



The Baptist Church,
Brierfield

May 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

New Every Morning

(a short message by Cynthia I'Anson)

As we finally start to see a bit more sunshine breaking through our Lancashire skies and warming the fields around Pendle Hill, I am reminded of the beautiful, quiet ways God brings about renewal.

It is so easy, amidst the hustle and bustle of our daily lives—whether that is the school run, the work commute, keeping up with the week's chores or coping with chronic illness—to feel spiritually weary. But just as the seasons shift without fail, so does the grace given to us.

"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." > — Lamentations 3:22-23

I want to encourage each of you to look for those "new mornings." God's grace isn't just something we talk about on a Sunday; it is present in a chat with a neighbour, in the patience we show our families, and in the quiet moments of prayer before the day begins.

As a fellowship here in Brierfield, we are called to be a light to our town. Let us carry the warmth of Christ's love out of our chapel doors and onto the streets. If you have been feeling tired or distant, please know that our doors, our hearts, and the Lord's arms are always wide open to you.

May God bless you and keep you in His deep, abiding peace this month.

Cynthia

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	12 th & 26 th
June	9 th & 23 rd

Friendship Group: Meet on May 13th, we will be Playing Play Your Cards Right & Call My Bluff, followed by a light supper. Then on June 3rd, we will be Celebrating with Grahame & Bernice. 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.

Evening Services: The next Evening Service will be on May 31st the leader will be Michael Paterson. Then on June 28th the leader to be confirmed. Evening Services are followed by Holy Communion.

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 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.



Church AGM: The Church AGM is to be held on the 19th May at 7:30pm, this is an important meeting in the Church Calendar, all Church Members are encouraged to attend. Two Deacons Janice & Peter, are also seeking re-election and a vote will take place at the meeting.

Gift Aid: If you are a Tax Payer, give regular offerings at our Sunday Services, do you currently use our offertory envelopes? If not then why not consider using the envelopes and sign up to gift aid your offerings. The church can reclaim 25% on top of your offerings, which as you can imagine is big help in the day to day running of the church. If you wish to join or would like more information speak with Janice.

Officers Meeting: Officers of the Church are reminded that the next Officers meeting will be held on Thursday 7th May at 7:30pm As this is our last meeting before the AGM all officers are requested to attend.

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	

Puzzles

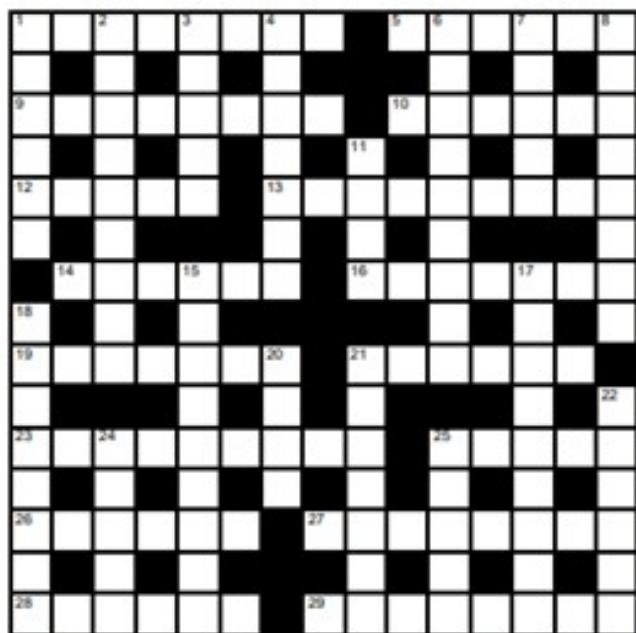
BIBLE CROSSWORD XIII

Across

- 1 Bag for carrying provisions (8)
5 Uncovered (6)
9 Expressing mirth (8)
10 Silkworm's casing (6)
12 Consumed (5)
13 Wailing (9)
14 Collections of families (6)
16 Musical instrument (7)
19 Loads (7)
21 Grumbled (6)
23 Grain beating (9)
25 Temple offering (5)
26 A Roman one was found in Philippi (6)
27 Preach (8)
28 This son would receive a double portion (6)
29 Where Peter saw his vision (8)

Down

- 1 Murdered (6)
2 Breaker of 7th commandment (9)
3 King of the Amorites (5)
4 Lightsources (7)



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- 6 Tyre and Sidon were of this land (9)
7 Ruth's mother-in-law (5)
8 Doorway of the waste (4,4)
11 Visionary herdsman (4)
15 Thanksgivings (9)
17 Meal shared on the shore with the risen Jesus (9)
18 Don't put this in someone's way! (8)
20 Waterborne transport (4)
21 Ancient city of Canaan (7)
22 Like Eutychus, as he fell (6)
24 Governed (5)
25 Crucifixion device (5)

BAPTISM & TEMPTATION OF JESUS WORD SEARCH



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ANGELS	HIGH MOUNTAIN	RIGHTEOUSNESS
BAPTISM	HOLY CITY	RIVER
BELOVED SON	HOLY SPIRIT	SATAN
BREAD	HUNGRY	SINLESS
CAST DOWN	IMMERSION	SON OF GOD
DESCENDING	JESUS	STONES
DEVIL	JOHN THE BAPTIST	TEMPTATION
DOVE	JORDAN	VOICE
FASTING	KINGDOMS	WATER
FORTY DAYS	LAMB OF GOD	WILDERNESS
FORTY NIGHTS	MESSIAH	WORSHIP
HEAVENS	PINNACLE OF TEMPLE	

John baptizes Jesus.

Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11;
Luke 3:21,22; John 1:29-34



Prayer Matters

The month of May is the time when farmers fertilise their crops in order to encourage strong and fruitful growth. In the same way our prayers encourage each other and our church as we endeavour to grow strong in our faith and fruitful in our witness.



Especially we pray for

- Our annual Church meeting this month, where we plan for the year ahead.
- For the friends who were newly baptised last month.
- For the Sunday school anniversary and all the youth work undertaken and hopefully developed over the coming year.
- Also pray for each other.

As Paul wrote to the Colossians (chapter 1 verses 9-12)

“ For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please Him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to His wondrous might”



Kathryn

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

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Please leave a message if there is no immediate answer





GRAPPLING WITH GAZA

Opportunities to come together and discuss reactions to the Israel-Gaza war have ensured the conflict and its continued challenges remain a priority for BMS World Mission.

On 18 October 2025, BMS' Director for Mission, Arthur Brown, was invited to Lambeth Palace for a gathering of UK church and Christian charity leaders. The event was an important opportunity to listen, collaborate and discern ways in which Christians in the UK could strengthen their solidarity with communities in Israel and Palestine.

Arthur was able to offer a BMS perspective in discussions alongside other voices from the Baptist world, including Steve Tinning, Public Issues Enabler for the Baptist Union of Great Britain. "I was deeply moved and encouraged by a powerful speech given by Archbishop Stephen Cottrell," reflected Arthur. "He spoke with clarity and courage about injustices he'd witnessed first hand when visiting Palestine. We also heard from leading Palestinian theologian Rev Dr Munther Isaac, with a challenge for the UK Church to do more in the face of the

atrocities that have been taking place."

In January, Arthur once again opened up a chance for discussion among guest speakers and BMS supporters. An online webinar, co-hosted with the Baptist Union of Great Britain and entitled *Faith, Gaza and the Baptist response*, welcomed more than 100 attendees. Speakers included Baptist minister and author Rev Dr Ian Stackhouse, Rev Dr Yohanna Katanacho of Nazareth Evangelical College and former Baptists Together President Rev Dr Steve Finamore.

Helen Harris, BMS' Director of Fundraising and Communications, commented that those who came experienced it not only as a learning opportunity, but as a powerful time of fellowship. "As all our presenters reflected, sharing knowledge gained through biblical study helps the Church pursue reconciliation across ethnic and political divides; ultimately, it builds the Kingdom in which 'there is neither Jew nor Greek', but all are Christ's."

Archbishop Stephen Cottrell's speech can be found under the 'Speaking and Writing' page at www.archbishopofyork.org

Weekly Service Rota

May			June		
3rd	Preacher Service Leader Door Steward Evening Service Communion End Of Service	Colin Scholes Melanie Lewis Bernice Baldwin No Service Nigel leeming	7th	Preacher Service Leader Door Steward Evening Service Communion End Of Service	Keith Richardson Michael Paterson Janice Greenwood No Service Peter Lewis
10th	Preacher Service Leader Door Steward Evening Service Communion Start Of Service	Martin Ashby-Smith Elaine Lord 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
17th	Preacher Service Leader Door Steward Evening Service Communion End Of Service	Phil Jump Elizabeth Wilkes 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
24th	Preacher Service Leader Door Steward Evening Service Communion End Of Service	Danny Cliff Mark Wilkes Jack Wellman No Service Janice Greenwood	28th	Preacher Service Leader Door Steward Evening Service Communion Evening Service	TBC Jack Wellman Mark Wilkes TBC Nigel Leeming
31st	Preacher Service Leader Door Steward Evening Service Communion Evening Service	TBC Cynthia l'Anson Bernice Baldwin Michael Paterson Grahame Baldwin			

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Vestry Prayers

May			June		
3rd	David	Peter	7th	Cynthia	Peter
10th	Nigel	Mark	14th	David	Mark
17th	Cynthia	Kathryn	21st	Nigel	Kathryn
24th	David	Neil	28th	Cynthia	Neil
31st	Nigel	Janice			

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