



The Baptist Church,
Brierfield

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



Wish you were here...

(A short message by David Leeming)

I know that many of us have been on holiday or are thinking about going on holiday or away for even a day. My thoughts go back a few years to when we went away we sent postcards to our friends and family usually with the message "wish you were here." We were able to tell of the weather and all the good things we were enjoying

I want to say to many of the folk, members and friends, "WISH YOU WERE HERE" to enjoy worshipping and praising God each Lords day. Covid has a lot to answer for. Its given us an excuse for not going out and staying away from crowds. We have been locked away and spend much of our time watching T.V. reading etc. making us think its too much bother to go out (or to Church). But we will watch it on the T.V next Sunday.

Lets be real this is not how folk who know the Lord as Saviour and Lord should be acting. Just look at who is there each Sunday and you will see that some folk come occasionally, where before covid they were with us most Sundays. We have a group of dedicated people who attend most Sundays adding Joy to those around them as we worship and encourage each other just as the Bible teaches us to

AS we go into September the schools go back and most of the mid week activities will begin some with different formats I hear and once again can we invite you to join in.

Perhaps some of you will think I have been too critical and perhaps you have reasons we should consider but if we don't get out of this attitude there may be no Baptist church in Brierfield to attend.

So.... I "wish you were here....."

David

It is with sadness that we record the death of Dorothy Bolton. Dorothy came to Brierfield Baptist after Immanuel Baptist Church closed. Beverly joined her first, then Ron and they worshipped with us, and joined in other activities. Dorothy was a firm believer in prayer and was always praying for folk at the Church. How fitting it was that we began the service of thanksgiving by singing "What a friend we have in Jesus all our sins and grieve to bear, what a privilege to carry, everything to God in Prayer."

She had much to pray about with illness in the family and eventually her own illness where she became a subject of our prayers. The last few months has been a great trial for the family and especially for Dorothy. She bore the illness well and we thank God that she is now at rest where there is no pain or sorrow and is with the Lord. All of us at Brierfield Baptist have been blessed by knowing Dorothy and we thank God that we knew her and the family. To Ron especially we offer our sympathy with an assurance that he and the family are in our prayers at this sad time.

David

Bible Studies/Prayer Meetings

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

September	13th & 27th
October	11th & 25th
November	8th & 22nd
December	6th

YOUTH WORK

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

Re-start on Monday 5th September at 6.15 p.m.

J.A.M. Club

The JAM Club re-start will be subject to numbers, possibly in October, when a new approach is being planned. Hopefully more young people will return and/or start attending.

Fellowship Group

Meet on the Wednesday 14th September at 7.30 p.m., for Channel Island Cricket. The following meeting will be on Wednesday 12th October 7.30 p.m. and this will be Bag Beetle.

Evening Services

for September to December 2022

11th September *leader:* David;
9th October *leader:* Grahame;
13th November *leader:* Nigel;
11th December *leader:* Philip.

Stamps & Collectables

From the end of the year BMS will no longer be accepting used stamps or collectables. I did have details of a lady but have can longer the email, so whoever sent it to me can I ask them to re-send the details please. I remember that she collects for a Hospice, I think in the Preston area. If you still wish to donate these to this worthy cause please continue to bring you used stamps etc. as before. Thank You.
Angela

Christians Against Poverty

Commissioning of Katy Oehring. This summer Katy started work with John Graver as a CAP Debt Coach for our area. Bishop Philip is to commission her in this role at *St Bartholomew's Colne at 6pm on Sunday 11th September*. There will also be up-to-date news of our CAP Debt Centre. Hope you are able to come.

Retirement Home Visits – September & December 2022

A visit is scheduled for Sunday 4th September to Brierfield House at 2.30 p.m., volunteers to organise this visit are urgently requested. 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.

Harvest Service

Sunday 18th September - Preacher will be our Area Minister Phil Jump. Tinned and Dried Goods for the local Food Bank will be gratefully received, both at this service and in the coming weeks. Any monetary contributions will be sent to Operation Agri as in the past. If you wish to give money towards the church flower display, please hand your contribution to Glenys over the next couple of weeks.

Harvest Lunch – with a difference

We are hoping to have a picnic lunch at Barley (weather permitting). This will follow the morning service and people are asked to bring their own picnic lunch. Some games and a possible Treasure Hunt for Clues later in the afternoon. If weather not suitable the lunch can be held in school followed by games.

Brierfield Churches Meeting

The Brierfield Churches will be meeting at chapel on Tuesday 27th September at 10.00 a.m., at which we will hopefully welcome the new Methodist minister Tony Graff to our Brierfield Churches community.

Officers Meeting - 4th August at 7.30 p.m.

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

Prayer Matters

Psalm 92 begins

“It is good to praise the Lord and make music to Your Name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning, and your faithfulness at night, to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp.”

Just how do we praise the Lord? Is it just on a Sunday, when we gather together, the people of God in His house? Well, that is one way, and it's a very good way. I am sure that God loves to see us make the effort to meet together in chapel, where we not only have fellowship with one another, and pray and praise His Name, and Listen to His word for us.

But this thought also belongs to the weekday as well. In the Old Temple era, praise and worship was made to the Lord God morning and evening, day by day. And perhaps it would be pleasing to Him if we ourselves paused a moment every day, morning and evening, to praise and worship Him in thanksgiving for all His goodness to us. I leave the thought with you.

Let's pray

- That God will give us thankful hearts as we come before the Throne of Grace on a daily basis.
- That we will be encouraged in our meeting together making corporate praise to the Lord God Almighty.

Please continue to pray for:

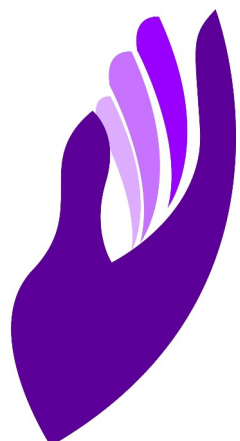
- The young people in our church, and all those who work with them in His Name.

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.



A CHURCH RESPONDS

MORE STORIES FROM THE UKRAINE WAR



IRYNA'S STORY

Life has been hard for a long time for Iryna and her children, Svetlana and Maxim. They're from the Donetsk region of Ukraine, where conflict has raged since 2014.

When war broke out across the rest of the country, Iryna packed three bags with everything the family owned and travelled to Narewka in Poland. The journey by train and bus took five days, and Iryna was unwell on the way. Now, things are looking a bit easier. The family has found shelter, food and safety at a church, thanks to your support, and Iryna was delighted to have a wardrobe to keep the family's things in instead of bags.

Iryna dreams of returning to a safe home, to a safe life. But for now, while she's here in Poland, she's grateful.



ANADI'S STORY

Anadi* is a carpenter and a painter. She makes a lot of her own furniture – and she found it incredibly painful to leave her creations when she fled Ukraine. Even then, it took a terrifying 28 days for Anadi to find her way out of Kyiv.

Eventually, Anadi came to the same church as Iryna in Narewka, Poland, and she feels safe here. She can sleep better because there are no sirens. Although Anadi is here with her mother, her husband is still at home in Kyiv. She is able to stay in touch with him via WhatsApp. While the war rages on, she plans to move on to Holland with her mother. Thanks to BMS supporters, she'll have help to do this through Christians in Narewka.

**Anadi asked us to use a pseudonym for this story.*

Thank you so much for the incredible displays of support you've given to refugees from Ukraine. Read more about the Christians in Poland on the frontlines of the relief response here: bit.ly/AChurchRespondsWN



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		Preacher	Door Steward	Morning Service Leader
4th September	10.30 a.m.	John Haynes	B. Baldwin	M. Wilkes
	Vestry Prayers:	Philip/Kath		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
11th September	10.30 a.m.	Susan Western	D. Driver	E. Wilkes
	Vestry Prayers:	David/Mark		
	6.00 p.m.	EVENING SERVICE & COMMUNION - David		
18th September HARVEST	10.30 a.m.	Phil Jump	S. Dunham	K. Rowland
	Vestry Prayers:	Donald/Peter		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
25th September	10.30 a.m.	Rev Keith Richardson	J. Greenwood	B. Baldwin
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel/Janice		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
2nd October Missionary Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Mark, Elizabeth and Elaine	A. Higgin	D. Driver
	Vestry Prayers:	Philip/Mark		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
9th October	10.30 a.m.	Geoff Hartley	C. Leeming	G. Fogg
	Vestry Prayers:	David/Kath		
	6.00 p.m.	EVENING SERVICE & COMMUNION - Grahame		
16th October	10.30 a.m.	Danny Cliffe	G. Leeming	S. Greaves
	Vestry Prayers:	Donald/Peter		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
23rd October	10.30 a.m.	Kath Rowland	E. Wilkes	J. Greenwood
	Vestry Prayers:	Nigel/Mark		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
30th October	10.30 a.m.	Steve Ansell	B Baldwin	G. Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	Philip/Janice		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		

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