



The Baptist Church,  
Brierfield

September 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)



# A Thankful Harvest

*(a short message by Cynthia I'Anson)*

This month we will be celebrating our Harvest Festival, when we give thanks to God for his wonderful provisions. Those of us who live in towns are not usually involved in much food production. We have enjoyed a lovely summer with plenty of sunshine and very little rain, but for farmers the lack of rain has been difficult.

On the farm where my grandson works they haven't been able to grow enough crops for the winter feed for the cattle and added to that the remaining grass is so dry that there are not enough nutrients for the cattle so they have been giving them winter feed already. Poor harvest will inevitably lead to higher prices in the shops, but we need to remain thankful that enough food has still been provided, and how lucky we are as in some areas of the world a poor harvest can be the difference between life and death.

At our harvest festival we will be supporting our local food bank with tinned and dry packet food to support local families who are struggling to manage, and Operation Agri with our offerings who are providing seeds, tools and agricultural knowledge to help people in less fortunate parts of the world become self sufficient in the future. These are both very worthwhile projects and I ask that we prayerfully consider how much food and how much money we can give to support them.

All our food is given by God and we need to be thankful for all we have and not be wasteful or greedy. Please come to our harvest services when we can thank God for all he gives us. After the morning service we will also share together in a ploughmans lunch.

*Cynthia*



# 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	23 <sup>rd</sup>
October	7 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup>

## *Friendship Group*

Meet on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September when it will be a Quiz Night, followed by a light supper for a small fee. In October the meeting will be on the 15<sup>th</sup> when Mike Sutcliffe will be presenting a talk. 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 28<sup>th</sup> September following a summer break, when we hope to be joined by Bea Foster to talk to us about her work abroad.

## *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.



## *Food Bank Donations*

At the last Church Meeting it was agreed to make a donation from the Communion Fund, which is for charity and those in urgent need. Angela took the donation to the food bank and they send their heartfelt thanks as their funds were running low at a busy time for them. Your food donations continue to be welcome and gratefully received as well.

## *Retirement Home Visit*

Our next retirement home visit will be on 28<sup>th</sup> September at 2:30pm. When we visit Victoria House. Your support would be appreciated, if you are able.

## *Harvest Service*

As Cynthia has mentioned in her opening message this month our Harvest service is on September 28<sup>th</sup> Which will be led by Martin Ashby-Smith, and the offerings from that service will be shared between the Food Bank & Operation Agri, two worthwhile causes we continue to support as a church. Your Food donations of Tinned & Dried Food, between the 7<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> September will be delivered to the Food Bank in the week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> September.

## **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.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meal</b>	<b>Coordinator</b>
28 <sup>th</sup> September	Harvest Ploughman's Lunch	Elizabeth
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:**

### *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 so please start to share with the community in anyway you can, it would be great to see a large congregation for this service.

### *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.

### *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.



# Puzzles

## HARVEST

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**ABUNDANCE**

**BLESSING**

**BOUNTY**

**COMMUNITY**

**CROPS**

**ENTERING**

**FIELD**

**FRUIT**

**GATHER**

**GRAIN**

**GROW**

**HARVEST**

**JOYFUL**

**LABORERS**

**LUKETENHARVESTED**

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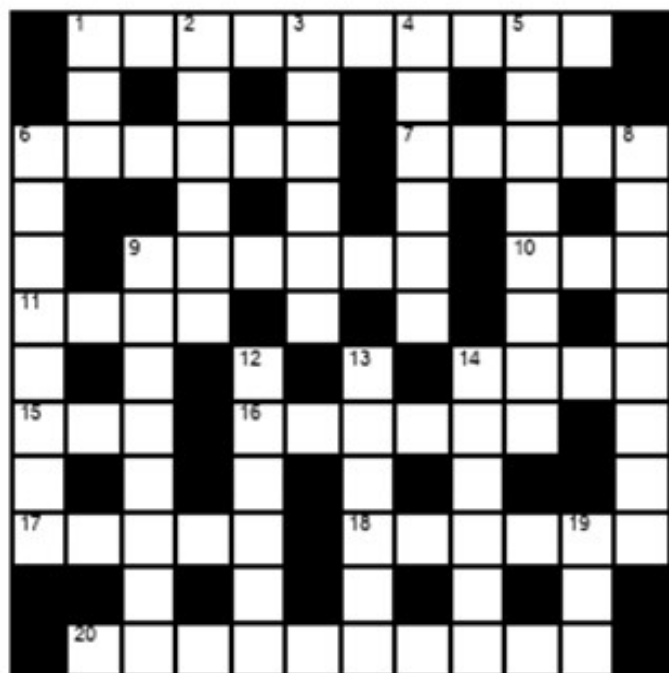
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**WATCHFUL**

**WATER**

# QUICK BIBLE CROSSWORD VI



by Philologus

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## Across

- 1 Shout of praise (10)
- 6 Direction of heaven (6)
- 7 Jericho survivor (5)
- 9 Banquets (6)
- 10 Abraham's nephew (3)
- 11 Wheat feature (4)
- 14 Run (4)
- 15 Frozen water (3)
- 16 One of David's worthies (6)
- 17 Complete confidence (5)
- 18 Place of Paul's stoning (6)
- 20 Cursed (10)

## Down

- 1 Joint (3)
- 2 Served with fish (6)
- 3 Firstborn (6)
- 4 Turmoil (6)
- 5 Murderous queen (8)
- 6 Atheist's trait (8)
- 8 Pool by the Sheep Gate (8)
- 9 Ability to choose (8)
- 12 Wealth (6)
- 13 Where Eli died (6)
- 14 Price of redemption (6)
- 19 Ruddy (3)

## Abraham's servant finds a wife for Isaac.

Genesis 24:1-67





# Last Months ANSWERS

## AMOS SOLUTION



## QUICK BIBLE CROSSWORD V - SOLUTION



Across: 1 Baptism, 5 Just, 7 Ear, 8 Arrested, 9 Trade, 10 Head, 13 Hair, 14 Ehud, 18 Mara, 19 Light, 21 Merchant, 22 Ten, 23 Glad, 24 Endures.

Down: 1 Breathed, 2 Pergamum, 3 Images, 4 Martha, 5 Josiah, 6 Seed, 11 Daughter, 12 Writings, 15 Danced, 16 Palace, 17 Elated, 20 Well.

# Prayer Matters

We are called to pray for those in our fellowship who are ill. Some are waiting for medical treatment, others are suffering quietly with ailments and concerns. Those who need extra care and compassion. We bring them before our Heavenly Father in our prayers, that His healing hand will touch them and return them to health and contentment. We miss them and look forward to their return to our services in chapel.

At this time of year we remember those who are returning to school, college or university. Also those embarking on new careers and other ventures in life. May they be led along the right path ahead.

So we begin this new season and new chapter in the life of the church. There has been a lot of work behind the scenes for which we are all grateful. There is much more to do, starting with our outreach work in Brierfield. God will be with us all the way. He will guide us and give us the courage to make the best decisions in His name.

May God bless us all.

Kathryn



*If you have anything you would like to be added to the prayer chain, please send it to Kathryn:*

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Mobile: 07305 541647

*Please leave a message if there is no immediate answer*



# PRAY FOR Refugees

**BMS World Mission's partner All4Aid is working with refugees in Cyprus to offer them a Christ-like welcome. Please lift up their work in prayer, and please pray for refugees across the world.**

1. According to the UN, there are 43.7 million refugees across the world. Please pray for all refugees and displaced peoples today, that they will find refuge and safety. Pray for communities serving refugees, that hearts will be opened to welcome the stranger in a Christ-like way.
2. Ukraine, Palestine, D R Congo, Sudan. These are just a few of the many countries facing major conflict right now. We pray that God's mercy and peace will be shown across all these nations, and we pray that world leaders will work together to end conflicts.
3. Pray for people waiting for their asylum applications to be approved. The period of waiting can be incredibly challenging, so please pray that applications will be processed swiftly. Pray for people stuck waiting, that the Lord will provide for them and calm their anxieties.
4. Pray for volunteers at the welcome centre run by BMS partner All4Aid in Cyprus. Pray that they will show God's love in everything they do and offer a place of welcome and safety for refugees in need.
5. The welcome centre runs many services for refugees, including a food bank, clothing distribution, and English and Greek classes. Pray that many more people will find and use these services and they will experience something of the love of God thanks to their time at the centre.



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## Weekly Service Rota

September 2025			October 2025		
7 <sup>th</sup>	Preacher	Nigel Lawrence	5 <sup>th</sup>	Preacher	Missionary Sunday Mark & Elizabeth
	Service Leader	Michael Patterson		Service Leader	Gillian Fogg
	Door Steward	Janice Greenwood		Door Steward	Neil Binns
	Evening Service	No Service		Evening Service	No Service
	Communion End Of Service	Peter Lewis		Communion End Of Service	Cynthia I'Anson
14 <sup>th</sup>	Preacher	Geoff Jackson	12 <sup>th</sup>	Preacher	Ruth Brierley
	Service Leader	Neil Binns		Service Leader	Janice Greenwood
	Door Steward	Angela Higgin		Door Steward	Jack Wellman
	Evening Service	No Service		Evening Service	No Service
	Communion Start Of Service	David Leeming		Communion Start Of Service	Janice Greenwood
21 <sup>st</sup>	Preacher	Peter Fielden	19 <sup>th</sup>	Preacher	Susan Western
	Service Leader	Bernice Baldwin		Service Leader	Glenys Leeming
	Door Steward	Glenys Leeming		Door Steward	Bernice Baldwin
	Evening Service	No Service		Evening Service	No Service
	Communion End Of Service	Mark Wilkes		Communion End Of Service	Grahame Baldwin
28 <sup>th</sup>	Preacher	Harvest Martin Ashby-Smith	26 <sup>th</sup>	Preacher	Nigel Leeming
	Service Leader	Jack Wellman		Service Leader	Nigel Leeming
	Door Steward	Mark Wilkes		Door Steward	Janice Greenwood
	Evening Service	Bea Foster		Evening Service	TBC
	Communion Evening Service	Nigel Leeming		Communion Evening Service	Peter Lewis
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## Vestry Prayers

September 2025			October 2025		
7 <sup>th</sup>	David	Mark	5 <sup>th</sup>	David	Peter
14 <sup>th</sup>	Nigel	Kathryn	12 <sup>th</sup>	Nigel	Mark
21 <sup>st</sup>	Grahame	Neil	19 <sup>th</sup>	Grahame	Kathryn
28 <sup>th</sup>	Cynthia	Janice	26 <sup>th</sup>	Cynthia	Neil
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