



The Baptist Church,
Brierfield

September 2024



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



Great Revivals

(a message by David Leeming)

I wonder if you ever think of other Christians who live in very different places and in different ways to those of us in the UK. From time to time, we hear of great revivals in some countries. We also hear of Christians in other countries facing challenges which we can almost disbelieve.

Just recently I was reading the Open doors magazine and was struck by the suffering some people must face. The article was about a secret believer in Afghanistan. The last time Khada saw her husband was just an ordinary day, or as ordinary as any day can be in Afghanistan since the Taliban took it over. Afghan citizens face many restrictions oppression and danger and nobody more so than people like Khada and her husband Ehsan. On that ordinary day their worst fears came true, Ehsan disappeared. Christians in Afghanistan must make sure that their faith isn't discovered by the wrong people but the church in the country is growing. They are part of a silent worldwide group who don't know each other's names and may never see each other's faces.

Khada was born into a deeply religious Muslim family, she married Ehsan and went to live with his parents. Khada had a job something women are not allowed to do now. She had a great boss, and she felt free to talk openly and share details of their lives. But one day Khada's boss made an extraordinary brave decision, she gave Khada a Bible. To give a Bible to a Muslim in Afghanistan is illegal and extremely risky. Both Khada and Ehsan began to read the Bible and were amazed at what they found. Together they made the courageous decision to follow Jesus. They were baptised in secret and they knew they had to keep their new faith a secret.

Their joy at finding Christ was turned to despair when Ehsan never came home one night, nothing was heard for two days and then she received the news she had been dreading. Ehsan's body had been found bearing signs of torture. He had lost his life for his faith, but Khada was absolutely devastated. She has learnt the huge cost of following Jesus but says quite openly that He is worth the cost.

When we put our faith against this sort of story, we see how poor we are. What would our reaction have been? Would we have stopped following Jesus?

Let's all pray for renewed service and a strengthening of our faith as well as praying for the underground Church.

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.

September	10 th & 24 th
October	8 th & 22 nd

Fellowship Group: Meet on Wednesday 11th September at 7.30 p.m. with the activity yet to be confirmed. There will be a light supper to follow for a small fee. If you would like to come along either just turn up or speak with one of the fellowship group for more information.

Evening Services: Evening Services return on the 29th September and then on the 27th October. More about these services will be in the notices nearer the time.

Officers Meeting: The next Officers meeting will be held on Thursday 5th at 7:30p.m. All Officers should attempt to make this meeting.

Family Praise Services: Our Family Praise Services are on the last Sunday of each month with the next being the 29th September, this will be our Harvest lunch instead of the usual Pie Peas & Praise and then on the 27th October, please come and join us. The Worship Praise Team will be distributing leaflets promoting the Family Praise Service again from the end of September, so if you are able to help speak with Keith or Morgan.

Music Group Rehearsals: Music group rehearsals take place each Friday at 6:45p.m. If you can play an Instrument or Sing and would like to join the group then speak to Melanie, Morgan or Keith for more details.

Special Light a Candle Service: We will be having a special service on September 15th starting at 2:30p.m. This will be a Service where you can remember a loved one and if you wish light a candle in their memory.

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, with a variety of tasks. If you or someone you know, has any DIY skills, or simply can pick up a paint brush, then please come along and give us a hand. For more information speak to Grahame or David.



Food Bank Donations - Harvest Sunday 29th September, 2023

As in previous years we are supporting both the local Food Bank at Nelson and Operation Agri. Please bring your donations of tinned and dried goods from 1st September until the 22nd, I will then deliver these during week commencing Monday 18th September. Thanking you in advance. Angela.

In Other News About Our Church . . .

At the last Church meeting the time line for the appointment of an Elder was discussed and decided as follows

- 15th September - Nominations Start – A Nomination Form will be posted on the notice board in chapel
- 1st October – There will be a Prayer Night for prayers about the nominations & appointment of a New Elder(s)
- 15th October Extra Church Meeting for the Election & Appointment of a New Elder(s)

We hope that as many people as possible will try and make these meetings as this is an Important moment in the future of our Church, as the selection and appointment of a new Elder(s) will be at the heart of our Church for years to come.

Prayer Matters

Charles Spurgeon, 1834 - 1892, was a highly influential Baptist preacher among Christians of various denominations in the Victorian era. Our dear departed elder, Donald Leeming, often quoted from Spurgeon when speaking to us in his own sermons.



Here are a few of those quotes worth thinking and praying about.

- “Prayer is the engine room of the church”
- “A prayerful church is a powerful church”
- “By perseverance the snail reached the Ark”
- “A Bible that is falling apart usually belongs to someone who isn’t”
- “Whenever God determines to do a great work, He first sets His people to pray”



Thank you all for your prayers. Thank God for His answers to those prayers. Amen *Kathryn*

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Please leave a message if there is no immediate answer

Puzzles

The "Third" Bible Trivia Quiz

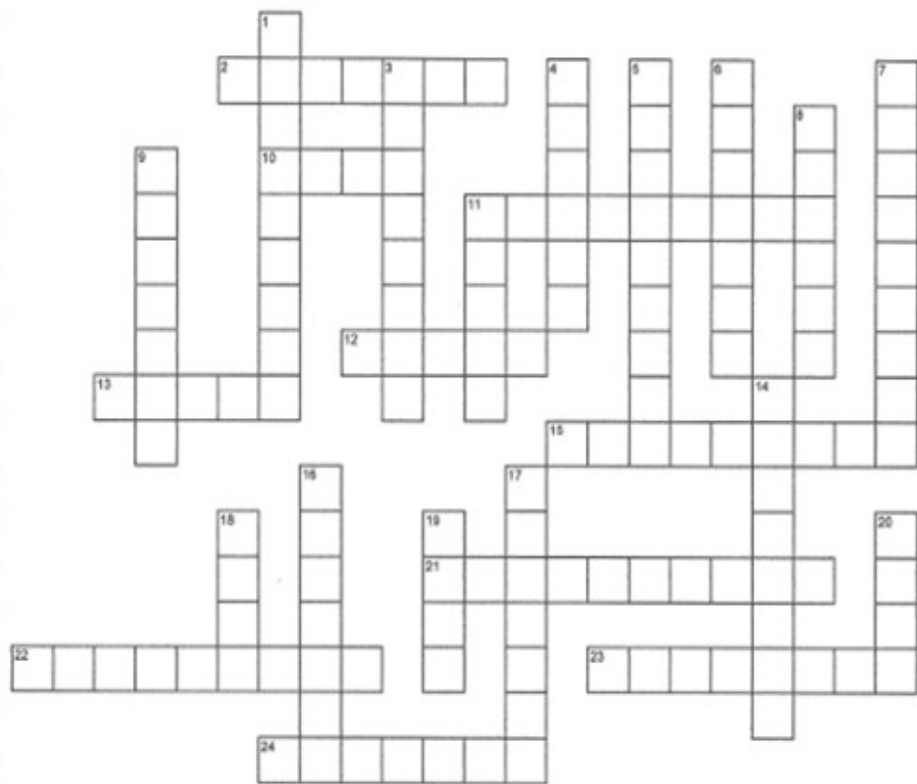
Firsts and seconds are important, but so are thirds! This quiz is all about who or what came third, in passages scattered throughout the Bible. How well will you do? Will you get all the answers right on your first try, or will it take a second, or even THIRD attempt? Warning: Many of these are tough!



1. What is the third word in the book Genesis?
2. What did God create on the third day?
3. Who was the third son of Adam and Eve?
4. Who was third son of Jacob?
5. What was the third plague in Egypt when Pharaoh refused to let the Israelites go?
6. What is the third of the Ten Commandments?
7. In the divided kingdom, who was third king of Judah?
8. What did Queen Esther ask for at the third banquet she prepared for the King and Haman?
9. Supply the missing words from the third chapter of Proverbs.
"Trust in the LORD with all your _____
and lean not on your own _____."
10. Who was the third disciple called by Jesus?
11. The first two beatitudes begin, "*Blessed are the poor in spirit...Blessed are those who mourn.*" What is the third beatitude?



CITIES OF THE BIBLE



ACROSS

- 2 The walls fell after Joshua's army blew trumpets
 10 Paul was under house arrest in this city
 11 Birthplace of Jesus
 12 A people of noble character lived here
 13 A disciple named Tabitha lived here
 15 The name of this city occurs 806 times in the Bible
 21 Paul was taken there by soldiers at nighttime
 22 Jesus healed a blind man here
 23 Samson slew thirty men in this Philistine city
 24 Paul wrote to the church in this place while on his third missionary journey

DOWN

- 1 Where Abraham and Abimelech settled their differences over a well of water
 3 Paul spent more than two years in a jail in this city
 4 Visited by Philip
 5 Where Absalom held the feast of sheep-shearing
 6 Home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus
 7 After leaving Nazareth, Jesus went to this place
 8 Two disciples met Jesus on the road to this place
 9 Modern day Iraq
 11 The Lord confused the language here
 14 The church here was lukewarm
 16 A battle during the end times will happen here
 17 Paul started his missionary journeys from this city
 18 Where Samson was imprisoned
 19 Jesus' first public miracle took place here, with water...and wine
 20 Jesus raised the widow's son here

Decode The Faces

Decode the faces using the code box to fill in the missing words to find out why God's Word says everyone has sinned.

Cross out the faces as you decode them.

The first word has been done for you.

Code Box

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	I	L	M	N	O	R	S	T	U	V	Y

AS A R E S U L T OF _____



_____ CAME INTO _____



AND _____ BECAME



A _____





GROWING CHURCH IN INDIA



Many women in India are boldly stepping out in faith to plant churches.

In rural India, house churches are bustling with believers who travel for hours to worship and pray together. Many of these are led by courageous women, sharing their faith despite potential dangers. Here are the inspiring stories of two such women.

Devika's* Journey

Devika found Jesus after suffering from chronic sinus issues that no medication could alleviate. Her aunt introduced her to Jesus, and after praying, she was healed! However, her newfound faith led to conflict. Her brothers and father demanded she leave their home because of her faith. Devika stood firm, declaring, "The one who has saved me, I cannot go against him. I will walk with him till the end of my days."

Despite initial opposition, her family eventually embraced Jesus. Devika began sharing her faith, starting her

first fellowship in her father's house, organising outreaches, and initiating children's ministry. She prays for the strength to continue making disciples among women, ensuring the spread of Christ's love.

Anza's* Transformation

Anza's life took a turn when her husband left her for another woman, leaving her devastated. She had previously dismissed gospel literature given to her, but a chance encounter with a Christian couple in the market changed everything. They shared the unconditional love of Jesus with her, and she attended a fellowship where she accepted Christ.

Initially, Anza travelled to another village for fellowship, but she soon decided to open her home for worship. She passionately shares her testimony with everyone she meets, spreading the joy she found in the Lord. Today, Anza runs a successful stationery business and recently celebrated her son's graduation, attributing her blessings to God's guidance.

**Names changed for security reasons.*

Uncover how
women are bringing
transformation in India



Light A Candle



A special service for anyone and everyone to come along and light a candle in memory of a loved one, with the opportunity of requesting a steward to make an entry of their name in a book of remembrance whether their passing is recent or a long time ago.

This will be a short service of memory, celebration, love and respect.

SUNDAY 15th SEPTEMBER
2.30pm

The service will be held in the chapel
at

Brierfield Baptist Church, Guildford St Brierfield BB9 5LH
(entrance is on the main road)

Car parking is available on all the surrounding streets and
Wood St Car Park BB9 5AN
Cross Street Car Park BB9 5PG

2024		Preacher	Door Steward	Service Leader
1st September	10.30 a.m.	Gerald Norcross	Angela Higgin	Gillian Fogg
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>David/Janice</i>	<i>Communion: End Of Service</i>	Nigel Leeming
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
8th September	10.30 a.m.	Danny Cliffe	Glenys Leeming	Janice Greenwood
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Nigel/Peter</i>	<i>Communion: Start Of Service</i>	Janice Greenwood
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
15th September	10.30 a.m.	Martin Ashby Smith	Mark Wilkes	Glenys Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>David/Mark</i>	<i>Communion: End Of Service</i>	Grahame Baldwin
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
22 nd September	10.30 a.m.	Cathy Browne	Cynthia l'Anson	Nigel Leeming
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Nigel/Kathryn</i>	<i>Communion: End Of Service</i>	Peter Lewis
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
29th September	10.30 a.m.	Harvest Family Praise Led By TBC	Anne Kellow	Family Praise Service
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>David/Neil</i>	<i>Communion: Evening Service</i>	David Leeming
		EVENING SERVICE – TBC		
6th October	10.30 a.m.	Ruth Brierley	Neil Binns	Melanie Lewis
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Nigel/Janice</i>	<i>Communion: Start Of Service</i>	Nigel Leeming
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
13th October	10.30 a.m.	Colin Scholes	Bernice Baldwin	Elaine Lord
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>David/Peter</i>	<i>Communion: End Of Service</i>	Mark Wilkes
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
20th October	10.30 a.m.	TBC	Declan Driver	Elizabeth Wilkes
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>Nigel/Mark</i>	<i>Communion: End Of Service</i>	Janice Greenwood
	6.00 p.m.	NO EVENING SERVICE		
27th October	10.30 a.m.	Family Praise Service	Janice Greenwood	Family Praise Service
	Vestry Prayers:	<i>David/Kathryn</i>	<i>Communion: Evening Service</i>	Grahame Baldwin
	6.00 p.m.	EVENING SERVICE – TBC		

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