



The Baptist Church,
Brierfield

June 2020



We meet in a warm, friendly atmosphere to praise and worship the Lord Jesus Christ.

Please do join us.

Sunday Services

10:30 am Streamed on YouTube - check our website for the service link.
<https://www.brierfieldbaptistchurch.org.uk>
(until we are able to meet in Chapel again!)

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 Kathryn Hughes, or by email to newsletter@brierfieldbaptistchurch.org.uk



All Being Well

(A short message by Nigel Leeming)

We had a Great Aunt who used to visit our Grandma's every week when we went for our dinner. On leaving she would always say "see you next week all being well"

All being well is something overall many of us have been taking for granted. Our Great Aunt & Grandma had of course experienced War time, rationing and shortages, long days in the Mills and in their case, they had been widowed for a long number of years. As we look around our Church family there are many who have, or are currently, facing health and financial issues. However, we had been free of many of the issues Covid-19 has exposed.

These are dark day and ones which effect each of us differently be it through direct and indirect health issues, loss of income and Jobs, travel, and disruption to life as we knew it. All being well is something each of us are now considering more and I am sure many have used the slow down in life to reflect where we are going in our lives.

As we look at our life choices we must ask not simply if something is right or wrong, but where it will lead. Psalm 1 compares two ways of living—that of the righteous (those who love God) and that of the wicked (the enemies of those who love God). The righteous flourish like a tree, but the wicked blow away like chaff (vv. 3–4). This psalm reveals what flourishing really looks like (not in earthly terms but in Gods eyes). The person who lives it out is dependent on God for renewal and life.

So how do we become that kind of person? Among other things, Psalm 1 urges us to disengage from destructive relationships and unhealthy habits and to delight in God's instruction (v. 2). Ultimately, the reason for our flourishing is God's attentiveness to us: "The Lord watches over the way of the righteous" (v. 6).

Commit your way to God, let Him redirect you from old patterns that lead to nowhere, and allow the Scriptures to be the river that nourishes the root system of your heart.

Nigel

Weekly Offering Envelopes

If people have any weekly offering envelopes please bring them next time you come to church and they will be able to be gift aided if you have put them in the envelopes provided or just put them in an envelope with your number on.

Live Streaming Sunday Morning Services

Thank you to everyone who has taken part and volunteered their services. If you have yet to take part please contact Nigel. It looks like we may face this situation for several more weeks so there will be slots for everyone. We particularly need short recordings for the Childrens address section.

If you know of anyone who can't view the services via YouTube or the DVD/USB's being passed round again contact Nigel

Possible Church Re-Opening Date

No definite date as yet, but we are hoping to re-open as soon as we are allowed

Do You Need Help!

Could we remind any member of our church family, that should you need any help, to please contact any of the Church Officers who will do their best to help or will try and put you in contact with someone who can.

Prayer Matters

We are certainly living in very strange times! Probably, not since the time of Noah and the Great Flood has such a universal thing happened in the world. The whole of normal life is disrupted by this Coronavirus pandemic. Many have died through it. Jobs and livelihoods have been lost, never to be regained in the same form.

Who would ever have thought at the beginning of the year that such a time as we are now seeing would come? What is the world coming to, is a question on many lips. Surely, it is the Lord that is speaking! He has allowed disaster to come upon us, but in this time of seclusion, may we and all the peoples of the earth be brought to acknowledge His Voice. What is He calling us to? Repentance! We need to humble ourselves before Him. And having done that personally, to pray for a time of Revival and Reformation worldwide.. We need to awake spiritually, as individuals, as families, as churches and as nations!

So let's pray:

- Firstly, that God will be with us in these unprecedented times;
- That individuals, families, churches and nations will repent of their wicked ways and seek His forgiveness.
- That God, the fount and source of all wisdom, will lead the scientists in their search for a way of dealing with Covid-19;
- That God will comfort and help those who have contracted this virus, and protect their families;
- And finally, that the Lord will bless us as a church family, and help us to support each other at this time.

May I remind you that if you have an urgent need for prayer, such as sickness, or one of the problems of life, please contact Philip on:

Email: philip.rowland@virginmedia.com

- or by Mobile Text (please do not ring me): 07546 350 409
- or by phoning Kath on 01282 697005.

Your request for prayer will then be passed on to the other members of the Prayer Chain.



Rachel's News

May 2020

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4: 6 - 7.

Hi everyone, Greetings from North Wales! I trust you are all keeping safe and well.

Since the lockdown I have gone through a whole range of emotions as I am sure you have. At first there was the sense of loss, in my case loss of freedom of movement, of seeing friends, and control. So whenever I feel things are out of my control I tend to react by finding something I *can* control – like the tidiness of my cupboards. After alphabetising products in my cupboards, starting with Melanie's spice jars and ending with the frozen meat, I think I came to terms with the situation.

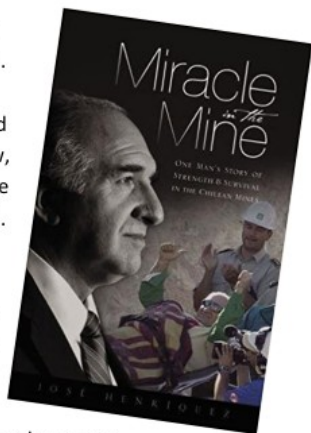
I have been using this time to catch up with work tasks that tended to get overlooked and taking on new challenges. I have rapidly learnt how to use zoom and actually met new people through a weekly quiz night started by our local church. My knowledge of British history has increased tremendously!

Each Thursday, after we have clapped for those working in the NHS, we find we have an opportunity to shout across the street to our neighbours and briefly catch up with people in 'real life' rather than on a screen.

I have just finished reading a book called *Miracle in the Mine* by José Henriquez. In October 2010 José was one of 33 miners trapped underground in the mine of San José de Copiapó in northern Chile for 69 days. If anyone ever knew about a loss of freedom it was these men.

The book tells of the incredible miracles the miners witnessed and what a difference the discovery of 'Miner Number Thirty Four' made to their lives. As José writes, "I can assure you that from the first day of the mining accident we began to pray. We cried out to God, and he responded. He did not need to find doors to enter that place with us, because, as we all know, "What is impossible with man is possible with God" (Luke 18:27). When we humbled ourselves in prayer before God, we felt his presence in our midst. He was there! Without a doubt, he was our thirty-fourth companion."

Reminding ourselves that we are not alone because God is with us wherever we are is a truth which can turn our situations around. I have learnt to find things to be thankful for in each day. When I stop and think, there are so many things to be thankful for. We can say, This the day that the Lord has made. I will rejoice and be glad in it. Our prayers and praise lead to peace.



Due to the Coronavirus and in particular the need for social distancing, sadly we have made the very difficult decision that we are unable to run WEC Warrior and Teen Camps in tents in North Wales this summer. However, we're pleased to be offering an alternative online WEC Camps 2020 programme, WEC Camp Everywhere, from Monday 3rd to Friday 7th August. We also hope that by the late autumn and early spring next year the situation will have improved. When this is the case we plan to hold a number of events where campers can meet together.

So now I'm involved with refunding fees for one camp, while registering children for the virtual camp. There are lots of things we need to prepare for this camp and it's a steep learning curve at times, but we know that God is with us.

Please pray as we approach a very different year for Camps yet without any change to our desire to see young people grow in their love and service for Jesus Christ.

Praying that God keeps you safe and well.

God bless,

Rachel



There have been lots of things to celebrate; The Queen's Birthday, St George's Day, Anzac Day, 75th Anniversary of VE Day and my own birthday.

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Rota Page

Due to the current situation, it has been decided not to produce a rota page as we are unsure of:

- Who will be preaching
- How many people will be attending services
- How long we will be in this situation.

Once things are back to normal, we will use the intended April/May rota for the first newsletter after normal services are resumed (excuse the pun).

Angela