



The Baptist Church,
Brierfield

September 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



Peter I'Anson

It is with true sadness we record the passing of Peter I'Anson. Peter was a person who got on with the job of serving his master. He began attending the church in 1962 and held many positions within the church. He had had a difficult up bringing, his father died soon after he was born and the war years were spent in London.

When Peter started at the church he had ill health and this was to continue all his life. He was a Sunday school teacher for many years and he helped with the Friday night children's meeting where the Children loved him. Peter was a quiet person and a gentle person, he rarely became angry but when he did you were wise to keep your head down. At Church he was elected as a deacon an office he held with pride and he was treasurer for many years making sure we didn't spend too much. His death leaves a big hole that will take time to fill but we thank God for such a devoted servant.

To Cynthia and the family we offer our sympathy and our prayerful support. We know that she is comforted that Peter is at rest with his Lord, and for that we rejoice.

David



I would like to thank everyone who visited Peter during his final illness. He was so pleased to see you all. I also wish to thank everyone for the amazing support we have received since his death. All the prayers, hugs, flowers, cards and offers of help have meant so much.

The chapel looked lovely for the funeral with its freshly polished pews and the flowers, and again everyone was amazing, the music, the message, the tributes to Peter and then afterwards the ladies supervising refreshments and those who helped with the washing up! I am so grateful to everyone.

Love Cynthia

Genesis 8 v 22: Seedtime and Harvest shall not cease.

(A short message by Donald Leeming)

It hardly seems possible that harvest time is here again. Perhaps it's a sign of growing old that the years seem to pass quickly? God has never failed on His promise – all over the years of recorded history we have known seed time and harvest.

Now this promise of seed was given after the great flood recorded in Genesis. Noah built an altar and offered sacrifices, and God was pleased and made the promise.

We know there have been famines and the like, but these have come in judgement as a result of man's greed - selfishness and inhumanity to mankind. What a wonderful God we have, and God always keeps His promise! This harvest is evidence of this. The harvest remains and God is faithful.

There are many other promises:

- **John 14 v 2:** Speaking of our future life Jesus speaks of many mansions (resting places of joy) and He says I go to prepare a place for you, and He goes on to say I will come again and receive you to myself that you may be where I am. Jesus is who He says He is (and we certainly believe He is). I never have fears about future days, times and events.
- **John 6 v 37:** He who comes to me I will never cast out with Jesus and His promises there is no fear of rejection. The world goes on its way – its mad schemes, its foolish ideas, its supposed knowledge which is always changing, but Jesus Christ is always the same. His arms are still outstretched. He is still coming unto me and I will give you rest.
- **Mark 16 v 18:** I will build my church and the gates of Hell will not prevail against it. It is often claimed the church is outdated and has had its day. Christian worship and witness continues, and will continue to do so in local churches that honour the Lord and they will go forward presenting Jesus Christ as the light of the world.

The promises of God are sure - why don't you take Him at His word this harvest time:

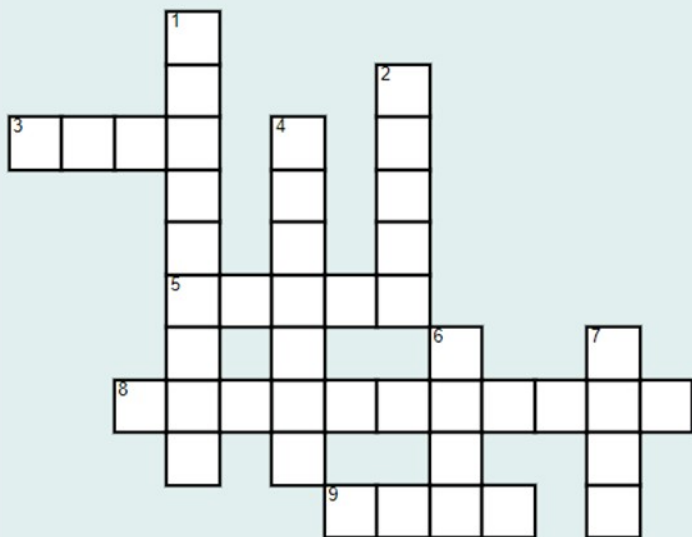
Accept him as your Saviour, be baptised **and** join the church, let Him take control of your life – He never fails.

Perhaps for some of us who have been followers of the Lord Jesus Christ for many years is there a need to re-dedicate ourselves anew and have a fresh vision and sense of dedication to the one who saves and keeps and satisfies.

Donald

Puzzles

Do You Know Your Bible



Across

- 3 The fifth book of the new testament
- 5 Disciple chosen by Jesus
- 8 Last day event
- 9 Physician

Down

- 1 There are 12 of these
- 2 Great story of a changed life
- 4 A roman tax collector
- 6 The second book of the new testament
- 7 Known as the book of saint----

DIRECTIONS:
Find and circle the
vocabulary words
in the grid. Look
for them in all
directions including
backwards and
diagonally.

Harvest Festival

Word Search



ANNUAL
APPLES
AUTUMN
CELEBRATION
CONTESTS
CORN
CORNUCOPIA
CROPS
FARMER
FEASTING
FESTIVAL
FIELDS
GAMES
HARVEST



HAYRIDE
LEAVES
MERRIMENT
MUSIC
OCTOBER
PUMPKINS
REGIONAL
SCARECROW
SEPTEMBER
SQUASH



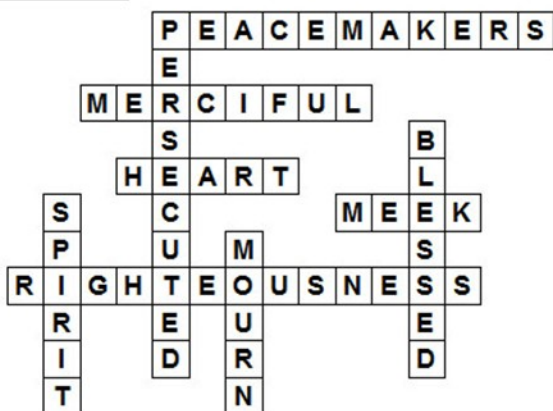
Last Months ANSWERS



Beatitudes

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I	H	K	L	M	Y	N	O	E



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.

September	12th & 26th
October	10th & 24th

Fellowship Group

Meet on Wednesday 13th September at 7.30 p.m. in the Primary Room, when we will be playing Channel Island Cricket. All Adults are welcome to join us. There will be a light supper to follow.

Evening Services

Evening services will resume in September, but they will change to the last Sunday of the month instead of the 2nd Sunday, as previous. This means Septembers Evening Service will take place on the 24th. Please note that as Melanie had already booked **Capenwray** for our October Evening Service, we will have two in October on the 8th & 29th.

Officers Meeting

Will Elders & Deacons please make sure that you have this date in your diaries, the next Officers Meeting, **14th September 2023**. This meeting is Important and requires your attendance, as there are a number of Items that need discussion regarding day to day running of the Church for the rest of this year and ahead of the Church meeting in October.

Church Meeting

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

Food Bank Donations - Harvest Sunday 24th September, 2023

As in previous years we are supporting both the local Food Bank at Nelson and Operation Agri. Please bring your donations of tinned and dried goods from 1st September until the 17th, I will then deliver these during week commencing Monday 18th September. Thanking you in advance. Angela.

Door Stewards & Service Leaders

We need 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.

Prayer Chain

Please be aware that the current Prayer Chain email distribution list will be removed on the 3rd of September and replaced with a new one. If you were on the Prayer Chain email list and have responded to an email that was sent on the 19th of August, indicating you wish to remain on the list, you will be added to the new list. If you have not responded, not received the email or weren't on the old list but would like to join, then let Kathryn or Mark know before the 3rd September, by email to bbprayer@outlook.com or at Church.

Shoe boxes – It's that time of year again when Janice needs 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 you're buying new shoes and even asking if the store has a few more, that would be a big help. Thank You.

Prayer Matters

It is without doubt that Prayer is a strong and reliable way to communicate with the Lord, whether it be in times of trouble, torment or even prayers of thanks for all that the Lord does for us in our earthly lives.

One of the ways we can show support for others, including our Church family, is by supporting through the power of Prayer and by using our Churches Prayer Chain. Many of you already belong to this valuable tool and we would encourage anyone not currently on the Prayer Chain, to join and share that prayerful power within the fellowship.

Prayer requests are only posted if sent by someone close to the recipient or with their agreement.

As you may be aware we are in the process of renewing the list and ensuring that those on the list wish to be on the list and we have their agreement to receive emails, of course once on the list anyone can unsubscribe simply by request to the prayer chain email address.

The Prayer Chain list will be updated on the 4th of September so if you wish to join, now is a great time to share in Prayer. If you wish to be added, send an email to Kathryn at bbprayer@outlook.com

Remember we should always take it to the Lord in Prayer.

God Bless,

Mark

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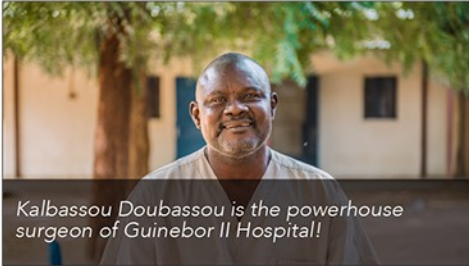
Please leave a message if there is no immediate answer





WORLDNEWS

THE DIARY OF A BMS SURGEON



Kalbassou Doubassou is the powerhouse surgeon of Guinebor II Hospital!

Welcome to the diary of Kalbassou Doubassou, a BMS World Mission surgeon.

Kalbassou often starts his days by performing surgery. In one month, Guinebor II Hospital (G2) in Chad can receive over 570 patients in its emergency department. Without the hospital, they might turn to traditional healers or to buying medicines from unregulated street vendors, many of whom can unintentionally make their patients catastrophically ill.

All these operations are carried out despite the challenges that come from working in Chad. May is a notoriously hot month, the peak of Chad's dry season. Temperatures inside can hit 40 degrees, a difficult climate for anyone to work in, let alone perform surgery in. Then, there's political instability. Recently G2 Hospital shared that the country has fallen even further down the UN's Human Development Index, now ranking 190 out of 191 countries.

Along with all this, there are problems of accessing hardware and medicine for the hospital, such as screws to fix fractured limbs.

Kalbassou works through all this, despite a recent bout of flu and experiencing personal struggle, and rejoices that "the Good Shepherd is always in control". There are huge encouragements even in hardship. Two little girls, Halimé and Khadija, suffered a terrible accident when a wall fell on them as they were playing. Fortunately Kalbassou was there. "They received treatment and today a relationship has been created between the two families and me because of the good results," Kalbassou writes.

It's been a busy month, and Kalbassou's work isn't ending, but he is praising God for everything he's doing. The Chadian Minister of Health has granted more land for the hospital. Kalbassou has passed an orthopaedic course. And he's learning new ways of working interculturally. Fortunately, Kalbassou knows exactly where his strength comes from: "The Lord is gracious," he says, "to those who hope in him."

Read more about the amazing work Kalbassou does every day here:
www.bmsworldmission.org/surgeondiary

2023		Preacher	Door Steward	Service Leader
3rd September	10.30 a.m.	Tim Doggart	G.Leeming	N.Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Nigel/Mark</i>		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
10th September	10.30 a.m.	Ruth Brierley	E.Wilkes	M.Lewis
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>David/Janice</i>		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
17th September	10.30 a.m.	Cathy Browne	B.Baldwin	E.Lord
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Donald/Mark</i>		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
24 th September	10.30 a.m.	Harvest Led by Kathryn Hughes	D.Driver	Family Worship Service
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Nigel/Peter</i>		
	6.00 p.m.	EVENING SERVICE TBC		
1st October	10.30 a.m.	Missionary Service	S.Dunham	E.Wilkes
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>David/Mark</i>		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
8th October	10.30 a.m.	Capenwray	J.Greenwood	M.Wilkes
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Donald/Peter</i>		
	6.00 p.m.	EVENING SERVICE with Capenwray		
15th October	10.30 a.m.	Erica Atkinson	A.Higgin	B.Baldwin
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Nigel/Janice</i>		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
22nd October	10.30 a.m.	Colin Scholes	G.Leeming	D.Driver
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>David/Peter</i>		
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
29th October	10.30 a.m.	Family Worship Service Steve Ansell	E.Wilkes	Family Worship Service
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Donald/Janice</i>		
	6.00 p.m.	EVENING SERVICE TBC		

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