



The Baptist Church,
Brierfield

July /August 2024



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



God's Guidance In Prayer

(a short message by Nigel Leeming)

June 30th sees our afternoon of prayer for the Church to seek God's guidance. We believe seeking Gods Guidance should be a central part of the Christian faith.

For believers, it is a reminder that God is always present and willing to help us make the right choices in life. It is an assurance that, whatever challenges we may face, we can find the strength and courage to overcome them with God's help.

God's guidance comes in many forms, From the still small voice of conscience that speaks to us in moments of doubt, to the Bible, which contains God's Word and teachings. We can also receive God's guidance through **prayer**, meditation, and fellowship with other believers. Ultimately, it is up to us to choose to follow God's guidance and to put it into practice in our daily lives. With faith and obedience, we can trust that God will lead us on a path of peace and purpose.

Throughout Scripture, we are reminded of God's direction over our lives. He is our good Shepherd who leads us if we look to Him for guidance. The Bible teaches us that God's plan leads to joy and contentment. When we pray for God's guidance and discernment through the Holy Spirit, we can rest assured that God will provide wisdom! We do not have to worry about our next step or tomorrow because we know who guides us!

During the afternoon we are asking for individuals to cover a 30 minute slot but feel free to spend longer. Specifically, we want to pray for:

- Gods guidance as individuals, our extended Church family
- For guidance for ourselves and all working within the Church and our new deacons
- For guidance in appointing new Elders
- For the Baptismal service on the 7th July
- For Guidance how we move forward to be a more active Church for God

Please dwell on the word of the Lord before, during and after so we can have a real dialogue with him.

Nigel

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.

July	2 nd & 16 th Then We Will Break For Summer
September	10 th & 24 th

Fellowship Group: Meet on Wednesday 17^h July at 7.30 p.m. when it they be playing crazy golf at the prairie and they will be having a day out in York on Saturday 10th August. For further details, or If you wish to join us, speak with Glenys or Bernice.

Church Meeting: The next Church meeting will be held on Tuesday 23rd July at 7:30p.m. This is an important meeting as we think about and discuss the appointment of a new elder.

Evening Services: There will be no Evening Services in July or August, the next will be on the 29th September.

Family Praise Services: Our Family Praise Services followed by Pie & Peas are on the last Sunday of each month with the next being the 28th July and then on the 25th August, please come and join us. The Worship Praise Team are taking a break from distributing leaflets promoting the Family Praise Service for the summer and will return in September.

Music Group Rehearsals: Music group rehearsals take place each Friday at 6:45p.m. 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.

Special Light a Candle Service: We will be having as special service on September 15th starting at 2:30p.m. This will be a Service where you can remember a loved one and if you wish light a candle in their memory.

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, with a variety of tasks. If you or someone you know, has any DIY skills, or simply can pick up a paint brush, then please come along and give us a hand. For more information speak to Grahame or David.



In Other News About Our Church . . .

In the recent officers meeting a matter of some concern was raised by the treasurer, as she noted that our collection revenue for the year to date against the same period last year was down by **39%**. Whilst the recent Gift day revenue was down by **26%**.

We as a church know as much as anyone that this has been a very difficult period with the cost of living crisis and energy costs particularly having a huge impact on our congregations lives. But as a church with a large ageing building, we are not in anyway immune from these costs, we have seen our energy costs rise, whilst we have managed to mitigate some of the sharp rises by being on fixed term contracts, these have and will come to an end which will then see our costs rise.

One of the jobs as an officer of the church is to ensure we use the revenue of the church, whether it be through the collection or other means, is used, wisely, efficiently and ultimately to benefit the furtherance of the church here in Brierfield, to ensure that we continue to have a place of worship, whilst being a place that anyone in our community can come to if they seek The Lord Jesus Christ.

We as officers felt we should make you aware of this shortfall in our income as early as possible and whilst we hope it won't impact any immediate plans, as I said before it is our job to make sure we spend within our means and of course this may have some impact on projects in the future. We will keep you posted as the year progresses, but we would like to thank each and everyone for what you have given so far and continue to give by way of the collection, we understand that without your support we would not be able to continue to move forward as a church. So Thank You.

Mark

Church Secretary.



Baptismal Service 7th July

On the 7th July we will be having a Baptismal Service and at the time of writing we have two candidates for Baptism.

We hope that you will come along and join us as we celebrate their Baptism and their acknowledgement that Jesus is their Saviour and Redeemer, that he was Born, Died on the Cross and Rose on the 3rd day so they can be freed of their sins and have eternal life.

Have you ever thought about being baptised or have felt the calling to accept Jesus as your Saviour?

Then speak with David or Nigel, it's possible that we can still add you to this service on the 7th July, we do need to know by the 30th June latest for Baptism on the 7th or we can discuss a Baptism at a future date.

If your not sure or want to know more about being Baptised, what it means and most importantly what it means for you, then please talk to David or Nigel, they would be pleased to talk to you.

Puzzles



Genesis Bible Word Search

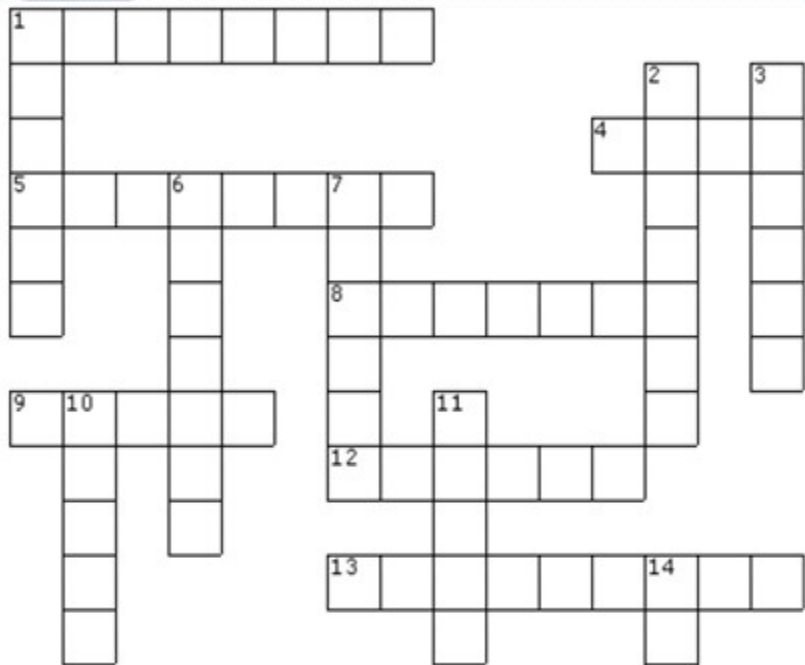
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BIBLE WORD SEARCH BY BIBLEPUZZLES.COM

JOSEPH	SERPENT	STARS
LIGHT	SEVEN DAYS	TREE OF LIFE
MAN	SIN	WOMAN
MOON		
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SABBATH		
SARAH		





ACROSS

- 1 Let the little _____ come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God
- 4 It is more blessed to _____ than to receive
- 5 The Lord is my _____, I shall not want
- 8 _____ is a lamp unto my feet
- 9 For God so _____ the world that he gave his one and only Son
- 12 Enter by the _____ gate; for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction
- 13 He hath made every thing _____

in his time

DOWN

- 1 Many are called, but few are _____
- 2 Seek ye first the _____ of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you
- 3 To every thing there is a _____, and a time to every purpose under the heaven
- 6 Love is _____, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud
- 7 For dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou _____
- 10 I am alpha and _____, the

beginning and the ending, saith the Lord

- 11 Man shall not live by _____ alone
- 14 The spirit indeed is willing, but the _____ is weak

Rectangles To Hearts

Fill in the missing words
in the each rectangle by following its line to the correct heart words.

Cross out the heart words as you use them.

The first one has been done for you.

God showed His L O V E
to Y O U by sending Jesus.

_____ is God's
_____ Son.

Only Jesus can _____ you
from your _____.

Jesus saved you to
_____ for _____.

_____ in _____.

JESUS ONLY

LIVE GOD

BELIEVE JESUS

SAVE SINS

LOVE YOU

Last Months ANSWERS

1. Jesus said that anyone who was angry with his brother was guilty of which of the commandments?

Murder

2. What is friendship with the world? - **Enmity with God**

3. Who was Davids great friend? - **Jonathan**

4. fill in the missing word(s): Now _____ is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen **Faith**

5. Malachi is the last book of the old testament - **True**

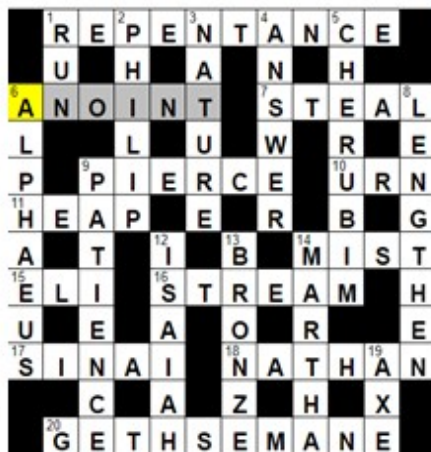
6. Israel split into two kingdoms after the reign of King Solomon, with Israel in the north, but what was the - name of the southern Kingdom? - **Judah**

7. When Job had his fortune restored he was blessed with seven sons and three daughters, which of these was not a daughter of Job? - **Naomi**

8. Who deceived Jacob by giving Leah as a wife instead of Bachel? - **Laban**

9. what did Abraham purchase from the Hittites for 400 Shekels of silver? - **Field**

10. What Phrase did God apply to David? - **A man after my Own Heart**



Unscramble each of the words. Arrange the letters in the circles to form the secret word.

The 10 SELGAPU **P** L A G U E S

DOLBO **B** L O O D

ROFSG **F** R O G S

LCIE **L** I C E

SIFLE **F** L I E S

NAMRIUR **M** U R R A I N

LIQBS **B** O I L S

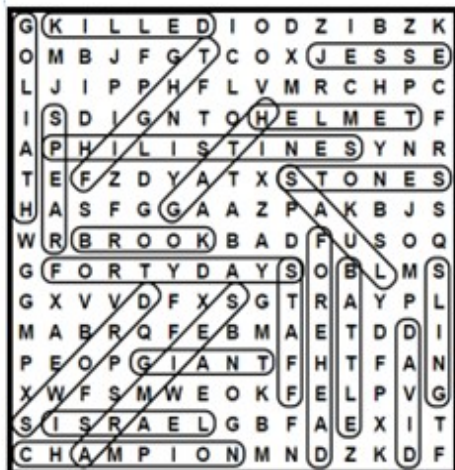
AHLI **H** A I L

SOCTUL **L** O C U S T

NEKSDASR **D** A R K N E S S

FITRS-RONB **F** I R S T-B O R N

R E D E M P T I O N



Prayer Matters

The month of June has ended with a special day of praise, prayer and lunch. Along with many important things to bring before God, we have also been praying for God's guidance in the ordination of new Elders and Deacons. These prayers include our thanks for the work of past leaders who with their dedication and persistence have kept our fellowship together over the years.

We need to also pray for the team of workers who keep our church fellowship and building alive today. Many roles go unnoticed and we are grateful to all those who give their talents and time. We pray that many more will respond to the witness of these workers and join us so that we can continue to meet, worship and share the Good News with each other and those around us.

At home I mainly read from my Sunday School "Good News" edition of the bible. Nigel reminds us of these verses from the gospel of John Chapter 4 Verse 34. Jesus said to them "My food is to obey the will of the one who sent me and to finish the work He gave me to do."

Verses 37 & 38 "The saying is true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I have sent you to reap a harvest in a field where you did not work; others worked there and you profit from their work"

Jesus made his teachings plain and simple. Pray that God will continue to use us as we all work together in Christian love in spreading His Good News according to His will.



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Please leave a message if there is no immediate answer



Abraham Altham and photos of past and present Elders and Deacons



DEACONS PAST & PRESENT (1890-)	
John Odjie	1895
Thomas Odjie	1895
William Greenwood	1902
James Sutcliffe	1902
Wm. C. Greenwood	1905
(Ordained Elder)	
John Callow	1911
Samuel Hilton	1911
Wilfrid Pickup	1911
(Ordained Elder)	
John Greenwood	1917
Joseph Hartley	1917
William Howker	1925
Hugh Clarke	1925
Edward Barton	1925
Fred Sykes	1925
Husson Williams	1936
Willie Howker	1936
(Ordained Elder)	
John Greenwood	1940
George Horsfall	1940
(Ordained Elder)	
Albert Bicus	1953
Robert Fielding	1954
Alan Leeming	1954
Ronald Whitehead	1957
M.G. Carter	1960
(Ordained Elder)	
Donald Leeming	1960
(Ordained Elder)	
Kenneth Smith	1964
J.H. Greenwood	1964
David Leeming	1967
Wilfred Sykes	1967
(Ordained Elder)	
Peter J'Anson	1982
John Herrick	1982
Grasane Baldwin	1982

We give thanks for the work of these men and we also need an updated photo with present Elders and Deacons.

The BMS World Mission Birthday Scheme is an excellent way for our church family to take part in the life-changing work of BMS World Mission. And you get to do it by simply celebrating your birthday! Each year, the Birthday Scheme raises hundreds of thousands of pounds for BMS ministries, transforming lives across the world – and we'd love for you to be part of it.

How does the Birthday Scheme work?

It's really very simple...

Anyone of any age can join our church's Birthday Scheme. On a day when we have so much to celebrate, Birthday Scheme members choose to make a donation to help others in need. Our Birthday Scheme Co-ordinator Elaine helps us do this by sending you a birthday card along with a birthday message from BMS. Inside the card is a bulletin sharing some of the projects your money could go towards, and a gift envelope for you to make your donation.

You then send the gift envelope back to the Co-ordinator, who will then send in the gifts to BMS.

A PASSION FOR PASSIONFRUIT

Village savings groups that meet in churches are empowering people across Kasese District.

Siwako Muhindo and his wife Jane Biira earn a good living selling passionfruit in Uganda. But it wasn't always this way. In 2021, they struggled to feed their family and send their children to school.

One day, Yofeli Muhindo, who works for a BMS partner, told them about a local village savings group. These groups allow people living in poverty to save small amounts and take out affordable loans without the high interest rates from the banks. After joining, Siwako could soon take out loans to start a food stall. The next year, the group shared enough money for Siwako to start his passionfruit farm.

Now, Siwako and Jane have enough food and can afford their children's school fees. The village savings group transformed their lives, lifting them out of poverty. Siwako says, "I always looked down on myself, but the group helped me value myself and my family."

None of this work would have been possible without Justice Livelihoods Health and your incredible giving and prayers that support their work.

Can you help communities fight poverty in Uganda?



DISASTER RECOVERY



Because you give, people living through disasters and crises across the world can get the help they need. Thank you for partnering with us in life-giving work.

Nepal, support in the wake of earthquakes: £15,000.

After the earthquakes in November, your giving helped 11,200 people have access to emergency supplies and healthcare.

Afghanistan, relief after multiple earthquakes: £25,000.

Your support gave communities access to emergency supplies and psychological care after four earthquakes left 114,000 people in vulnerable conditions.

Armenia, supporting refugees fleeing war: £15,000.

Following the absorption of the Nagorno-Karabakh enclave by Azerbaijan, you've helped provide shelter, hot meals, healthcare and education for families displaced by the conflict.

Lebanon, support in the midst of economic crisis: £25,000.

Your support has provided winter assistance for vulnerable households. You've helped provide food and make homes more resistant to the cold.

Light A Candle

A special service for anyone and everyone to come along and Light A Candle in memory of a loved one, whether their departure is recent or a long time ago.

This will be a short service of memory, celebration, love and respect.

Sunday 15th September
2.30pm

Further details to be announced



The service will be held
in chapel at **The Baptist
Church, Brierfield**

FOOD BANK - SUMMER HOLIDAYS DONATIONS

This is the longest period when our gifts to the Food Bank will have the greatest impact and will be the most welcome. With the long school summer holidays fast approaching, could I ask that people start to bring their contributions for the Food Bank as soon as you wish. Ideally I would like to **deliver on Monday 22nd July**. Our regular giving and continued support is very much appreciated by both the people organising the Food Bank and the recipients of our gifts. I also would like to say a big thank-you to all who have supported this work within our community over the past years and continue to do so. As the cost of living crisis continues your gifts are needed more than ever. Thanking you in anticipation. Angela

2024		Preacher	Door Steward	Morning Service Leader
1st September	10.30 a.m.	Gerald Norcross	Angela Higgin	Gillian Fogg
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>David/Janice</i>	<i>Communion: End Of Service</i>	Nigel Leeming
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
8th September	10.30 a.m.	Danny Cliffe	Glenys Leeming	Janice Greenwood
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Nigel/Peter</i>	<i>Communion: Start Of Service</i>	Janice Greenwood
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
15th September	10:30 a.m.	Martin Ashby Smith	Mark Wilkes	Glenys Leeming
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>David/Mark</i>	<i>Communion: End Of Service</i>	Grahame Baldwin
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
22 nd September	10:30 a.m.	Cathy Browne	Cynthia l'Anson	Nigel Leeming
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>Nigel/Kathryn</i>	<i>Communion: End Of Service</i>	Peter Lewis
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
29th September	10:30 a.m.	Harvest Family Praise Led By TBC	Anne Kellow	Family Praise Service
	<i>Vestry Prayers:</i>	<i>David/Neil</i>	<i>Communion: Evening Service</i>	David Leeming
	6.00 p.m.	EVENING SERVICE – TBC		
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2024		Preacher	Door Steward	Service Leader
7th July	10.30 a.m.	Baptismal Service	A.Higgin	E.Wilkes
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>David/Mark</i>	<i>Communion: Start Of Service</i>	David Leeming
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
14th July	10.30 a.m.	James Addison	G.Leeming	M.Wilkes
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Nigel/Kathryn</i>	<i>Communion: End Of Service</i>	Mark Wilkes
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
21st July	10.30 a.m.	Bea Foster	M.Wilkes	C.l'Anson
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>David/Neil</i>	<i>Communion: End Of Service</i>	Nigel Leeming
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
28th July	10.30 a.m.	Family Praise Led By Mark Heaton	C.l'anson	Family Praise Service
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Nigel/Janice</i>	<i>Communion: End Of Service</i>	Janice Greenwood
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
4th August	10.30 a.m.	Mark Faris Robinson	Anne Kellow	Michael Patterson
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>David/Peter</i>	<i>Communion: End Of Service</i>	Grahame Baldwin
		NO EVENING SERVICE		
11th August	10.30 a.m.	Geoff Jackson	Bernice Baldwin	Declan Driver
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Nigel/Mark</i>	<i>Communion: Start Of Service</i>	Peter Lewis
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
18th August	10.30 a.m.	Peter Fielden	Declan Driver	Bernice Baldwin
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>David/Kathryn</i>	<i>Communion: End Of Service</i>	David Leeming
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
25 th August	10.30 a.m.	Family Praise Led By Elizabeth	Janice Greenwood	Family Praise Service
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Nigel/Neil</i>	<i>Communion: End Of Service</i>	Mark Wilkes
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
1st September	10.30 a.m.	Gerald Norcross	Angela Higgin	Gillian Fogg
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>David/Janice</i>	<i>Communion: End Of Service</i>	Nigel Leeming
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		

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