



The Baptist Church,  
Brierfield

September 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)



# His Mercies Never Cease

*(A short message by David Leeming)*

Dear All What a happy day it was when we could sing praises to our Lord, but we were almost breathless when we finished. We obviously need more practice. Thanks to all who worked so hard during these last 18 months to keep things going.

As you will know we have altered a few things as we start up again after the summer please do join in. We have decided to recommend that we wear face coverings and we are keeping the one way system and trying to space out. If you have been reluctant to return please do come and try things out. The entrance hall and lift downstairs are now finished Thanks to all who helped. Grahame and myself meet each week on a Tuesday morning to do small jobs around the church There is much to do and more hands would be welcome (both ladies and men).

Now just a thought. Jeremiah was a prophet in the old testament who prophesied bad news to the Israelites. when it came true he saw his country and city destroyed, his temple burned to ashes, his people starving to death, and a hostile nation ruling them. It is easy to make a comparison to the situation in Afghanistan. As I write this news has come through that our friend who has been working in Afghanistan has flown out to safety early this morning (answered prayers) but Jeremiah said so long ago *“the faithful love of the Lord never ends, His mercies never cease. Great is His Faithfulness. His mercies begin afresh each morning. The Lord is my inheritance therefore I will hope in Him. The Lord is good to those who depend on Him, to those who search for Him. So it is good to wait quietly for salvation from the Lord.”* I am sure that as our friend left Afghanistan behind she was thinking of those she had left behind. They face considerable danger so lets all pray for them each day and for the people of Afghanistan who await their fate. We may not face such trials but those words of Jeremiah are very meaningful as we think about Coronavirus. lets strengthen our prayer time and trust in Him alone, each day .

David

## Condolences

It is with sadness that we report the death of Heather Steele She accompanied her husband Rodney when he came to preach. I am sur we will remember him in our prayer times and he will be comforted Knowing that she is now with the Lord. *David*.

## Bible Studies/Prayer Meetings

Month	Mon 10.30 a.m. (led by Philip)	Tues 7.30 p.m. (led by David)
September	20 <sup>th</sup>	
October	4 <sup>th</sup> & 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>

## Evening Services Resuming

We are pleased to announce that evening services are resuming this month on the evening of **12<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00 p.m.** These services will continue on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in the month - dates for the remainder of 2021 are : **10<sup>th</sup> October, 14<sup>th</sup> November and 12<sup>th</sup> December.** As these services will only be held on the 2nd Sunday of every month, we hope that more people will make an extra effort to attend and support these services.

## Wedding - Saturday 11th September

We are pleased to announce that there will be a wedding in chapel between Christopher Lawrence (Kathryn Hughes younger brother) and his partner Gail. Numbers in chapel are restricted to allow wedding guests to social distance, but we as a church extend our best wishes to the happy couple, for a long and happy marriage.

## Missionary Sunday - 19th September

There will be a BMS Missionary themed service on Sunday 19th September, led by Elizabeth and Mark Wilkes.

## Commissioning Service for New Deacons

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September** - A service of commissioning is planned following the morning service on Sunday 19th September for new Deacons Peter Lewis and Mark Wilkes. Please make every effort to attend and give them your support. If there is a change to this date, this will be announced in chapel as soon as possible.

# Prayer Matters

Shortly after you read this, it will be our Harvest Festival – somewhat muted this year by Governmental restrictions. But my main thought is that of giving thanks. Do you recollect that Jesus healed a number of lepers, but only one turned round to say ‘thanks’? How ungrateful, we might think of the others. But is there a danger that we do much the same?

## How often do we thank God for all that we have?

- Our food and somewhere to live and sleep
- Our clothing and many other things which enrich life.
- God’s financial provision through our employment or through pensions etc.
- Our health and our Salvation.

## Let’s give thanks this month

- That at last we can meet together, and praise God in church through singing for all He has done for us.
- For the continued supply of food when so many go hungry.
- That at last the threat of Covid is receding in our land.

## Let’s also pray for

- Our church, that we may be united in our love for one another.
- 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.





## THE FAMILIES YOU HELPED FEED

*Thanks to your support, Simon and Ketty can grow food to support themselves and their young daughter.*

### **Simon had long dreamt of building a house with a tin roof for his family.**

In his neighbourhood, it would be one of a kind. Houses in Gulu, Uganda typically have grass-thatched roofs which, though beautiful and practical, are very vulnerable to wildfires. A tin roof would keep Simon, his wife Ketty and their daughter, Lakareber Faith, safe throughout the year, and especially during the dry season.

Through your incredible support of the BMS World Mission Feeding Families appeal, you raised £41,765.38 to help intrepid men and women to provide for their loved ones in the harshest of circumstances. And through BMS agricultural training that you helped fund in Uganda, Simon learnt how to grow a wide range of crops to provide for his family, protect the environment, and make his dream a reality.

“Equipped with new farming knowledge and through a lot of hard work, Simon grew and sold cabbage, soybeans and corn, and

over time he raised enough money to buy iron sheets for his dream roof,” says BMS worker Genesis Acaye in Uganda. Simon, Ketty and Lakareber Faith have now moved into their new home. They are now better protected from erratic weather and wildfires, and they’ve inspired the rest of the village as to what is possible with the right support and skills.

“First and foremost, I want to thank the churches in the UK for their support to us here in the form of seeds, trainings and encouragement,” says Simon. “The trainings and support have changed me and the way I farm now... We trust God and believe that our lives will keep on improving. We will keep praying for you and pray for us too so that we can work hard and change our lives.”

Your generous giving has blessed the lives of countless people in Uganda, Peru and Afghanistan. See what your gifts have made possible here: [bit.ly/FamiliesYouFed](https://bit.ly/FamiliesYouFed)

# FIGHTING FOR A FAIRER FUTURE

**BMS World Mission petitions the UK Government on equal access to the Covid-19 vaccine.**

You stepped in and helped when the pandemic threw the world into chaos. And when the opportunity came to rebuild a fairer future, you rallied together to make your voices heard too.

A global pandemic requires a global response – that’s been BMS’ position since the start of the Covid-19 crisis. So, when the 241 member bodies of the Baptist World Alliance shared that they’d be calling on world leaders to make equal access to the Covid-19 vaccine a priority, we wanted to do all we could to stand with them.

In a UK context, this looked like petitioning the Government to take steps to ensure a fairer future for everyone. The Campaign for a Covid-free world was quickly launched and, days after the first signatures were gathered, Prime Minister Boris Johnson acknowledged the necessity for wealthier countries to consider the rest of the world when it came to vaccine access. Speaking at a G7 gathering, he said he wanted to “ensure that we distribute vaccines at cost around the world [and] make sure everybody gets the vaccines that they need.”

As the campaign moved forward, encouraging news hit the headlines. The first deliveries of COVAX vaccines arrived in Ghana and Côte d’Ivoire, with many more countries to follow.



*Thank you for supporting the Campaign for a Covid-free world.*

BMS World Mission also joined the People’s Vaccine Alliance, a growing movement of health and humanitarian organisations urging that when safe and effective vaccines are developed, they are made available for all people, free of charge. At the time of delivery, the Campaign for a Covid-free world had amassed thousands of signatures. It was sent to Downing Street with prayerful confidence – that this contribution can and will have a positive impact on Government decision-making.

If you want to keep helping make a difference to people suffering with Covid-19, please consider giving to our Global Covid Relief appeal:  
[bit.ly/GlobalCovidRelief](https://bit.ly/GlobalCovidRelief)

		Preacher	Door Steward	Morning Service Leader
5th September HARVEST	10.30 a.m.	Jim Lohead	B. Baldwin	R. Rigby
	Vestry Prayers:	Philip		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
12th September Evening Service	10.30 a.m.	Susan Western	R. Bolton	K. Rowland
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel		
	6.00 p.m.	DAVID LEEMING		
19th September Missionary & Commissioning Services	10.30 a.m.	Mark & Elizabeth	D. Driver	E & M. Wilkes
	Vestry Prayers:	Donald		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
26th September	10.30 a.m.	Gerald Norcross	S. Dunham	B. Baldwin
	Vestry Prayers:	David		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
3rd October	10.30 a.m.	Ian Ferguson	J. Greenwood	D. Driver
	Vestry Prayers:	Philip/Peter L.		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
10th October Evening Service	10.30 a.m.	Christine Barnes	C. Leeming	G. Fogg
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel/Kath		
	6.00 p.m.	NIGEL LEEMING or KATH ROWLAND		
17th October	10.30 a.m.	Kevin Wilding	G. Leeming	S. Greaves
	Vestry Prayers:	Donald/Mark		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
24th October	10.30 a.m.	Bea Foster	D. Mullarkey	J. Greenwood
	Vestry Prayers:	David/Janice		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
31st October	10.30 a.m.	John Prior	E. Wilkes	G. Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	Philip/Peter L.		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		

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