



The Baptist Church, Brierfield

May 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



He is in Control

(a short message by David Leeming)

My daily Bible readings in March were concentrating on the book of Mark when my attention was drawn to chapter 4 v 35.

You will know this event well and what a story it is. I could almost hear the waves lapping round a boat, the wind howling and the clink of the oars as the boatmen tried to direct the boat and the others were trying to bail out the water. The sailors would be shouting to one another as the wind howled round and how they feared for their lives, but one person was asleep at the back of the boat, which would be bouncing about more than the rest.

In their desperation they call Jesus to help with the bailing out , but as he wakes, he gets up and does something unexpected, He speaks to the weather and it obeys him! The disciples call him teacher but His actions show he is far more than that. Controlling the weather is something that only God can do. When all was quiet Jesus asks why his followers are so afraid, I wonder if he is asking us the same as we face storms of persecution and opposition, as well as the daily challenges that we face.

Do we have faith enough to believe Jesus is in control of everything?

Join with me in the quietness of your home to pray for ourselves as we face the storms of life. Pray for Jesus' comforting presence and divine power to be at work in each of us.

May the Lord bless you and keep you in His care.

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.

May	13 th & 27 th
June	10 th & 24 th

Officers Meeting: All officers are reminded that the next meeting is on Thursday 8th May 2025 starting at 7:30pm. All officers are requested to attend.

Friendship Group: Meet on Wednesday 14th May at 7.30 p.m. when we will be playing Channel Island Cricket, 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 25th May starting at 6pm and led by Mark. The June Evening Service is on the 29th June led by Cynthia, we will then have a summer break, before returning 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.



Church AGM: A reminder that 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.

Christian Aid: This years Christian Aid week is May 11th to 17th Please listen for announcements in notices for any activities to raise funds for this worthwhile cause.

Food Bank Donations: Angela delivered the donations for the Easter Break and as always were gratefully received. Thank you for your continued support with donations of dried food stuffs, which Angela will continue to deliver to the food bank at regular intervals, with the next school holiday Half Term starting on the 26th May.

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! Unless someone comes up with an alternative. It was also decided that dates could vary subject to Church events such as Easter, Anniversary, Christmas, etc and therefore may not always be on the last Sunday of the month. Current dates are below, on our website and as announced in the weekly notices. 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
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	

Local Elections: The big School will be in use during the day on Thursday 1st May for the Local Elections (7:00am – 10:00pm) For security where possible no one should enter the building without prior consent, unless to vote.

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:

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.

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.

Puzzles

BOOKS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT WORD SEARCH

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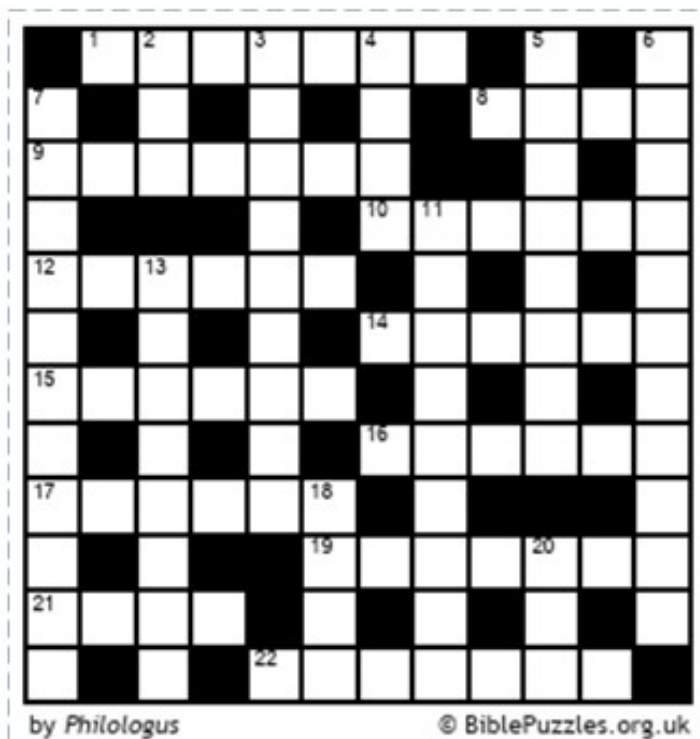
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JONAH

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MALACHI
MICAH
NAHUM
NEHEMIAH

NUMBERS
OBADIAH
PROVERBS
PSALMS
RUTH
SAMUEL
SONG OF SONGS
ZECHARIAH
ZEPHANIAH

QUICK BIBLE CROSSWORD III



Across

- 1 Place where the hypocrites give alms (7)
- 8 Awe (4)
- 9 Last supper guest (7)
- 10 Uttered (6)
- 12 Encourage (6)
- 14 Rider of a speaking donkey (6)
- 15 King's chair (6)
- 16 Still (6)
- 17 What a winepress operator does (6)
- 19 Purge of sins (7)
- 21 Do as directed (4)
- 22 Gift (7)

Down

- 2 Number of angels sent to Sodom (3)
- 3 Provided with power and authority (9)
- 4 One of the giants had twelve of these (4)
- 5 Jewellery (8)
- 6 Lois' relation to Timothy (11)
- 7 A cry of sorrow (11)
- 11 Sect condemned by Jesus (9)
- 13 This happened to Pharaoh's heart (8)
- 18 Mark (4)
- 20 Joshua's father (3)

God sends the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:1-13



Last Months ANSWERS

QUICK BIBLE CROSSWORD II - SOLUTION



Across: 1 Still, 4 Esther, 8 Inn, 9 Dreamers,
11 Gardener, 12 Gold, 14 Wide,
17 Rejoiced, 20 Doctrine, 22 Awe,
23 Master, 24 Hades.

Down: 1 Sting, 2 Ignored, 3 Ladder,
5 Sea, 6 Heel, 7 Rested, 10 Eden,
13 Orchard, 14 Wisdom, 15 Levi,
16 Joseph, 18 Deeds, 19 Acts, 21 Rue.

Bible Crossword by BiblePuzzles.org.uk

EASTER SOLUTION



Prayer Matters

This is the prayer we joined together in offering up during our evening service of praise on Easter Sunday

“Lord God, the resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope.

Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal.



We pray for WISDOM to know what we must do.

Grant us the WILL to want to do it.

The COURAGE to undertake it.

The PERSEVERANCE to continue to do it

The STRENGTH to complete it.

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Then we will be prepared for our walk in the narrow way set before us.”
Amen

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



New BMS work

BMS World Mission has a long history of supporting individuals and communities as they wholly transform lives. While the gospel remains unchanged, we adapt to changing needs and continue to step into new work, guided by the Holy Spirit. Please join us in praying for our new work.



Photo credit: Audrius Sutkus

God has opened a door for BMS World Mission to support evangelism and church planting in Mongolia.



Cut here to put a page of prayer in your Bible, or on your fridge, church noticeboard or anywhere else!

SUNDAY 18 Praise God for opening a door for BMS to work in Mongolia.



Pray that the training of disciple makers will lead to the planting of new churches and new disciples. Pray also for the distribution of 1,000 Bibles, which will enable new disciples to read God's story in their heart language.

MONDAY 19 Pray for BMS as we pilot new initiatives to integrate our disciple making movement work with our church and community mobilisation (CCM) work for a deeply integral expression of the gospel.



TUESDAY 20 BMS is significantly expanding its work in CCM within our Hope for the World programme. Pray for BMS-supported worker Cuthbert and his CCM team in Malawi.



WEDNESDAY 21 Pray for communities in Rwanda and Burundi, where 35 new churches are participating in CCM. Pray also for CCM co-ordinators Jean Edouard (Rwanda) and Donatien and Archange (Burundi).



THURSDAY 22 Pray for 15 churches in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, as they develop CCM in an urban context. Pray for BMS-supported worker Moti as he co-ordinates this exciting expression of the gospel.



FRIDAY 23 Pray for a Farsi-speaking church supported by BMS in France. Pray for them as they reach out to fellow Farsi speakers.



SATURDAY 24 Pray for BMS-supported worker Wissam Nasrallah, who is the new president of the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary (ABTS). Pray for the ABTS team as they train leaders for the Arab Church both in the Middle East and globally.



2025		Preacher	Door Steward	Service Leader
4th May	10.30 a.m.	Pastor Mick Fleming	Glenys Leeming	Melanie Lewis
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Grahame/Neil</i>	<i>Communion: End Of Service</i>	Mark Wilkes
	6.00 p.m.	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 LED BY MARK		
1st June	10.30 a.m.	Tim Doggart	Bernice Baldwin	Cynthia l'Anson
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Grahame/Kathryn</i>	<i>Communion: End Of Service</i>	Peter Lewis
		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.	TBC	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.	TBC	Neil Binns	Jack Wellman
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Grahame/Mark</i>	<i>Communion: Evening Service</i>	Cynthia l'Anson
	6.00 p.m.	EVENING SERVICE LED BY CYNTHIA		

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