across Europe. Here in the UK, the situation in Calais has put it practically on our doorstep, as people desperately try to enter our country. Many churches have contacted BMS World Mission asking how they can respond and help those fleeing atrocities in their home country for a better life.

Juliet Kilpin, who is a co-ordinator at BMS partner Urban Expression, went with a group to Calais in August to help and was shocked by what she saw.

"I was very surprised at the conditions of the camp," she says. "I've been to various slum communities around the world and it was fairly comparable to some of those, in terms of living conditions. If I walked into a community like that in Africa or in Asia, I would perhaps not be too surprised. But to walk into a community like that in Calais, it kind of did my head in a little bit.

"The phrase I have used is, 'I went to Calais and I met the world' and I think that is true. I

was overwhelmed with the sheer variety of people that were there. There were so many different nationalities."

Men outnumber women nine to one in the Calais camp. A small group of volunteers are distributing much-needed items like men's clothes, shoes, sleeping bags and tents.

Responding to her trip, Juliet is encouraging Baptist churches to pledge to accommodate refugees and in order to encourage the UK government to change their current policy towards refugees.

"If every Baptist church were to house five people, that would mean we would be able to accommodate 11,000 people. It would be interesting to see how many spaces we could get. We can then tell the government we can offer 'x' amount of spaces and see what that provokes," she says.

Juliet says that although those at Calais need help, the three to four thousand refugees there are a small number compared to the refugees elsewhere in Europe and beyond.

**"The situation in Calais is tiny compared to what is happening around the world," she says. "We need to keep it in perspective. In the grand scheme of things, it is a tiny proportion of those who need help."**

**BMS is committed to working with the most marginalised people and so we work with migrants in different contexts in Europe and around the world. We supports partners working with refugees and migrants in several locations such as Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, South Sudan, Thailand, and Italy. We are committed to helping as many as we can with your help. Please continue to pray for refugees worldwide as they seek freedom from war, atrocities and other hardships.**

## Dates For Your Diary

7th Sep	6.00pm	Brownies and Rainbows begin	
	7.15pm	Guides begin.	
8th Sep	7.00pm	Bible Study	Church Lounge
11th Sep	6.30pm	Sunday Club begins	
14th Sep	7:30pm	Officers Meeting	Church Lounge
16th Sep	7:30pm	Inbetween Group	Primary Room
17th Sep	10am	Coffee Morning	Donald Leemings
17th Sep	7:30pm	Prayer Night	Living Hope
22nd Sep	7:30pm	Bible Study	Church Lounge
27th Sep	10:30am	And 6.00pm - <b>Harvest Services</b>	
5th Oct	10:30am	Christianity Explored Starts	Primary Room
6th Oct	10am	Brierfield Churches Meeting	32 Reedley Road
8th Oct	7:30pm	Christianity Explored Starts	Primary Room
14th Oct	7:30pm	Inbetween Group	Primary Room
18th Oct	10:30am	Gift Day	

## Sunday Morning Coffee Rota

6th Sep	Richard	Gill
13th Sep	Kay	Rebecca
20th Sep	Rebekah	Beverley
27th Sep	Declan	Frankie
4th Oct	Elaine	David M
11th Oct	Sheila	Peter L
18th Oct	Philip	Donald
25th Oct	Janice	Elizabeth

## Gift Day

We are holding our Gift day on Sunday 18th October at the morning service. I am sure you will be aware that we have undertaken some major repairs this year and more are planned making the Gift Day essential. Bert Williams is the preacher on this day.

		<b>Preacher</b>	<b>Door Steward</b>	<b>Morning Service Leader</b>
September 6th	10:30am	P. l'Anson	Declan Driver	Kath Rowland
	<b>Vestry Prayers</b>	<i>David Leeming</i>	<i>Philip Rowland</i>	
	6.00pm	G. Jackson		
September 13th	10.30am	Gideons	K. Hughes	G. Leeming
	<b>Vestry Prayers:</b>	<i>Donald Leeming</i>	<i>Nigel Leeming</i>	
	6.00pm	J. Pearson		
September 20th	10.30am	Donald Leeming	C. l'Anson	B. Baldwin
	<b>Vestry Prayers:</b>	<i>David Leeming</i>	<i>Peter l'Anson</i>	
	6.00pm	D. Lawrence		
<b>Harvest</b> September 27th	10.30am	J. Fisher	S. Dunham	Nigel Leeming
	<b>Vestry Prayers:</b>	<i>Donald Leeming</i>	<i>Jack Parkinson</i>	
	6.00pm	J. Fisher		
October 4th	10.30am	Nigel Leeming	C. Leeming	M. Lewis
	<b>Vestry Prayers:</b>	<i>David Leeming</i>	<i>Peter l'Anson</i>	
	6.00pm	E. Gorton		
October 11th	10.30am	S. Western	G. Leeming	B. Baldwin
	<b>Vestry Prayers:</b>	<i>Donald Leeming</i>	<i>Jack Sunderland</i>	
	6.00pm	E. R. Steel		
October 18th Gift Day	10.30am	Bert Williams	E. Wellman	C. l'Anson
	<b>Vestry Prayers:</b>	<i>David Leeming</i>	<i>Philip Rowland</i>	
	6.00pm	Bert Williams		
October 25th	10.30am	J. Caddy	N. Binns	B. Driver
	<b>Vestry Prayers:</b>	<i>Donald Leeming</i>	<i>Nigel Leeming</i>	
	6.00pm	K. Rowland		