



The Baptist Church, Brierfield

June 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



The Lord is my Shepherd

(a short message by Nigel Leeming)

Recently I was fortunate to be in a country where I observed Shepherds. Not like the farmers in our countryside with quad bikes and collies but ones who spent time in the field with the sheep and goats. Shepherds more in keeping with the shepherd Jesus refers to in the Bible

¹¹ “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³ The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴ “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep.

John 10:11-15

I never got close to Shepherds to ask if the men I saw were hired hands but I suspect they were. It was, however, interesting to see them guide the flocks to field still with greener more lush vegetation as the fields turned yellow under the increasing heat of the sun and lack of water. It was also amusing to see many of these Shepherds were sat under trees looking at their mobile phones.

As we follow on from Easter let's remember that we are guided by the good shepherd, Jesus. He knows us and I hope we know him. The fact that Jesus laid down His life for each of us is not something we should ever take for granted. Jesus cares for each one of us. I know there are members of our Church family who are going through particularly difficult times at the moment let's put our trust and hope in the Good Shepherd. The good shepherd who doesn't need a mobile phone for us to communicate with him.

Next time you read Psalm 23 or sing a version of the hymn let's remember

"The Lord is my shepherd" is a statement of ownership.

"The Lord is my shepherd" is an expression of dependence.

"The Lord is my shepherd" is an admittance of a personal relationship.

Nigel

Greetings All – By the time you read this article, I would have moved back to Nottingham after spending the last month or so in Burnley. I would like to express my thanks to you for welcoming me into your fellowship.

Each week at chapel has been a huge spiritual blessing. It excites me to see a church with a diverse range of people, yet working harmoniously together, for the implicit purpose of doing all for the furtherance of God's kingdom. You are to be encouraged, that coming in as an outsider, this is indeed very refreshing.

May God richly bless you individually and as a congregation as you seek to do all that is pleasing to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen, *Shaun Raynor*.

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.

June	10 th & 24 th
July	8 th & 22 nd

Gift Day: This years Gift Day will be Sunday 15th June. Envelopes will be available the week before, and a plate will be available so you can offer your gifts on the 15th.

Day Of Prayer: This years Day of Prayer for Christian Unity will be Held at St Luke's on Thursday 5th June starting at 7:30 p.m.

Retirement Home Visit: We have another retirement home visit on the 8th June when we are due to visit Marsden Heights. We will meet at Marsden Heights for 2:30pm and we are usually there for about half an hour. Please come and join us.

Friendship Group: Meet on Wednesday 11th June at 7.00p.m. when we will be having our annual Barbecue at David & Glenys's, there will be a charge to be confirmed for food. If you would like to come along why not speak with one of the Friendship group for more information, all Adults are welcome, but numbers need to be confirmed for catering.



Evening Services: The next Evening Service will be on the 29th June starting at 6pm and led by Cynthia. This will be our last Evening service before a break for summer, with the next on 28th September.

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.

Food Bank Donations: Angela delivered the donations for Half Term and we will be collecting now ahead of the School Summer Holidays. All donations of dried or canned foods are welcome and are always gratefully received by the Food Bank, who once again Give thanks for your continued Support.

Used Stamps: Angela would also like to let you know that she recently delivered the used stamps that had been collected to the hospice who wish to offer there thanks for the contribution.

Praise & Munch Dates 2025

Family Praise Services: At the Church Meeting in March, it was decided that the Pie, Peas & Praise, would now be called Praise & Munch! We will also be looking to vary the food offer, to make it more inclusive for our Church family, any suggestions would be most welcome, speak with Elaine or Gillian.

Date	Meal	Coordinator
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	

Offertory Envelopes: There is still time to sign up for Gift Aid. If you gift to the Church on a regular basis via the weekly collection and you are a tax payer, then please consider using the offertory envelopes, which can then be gift aided and helps the church claim an extra 25% of whatever you gift. If you wish to join or want to know more please speak to Janice.

Dates further ahead:

Strawberry Tea: On Saturday 19th July at 2pm we will be welcoming Prospect Brass Band from Standish for a concert including a strawberry tea. Tickets for this event are £8, please see Glenys for more information.

Church Meeting: For those that weren't able to join us at the AGM in May please make a note in your diaries that the next Church Meeting will be on the 29th July at 7:30p.m.

Puzzles

TRINITY WORD SEARCH

T L W I S D O M S W X G T R U T H Y F E
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COMFORTER

COUNSELOR

CREATOR

FAITHFULNESS

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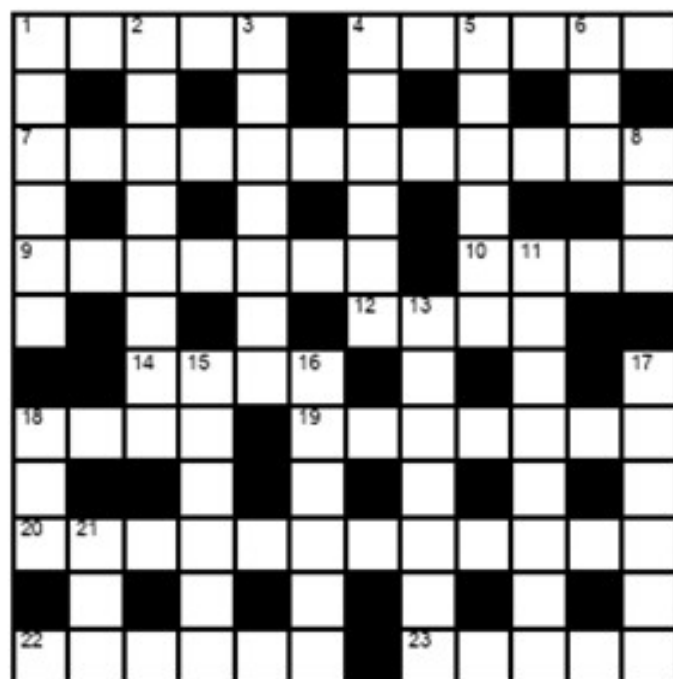
TRUTH

TRUTHFULNESS

UNITY

WISDOM

QUICK BIBLE CROSSWORD IV



by Philologus

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Across

- 1 Like a sword (5)
- 4 First camp after Israel crossed the Jordan (6)
- 7 Miracle (12)
- 9 Just (7)
- 10 At the very end (4)
- 12 Watches (4)
- 14 Middle easterner (4)
- 18 Scene of Jesus' first miracle (4)
- 19 Prophet (7)
- 20 Brought back by the spies (12)
- 22 Shuts (6)
- 23 Purple seller (5)

Down

- 1 Veil (6)
- 2 Army killed by an angel (8)
- 3 Region visited by Paul (7)
- 4 Visitors (6)
- 5 Zacchaeus, for example (6)
- 6 In the past (3)
- 8 Fisherman's tool (3)
- 11 Helped (8)
- 13 Like God (7)
- 15 Elijah's providers (6)
- 16 Worn by Jewish men (6)
- 17 Elijah's successor (6)
- 18 Last supper artefact (3)
- 21 Lamp fuel (3)



Jesus talks to Saul.

Acts 9:1-19

Last Months ANSWERS

BOOKS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT WORD SEARCH

SOLUTION



QUICK BIBLE CROSSWORD III - SOLUTION



Across: 1 Streets, 8 Fear, 9 Apostle,
10 Spoken, 12 Exhort, 14 Balaam,
15 Throne, 16 Silent, 17 Treads,
19 Cleanse, 21 Obey, 22 Present.

Down: 2 Two, 3 Enthroned, 4 Toes,
5 Necklace, 6 Grandmother,
7 Lamentation, 11 Pharisees,
13 Hardened, 18 Scar, 20 Nun.

Prayer Matters

Our prayers this month have included prayers for our church family and beyond.

- We have had new visitors and friends who, I am sure, have found a warm welcome. Hopefully they will continue to visit when they are passing by.
- Many of our young people are facing changes in their places of education and in their careers.
- We also include our own families who are facing health issues and hardships.
- Also we never forget world issues. These are complex and increasingly worrying.

We place all these issues before God our Heavenly Father. He is in charge. He will listen and give us answers. We praise God for His unending love to us all as we continue to pray together and in our private quiet times.

Jesus gave us teachings on prayer especially in Luke chapter 11. Verse 9

“Ask and you will receive. Seek and you will find.

Knock and the door will be opened to you”

Kathryn

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

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Mobile: 07305 541647

Please leave a message if there is no immediate answer



It all began with a *bridge*

Nigel Jones reflects on 12 years of bringing the heart-warming and heart-rending tales from OA's frontline to your attention



In 2014 *Outreach Abroad* carried an article about a bridge in Nepal. Here is an extract.

Remote, mountainous terrain in Rukum District, Nepal, makes travel difficult and time-consuming: it can take 30 hours to walk to the district centre. The lack of easy access means fresh food and medicines are in short supply for villagers, hampering local economies and impacting on peoples' health. After an inspiring training session for church leaders in summer 2012, a number of churches decided to take action. A team from the churches started by constructing a shortcut trail between two of the villages, halving the journey time. However, the route includes a river crossing, consisting of a basic wooden structure which can be treacherous or impossible in monsoon season. In partnership with United Mission to Nepal, (UMN), a grant from Operation Agri is enabling a new, improved bridge to be constructed, providing a safe crossing all year round. As a church-led initiative, the bridge will serve as a witness that the Church is interested in the welfare of the whole community. As the churches start working in the community, people are becoming more open to listen to and network with Christians. (Kat Wagner).



This article was commissioned in late 2013 for publication early in 2014. Since that great story, there have been dozens of articles which I have had the privilege of reading and editing. Some have been truly heart-

warming, as individuals, families and whole communities have testified to being lifted out of subsistence farming into surplus farming, lives saved by local medically trained first responders, and girls given an education which would otherwise have been denied to them.

There have also been heart-rending articles which have brought news of floods and hurricanes washing away vital crops, and of the extreme difficulties faced by partners, and those they served, during the Covid pandemic. Most distressing of all have been the emails bringing articles about the death of partners.

However, despite the problems and tragedies, crops have been grown, new partners have taken up the baton and the gospel has been proclaimed. I continue to be encouraged by these accounts and by the countless supporters who have funded the activities of Operation Agri and our in-country partners.

Thank you for caring.

Nigel Jones, Editor

2025		Preacher	Door Steward	Service Leader
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>	Grahame Baldwin
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
8th June	10.30 a.m.	Ruth Brierley	Janice Greenwood	Michael Patterson
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Cynthia/Neil</i>	<i>Communion: Start Of Service</i>	David Leeming
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
15th June	10.30 a.m.	Mark Wilkes	Angela Higgin	Neil Binns
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>David/Janice</i>	<i>Communion: End Of Service</i>	Mark Wilkes
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
22nd June	10.30 a.m.	Shaun Raynor	Glenys Leeming	Bernice Baldwin
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Nigel/Peter</i>	<i>Communion: End Of Service</i>	Nigel Leeming
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
29th June	10.30 a.m.	Shaun Raynor	Neil Binns	Nigel Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Grahame/Mark</i>	<i>Communion: Evening Service</i>	Cynthia l'Anson
		EVENING SERVICE LED BY CYNTHIA		
6th July	10.30 a.m.	Gerald Norcross	Jack Wellman	Gillian Fogg
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Cynthia/Kathryn</i>	<i>Communion: End Of Service</i>	Janice Greenwood
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
13th July	10.30 a.m.	Bea Foster	Bernice Baldwin	Janice Greenwood
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>David/Neil</i>	<i>Communion: Start Of Service</i>	Grahame Baldwin
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
20th July	10.30 a.m.	TBC	Mark Wilkes	Glenys Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Nigel/Janice</i>	<i>Communion: End Of Service</i>	Mark Wilkes
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
27th July	10.30 a.m.	Keith Richardson	Janice Greenwood	Jack Wellman
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Grahame/Peter</i>	<i>Communion: Start Of Service</i>	Peter Lewis
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		

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