



The Baptist Church,
Brierfield

September 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

A Harvest of Blessings!

(a short message by Grahame Baldwin)



As the leaves turn golden and the fields are gathered in, autumn reminds us of God's abundant provision and faithfulness. Harvest is a wonderful opportunity to pause, give thanks, and remember the words of Jesus: "The harvest truly is plenteous" (Matthew 9:37).

As a church family, we have much to be thankful for. Through every season, God continues to bless, guide and sustain us. This month, we celebrate not only the gifts of the harvest, but also the many ways God is at work in our church and community.

May this season encourage us to have grateful hearts, generous spirits and a renewed desire to share the good news of Jesus Christ. As we gather together, may we remember that everything we have comes from our loving Heavenly Father.

Wishing you and your families a joyful and blessed harvest season!

Grahame

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.

September	15 th & 29 th
October	13 th & 27 th

Bible Study returns on the 15th September and then fortnightly (See dates above) 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 16th September at 7:30pm when we have a talk on Townley.

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

Holiday Club: Started on Monday 24th August and has been a success. We would like to thank all who contributed in some way, we are truly blessed with many talents in our church family, as well as those who are generous with their time, all of which has contributed to the success of the Holiday Club.

Evening Services: The next Evening Service will be on September 27th when we have a Harvest Songs of Praise Service. As we celebrate harvest with harvest hymns. We will start at 6pm in the Primary room, everyone is welcome. Our October Evening Service will be led by Jack, and will be held on October 25th.

Officers Meeting: The next officers meeting is on the 10th September at 7:30pm all officers are requested to attend.

Church Meeting: The next Church meeting will be held on the 22nd September at 7:30pm all Church Members are encouraged to attend, the meeting is open to all the congregation.

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.



Family Praise Services:

Dates for 2026 Praise & Munch Dates are below. It was raised at the last Church Meeting that it was felt that the Praise & Munch Services, no longer served their original purpose and it was proposed to change back to having lunches for Special Occasions and celebrations, through the Church year, such as Easter, Anniversary, Harvest, Christmas.

There will be an agenda item on at the Church Meeting on the 22nd September, which is your chance to have your say and a vote will be taken regarding the plan for 2027.



Praise & Munch Rota 2026		
Date	Menu	Organiser
27th September	Harvest Ploughman's Lunch	Elizabeth
25th October	Baked Potatoes	Melanie
29th November	Soup & Sweets	Angela
20th December	Christmas Buffet Lunch / Party	Elaine / Cynthia

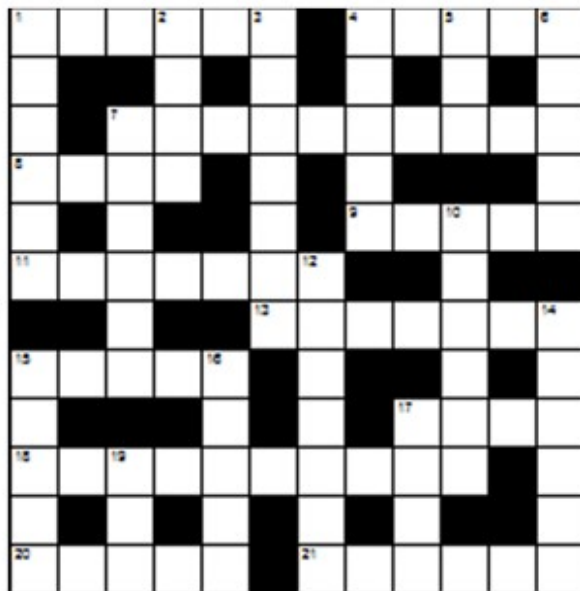
Monthly Newsletter: The next Newsletter for October will be out on the 27th September. We are always looking for items to put in the newsletter, or if you have any suggestions then please speak with Richard or Mark. Any items must be with us by the second Sunday of the month to be included in the following months newsletter.

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/>

Harvest Food Bank Donations: The Methodist Church will continue to hold a Food Bank as normal until December this year, so please bring any dried or tinned items for our Harvest Service on the 27th September, these will then be passed on to the Food Bank. As always we thank you in advance for your donations and support for the Food Bank.

Puzzles

QUICK BIBLE CROSSWORD XV



by Philologus

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Across

- 1 Chariot pullers (6)
- 4 Flung (5)
- 7 Backbiters (10)
- 8 Used in the healing of a blind man (4)
- 9 Place of sacrifice (5)
- 11 Gift (7)
- 13 Area where disciples were from (7)
- 15 Cymbal player (5)
- 17 Covetousness (4)
- 18 Aaron, for example (4,6)
- 20 Reddish (5)
- 21 Misgivings (6)

Down

- 1 Aromatic herb (6)
- 2 Food seasoner (4)
- 3 The sound of a choir (7)
- 4 Between eta and iota (5)
- 5 Regret (3)
- 6 More like Solomon (5)
- 7 Jael's victim (6)
- 10 A unit of measure (6)
- 12 Lingered (7)
- 14 Blinded false prophet (6)
- 15 Son of Jacob (5)
- 16 Elated (5)
- 17 Lost his father's blessing to Jacob (4)
- 19 The Almighty (3)

HARVEST

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ABUNDANCE

BLESSING

BOUNTY

CORN

CROP

FARMERS

FIELD

FRUITS

GATHER

GODDESS OF GRAIN

GRAIN

HARVEST

JOYFUL

LORD'S PROVISION

MEADOWS

NATURE

PLANTS

PLENTIFUL

REAP

RIPE

SEASON

SHEAVES

SOW

THANKSGIVING

WHEAT

WORK

Jesus says, "Follow me."

Matthew 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11; John 1:40-42



Last Months ANSWERS

BIBLE CROSSWORD XIV - SOLUTION



Across: 1 Red Sea, 5 Judged, 10 Dead Sea, 11 Warrior, 12 Esther, 15 Battle, 16 Rituals, 17 Susa, 18 Sent, 19 Edomite, 20 Just, 22 Gera, 25 Defiled, 27 Sardis, 28 Divine, 31 Pharpar, 32 Wedding, 33 Stadia, 34 Nomads.

Down: 2 Erastus, 3 Sister, 4 Ahab, 5 Jews, 6 Dorcas, 7 Epistle, 8 Adders, 9 Priest, 13 Riddles, 14 Turmoil, 15 Blotted, 20 Joseph, 21 Servant, 23 Edified, 24 Avenue, 25 Dipped, 26 Diadem, 29 Area, 30 Twin.

Bible Crossword by BiblePuzzles.com

OUTREACH SOLUTION



Prayer Matters



In August we held our Summer holiday club and our street outreach work. We have sown the seeds. As we look ahead, pray that our next step is reaping the harvest. Pray that we will see more children joining us on Sundays and more girls interested in our Rainbow and Brownie group.

The church has had a team working hard to keep the building clean and safe. Pray that more people will feel able to help as they strive to carry on with this vital work.

The new school year has begun. Pray for the children going into a new class or new school. Pray that they will remember to put their trust in God and turn to Him when they feel anxious and afraid. We are also called to pray for those starting college or university. Pray that the beginning of their new venture will carry them forward to be witnesses for God's love in their lives.

In all we pray for the safety of those who are working in His name to keep the Spirit of God alive in Brierfield.



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





INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH



ARISE AFRICA

Welcome!

I hope you had a great summer and a refreshing break.

I just wanted to remind you about the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP), which takes place this year on Sunday 1 November.

This year's event takes place just days before the presentation of the global Arise Africa petition. The petition calls for peace, justice and restoration for the church in sub-Saharan Africa and will be presented to the UK government, the EU, the UN and other national governments.

We have created a free Arise Africa Prayer Pack to enable your whole church to join millions of Christians around the world and stand alongside our persecuted church family.

Our Arise Africa IDOP Prayer Pack

features inspiring testimonies, background information, written prayers and prayer points.

Each pack also includes 'I'm praying for...' cards with the names of real, displaced Christians, for people to take home and keep praying. It's a powerful way to connect our prayers to the lives of individual brothers and sisters.

This is a crucial moment for our persecuted brothers and sisters in sub-Saharan Africa. Please will you stand with them in prayer?

Thank you, as ever, for your support for the persecuted church around the world.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nick". The signature is stylized with a large, looped 'N' and a cursive 'ick'.

Nick, Open Doors



Weekly Service Rota

September

October

6th	Preacher	Christine Barnes	4th	Preacher	Missionary Service
	Service Leader	Bernice Baldwin		Service Leader	Nigel Leeming
	Door Steward	Anne Kellow		Door Steward	Bernice Baldwin
	Evening Service	No Service		Evening Service	No Service
	Communion End Of Service	Neil Binns		Communion End Of Service	David Leeming
13th	Preacher	Ruth Brierley	11th	Preacher	David Jackson
	Service Leader	Jack Wellman		Service Leader	Melanie Lewis
	Door Steward	Neil Binns		Door Steward	Janice Greenwood
	Evening Service	No Service		Evening Service	No Service
	Communion Start Of Service	Janice Greenwood		Communion Start Of Service	Mark Wilkes
20th	Preacher	Peter Fieldon	18th	Preacher	Tim Doggart
	Service Leader	Janice Greenwood		Service Leader	Elizabeth Wilkes
	Door Steward	Jack Wellman		Door Steward	Angela Higin
	Evening Service	No Service		Evening Service	No Service
	Communion End Of Service	Grahame Baldwin		Communion End Of Service	Nigel Leeming
27th Harvest	Preacher	Nigel Lawrence	25th	Preacher	Susan Western
	Service Leader	Glenys Leeming		Service Leader	Mark Wilkes
	Door Steward	Bernard Kellow		Door Steward	Glenys Leeming
	Evening Service	Harvest Songs of Praise		Evening Service	Jack Wellman
	Communion Evening Service	Peter Lewis		Communion Evening Service	Cynthia l'Anson

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Vestry Prayers

September

October

6th	David	Neil	4th	Nigel	Kathryn
13th	Nigel	Joan	11th	Cynthia	Neil
20th	Cynthia	Janice	18th	David	Joan
27th	David	Mark	25th	Nigel	Janice

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