



# The Baptist Church, Brierfield

October 2025



*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](mailto:newsletter@brierfieldbaptistchurch.org.uk)



# What do you want me to do for you?

*(a short message by David Leeming)*

One Saturday night a long time ago, we had a group of players putting on a play. In the past plays were performed regularly with members of the Church taking part, but this was a group of folk from another church.

I remember nothing about this play except for its title -THERE'S NONE SO BLIND AS THEM AS CAN SEE. (A GOOD BIT OF LANCASHIRE DIALECT). It's a funny title but it has hidden meaning. How often do we think we see what's going on only to realise that we have got hold of the wrong end of the stick. (Please excuse )

But if we turn to our Bibles we learn of a man called BARTIMAEUS who heard that Jesus was coming to town and so he shouted out to him for mercy. Though the crowd tried to hush him he caught the attention of Jesus who called him over. Throwing aside his cloak Bartimaeus came to Jesus.

If we didn't know the passage, we would be surprised at what Jesus asked him. *What do you want me to do for you?* That is a most challenging question for Jesus to ask - it does not always have an obvious answer although it did in this case.

If Jesus asked you this question today what would your response be?

Would you look to respond "Lord I want to see" with Bartimaeus, or would it be something else? As we ponder this question do we think there is a difference between what we want and what God sees that we need?

Perhaps we should all pray Help me Lord to have the right answer when Jesus asks you next time *What do you want me to do for you?*

The story of Bartimaeus can be found in Mark chapter 10 v 46 to 52

*David*

# 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.

October	7 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup>
November	4 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup>

**Friendship Group:** Meet on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October when Mike Sutcliffe will be presenting a talk, followed by a light supper for a small fee. In November the meeting will be on the 12<sup>th</sup> when Howard will be presenting his annual Film Night, a firm favourite. 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.

**Evening Services:** The next Evening Service will be on the 26<sup>th</sup> October and then the 30<sup>th</sup> November. Evening Services are followed by Holy Communion.

**Music Group Rehearsals:** Music group rehearsals will continue after the Sunday Service for now. 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 meet most Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. for a couple of hours to carry out maintenance on the Church building. If you have any DIY skills, or can pick up a paint brush, then please come along and give us a hand. For more information speak to Grahame or David.

**Church Meeting:** The next Church Meeting will be on the 14<sup>th</sup> October at 7:30p.m. all members are encouraged to attend, but the meeting is open to the whole congregation.

**Light a Candle Service:** This October we will be having our 2<sup>nd</sup> Light A Candle Service. The service will be held on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October starting at 2:30p.m. All are welcome to remember loved ones that have passed, either recently or a while ago, please share with the community in anyway you can, it would be great to see a large congregation for this service.

**Officers Meeting:** The next Officers Meeting will be on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 7:30p.m. all officers are requested to attend.

**Food Bank – Harvest & Half Term:** Thank you to everyone who donated food (both dried and tinned) for the Nelson Food Bank at our Harvest Service on the 28th September. I delivered our donations on Monday 29th and once again they were very grateful. The next time we normally donate will be in time for the Autumn Half-Term which commences Monday 27th - Friday 31st October. It's only a month following our Harvest contribution but any donations we can make will help needy families in our local area. If you are able to bring any donations please bring them to chapel by the 26th October so that I can deliver them on the 27th. Thank You. Angela

## Praise & Munch Dates 2025

**Family Praise Services:** At the Church Meeting in March, it was decided that the Pie, Peas & Praise, would now be called Praise & Munch! We will also be looking to vary the food offer, to make it more inclusive for our Church family, any suggestions would be most welcome, speak with Elaine or Gillian.

Date	Meal	Coordinator
26 <sup>th</sup> October	Pie & Peas	
30 <sup>th</sup> November	Soup & a Sweet	Angela
21 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Festive Buffet Lunch	

## Dates further ahead:

**Remembrance Sunday:** This year Remembrance Sunday falls on the 9<sup>th</sup> of November and as a church we will go to the cenotaph for the service there. We will have a short Communion Service in chapel, before we head to the cenotaph. There will be Tea & Coffee served as usual, back in the primary room on our return from the Remembrance Service.

# Puzzles

## BIBLE TREES

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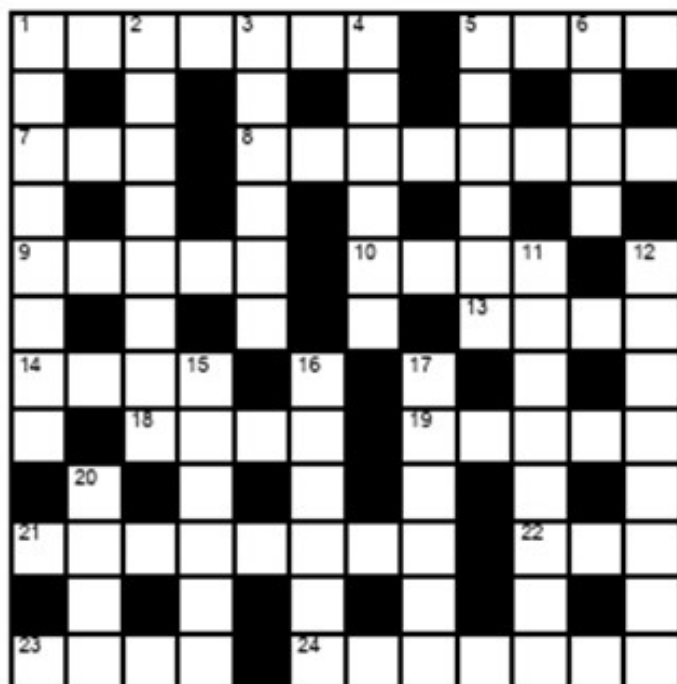
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# QUICK BIBLE CROSSWORD VII



by Philologus

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## Across

- 1 Holy messenger (7)
- 5 Ill (4)
- 7 Needle hole (3)
- 8 Two sold for a farthing (8)
- 9 Trials (5)
- 10 Plague upon Egypt (4)
- 13 Secure (4)
- 14 Anthem (4)
- 18 Entrance (4)
- 19 Unclean bird (5)
- 21 One of the tribes (8)
- 22 King of Judah (3)
- 23 Prophet (4)
- 24 Kish sent Saul to seek them (7)

## Down

- 1 Highest in quality (8)
- 2 Grace (8)
- 3 Beg (6)
- 4 Abhor (6)
- 5 Capital of Lydia (6)
- 6 Feature of Pharaoh's dream (4)
- 11 Confused at Babel (8)
- 12 Chief captains (8)
- 15 Reap (6)
- 16 Announce (6)
- 17 Largest Roman army division (6)
- 20 Place of refuge (4)

**God makes a promise.** Genesis 8:1—9:17





# Last Months ANSWERS

## HARVEST SOLUTION



## QUICK BIBLE CROSSWORD VI - SOLUTION



Across: 1 Hallelujah, 6 Upward, 7 Rahab, 9 Feasts, 10 Lot, 11 Ears, 14 Race, 15 Ice, 16 Ithmah, 17 Faith, 18 Lystra, 20 Blasphemed.

Down: 1 Hip, 2 Loaves, 3 Eldest, 4 Unrest, 5 Athaliah, 6 Unbelief, 8 Bethesda, 9 Freewill, 12 Riches, 13 Shiloh, 14 Ransom, 19 Red.

# Prayer Matters

Now that we have started our Outreach for the Autumn/Winter seasons, our prayers for this work are even more important.

- Pray for willing helpers and for their safety out in the local area.
- Pray for our “Light a Candle” service on 19th October.
- Pray for health, strength and courage for all of us as we spread and share the message of God’s love.
- Pray for our local community. That people will listen with receptive hearts. That they will begin to understand and accept God our Heavenly Father into their own lives.
- May we learn how to encourage families to join us in worship and friendship.

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*



# TANZANIA



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## Tanzania

In area, Tanzania is the world's 23rd largest country! The UN Human Development Index ranks its standard of living as low, though not the lowest. Agriculture is a major part of its economy, with a mainly temperate climate and adequate rain. However, it is suffering from climate change – rising temperatures and erratic rainfall are affecting crops and food security. Together with high population growth, this causes concern for nutrition and health of children – about 44% of the population is under 15 years old. The country is becoming aware of the need to adapt to climate change with more trees and climate smart agriculture.

## History

The country was German East Africa, then after the First World War became Tanganyika, under British Mandate. After independence in 1961 it combined with Zanzibar to become Tanzania. The first President Julius Nyerere introduced Ujamaa, a form of African socialism, improving education and healthcare. The first female President is Samia Suluhu Hassan – standing again for election in October 2025.

## Culture

There are many local languages, but Swahili is the unifying national tongue plus English for some official purposes. Women do much of the farm work, but may have little control of finance plus lower status than men. Over half the population are Christian and a third Muslim (mostly in Zanzibar).

Operation Agri supports two projects in Tanzania: one in the north-west, close to Uganda and Rwanda. But these resources focus on the Imarika Project, based around Iringa, in central Tanzania.

## Weekly Service Rota

October 2025			November 2025		
5 <sup>th</sup>	Preacher Service Leader Door Steward <b>Evening Service</b> Communion End Of Service	Missionary Sunday Mark & Elizabeth Gillian Fogg Neil Binns <b>No Service</b> Cynthia l'Anson	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Preacher Service Leader Door Steward <b>Evening Service</b> Communion End Of Service	Gerald Norcross Melanie Lewis Angela Higgin <b>No Service</b> David Leeming
12 <sup>th</sup>	Preacher Service Leader Door Steward <b>Evening Service</b> Communion <b>Start Of Service</b>	Ruth Brierley Janice Greenwood Jack Wellman <b>No Service</b> Janice Greenwood	9 <sup>th</sup>	Preacher Service Leader Door Steward <b>Evening Service</b> Communion <b>Start Of Service</b>	<b>Cenotaph</b>  <b>No Service</b>
19 <sup>th</sup>	Preacher Service Leader Door Steward <b>Evening Service</b> Communion End Of Service	Susan Western Glenys Leeming Bernice Baldwin <b>No Service</b> Grahame Baldwin	16 <sup>th</sup>	Preacher Service Leader Door Steward <b>Evening Service</b> Communion End Of Service	Christine Barnes Elaine Lord Glenys Leeming <b>No Service</b> Mark Wilkes
26 <sup>th</sup>	Preacher Service Leader Door Steward <b>Evening Service</b> Communion <b>Evening Service</b>	Nigel Leeming Nigel Leeming Janice Greenwood <b>TBC</b> Peter Lewis	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Preacher Service Leader Door Steward <b>Evening Service</b> Communion End Of Service	<b>Prize Giving</b> <b>Janice</b> Elizabeth Wilkes Mark Wilkes <b>No Service</b> Nigel Leeming
			30 <sup>th</sup>	Preacher Service Leader Door Steward <b>Evening Service</b> Communion <b>Evening Service</b>	<b>Capenwray</b> Mark Wilkes Neil Binns Capenwray? Cynthia l'Anson
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## Vestry Prayers

October 2025			November 2025		
7 <sup>th</sup>	David	Peter	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nigel	Janice
14 <sup>th</sup>	Nigel	Mark	9 <sup>th</sup>	Cynthia	Peter
21 <sup>st</sup>	Cynthia	Kathryn	16 <sup>th</sup>	David	Mark
28 <sup>th</sup>	David	Neil	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Nigel	Kathryn
			30 <sup>th</sup>	Cynthia	Neil
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