



**Welcome to Blackburn Baptist Church, on June 19th 2022 at 10:45, meeting at Bethesda Chapel.**

Whilst some are able to meet in person, others we know are still at home. We hope and pray that you will find this outline of our service helpful, as we seek to worship God as a Church family, wherever we are.

**Our service today is led by Tim, as we welcome Brian and Jackie Chilvers, our BMS Link Missionaries, to share in worship with us.**

**Alec plays the piano as we assemble for worship, then our service begins as Tim welcomes everyone,**

" Good morning everybody, and a very warm welcome to you all, to Blackburn Baptist Church this morning. Its great to see you this morning, and today we're going to be focussing on the work of BMS world mission, and particularly that work that's going on in Chad, and we're particularly delighted of course this morning to welcome our mission partners, Brian and Jackie Chilvers (who give a wave at this point!) . Thanks ever so much for taking the time to be with us, I know you've been very busy going round lots of different churches in the UK, and this is your last church visit - out of 20, so that's brilliant isn't it?! So thank you very m much for being here, we've been following your story of course through your newsletters over these last few years, but nothing really beats getting together in person does it? So its great to have you with us and we look forward to what you're going to share with us a little bit later on."

**Tim continues** as he tells us that Brian and Jackie are working at Guinebore 11 hospital in Chad, and a slide of the outside of the hospital is shown on the screen, with a welcome in French - which the congregation correctly identify as saying "The Lord is our Shepherd" .Tim tells us that the word 'Lord' in French is 'seigneur', which may be useful to remember later on in the service!

**Tim goes on to say** that today is also Fathers Day - and Esther has reminded him of this, and whilst many of us will be thankful for our earthly fathers, we should be grateful to God, our Heavenly Father, for all his compassion and care towards us. We join together in singing 'Everyone needs compassion' which has the chorus 'Mighty to save,' and for which we give God thanks as we ourselves reflect that compassion here, or in Chad, or wherever we are. The song is played over the PA system and shown on the screen, with Esther coming to lead us in our singing.'**Everyone needs compassion'**

Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing, let mercy fall on me.  
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Saviour, the hope of nations.

Saviour, He can move the mountains.  
My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save.  
Forever, Author of salvation,  
He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures, fill my life again.  
I give my life to follow everything I believe in, now I surrender.  
Saviour, He can move the mountains.....

Shine your light and let the whole world see.  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King.  
Shine your light and let the whole world see.  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King.

Saviour, He can move the mountains.....

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### **Tim leads us in prayer:**

We thank you Father for what that song reminds us of, your kindness and compassion towards us. Thank you that you are a God who is able to save all who turn to you in faith, and you are, indeed, a mighty Saviour. Thank you that because Jesus conquered the grave we have no need of fear. Thank you that because he died and took the punishment we deserve we can know forgiveness, and Lord, we know that what you have done for us, you want to do for others as well, everyone needs compassion, everyone needs forgiveness. We pray. Lord, today, as we hear more about BMS's work in sharing hope, light and compassion in Chad, that Lord, that will inspire us to be workers for you, engaged in that great work that you call us to, as part of your kingdom. So Lord be with us today we pray. Encourage us as we hear the news of what's going on in Chad, and Lord may we go out freshly enthused to follow you and to do your will in our own lives. Amen.

**Tim now invites Brian and Jackie to join him.** We will be having a quiz about Chad shortly, but first Tim introduces them both, saying that we have been sharing their newsier over 3 years now, and following their journey. It has not been a straight forward journey, with troubles in Chad, Covid 19 and a family bereavement to contend with, but through it all, Jesus has overcome the world (John 16 v 33) as Jackie quoted (in French!) in an email to Tim during the previous years. Brian and Jackie confirmed that this has indeed been their experience over the last challenging years.

Tim then masterminded the quiz, with teams being agreed as ladies v men! Tim kept the score on a flip chart, and the questions were shown on the screen.

- Q1. What are the colours of the Chadian flag?  
A: Blue, yellow and red - very similar to the Rumanian flag!
- Q2: What are the 2 main languages spoken in Chad?  
A: French and Arabic - but there are 120 languages spoken in total!
- Q3: True or false, the capital of Chad is next to the beach?  
A: False - although there is a lot of sand!
- Q4: Which of the following countries is Chad **not** next to?  
Egypt, Camaroon, Niger, Sudan  
A: Egypt.
- Q5: How many times does the UK fit into Chad? - surface area  
A: 4 - almost 5
- Q6: What is the highest temperature recorded in Chad?  
A: 50 degrees C
- Q7: How many humps do the camels in Chad have?  
A: 1
- Q8: Gombo or Sauce Longue is a much loved dish in Chad - what is it made of?  
A: Okra - though it can have added fish.
- Q9: What is the population of Chad?  
A: 17 million
- Q10: How did Chad get its name?  
A: The word Chad is derived from Lake - named after Lake Chad

Final result was victory to the gentlemen, with a score of 8.5 as opposed to the ladies 7, with answers being awarded 2 points if totally correct. There was a certain amount of guesswork involved, but Don did remarkably well for the gentlemen!

**We were invited to sing again, this time a chorus some of us remember from the 1970's!**

**We used to sing it with an echo from the ladies, and we do so again today, though with a twist, as we sing it in both English and French! Tim and Esther lead the singing as Alec plays on the piano:**

Sing hallelujah to the Lord, sing hallelujah to the Lord;  
sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah,  
sing hallelujah to the Lord.

Sing hallelujah to the Lord, (sing hallelujah to the Lord);  
sing hallelujah to the Lord (sing hallelujah),  
sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah,  
sing hallelujah to the Lord

Chante alléluia au Seigneur (Ladies: Chante alléluia au Seigneur)  
Chante alléluia au Seigneur (Ladies: Chante alléluia)  
Chante alléluia, Chante alléluia  
Chante alléluia au Seigneur

**(We didn't sing this verse on Sunday but it is included in some versions:**  
Sing Christ is risen from the dead, sing Christ is risen from the dead;  
Sing Christ is risen, sing Christ is risen  
Sing Christ is risen from the dead)

Sing hallelujah to the Lord (Sing hallelujah to the Lord)  
Sing hallelujah to the Lord (Sing hallelujah)  
Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah  
Sing hallelujah to the Lord

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### **Becky reads Psalm 16:**

'Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge.  
I say to the Lord, 'You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing.'  
I say of the holy people who are in the land, 'They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight.'  
Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more. I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods or take up their names on my lips.  
Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure.  
The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.  
I will praise the Lord, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.  
I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.  
Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay.  
You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.'

**Tim invites us to sing again, during which song we will take our Offering, both our usual offering and also there are envelopes available for any gifts for the work of BMS. Alec again plays the piano, and Esther leads the singing of:**

Hear the call of the kingdom, lift your eyes to the King,  
let His song rise within you as a fragrant offering,  
of how God, rich in mercy, came in Christ to redeem  
all who trust in His unfailing grace.

Hear the call of the Kingdom to be children of light,  
with the mercy of heaven, the humility of Christ.  
walking justly before Him, loving all that is right  
that the life of Christ may shine through Him.

King of Heaven, we will answer the call,  
we will follow, bringing hope to the world,  
filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim  
salvation in Jesus' name.

Hear the call of the Kingdom to reach out to the lost,  
with the Father's compassion in the wonder of the cross,  
bringing peace and forgiveness, and a hope yet to come;  
let the nations put their trust in Him.

King of Heaven, we will answer the call.....

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(it took slightly longer than usual to take our offering today, so we sang an extra verse and chorus!)

**Tim prayed as he received our gifts:**

We thank you Father for all your wonderful gifts too us, We thank you most of all for your great gift to us of the Lord Jesus Christ, how he came and offered himself for us. We thank you that we have this opportunity to give back this small token to you , of our love and gratitude for all that you've done for us. Lord we pray that you would take these gifts and they will be used for your kingdom purposes, particularly in the work ongoing through BMS World Mission in Chad. So, Lord, we commit these gifts to you now, in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Tim invited Alec to come forward, as today is the last time Revanth will be with us today as he returns to Hyderabad, India, to his small church (of 330,000!). Alec prayed for Revanth, who has had a challenging time here in the UK, but has continued every day to follow the Lord, "Loving Heavenly Father, we thank you for our brother Revanth, who we have got to know in the last months. We thank you that you have kept him close to you in this really difficult time in this country. We thank you that you brought him to this church to encourage us and to be an encouragement to**

him and we ask that next week, as he flies back to India, to his home, particularly that you will be kind to him, give him travelling mercies, and as he re-meets his mother and his father and his family and all the many members of his church, even if he doesn't manage to say hello to them all 330,000, in one day, we do pray that you will make him a blessing to that church, and may we never forget him. We pray in Jesus name. Amen.

**At this point, Tim invited Brian and Jackie to come and share what they've brought this morning.** They once again thanked the church for the support over the last years, as no-one could have predicted the challenges they would have faced as they answered the call to Chad. Despite BMS having a long history, having been founded by William Carey in 1792, it is a forward looking organisation, with the emphasis not only on the here and now, and people's physical health, but their eternal life, and their highest calling is to bring people to faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Brian began by reading from Isaiah 58, verses 6 and 7,, talking about fasting, and this was prompted as the many muslims in Chad were fasting for Ramadan as Brian and Jackie left for their home assignment.

They had a number of slides shown on the screen, which they talked through, beginning with some of the facts and figures about Chad. Brian shared that in Chad, you are 44.3% less likely to have access to clean drinking water than in the UK, you will make 95% less money, and you're 91% less likely to have access to electricity. You 182% more likely to die during childbirth, 16.7% more likely to die in infancy, and life expectancy is 22.8 years less than in UK. - there is for example, no cancer care at all available in Chad. Only 14% of adult ladies can read and write, only 30% of young people can read write and do simple maths, and only 7% of elderly people are literate. (Jackie shared that, if they wish to take photographs of the babies they need consent from the mothers, as is the case here, and whilst this can be explained verbally to the mothers, she has yet to see a mum know what to do when given a pen to make their mark.) Education, like many other things, is not free in Chad, and in large families, which is the norm - how do you choose who goes to school? Jackie continued to tell us a little about the work that they are doing - whilst Brian is more hospital based whilst she works in the community, where they have just been involved in health education and surveys, as they try to listen to the local people. Malaria treatment is high priority, with many cases being seen in hospital, with a high fatality rate amongst children. The work Jackie is doing, on health assessments, is building on resources already available, and the use of drama is effective in giving good health messages. Jackie and Brian then talked about a little baby boy they had both been involved with, called Ali, who was admitted severely malnourished, (aged 4 months he weighed 6lbs) and had to be transferred out to the hospital in the capital town, but eventually he has now been seen in Outpatients and is thriving. Its not often that they are both involved with the same child! Brian tgave us a flavour of his work in the emergency department, where they see a lot of fractures as motorbikes are common, and protective clothing is not! We wouldn't generally see motorbike riders wearing flip flops in the UK would we?! Highlighting the difference in expectations and

resources, we were shown a picture of a bed - which was made at the hospital, and the staff are really pleased with the design because it enables them to sit patients up, whereas the old ones were flat! Jackie continued to talk about some of their daily work, and Brian shared that each day starts with a time of worship to which all staff are welcome - it is known as a christian hospital throughout the area. Many of the Chadian staff are christian, but some are muslim, though still very loyal to the hospital, and Jackie finds the day to day relationships with colleagues an opportunity to show the love of Christ. There are also prayers on the wards, and again even though the majority of patients have a Moslem faith, most receive prayer. Brian and Jackie brought their talk to a close with a beautiful picture of a sunset, reminding them of the wonders of creation, and finally Brian read from Matthew 25, 35-40, and again thanked the church for the support that made their time in Chad possible.

**Victor leads us in our prayers of response:**

“Father Lord, we are thankful in our hearts for your daily loaded benefits, we are grateful for continually bearing our burdens. We are not proud to admit we do not always carry ourselves in the way you would want us to; we do not always love our neighbour as ourselves; and sometimes our unforgiving spirit knows no bounds, Forgive us, Lord, not because we are deserving but because of your Son, Jesus, who willingly died to pay the price for our sins.

We pray for the wider world, acknowledging that all is not as it should be, but we are thankful that through it all your never-ending-mercy endures. In a moment of serenity, we present unto you today everything that bows down our hearts, all the worrisome news and complicated situations in our own lives, those of our families, our church and our community. Lord, you know all the hurts we silently carry with us in our hearts and Jesus, you know the tribulation of a world that is far from flawless. You know the tears of the aggrieved, the righteous fury in the fights against poverty, injustice, corruption, human greed and war, These crisis has brought many families to their knees, Lord, overturning their way of life, bringing insecurities, making people helpless, scared, alone – concerned for our welfare, wary of the future, Lord come to our aid, through all we are wrestling with now, to understand and empathise with what too many wrestle with day-by-day, to realise how privileged we are and to resolve to help build a fairer, more caring world for all.

We are grateful to you, Lord, for all those who have answered your call to work across the world in charities, giving care in your name to people in great need. We thank you for Brian and Jackie Chilvers, here present today, for the work they have been doing in Chad, for bringing them safely home, We ask for protection and enabling for them as they travel around the UK on home assignment visiting their supporting churches, we pray, also, that the projects they left there will continue to thrive until and after they return.

We pray for members of our fellowship, take away every strife and may your joy reflects in all we do, we ask for love to cover each other's flaws and genuinely

peacefully accepting of our differences and views, we ask particularly for those in need, who are suffering one ailment or another, they are very dear to us, Lord, but even dearer to you. Some have been suffering for a very long time; please place your healing power upon them, give them the knowledge that you are there alongside them and bring them your peace.

Lord Jesus, we thank you for our pastor and his family and are also grateful for the Church's leadership, we pray that your divine wisdom, not emotions, shall guide us, as we seek your vision for the future and direction of this fellowship.

The needs around us are glaring and we believe you are working in the hearts of people in this local area. Give us your heart, Lord, and let us be discerning about the part you want us to play in fulfilling the plans you have for us and them.

May the fragrance of our prayers arise, lead us on the road of sacrifice, that in unity the face of Christ is seen, Amen! “

**We bring our time of worship to a close as we lift our voices in song:**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Christ is in you,  
the hope of glory in our hearts.  
He lives! He lives! His breath is in you,  
arise a mighty army, we arise.

Now is the time for us to march upon the land,  
into our hands He will give the ground we claim.  
He rides in majesty to lead us into victory,  
the world shall see that Christ is Lord.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Christ is in you.....

God is at work in us His purpose to perform  
building a kingdom of power not of words,  
where things impossible by faith shall be made possible,  
let's give the glory to Him now.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Christ is in you...

Though we are weak, his grace is everything we need,  
we're made of clay but this treasure is within.  
He turns our weaknesses into His opportunities  
so that the glory goes to Him.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Christ is in you,

Conscious that time has moved on, Tim runs through the notices for the week, inviting all to stay for lunch today for a further opportunity to spend time with Brian and Jackie, and giving notice of another special church meeting on July 3rd.

## Notices for This Week

- Today – please join us for lunch after the service
- Church cleaning - Monday 20, 10.00 - 11.30
- Ladies' Afternoon Fellowship – Tuesday 21, 14.15
- Informal Music Evening (Community Room) – Tuesday 21, 19.00
- Tiddlywinks Parent & Toddler Group – Wednesday 22, 09.30 – 11.30
- 'Orbit' Youth Drop-in – Thursday 23, 18.00 – 19.30
- Fellowship Meeting – Thursday 23, 19.30 – 20.30 (Bible Study in Hebrews)
- New Life International Church: Bible Study & Prayer – Friday 24, 20.00
- Movie Morning – Saturday 24, 10.30 – 12.00
- New Life International Church: Service – Saturday 25, 17.00
- Service, Sunday 26, 10.45 – continuing our series on prayer
- Sunday 26 (13.15, BBC1) Broadcast of *Songs of Praise* recorded at recent Baptist Assembly
- Sunday 3 July, Special Church Meeting after the service



**We conclude as we say together:**

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore, Amen.**