

Christmas Greetings





The Baptist Church,
Brierfield

December 2024

Christmas greetings to you all,

*We hope you have a very happy
Christmas, and a great start to the new
year. Please come and join us this festive
season to celebrate the birth of
Jesus Christ.*

*With loving prayers
from The Baptist Church, Brierfield.*

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





Have a blessed Christmas

(a short message from David Leeming)

So many people are asking where has the year gone, it seems such a short time since we were celebrating the new year and I can fully endorse this view. But perhaps it's easy to accept that the year has gone quickly because we have been very busy, all of the church fellowship has contributed and for that the Elders are very grateful. Saying that December is also going to be hectic, there is much planned and God willing we will really be able to observe the real meaning of Christmas. I do pray we will all play our part.

Joy is an often-used word particularly at Christmas, so I looked up the dictionary meaning and the two words given were gladness and delight. I am extremely glad that God sent His son into the world and worshipping him, it is a wonderful experience.

How are you going to show how pleased you are he came to earth and how are you going to worship him? Can I suggest you remember Him in all your celebrations this Christmastime, will you?

Put Jesus first, others next and yourself last and I am sure you will have a truly blessed time.

Happy Christmas and a peaceful new year.

David

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.

December	3 rd & 17 th
January	14 th & 28 th

Fellowship Group: Meet on Wednesday 11th December at 7.30 p.m. when it will be our Christmas Party. Then on the 8th January we will hold our AGM. If you would like to come along either just turn up or speak with one of the fellowship group for more information, all Adults are welcome.

Evening Services: There will not be an Evening Service in December, but they will return on the 26th January 2025.

Officers Meeting - 5th December: Please remember that the next officers meeting will take place on 5th December starting at 7:30p.m. All Officers are asked to attend.

Family Praise Services: Our Family Praise Service for December will be on the 22nd December, which will be Our Christmas Family Service followed by our Christmas Buffet Lunch. We hope you will come and join us. The services will then return to the last Sunday of the month in January and every month unless notified.

Music Group Rehearsals: Music group rehearsals will take place after the Sunday Service during the winter. If you can play an Instrument or Sing and would like to join the group then speak to Melanie, Morgan or Keith 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.



Missionary Visit - 2nd February 2025: We will be having a visit from one of our Missionaries on February 2nd 2025, when they will take the morning Service it would be great to see a large turnout from the congregation to show our support and find out more of the work they are doing.

Flower List 2025 – The 2025 Flower List on the notice board at the entrance to the church. If you wish to place flowers on a Sunday, please put your name against the appropriate date. You can either put the flowers in yourself or Glenys will buy them for you and put them in. This is a great way to remember loved ones or celebrate birthdays or mark other important dates, you can pay any amount you like. The flowers are always distributed after the service to the sick and needy.

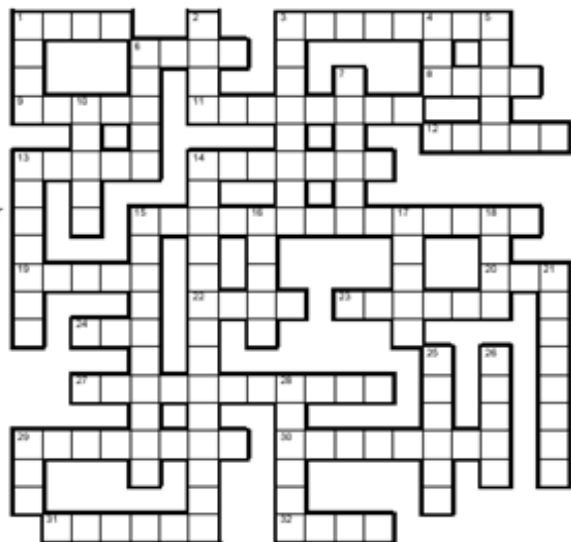
1st Sunday Service January 2025: The first Sunday in January the 5th will be an important service for the Church and we would ask that everyone please attend. Our two new Elders Cynthia and Graham will be ordained at this service and the New Elders Memorial board with Donald's name on will also be unveiled. So Please make sure you attend to support our new Elders and to give thanks for the life and work of Donald.

Puzzles

CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 Transportation for going over snow (4)
- 3 Mixture of seasoned ingredients (8)
- 6 Baby's bed (4)
- 8 Period from December 24th to January 6th (4)
- 9 Red-breasted bird (5)
- 11 Twelve days after Christmas (8)
- 12 Alcoholic drink normally served in a bowl (5)
- 13 Jolly (5)
- 14 News (7)
- 15 Goes with the turkey (9,5)
- 19 A type of tree used at Christmas (5)
- 20 The colour of Santa's hat (3)
- 22 ___ log; traditionally burned at Christmas (4)
- 23 Sanctified (6)
- 24 Cured leg of pork (3)
- 27 Christmas song (6,5)
- 29 Found under the Christmas tree? (8)
- 30 Grace (8)
- 31 Snow falls in this season (6)
- 32 Given at Christmas (4)



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Down

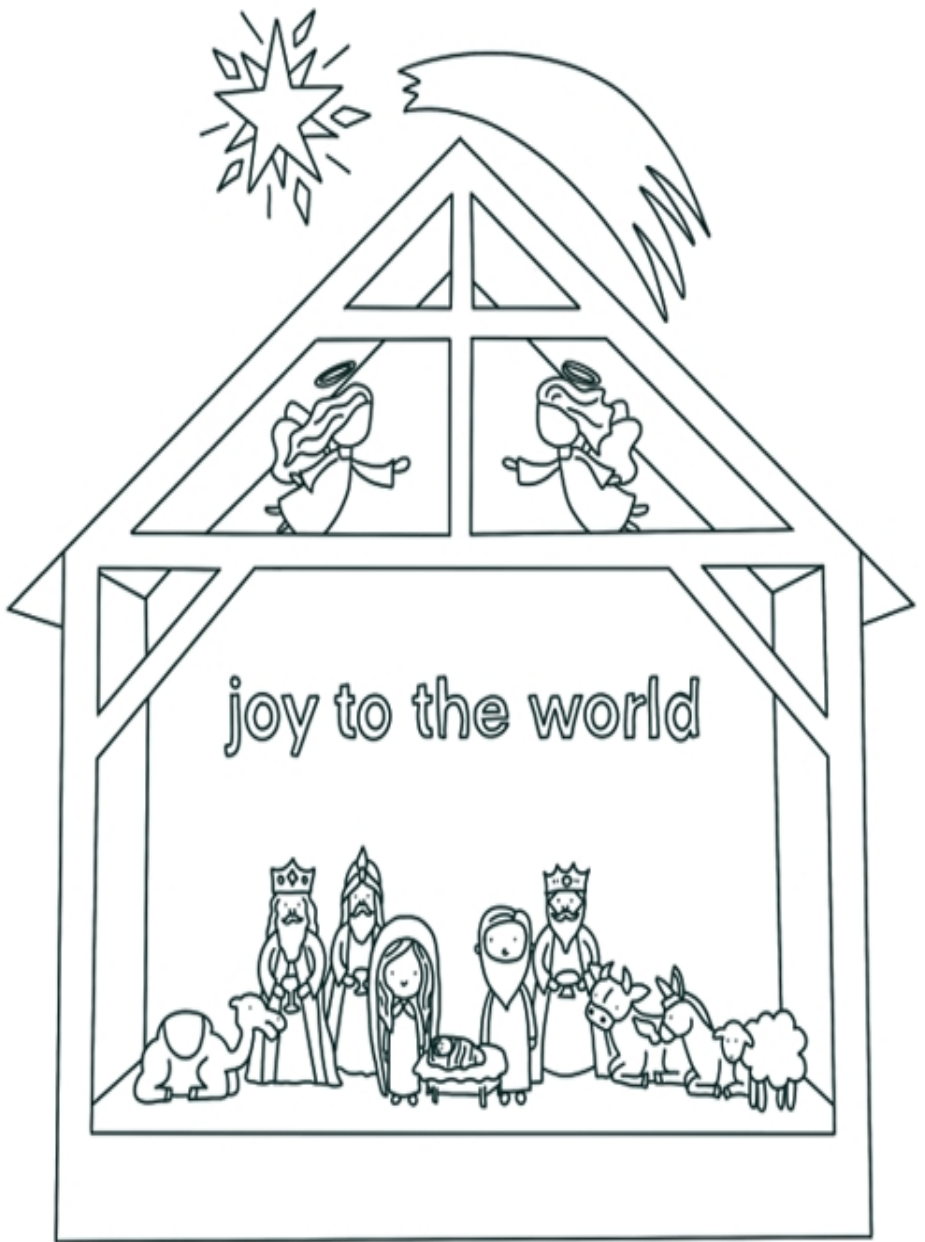
- 1 Bright celestial body (4)
- 2 Christmas tree type (4)
- 3 Take aback (8)
- 4 No room here! (3)
- 5 Elvish colour (5)
- 6 Sweets; flavoured sugar (5)
- 7 Container usually found in a stable (6)
- 10 Beginning of life (5)
- 13 Amazing event (7)
- 14 Written after Christmas? (5,3,6)
- 15 Formal events (10)
- 16 Ring out from churches (5)
- 17 Accompaniment for food (5)
- 18 Printed or written greeting (4)
- 21 Month in which Christmas falls (8)
- 25 Nature of God (6)
- 26 One was born in Bethlehem (5)
- 28 Sweetened milk drink, with eggs and alcohol (6)
- 29 Pastry dish (3)

CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH



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| ADVENT | ELVES | ROBIN |
| ANGELS | FAMILY | RUDOLPH |
| BAUBLES | FOOD | SANTA CLAUS |
| BELLS | HOLIDAYS | SCROOGE |
| BIRTH OF JESUS | HOLLY | SHEPHERDS |
| BOXING DAY | IVY | SNOWMAN |
| CAROL SINGING | MINCE PIES | STAR |
| CHIMNEY | MISTLETOE | TINSEL |
| CHRISTMAS CAKE | MULLED WINE | TURKEY |
| CHRISTMAS PUD-
DING | PARTY | WISEMEN |
| CHRISTMAS TREE | PRESENTS | WRAPPING PAPER |
| CRACKERS | QUEEN'S SPEECH | YULELOG |
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Last Months ANSWERS

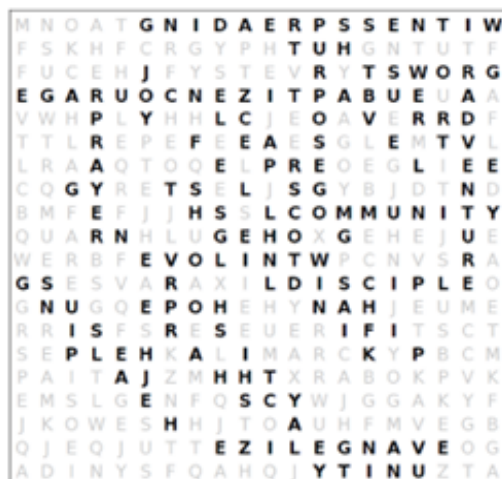
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Solution:



Missionary

Word Search Answers



Christmas Services

8th December – 2:30p.m

Brierfield Churches visiting Care Homes
Marsden Heights, Victoria House & Brierfield House.

15th December – 2:30p.m

Brierfield Churches United Carol Service
at the Baptist Chapel

21st December – 11:00a.m.

Carol Singing Outside Methodist Church Brierfield

22nd December - 10:30a.m.

Christmas Family Service
followed by Buffet Lunch

24th December – 6:00p.m.

Carols By Candle Light Service

25th December – 10:30a.m.

Christmas Service – Premiers on YouTube

29th December – 10:30a.m.

Normal Service
Preachers Michael Paterson & Nigel Leeming

5th January 2025 10:30a.m.

Elder's Rededication Service
Including the ordination of our new elders Grahame and Cynthia.

Prayer Matters

As we begin this month through Advent up to Christmas and the New Year you may wish to include these items in your daily prayers.

Give thanks to God for the excitement and anticipation surrounding the children at this time of year. That the children who received books from the Sunday School last month will read, understand them and want to learn more about Jesus and The Good News He brought to us all.



Pray that the Christmas boxes we sent out will be safely delivered and that the people involved in the transportation and distribution will be kept safe in their work. Pray for our visits to the Care homes in Brierfield. That we will be well received and bring some cheer to the residents and staff. Pray for our united carol service and outdoor service as we witness amongst others in Brierfield. Pray for our family service and lunch. A welcome opportunity to celebrate Christmas together. Pray for our Christmas Eve service and on-line Christmas day service. That our families and friends will come to hear and understand true meaning of Christmas.



Give praise and thanks to God for His blessings on us and pray for comfort to those in need.



Kathryn

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



Email: bbprayer@outlook.com,

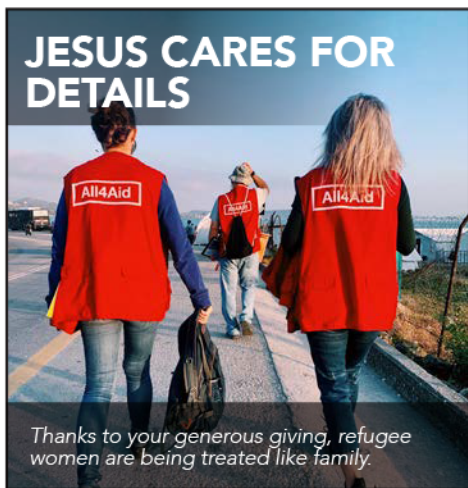
Mobile: 07305 541647

Please leave a message if there is no immediate answer

Food Bank Donations – Christmas 2024

As in previous years we will be supporting the local Food Bank at Nelson. Could I ask you to bring your donations of tinned and dried goods by Sunday 15th December. I will then deliver these during week commencing Monday 16th December. If you wish to include one or two treats please feel free to do so, I'm sure the families will appreciate them. Thanking you in advance. **Angela**

Used Stamps - *Could I ask people to collect any used stamps received on either Christmas card envelopes or other post, and bring them to chapel before the end of January 2025. I will check if BMS (Baptist Missionary Society) have resumed receiving these - if not I can always take them to the Hospice as I know that they also welcome them. Please leave approximately a 1/4" (old school) around the perforation please. Thank you. **Angela***



JESUS CARES FOR DETAILS

Thanks to your generous giving, refugee women are being treated like family.

Your generosity supports a community centre for forcibly displaced women on the Greek island of Lesbos. One woman spoke to BMS partner worker Haniele on the morning she left the island.

“Since I met you,” she told Haniele, “I’ve been asking myself questions like, ‘why are you caring for the details, like keeping everything organised and clean?’”

“I am here because God called me to leave my country to share my love with women like you,” Haniele said. “I also believe that Jesus, the Son of God, would be here doing this for you nowadays. Jesus cares for details.”

The woman was speechless. “In my life, I’ve met a lot of bad people,” she said. “I didn’t believe that good people existed anymore. But here all of you are good. You treat me like family, like my sisters.” They hugged each other and cried together.

Uncover how you can help those facing their hardest journeys.



DISASTER RECOVERY



Because of your support to the BMS disaster recovery fund, people living through disasters and crises across the world can get the help they need. Thank you for stepping in.

Nepal, support in the wake of flooding and landslides: £7,000

Your giving means families had access to emergency supplies and shelter following severe flooding and landslides in September.

India, relief following heavy cyclone storms: £10,000

Your faithful support means that over 250 families were safely evacuated from danger and provided them with shelter and food until it was safe for them to return home.

Lebanon, supporting those displaced by conflict: £65,000

You’ve helped provide food and bedding for those forced to leave their homes due to the war.

D R Congo, supporting those displaced due to violence: £15,000

Due to the increased violence in North Kivu, thousands have had to flee their homes. Your generosity provided displaced people with food and financial support.

2024		Preacher	Door Steward	Service Leader
1st December	10.30 a.m.	Nigel Lawrence	Cynthia l'Anson	Michael Paterson
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>David/Mark</i>	<i>Communion: Evening Service</i>	Janice Greenwood
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
8th December	10.30 a.m.	Mick Fleming	Anne Kellow	Neil Binns
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Nigel/Kathryn</i>	<i>Communion: Start Of Service</i>	Grahame Baldwin
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
15th December	10.30 a.m.	Daniel Parkinson	Neil Binns	Bernice Baldwin
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>David/Neil</i>	<i>Communion: End Of Service</i>	Peter Lewis
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
22nd December	10.30 a.m.	Family Christmas Service Led By David	Bernice Baldwin	Family Christmas Service
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Nigel/Janice</i>	<i>Communion: End Of Service</i>	David Leeming
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
29th December	10.30 a.m.	Michael & Nigel	Janice Greenwood	Jack Wellman
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>David/Peter</i>	<i>Communion: End Of Service</i>	Mark Wilkes
		NO EVENING SERVICE		
5th January 2025	10.30 a.m.	The Elders Ordination Service	Angela Higgin	Gillian Fogg
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Nigel/Mark</i>	<i>Communion: End Of Service</i>	Nigel Leeming
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
12th January	10.30 a.m.	Mark Heaton	Glenys Leeming	Janice Greenwood
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Grahame/Kathryn</i>	<i>Communion: Start Of Service</i>	Janice Greenwood
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
19th January	10.30 a.m.	Mark Heaton	Mark Wilkes	Glenys Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Cynthia/Neil</i>	<i>Communion: End Of Service</i>	Grahame Baldwin
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
26th January	10.30 a.m.	Family Praise Service	Ann Kellow	Family Praise Service
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>David/Janice</i>	<i>Communion: Evening Service</i>	Peter Lewis
	6.00 p.m.	EVENING SERVICE		

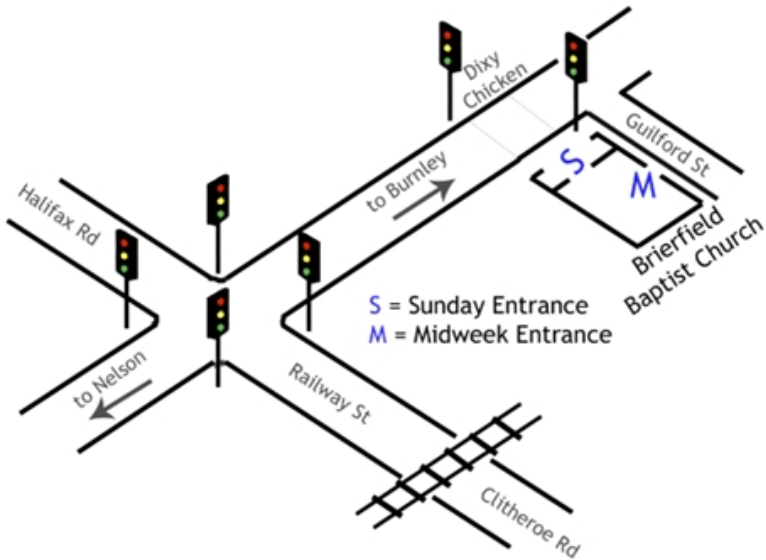
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For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his
shoulders.

And he will be called
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9 verse 6

How to find us



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