



The Baptist Church,
Brierfield

June 2026





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

The News!

(a short message by David Leeming)

Last week I was watching the news (not a pleasant occupation these days) I was appalled to realise the news was made up of people being killed, Rape, and people dealing in drugs and illegal items. Bringing into this country counterfeit products and guns etc. Need I say more, this is the state of our nation.

The government is not doing anything about it, just as previous governments have failed. But what sickened me was the way trading standards people were abused, spit upon and their families were threatened with all sorts of dreadful things. How has our nation fallen into such evil? In the Bible we are told of the way in which the Israelites time and time again replaced God with all sorts of false gods and then they wondered why God left them, but when they repented and turned to Him, He again blessed them, there was a time not long ago when Children and young people were taught right and wrong' much of this by the churches and schools. But today such an activity would be laughed at by most people.

You might ask what is the church doing about it, why is God allowing this evil situation to happen to us? Quite frankly my view is that the nation has turned its back on God's word and its teachings as the Israelites did and government after government has made laws which are against the teaching of the Bible.

Abortion, same sex marriage and now euthanasia, and many others. Can we expect God to bless our nation. It is my belief that until we as a nation decide enough is enough, things will continue to get worse.

As Christians we need to stand up for the truth. We must pray daily for our nation and when the time for elections come, we must vote for those who are true to God's word.

Don't despair remember whatever happens He is in charge.

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.

June	9 th & 23 rd
July	7 th & 21 st

Friendship Group: Meet on June 3rd, we will be Celebrating with Grahame & Bernice, followed by a light supper. Then on July 8th, we will be having our barbecue. The Friendship Group is open to any adults and if you would like to join us just come along or speak to a member of the Friendship Group.

Outreach Meeting: At the AGM it was agreed to hold a meeting to look at and discuss our plans as a Church for Outreach in the immediate future and longer term. Derek Lawrence has offered to give some guidance and for this reason we have arranged a meeting on Thursday 4th June at 7:30pm. We would like as many of the Church members to come along, share ideas and help shape our outreach as a church.

Evening Services: The next Evening Service will be on June 28th the leader to be Confirmed. There will be a break for summer in July & August with our next Evening Service in September. Evening Services are followed by Holy Communion.

Music Group Rehearsals: 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 on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. for a couple of hours to carry out maintenance work 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.



Officers Meeting: Officers of the Church are reminded that the next Officers meeting will be held on Thursday 25th June at 7:30pm this is subject to change.

Holiday Club: On Thursday 28th May we had a meeting to discuss the possibility of having a Holiday Club this year. It was agreed to go ahead and with the help of Nigel Lawrence and his wife, who will lead the activities, we are looking for a team of supporters for 4 days in the week beginning 24th August,

Monday to Thursday 10:00 – 11:45am. If you are able to help support this on any or all of the days then please give your name to Mark who will draw up a list. If you have any Questions please ask Janice who is lead organiser or Mark.

Family Praise Services: Dates for 2026 Praise & Munch Dates are on the notice board in the primary room and you can put your name down on the list if you can help organise one of the lunches.

Praise & Munch Rota 2026		
Date	Menu	Organiser
7th June	Anniversary Buffet	Janice
28th June	Bacon & Sausage Butties & Sweet	Hannah
26th July	Pie & Peas	
30th August	BBQ (Indoors)	Elaine / Anne
27th September	Harvest Ploughman's Lunch	Elizabeth
25th October	Pie & Peas	
29th November	Soup & Sweets	Angela
20th December	Christmas Buffet Lunch / Party	

Improving Preaching Course

On behalf of all those who attended the Wednesday evening sessions, I would like to thank Derick Lawrence for his time, dedication, and commitment over the six-weeks. I personally found the course both enjoyable and extremely beneficial, and I received significant guidance from it.

The final session was especially encouraging, as we listened to the ten-minute sermons that reflected the principles and pointers shared by Derick, alongside the guidance of the Lord. I trust that those who attended will continue to benefit from this instruction as they grow in confidence and effectiveness in the preaching of God's Word. *Nigel*

Puzzles

BIBLE CROSSWORD XII

Across

6 Of a limited distance on the Sabbath (7)

7 Make up for (5)

9 A creature to be strained? (4)

10 Precursor of the Exodus (3,7)

11 Beaten (8)

13 Laid aside in the tomb (6)

15 Babylonian deity (4)

17 Priestly apparel (5)

18 Babylonian export (4)

19 Source of danger (6)

20 Personnel of 25d (8)

23 Household worker (10)

26 Wanes (4)

27 An "unclean" rodent (5)

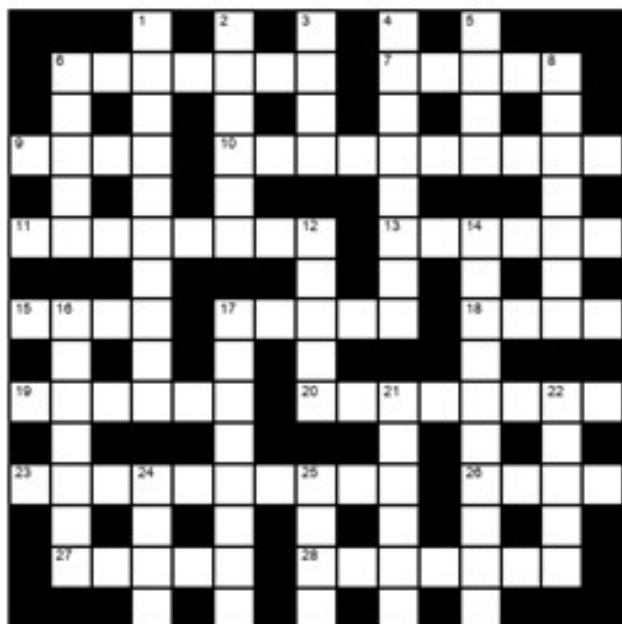
28 Book of prophecy (7)

Down

1 Sacrificial offering (10)

2 Grab harshly (6)

3 Anthem (4)



by Philologus

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4 Young animals for sacrifice (8)

5 Of Solomon, for example (4)

6 Prophet who went to Nineveh (5)

8 A priestly prophet (7)

12 Sins (5)

14 Plague (10)

16 One of the tribes (7)

17 Like the Prodigal Son (8)

21 Not much (6)

22 Spiritual leader (5)

24 First Israelite king (4)

25 Military force (4)

THE BOOK OF REVELATION WORD SEARCH

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ALPHA

ANGELS

ANTICHRIST

APOCALYPSE

ARMAGEDDON

BABYLON

BEAST

BOWLS

CHURCHES

DRAGON

EARTH

FALSE PROPHET

GOD

HEAVEN

HORSES

JOHN

JUDGMENT

LAKE OF FIRE

LAMB

MILLENNIUM

NEW

JERUSALEM

OMEGA

PROPHECY

RESURRECTION

REVELATION

SATAN

SEAL

SECOND DEATH

SEVEN

THRONE

TRUMPETS

WITNESSES



God protects Daniel in a den of lions. Daniel 6:1-28

Last Months ANSWERS

BIBLE CROSSWORD XIII - SOLUTION



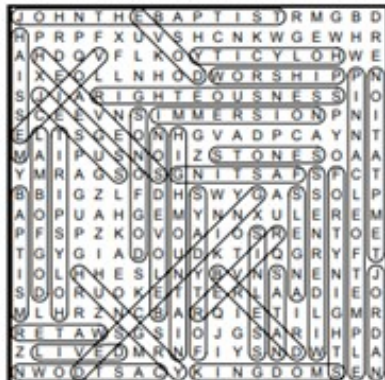
Across: 1 Knapsack, 5 Opened, 9 Laughing, 10 Cocoon, 12 Eaten, 13 Lamenting, 14 Tribes, 16 Sackbut, 19 Burdens, 21 Moaned, 23 Threshing, 25 Cakes, 26 Colony, 27 Advocate, 28 Eldest, 29 Housetop.

Down: 1 Killed, 2 Adulterer, 3 Sihon, 4 Candles, 6 Phoenicia, 7 Naomi, 8 Dung Gate, 11 Amos, 15 Blessings, 17 Breakfast, 18 Obstacle, 20 Ship, 21 Megiddo, 22 Asleep, 24 Ruled, 25 Cross.

Bible Crossword by BiblePuzzles.com

BAPTISM & TEMPTATION OF JESUS WORD SEARCH

SOLUTION



Prayer Matters



When man prays
God responds
Different situations are changed
Unexplained miracles occur.

This little saying was passed to me by a friend and we believe it to be true. It seems relevant to us all. As a church we are praying for many things knowing that God will respond, especially where change is needed and unexplained miracles occur. Our heavenly Father is already giving us answers and we continue to thank and praise Him.

We pray that decisions made at the recent officers meeting and the church annual meeting will give us the ears to hear and the courage to follow God's will.

Kathryn

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

Email: bbprayer@outlook.com
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Please leave a message if there is no immediate answer





Open Doors



We have some great news! The *Arise Africa* petition has hit a milestone with over 600,000 signatures.

Millions of Christians face violent persecution in sub-Saharan Africa. They have been driven out of their homes and villages. Their churches have been burned, their homes and villages attacked. Lives have been lost.

The Arise Africa petition calls upon the global community to ensure that vulnerable Christians in sub-Saharan Africa get protection, justice and restoration. It's due to be presented to the UK government and to the EU and UN in November this year.

There's still time to add your signature. And please encourage others to do so. We want to do all we can to ensure that the suffering of Christians in Africa does not go unnoticed.

*A link to the petition is available online at
<https://www.opendoorsuk.org/act/arise-africa/>*

Weekly Service Rota

June			July		
7th	Preacher Service Leader Door Steward Evening Service Communion End Of Service	Keith Richardson Michael Paterson Janice Greenwood No Service Grahame Baldwin	5th	Preacher Service Leader Door Steward Evening Service Communion End Of Service	Ruth Brierley Jack Wellman Anne Kellow No Service Cynthia l'Anson
14th	Preacher Service Leader Door Steward Evening Service Communion Start Of Service	Bea Foster Neil Bins Angela Higgin No Service David Leeming	12th	Preacher Service Leader Door Steward Evening Service Communion Start Of Service	TBC Glenys Leeming Neil Binns No Service Neil Binns
21st	Preacher Service Leader Door Steward Evening Service Communion End Of Service	TBC Bernice Baldwin Glenys Leeming No Service Mark Wilkes	19th	Preacher Service Leader Door Steward Evening Service Communion End Of Service	TBC Nigel Leeming Mark Wilkes No Service Janice Greenwood
28th	Preacher Service Leader Door Steward Evening Service Communion End Of Service	TBC Janice Greenwood Mark Wilkes TBC Nigel Leeming	26th	Preacher Service Leader Door Steward Evening Service Communion Evening Service	TBC Melanie Lewis Bernice Baldwin TBC Grahame Baldwin
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Vestry Prayers

June			July		
7th	Cynthia	Peter	5th	David	Janice
14th	David	Mark	12th	Nigel	Peter
21st	Nigel	Kathryn	19th	Cynthia	Mark
28th	Cynthia	Neil	26th	David	Kathryn
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