



The Baptist Church,
Brierfield

April 2025



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



His Sacrifice

(a short message by Cynthia I'Anson)

I am sure that we all enjoy this time of year when the weather is beginning to get warmer, the days longer and the blossom is beginning to appear on the trees as well as the flowers showing signs of growth in our gardens and parks.

More importantly though, it is the time of year when we celebrate Easter and remember what Jesus has done for all of us. We all know the story of that first Easter when Jesus was crucified, died and rose again. But of course there was a lot more to it than that.

When Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, He knew that his earthly ministry was coming to an end. He must have known that in the next few days he would be rejected, despised and suffer physical and spiritual pain. How lonely he must have felt when separated from God by all the sin of the world which he was carrying. How dejected He must have felt when He was summoned before the Jewish authorities who clearly didn't recognise him as the Messiah. And what physical pain He suffered at the hands of the Roman authorities, even though they could find no wrong in Him. Jesus came to earth for this, God sent His only Son so that those who believed in Him could have everlasting life. As we listen to the Easter story retold for us in the special services of Holy week, reflect on what it cost Him and be thankful.

He did it for us. He sacrificed Himself so that we may have forgiveness of our sins and eternal life with Him.

Hallelujah, what a Saviour!

May we all have a happy and peaceful Easter.

Cynthia

Items of Interest & Dates for your Diary

Bible Studies/Prayer Meetings

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

April	1 st , 15 th & 29 th
May	13 th & 27 th

Friendship Group: Meet on Wednesday 9th April at 7.30 p.m. when we will be playing Bag Beetle, which will be followed by a light supper, for a small fee. If you would like to come along why not speak with one of the Friendship group for more information, all Adults are welcome.

Evening Services: The next Evening Service will be on the 20th April Easter Sunday instead of 27th April, when we will have an Easter Songs Of Praise. If you have a favourite Hymn you would like to sing send your request to Melanie or one of the music group. The May Evening Service is on the 25th May led by Mark.

Music Group Rehearsals: Music group rehearsals will continue after the Sunday Service for now. If you can play an Instrument or Sing and would like to join the group then speak to Melanie, for more details.

Maintenance Team: We meet most Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. for a couple of hours to carry out maintenance on the Church building, If you have any DIY skills, or can pick up a paint brush, then please come along and give us a hand. For more information speak to Grahame or David.



Church AGM: An early reminder the Church AGM will be held on Tuesday 20th May at 7:30p.m. in the Primary Room. All Church Members are encouraged to attend, but the meeting is open to all the congregation.

Retirement Home Visit: Our next retirement home visit will be on the 27th April when we are due to visit Brierfield House. We will meet at Brierfield House for 2:30pm and we are usually there for about half an hour. Please come and join us.

Food Bank Donations: Angela delivered the Half Term donations, which as always were greatly received and of course now we are a matter of weeks away from Easter. Angela has asked that donations be brought to church as soon as possible and she will then make sure they are delivered in time for the Easter Holidays. A huge Thank You for your continued support of the Food Bank.

Easter Services 2025

Date	Service	Led By / Preacher
17 th April 7:30pm	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion	Nigel Leeming
18 th April 10:30am	Good Friday Morning Service	Janice Greenwood
20 th April 10:30am	Easter Sunday Morning Service	Daniel Parkinson
20 th April 6pm	Easter Songs Of Praise	Music Group

Praise & Munch Dates 2025

Family Praise Services: At the recent Church Meeting, it was decided that the Pie, Peas & Praise, would now be called Praise & Munch! Unless someone comes up with an alternative, and they won't always be on the last Sunday of the month, depending on special events in the church calendar such as Easter, Anniversary etc. So lookout for dates here, on our website and announced in the weekly notices. We will also be looking to vary the food offer, to make it more inclusive for our Church family, suggestions would be most welcome, speak with Elaine or Gillian.

Date	Meal	Coordinator
20 th April	Easter Breakfast	Gillian
8 th June	Church Anniversary Buffet Lunch	Gillian
29 th June	Pie & Peas	
27 th July	Bring Your Own Picnic	
31 st August	Pie & Peas	
28 th September	Harvest Ploughman's Lunch	Elizabeth
26 th October	Pie & Peas	
30 th November	Soup & A Sweet	
21 st December	Christmas Festive Buffet Lunch	

Dorothy Mullarkey: It is with sadness that we note the passing of Dorothy Mullarkey. Dorothy came to us from the Pentecostal church along with David, She soon became a member and was always willing to help out when problems arose. She attended Sunday services and Bible studies and Prayer meetings. But unfortunately she fell and broke her hip and although many attempts to put it right were made she was unable to walk again. She was in a care home and spent most of her time in bed, Dorothy had a simple faith, and put simply, she knew her Lord and Saviour and will be with Him away from all pain and suffering. We thank God for her life and witness, To David we offer our sympathy and prayerful support. *David Leeming*

Puzzles

EASTER

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ANGEL

APOSTLES

CELEBRATION

CROSS

FAITH

FORGIVENESS

GRACE

HOPE

JESUS

LIFE

LOVE

MARY

PRAYER

PROMISE

RESURRECTION

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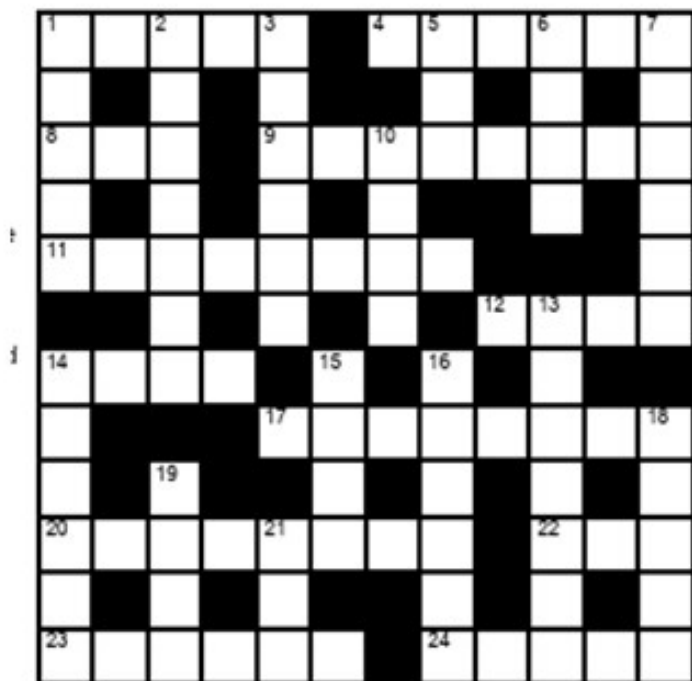
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QUICK BIBLE CROSSWORD II



by *Philologus*

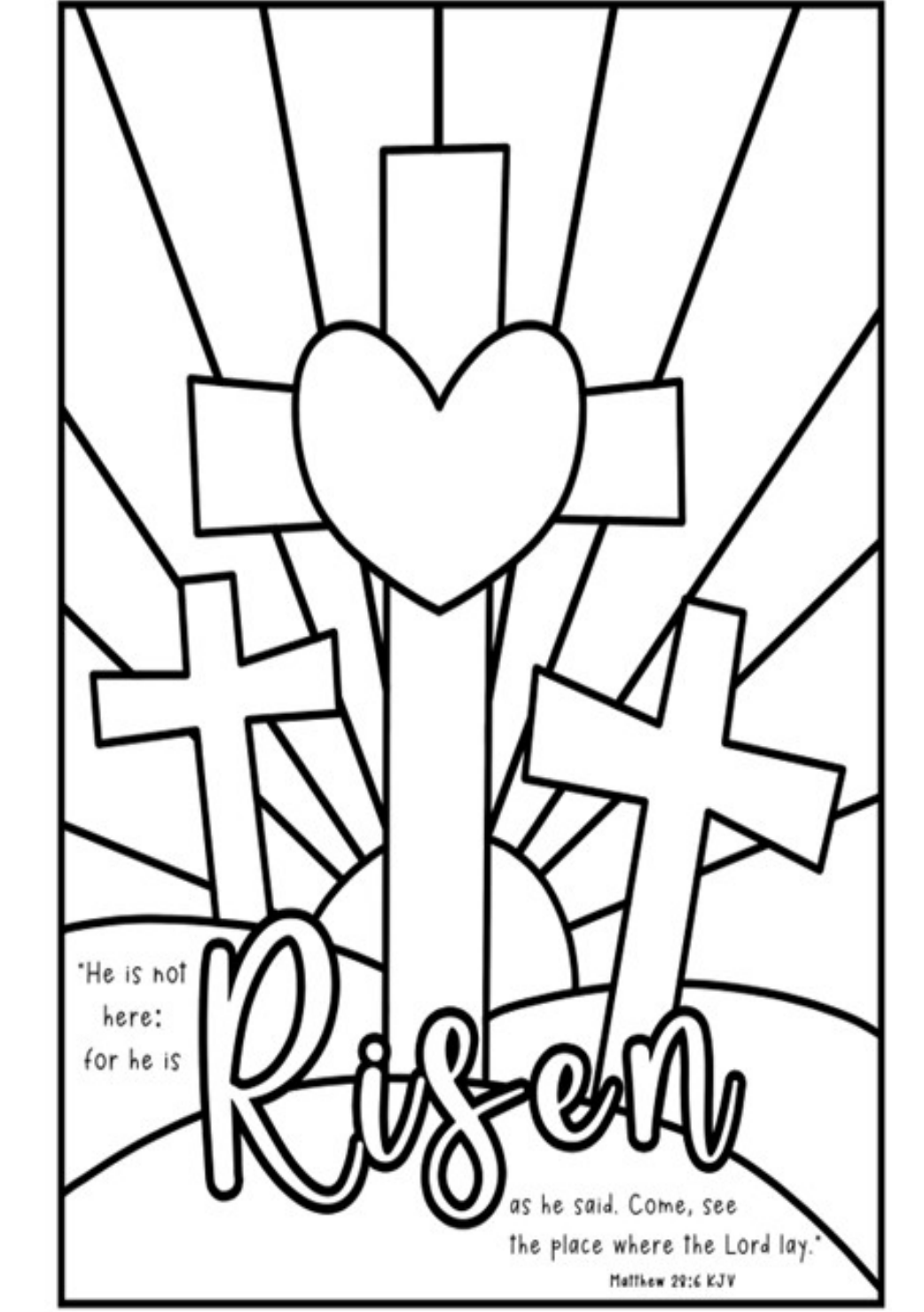
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Across

- 1 Calm (5)
- 4 Purim heroine (6)
- 8 Where there was no room (3)
- 9 Pharaoh and Nebuchadnezzar for example (8)
- 11 Mistaken identity of Jesus after resurrection (8)
- 12 Material used to make Solomon's cups (4)
- 14 Not narrow (4)
- 17 Jubilated (8)
- 20 Teaching (8)
- 22 Reverence (3)
- 23 Rabbi (6)
- 24 Place of the dead (5)

Down

- 1 Scorpion attack (5)
- 2 Didn't heed (7)
- 3 Object of Jacob's dream (6)
- 5 Red, for example (3)
- 6 To be bruised by the serpent (4)
- 7 Observed the Sabbath (6)
- 10 Where Adam spared a rib? (4)
- 13 Fruit farm (7)
- 14 Solomon's strength (6)
- 15 Son of Leah (4)
- 16 Brother of 15 down (6)
- 18 Works (5)
- 19 Follower of the Gospels (4)
- 21 Repent (3)



"He is not
here:
for he is

Risen

as he said. Come, see
the place where the Lord lay."

Matthew 28:6 KJV

Last Months ANSWERS

QUICK BIBLE CROSSWORD I - SOLUTION



Across: 1 Repentance, 6 Anoint, 7 Steal,
9 Pierce, 10 Urn, 11 Heap, 14 Mist,
15 Eli, 16 Stream, 17 Sinai, 18 Nathan,
20 Gethsemane.

Down: 1 Run, 2 Philip, 3 Nature,
4 Answer, 5 Cherubim, 6 Alphaeus,
8 Lengthen, 9 Patience, 12 Isaiah,
13 Bronze, 14 Martha, 19 Axe.

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LENT SOLUTION



Prayer Matters

As Easter approaches we meet to commemorate the death and resurrection of Jesus in a way that follows the example of the Apostles and the early Christian church.

On Maundy Thursday (April 17th) we have a service of Holy Communion where we share bread and wine. This is in remembrance of the last supper shared by Jesus and His disciples before the betrayal and arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane. On Good Friday (18th) we meet again to remember the horrors of torture and crucifixion. Easter Sunday (20th) is a happier day of praise and thanksgiving. The sad and happy times of our Christian faith.



We pray for those who are experiencing all sides of modern life, the ups and the downsides. The sad and happy times. Our prayers are important and Easter gives us even more reasons to follow the patterns set by those followers of Jesus.

Like the disciples we need patience and forward thinking. They waited 50 days before they received the promised Holy Spirit. That is when they became Apostles. Teachers and witnesses rather than followers. We have been discussing this in our Bible studies led by David and we continue to pray for guidance in our work in Brierfield and beyond.

Happy Easter

Kathryn

*If you have anything you would like to be added to the prayer chain,
please send it to Kathryn:*

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Please leave a message if there is no immediate answer





Young people gathered in Indonesia to worship and hear about God's heart for mission.

YOUNG PEOPLE ARE MOBILISING FOR MISSION

Earlier this year, young people from 22 countries met in Malacca, Indonesia, to worship and dream about the future of world mission.

BMS World Mission-supported worker Ardi Wiradinata spoke at the conference about how we understand the context in which we do God's mission. He was very encouraged by how open and hungry the young people were when talking about their mission. "Missions are on their minds, and they want to learn more about how they can be involved," he said.

BMS' partner the Asia Pacific Baptist Forum has committed to mobilising 2 million young people for mission by 2040. "Our vision is not just a numerical goal but a divine calling to raise a generation of young believers who are deeply rooted in their faith and committed to spreading the gospel," Ardi said. "We believe that with God's help, we can inspire and

equip these young people to become effective disciples and leaders in their communities and beyond."

Some of the young people at the conference were new believers from Mongolia – a country where only 1.3 per cent of the population are Christians. "Most of the Christians who are there are the first generation of believers," Ardi said. "As they continue to grow, parents and pastors have said that they need to understand and mentor their young people. So it's exciting that we can come and help address those issues."

Ardi is deeply grateful for your unwavering support and prayers. He asks you to pray that the young people will be receptive to God's call to mission, and that the people of Mongolia – and people across the Asia-Pacific region – will come to know the love of God in Christ through their discipleship training efforts.

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Number of countries committed to training young people for mission

2 million

Number of young people we hope to mobilise by

2040
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2025		Preacher	Door Steward	Service Leader
6th April	10.30 a.m.	TBC	Jack Wellman	Gillian Fogg
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Grahame/Janice</i>	<i>Communion: Start Of Service</i>	Janice Greenwood
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
13th April Palm Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Geoff Jackson	Bernice Baldwin	Janice Greenwood
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Cynthia/Peter</i>	<i>Communion: End Of Service</i>	Grahame Baldwin
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
20th April Easter Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Daniel Parkinson	Janice Greenwood	Glenys Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>David/Mark</i>	<i>Communion: Before Breakfast</i>	Peter Lewis
	6.00 p.m.	EASTER SONGS OF PRAISE		
27th April	10.30 a.m.	TBC	Angela Higgin	Nigel Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Nigel/Kathryn</i>	<i>Communion: End Of Service</i>	David Leeming
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
4th May	10.30 a.m.	TBC	Glenys Leeming	Melanie Lewis
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Grahame/Neil</i>	<i>Communion: End Of Service</i>	Mark Wilkes
		NO EVENING SERVICE		
11th May	10.30 a.m.	Colin Scholes	Mark Wilkes	Elaine Lord
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Cynthia/Janice</i>	<i>Communion: Start Of Service</i>	Nigel Leeming
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
18th May	10.30 a.m.	Stephen Wells	Neil Binns	Elizabeth Wilkes
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>David/Peter</i>	<i>Communion: End Of Service</i>	Janice Greenwood
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
25th May	10.30 a.m.	Bea Foster	Jack Wellman	Mark Wilkes
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Nigel/Mark</i>	<i>Communion: Evening Service</i>	Grahame Baldwin
	6.00 p.m.	EVENING SERVICE		
1st June	10.30 a.m.	Tim Daggart	Bernice Baldwin	Cynthia l'Anson
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Grahame/Kathryn</i>	<i>Communion: End Of Service</i>	Peter Lewis
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		

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