



The Baptist Church,
Brierfield

May 2020



Rainbow Eucalyptus Tree, Hawaii

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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



In dark times

(A short message by David Leeming)

Dear friends, We are at a very difficult time ,none of us can remember anything like what is happening now. We may be a scattered church just like the early church but we are one in spirit.

I want to express my thanks and the thanks of the Elders for all that is being done at this time to keep us in contact with each other. The Sunday morning broadcasts are a great joy to me and are a time I look forward to and am amazed at the talent within the church. Do keep sending these items in and encourage the children to contribute just like Eva, who led us in prayer one Sunday.

We must thank those who have organised the broadcasts , this technology is something most of us don't understand, so thanks to all you whizz kids..If anyone needs support or help please contact Janice. I know that many are keeping in contact by ringing each other up , if you haven't please join in. Any other suggestions let us know.

I know that many think these days as very dark times ,being separated from friends and family, feeling lonely and wondering where it is going and when it will end. Easter is a time when we think of the darkest time the world has ever experienced. Darkness covered the earth for 3 hours and ended with a cry of it is finished and the curtain in the temple separating the people from the Holy of Holies being torn from top to bottom. This signifying that God accepted the sacrifice of Jesus to make our way to Him possible. but even this darkness broke into glorious light and joy on that first Easter day when Jesus rose from the dead. The disciples were frightened and amazed. When this present nightmare comes to an end I suspect we will all be bursting with happiness but also frightened and fearful of the future. lets prepare ourselves to be ready for this day so that we can reflect the glorious light of Jesus into a different land.

David

Diamond Wedding

We as a church family would like to extend our congratulations and very best wishes to Ron and Dorothy Bolton as they celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on the 2nd April. We hope that they enjoyed the day, and no doubt they will be looking forward to a family celebration, hopefully in the not too distant future.

Live Streaming Sunday Morning Services

On behalf of the whole church, I would like to thank EVERYBODY who has been involved in the Sunday morning services over the past few weeks, and in the future. A lot of time and effort has gone into the planning and executing of this very valuable way of keeping us all connected even though we are apart. THANK-YOU. (Angela)

If you would like to make a contribution to the services, we are always in need of short items, please contact Nigel for more information, or to ask what is needed.

Annual General Meeting

The church's Annual General Meeting was scheduled to be held on Tuesday 19th May, but due to the current restrictions this will not now take place. A new date will be announced when restrictions are lifted.

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 frequently read that the Lord will be with us, and that' the battle is the Lord's'. And here we are in a terrible health crisis, and perhaps we are wondering just where the Lord is in all this. We are truly walking in the valley of the shadow of death, but this is just the time when we should be 'sheltering under his wing', and putting our trust in the Lord, who has all things in His hands.

My daily reading says this morning as I type this: "God is ever-present, but not always significantly in evidence. Many people experience periods of 'just getting on with life' interspersed with tough, more challenging times." We are perhaps in one of those more challenging times; we may not see the way ahead clearly; but we must still put our trust in the Lord, and bring our concerns before Him at all times.

So let's pray:

- Firstly, that God will be with us in these unprecedented times;
- That the Lord will be an ever-present help and comfort to us, His people;
- That God, the fount and source of all wisdom, will lead the scientists in their search for a way of halting the spread of Covid-19;
- That God will comfort and help those who have contracted this virus, and protect their families at this time;
- And finally, that the Lord will bless us as a church family, and help us to support each other at this time.

Please also pray for:

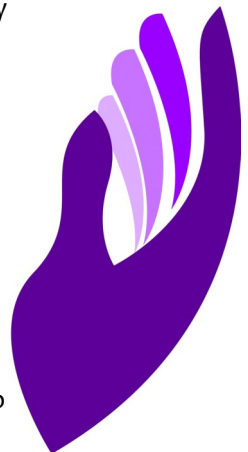
- All those involved in evangelistic and missionary work at home and abroad, naming those specifically whom we are aware of.

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.



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