



The Baptist Church,
Brierfield

July & August 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

God Uses Ordinary People!

(a short message by Nigel Leeming)

It's clear that we live in a world far from what God intended. We are ruled by kings, presidents, and politicians who often make decisions with devastating consequences — some even committing acts that amount to war crimes! As I write, the ongoing deadlock in the Strait of Hormuz continues to disrupt global trade and inflict suffering on the many sailors trapped in the Persian Gulf.

We are often reminded that the Bible is as up to date as tomorrow's newspaper. Just look at 2 Kings 7, where God provides a solution in the most unexpected way.

The people of Samaria were facing unbearable suffering: famine, soaring inflation, and crippling food shortages caused by the Aramean siege. Yet in the midst of this hopelessness, God used four men with leprosy — outcasts, desperate and starving — to bring deliverance. When they entered the Aramean camp, they found it deserted. The LORD had caused the enemy army to hear the sound of chariots and horses and flee in terror, abandoning everything.

The lepers suddenly found themselves surrounded by food, drink, and supplies. But as they began to enjoy what God had provided, they said to one another, “We're not doing right. This is a day of good news and we are keeping it to ourselves” (v.9).

Their response is a powerful picture of our calling. They had stumbled upon life-saving news — and they knew it would be wrong to keep silent. We have even greater news: the good news of Jesus Christ. How could we possibly keep that to ourselves?

God chooses to work through ordinary people — you, me, all of us — to carry out His plans. At the outreach planning meeting on 4th June, it was encouraging to see such a strong turnout. Let's pray and ensure that the same enthusiasm carries through when we knock on doors, invite people to church, and share the hope of the gospel.

And as we look ahead to the holiday club in August, let's commit to supporting it both practically and prayerfully.

As was said last month: pray daily, seek God's plans, and don't despair. Whatever happens in the world around us, God is in charge. 😊

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.

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| July | 7 th |
| August | Break For Summer |
| September | 15 th & 29 th |

Church Meeting: The Next Church Meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th July at 7:30pm. All Church members are requested to attend, there are a number of items to discuss including the Holiday Club.

Friendship Group: Meet on July 8th, when we will be having our barbecue.

The group have an away day to Morecambe on Saturday 15th August and meet for mini golf at the Prairie on the 12th August.

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.

Holiday Club: Preparations are well underway for our Holiday Club starting on the 24th August Monday to Thursday. We still need helpers, so if you are able, please let us know. We are also having a number of prayer meetings leading up to the event and would like your support as we pray for the success of the club, that Children will come a long and enjoy the activities.

Dates to be aware of All at 7:30pm unless mentioned :

- **21st July** - Prayer Meeting
- **4th August** – Holiday Club Soak Up Open Meeting
- **11th August** – Prayer Meetings
- **w/c 17th August** Leaflet Drops Days to be finalised.

Evening Services: The next Evening Service will be on September 27th as we take a break for Summer in July & August, the leader is yet to be Confirmed.

Music Group: *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 continue meet most Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. for a couple of hours to carry out maintenance work on the Church building, for more information speak to Grahame or David.



Open Air Service: This years Open Air Service will be held on the steps of the Methodist Church at 6pm on Sunday 19th July, please come along and join us for this service.

Franklin Graham: You may have seen that the evangelist Franklin Graham is due to visit the UK in the Autumn and will be at the Coop Arena in Manchester on the 3rd October. We are seeking to find out if there is Interest to go to this event as a Church? If you are interested there will be a list put up, please add your name and how many would be interested in going. Entry to the event is free but if we get transport there may be a cost for this.

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 | | |
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| Date | Menu | Organiser |
| 26th July | Pie & Peas | Gill |
| 30th August | BBQ (Indoors) | Elaine / Anne |
| 27th September | Harvest Ploughman's Lunch | Elizabeth |
| 25th October | Baked Potatoes | Melanie |
| 29th November | Soup & Sweets | Angela |
| 20th December | Christmas Buffet Lunch / Party | |



Puzzles

BIBLE CROSSWORD XIV

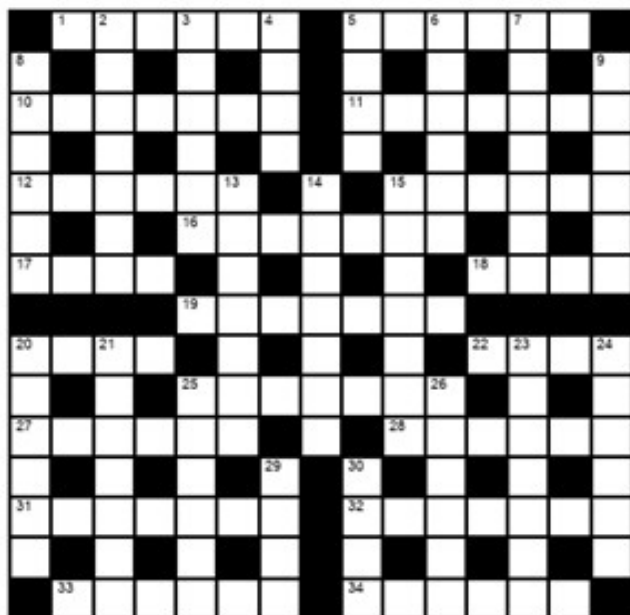
Across

- 1 Body of water the Israelites walked through (3,3)
5 As Gideon, Othniel and others did (6)
10 Very salty water! (4,3)
11 Brave fighter (7)
12 Queen of Persia (6)
15 Combat (6)
16 Ceremonies (7)
17 City of Persian kings (4)
18 Posted (4)
19 Descendant of Esau (7)
20 Fair (4)
22 A son of Benjamin (4)
25 Corrupted (7)
27 One of the churches (6)

- 28 Having the nature of God (6)
31 River of Damascus (7)
32 Marriage (7)
33 Ancient unit of distance (6)
34 Wanderers (6)

Down

- 2 Treasurer of Corinth (7)
3 Mary's relation to Martha (6)



by Philologus

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- 4 Seventh king of Israel (4)
5 God's people (4)
6 Also known as Tabitha (6)
7 Letter (7)
8 Serpents (6)
9 Sacred minister (6)
13 Puzzles (7)
14 Upheaval (7)
15 Erased, when with 'out' (7)
20 Husband of Mary (6)
21 Obedient helper (7)
23 Enlightened (7)
24 Seek retribution (6)
25 As Jesus did with a sop (6)
26 Crown (6)
29 Region (4)
30 Jacob was one (4)

OUTREACH

I N H S F S U N E I O F T P R D G K E O
U B U H N I M E S E C A P D S L T C B O
V V Z X K R S I S P Q A P G K C A I S R
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BLESSINGS

COMMUNITY

COMPASSION

ENCOURAGE

FAITH

FORGIVENESS

GOSPEL

GRACE

HELP

HOPE

JOY

KINDNESS

LOVE

MISSION

PRAYER

SERVE

SHARE

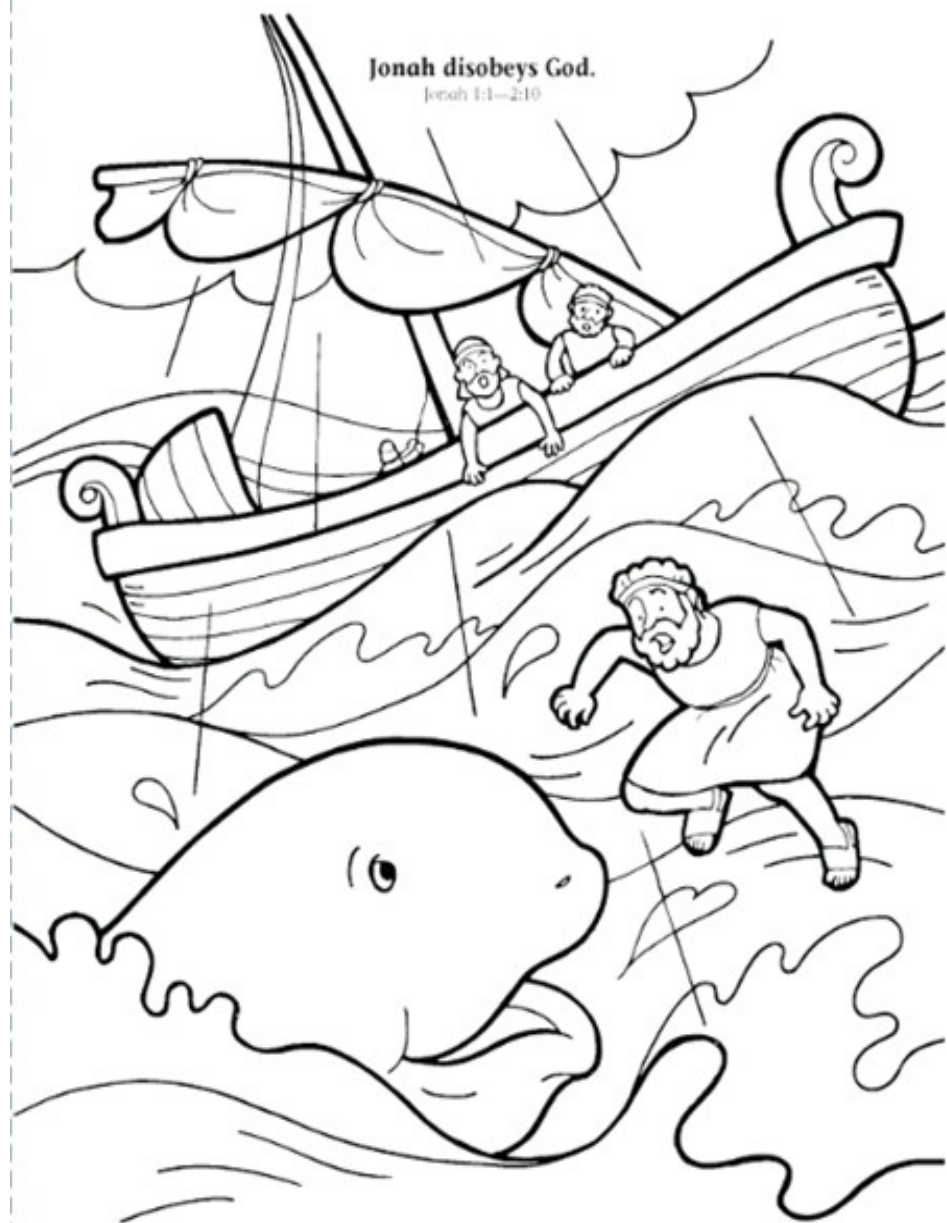
TEACH

UNITY

WITNESS

Jonah disobeys God.

Jonah 1:1–2:10



Last Months ANSWERS

BIBLE CROSSWORD XII - SOLUTION



Across: 6 Journey, 7 Atone, 9 Gnat, 10 Ten Plagues, 11 Threshed, 13 Napkin, 15 Nebo, 17 Robes, 18 Silk, 19 Threat, 20 Soldiers, 23 Manservant, 26 Ebbs, 27 Mouse, 28 Malachi.

Down: 1 Turtledove, 2 Snatch, 3 Hymn, 4 Fatlings, 5 Song, 6 Jonah, 8 Ezekiel, 12 Debts, 14 Pestilence, 16 Ephraim, 17 Returned, 21 Little, 22 Rabbi, 24 Saul, 25 Army.

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THE BOOK OF REVELATION WORD SEARCH

SOLUTION



Prayer Matters

ACTION! **FREE!**

HOLIDAY CLUB

AGES 4-11

STARTS MONDAY 24TH AUGUST

Theme: HEROES

Discover courage, kindness and hope through Bible stories, games, crafts and more!

CRAFTS! **GAMES!**

MONDAY - THURSDAY
Lots of fun, friends and amazing adventures!

TIME 10:00 - 11:45 AM

GAMES & CRAFTS
Bible stories, music, snacks and more!

PARENTS CAN STAY OR LEAVE!
We have a separate room just for adults - relax, read, chat or take a well-earned break.

All welcome!

Brierfield Baptist Church

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Thankyou to Hannah for creating our leaflets advertising the Holiday Club. Monday 24th to Thursday 27th August. We now need your prayers for a successful time of outreach. Pray for the children and families involved. For their safety and eagerness to hear God's word. For the leaders and volunteer helpers. For the future outreach work which is being planned . Our church here in Brierfield can work together as a family in spreading the gospel to those around us. We do this in God's name and with His blessing.

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

From everywhere to everywhere

Mission has traditionally been seen as being “from the West to the rest”. But in Ghana, there’s a very different story playing out – and it’s one that BMS World Mission is thrilled to be part of.

As a young Christian, Ghanaian Kwame Adzam dreamed of being involved in sharing the gospel. And he’s certainly doing that: these days, he heads up BMS World Mission’s Heart for the Gospel ministry, building strong evangelism and discipleship programmes. But he also had another, more specific dream.

“When I became a believer, I was thinking, ‘When will Ghana be able to send mission workers to other places?’” he remembers. “I’ve always been praying, ‘Lord, would you open the doors for the Global South Church so that we can become significant partners in fulfilling your mission?’”

Now, finally, this vision is taking shape.

Stronger together

Over recent decades, mission agencies have begun thinking of mission less as something belonging to the West, and more as an enterprise “from everywhere to everywhere”. While the Western Church is struggling, Christianity in the Global South is thriving and growing. And with this vibrant faith comes the desire to spread the gospel.

“BMS was beginning to change posture, thinking about the gift of God that lies within the Global South Church,” says Kwame. In 2024, with support from BMS and local partners, the African Oasis Mission Hub was born. It’s a centre in Ghana where Christians from across Africa can gain the knowledge and skills they need for engaging in mission – in their own continent and beyond. The training includes modules on evangelism, discipleship, world religions, risk management and community transformation. There’s also a three-month practical placement.

It’s a phenomenally exciting new venture. “This is the beauty of the Oasis Hub: it’s intentional,” says Kwame. “It’s the first of its kind. It’s deliberately and strategically working with churches, mission agencies and the Ghana Evangelical Mission Association

(GEMA), amongst others, to identify, recruit, train, send and support mission workers from Africa to other places.”

Strategically minded

Having a mission hub in Africa brings all kinds of benefits. For instance, it’s easier for African Christians to access certain countries where western workers might struggle to gain entry. There are often fewer linguistic and cultural barriers to overcome. And in areas that are less open to the gospel, African Christians can share the good news of Jesus without ringing the alarm bells that western workers might.

This is where the hub can be really strategic – for example, in reaching into North Africa, where many countries are hostile to Christianity. “We are hoping to energise the sub-Saharan student population, who know life in the North African countries and have built some relationships,” says Kwame. “They can then begin to connect, albeit in a sensitive and discreet way, with the nationals.”

A harvest for generations

Graduates from the Oasis Hub are already sharing the gospel enthusiastically across Africa. One student, Ife, came from Nigeria to train at the hub. He’s now serving God in the Gambia, a Muslim-majority country where less than four per cent of the population identify as Christian. It’s somewhere BMS would never otherwise have been able to send a mission worker. “The gospel harvest that will happen in the Gambia for generations to come is because BMS was generous with the resources God has given us, but also generous in our heart posture to see God’s Kingdom expand,” says Kwame.

Other hub graduates are serving in countries as diverse as Guinea, Tanzania, Zambia, Nigeria, Togo, Burkina Faso and Côte d’Ivoire. In time, Kwame hopes the hub will send workers beyond Africa to help revitalise the Church in the West.

The story doesn’t end with the Ghana hub. BMS has recently started making plans for a second mission hub in Thailand, which could reach an incredible 1.6 billion people.

“It’s really exciting for me to be part of this,” says Kwame. “It feels like it’s a call God gave me decades ago coming to be.”

Weekly Service Rota

| July | | | August | | |
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| 5th | Preacher Service Leader Door Steward Evening Service Communion End Of Service | Ruth Brierley Jack Wellman Anne Kellow No Service Mark Wilkes | 2nd | Preacher Service Leader Door Steward Evening Service Communion End Of Service | Howard Ellison Elaine Lord Bernice Baldwin No Service Peter Lewis |
| 12th | Preacher Service Leader Door Steward Evening Service Communion Start Of Service | Peter Foulds Glenys Leeming Neil Binns No Service Neil Binns | 9th | Preacher Service Leader Door Steward Evening Service Communion Start Of Service | Susan Western Elizabeth Wilkes Janice Greenwood No Service David Leeming |
| 19th | Preacher Service Leader Door Steward Evening Service Communion End Of Service | Mark Wilkes Nigel Leeming Mark Wilkes No Service Janice Greenwood | 16th | Preacher Service Leader Door Steward Evening Service Communion End Of Service | Greg Eldon Mark Wilkes Angela Higgin No Service Mark Wilkes |
| 26th | Preacher Service Leader Door Steward Evening Service Communion End Of Service | Joyce Maguire Melanie Lewis Bernice Baldwin No Service Grahame Baldwin | 23rd | Preacher Service Leader Door Steward Evening Service Communion End Of Service | Miles Alderson Michael Patterson Glenys Leeming No Service Nigel Leeming |
| | | | 30th | Preacher Service Leader Door Steward Evening Service Communion End Of Service | Nigel Lawrence Neil Binns Mark Wilkes No Service Cynthia I'Anson |
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Vestry Prayers

| July | | | August | | |
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| 5th | David | Janice | 2nd | Nigel | Neil |
| 12th | Nigel | Peter | 9th | Cynthia | Joan |
| 19th | Cynthia | Mark | 16th | David | Peter |
| 26th | David | Kathryn | 23rd | Nigel | Mark |
| | | | 30th | Cynthia | Kathryn |
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