



The Baptist Church,
Brierfield

November 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 I'Anson, or by email to newsletter@brierfieldbaptistchurch.org.uk

Faith in Action

(a short message by David Leeming)

My daily bible readings have recently been about the Kings of Judah. When a new person becomes King we usually read he followed in the evil ways of his father. But when Josiah became king things were different. He was only 8 years old and had succeeded his father who had been assassinated after being king for 2 years. His grandfather Manasseh was king over Judah for 55 years. Both of these men were vile and did awful things. They had led Judah to follow other gods and had even turned Solomon's temple into a place of worship and sacrifice to these false gods. It would have been natural for such a young person to follow their example. In the eighteenth year of his reign, he began the repair of the temple and while the temple was being repaired the book of the law was found, probably Deuteronomy. He has the book read and understands its content and starts to put into practice its commands. Josiah starts with a Bible reading and a prayer then a commitment to follow the Lord with all his heart and soul. Because he was a good leader the people followed him. Quickly Josiah turns to action, he starts to destroy all the evil places that had been built to false gods and smashes his way across the land destroying all the evil things, ending the vile practices. There is a definite connection between his hands and his mouth. No mucking around.

This is what faith in action looks like. Josiah's words become truly significant when he fulfils them. This is a king worth following!

Remember we follow a King much greater than Josiah and more demanding. What we say with our lips and what we do with our hands and feet shows how well we serve Him.

If your life was a reality T V show what would the viewers hear and see? Faith in action 7 days a week, or just hear talk talk talk and see no action.

David

PS: you can read all about Josiah in 2 Kings chapters 22 and 23

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.

November	10 th & 24 th
December	8 th & 22 nd

Bible Study sessions are fortnightly (See dates above) we meet in the Church Lounge starting at 7:30pm. The sessions will be led by David and everyone is welcome to join us, if you have never been before, why not come and join us.

Friendship Group: Meet once a month on a Wednesday and is open to all Adults. We have a varied programme of events and each evening is followed by a light supper for a small fee. Our next meeting is 18th October at 7:30pm when we will be having a film night with Howard.

If you would like to join us just come along or speak to a member of the Friendship Group for more details.

Prayer Meeting: Joan, Cynthia & Bernice have begun meeting on Tuesday mornings at 9:45 for a time of prayer, if you would like to join them or for more information, speak with one of them.

Evening Services: The next Evening Service will be on November 29^h when the Service will be led by Capernwray, everyone is welcome.

Music Group: The Music Group are looking for anyone who can play an Instrument, can you play the organ or sing. If you would be interested or wish to know more speak with Melanie.

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 Mark.



Monthly Newsletter: The next Newsletter for December will be out on the 29th November. We are always looking for items to put in the newsletter, or if you have any suggestions then please speak with Richard or Mark. Any items must be with us by the second Sunday of the month to be included in the following months newsletter. If you would like to be added to email list for the Newsletter then let Mark or Richard know and they will add you.

Officers Meeting: All officers are reminded that we have an Officers Meeting on Thursday 19th November at 7:30pm in the Church Lounge. All Officers are requested to attend.

St Lukes: It was mentioned at a recent Brierfield Churches meeting that St Lukes are holding a get together in the Church Ground on the first Friday of each month, between 3 & 5pm, where people are invited to come and chat and have a drink. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Nursing Home's Christmas Visit: Please note the date for the Christmas Nursing Home visit has been rearranged to the 29th Of November at 2:30pm more details to follow in the Notices leading up to the visit. Please make every effort to join us for this valuable outreach work. Thank you.

New Website: We have recently Updated our website, if you haven't already visited it why not take a look. It's full of up to date information and dates for your diaries along with lot's of useful information on Church Event's and Activities. <https://www.brierfieldbaptistchurch.org.uk/>

Prayer Chain: We would like to remind everyone that we do have a Prayer Chain, which is used when we know of someone who is in need of urgent prayer. If you are not already signed up and would be interested in joining this useful tool for urgent prayer, please give your email address to Kathryn who will be pleased to add you. If you have Urgent Prayer then also send a message to Kathryn, details in this Newsletter on the Prayer Matters Page.

Family Praise Services:

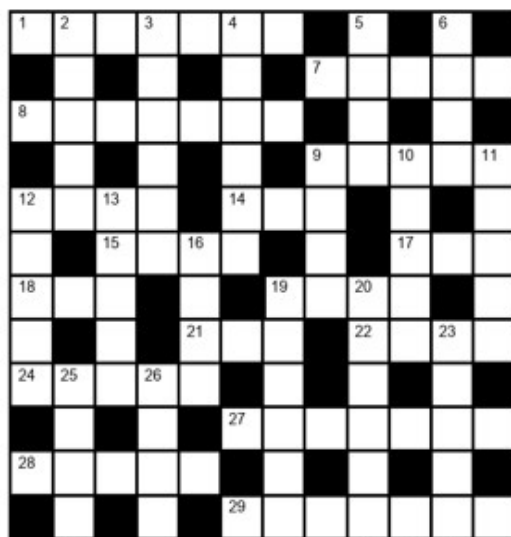
It was agreed at the Church Meeting on the 22nd September that next year our lunch plan will go back to special occasions. Easter, Anniversary, Harvest & Christmas, with others as notified. The final two monthly Praise & Munch Lunches are below and we do hope you can join us for one or all of them, everyone is welcome.



Praise & Munch Rota 2026		
Date	Menu	Organiser
29th November	Soup & Sweets	Angela
20th December	Christmas Buffet Lunch / Party	Elaine / Cynthia

Puzzles

QUICK BIBLE CROSSWORD XVII



by Philologus

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Across

- 1 Story of Jesus (7)
- 7 Roman Procurator (5)
- 8 Early Christian city (7)
- 9 Propose (5)
- 12 Appeal (4)
- 14 Greater light (3)
- 15 Secret plan (4)
- 17 Pot (3)
- 18 Fire remnant (3)
- 19 Yoked pair (4)
- 21 Thief (3)
- 22 Lazy (4)
- 24 Walls (5)
- 27 Bathsheba, when David saw her (7)
- 28 Flat (5)
- 29 Loosening (7)

Down

- 2 Bring to naught (5)
- 3 Ark passenger (6)
- 4 Pest (6)
- 5 Not hearing (4)
- 6 Last supper drink (4)
- 9 Precious stone (4)
- 10 Lost no more (5)
- 11 Run under water (5)
- 12 Talks to God (5)
- 13 Sacred vestment (5)
- 16 Belonging to us (4)
- 19 Acquire (6)
- 20 Moses' age when he spoke to Pharaoh (6)
- 23 Sheets (5)
- 25 Land in the water (4)
- 26 Wicked (4)

REMEMBRANCE

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BLESSING
COMMUNION
COVENANT
DISCIPLES
EASTER
FAITHFULNESS
FRUITS OF SPIRIT
GATHERING
GRACE

HEBREWS 11
HOPE
JESUS CHRIST
JOY
LORD'S SUPPER
LOVE
MEMORIAL
PASSOVER
PEACE

PRAYER
PROMISE
REMEMBRANCE
SACRIFICE
TEACHINGS
TESTIMONY
THANKSGIVING
WATER BAPTISM
WORSHIP



Last Months ANSWERS

QUICK BIBLE CROSSWORD XVI - SOLUTION



Across: 1 Jethro, 4 Moses, 7 Stormy, 10 Ruler, 11 End, 12 Lysra, 14 New, 15 Red, 16 Air, 20 Own, 21 Burden, 23 Foe, 24 Elihu, 25 Yields, 28 Argue, 29 Unseen.

Down: 1 Justly, 2 Two, 3 Ram, 4 Murder, 5 Splendid, 6 Straw, 8 Rot, 9 Year, 13 Standing, 17 Refuge, 18 Obey, 19 Unison, 20 Omega, 22 Rue, 26 Inn, 27 Lie.

Bible Crossword by BiblePuzzles.com

MISSIONARY

SOLUTION



This month, as daylight shortens and the weather turns colder, we are reminded of those who are even more housebound than usual. Our Prayer Chain group have received prayer requests from friends and family as ill health and other hardships are brought forward. Please add them to your own daily prayers.

The shops have been preparing their Christmas advertising and supplies for weeks. The church family have also planned for the December services and outreach. This work needs all of us to offer help and support. Prayer is the main way in which we can play our part.

The people in our local community know that Christmas is coming. Children are already getting excited. We pray that we become good witnesses for God as we remind others of the true meaning of our celebrations.

As we praise God for His continued love for all His people, let us remember that He is there to guard us and guide us along life's difficult road. May God bless us and keep us in His care.



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



Relief after disaster

BMS doesn't just react to disasters around the world, we prepare for them so we can respond quickly and effectively when they happen. In 2025, 603,556 people were assisted after a disaster through BMS projects and partners.



People queuing to receive BMS-supported aid following conflict in DR Congo.

- ☐ **SUNDAY 1** Around 175 million children are affected by disasters each year, and women and children are up to 14 times more likely to die in disasters. Pray for vulnerable children and women affected: may God protect them from harm, abuse, hunger and fear, and provide safety, shelter and hope.

- ☐ **MONDAY 2** It is estimated that over 110 million people were forcibly displaced globally by the end of 2025. Pray against wars and violence, and ask God to grant wisdom to leaders to govern with justice and bring peace.

- ☐ **TUESDAY 3** Disasters cause tens of thousands of deaths annually, and many families face long-term emotional trauma. Ask God to comfort families who have lost loved ones and restore their hope.

- ☐ **WEDNESDAY 4** Disasters cost billions of pounds in livelihood losses yearly, with farmers often the most affected. Pray that God will provide strength and restoration for those who have lost homes and livelihoods.

- ☐ **THURSDAY 5** Thank God for the disaster risk-reduction training that BMS provides for those who need it most. May communities respond early and reduce the impact of disasters.

- ☐ **FRIDAY 6** Pray for more supporters to engage with BMS to sustain relief work globally and show Christ's love to those in crisis.

- ☐ **SATURDAY 7** Thank God for his provision through relief ministry, and pray that he will bless all who support this work.

Weekly Service Rota					
November			December		
1 st	Preacher	Gareth Earnshaw	6 th	Preacher	Colin Scholes
	Service Leader	Elaine Lord		Service Leader	Jack Wellman
	Door Steward	Anne Kellow		Door Steward	Bernard Kellow
	Evening Service	No Service		Evening Service	No Service
	Communion End Of Service	Neil Binns		Communion End Of Service	Mark Wilkes
8 th	Preacher	Cenotaph	13 th	Preacher	Gerald Norcross
	Service Leader			Service Leader	Janice Greenwood
	Door Steward			Door Steward	Bernice Baldwin
	Evening Service	No Service		Evening Service	No Service
	Communion Start Of Service			Communion Start Of Service	Nigel Leeming
15 th	Preacher	Howard Ellison	20 th	Preacher	Carol Service
	Service Leader	Michael Patterson		Service Leader	Glenys Leeming
	Door Steward	Mark Wilkes		Door Steward	Janice Greenwood
	Evening Service	No Service		Evening Service	No Service
	Communion End Of Service	Grahame Baldwin		Communion End Of Service	Cynthia l'Anson
22 nd	Preacher	Martin Ashby- Smith	27 th	Preacher	Derek Lawrence
	Service Leader	Neil Binns		Service Leader	Nigel Leeming
	Door Steward	Jack Wellman		Door Steward	Angela Higgin
	Evening Service	No Service		Evening Service	No Service
	Communion End Of Service	Peter Lewis		Communion End Of Service	Neil Binns
29 th	Preacher	Capernway			
	Service Leader	Bernice Baldwin			
	Door Steward	Neil Binns			
	Evening Service	Capernway—			
	Communion Evening Service	David Leeming			
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Vestry Prayers

November			December		
1st	Cynthia	Peter	6th	David	Janice
8th			13th	Nigel	Peter
15th	David	Kathryn	20th	Cynthia	Mark
22nd	Nigel	Neil	27th	David	Neil
29th	Cynthia	Joan			
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