## *"where the river flows, everything will live"* Ezekiel 47.9

Thomas Ridgway Tea merchant, gave land for building of

LBC :

Isaac Ridgway 1st minister of



MARY BRIELEY, died 1857 For to me live is Christ and to die is gain

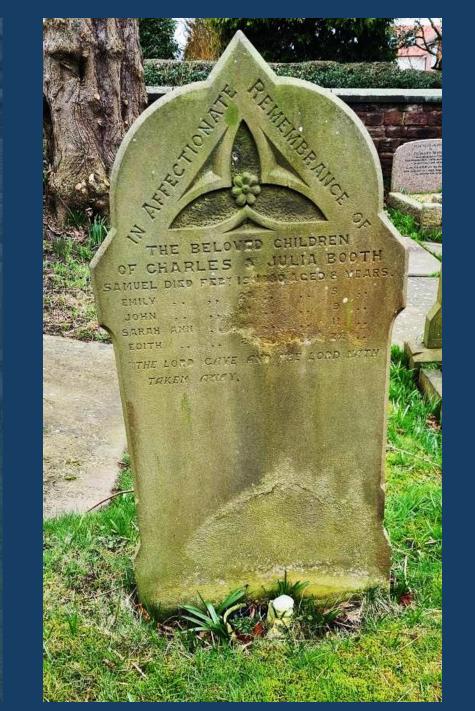
**Daughter MARTHA** and son WILLIAM BRIERLEY, died as adults **Blessed** are the dead which die in the LORD

In remembrance of five of the children of Charles and Julia Booth

Samuel, Emily, John, Sarah and Edith, aged between 11 and 2½. All died in the same week of February 1880

The family lived on Higher Lane. Charles was a labourer, Julia a fustian cutter

Mary, aged 13, survived. Annie was born to Charles & Julia the following year





**JAMES LORD & JOHN GOULD Two brothers in** law from Heatley, died in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century

Where the river flows everything will live...

Our vision Lymm Baptist Church

...where the river flows everything will live... Fruit trees of all kinds will grow on both banks of the river. Their leaves will not wither, nor will their fruit fail. Every month they will bear fruit, because the water from the sanctuary flows to them. Their fruit will serve for food and their leaves for heating. Exercised 47, 1-12

#### "A distinctly Christian community at the heart of Lymm"

#### The Bible in 10 minutes

#### www.7minutes.net & LBC YouTube Channel

The Bible is a library of different books written by many authors over hundreds of years. Each one brings their own voice, their own story. But there is one story that reaches across the whole Bible from Genesis to Revelation, one unifying narrative.

Knowing this ONE story means you can understand the place of any book in the Bible.

Here it is — in 10 minutes!



The man brought me back to the entrance to the temple, and I saw water coming out from under the threshold of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east). The water was coming down from under the south side of the temple, south of the altar. He then brought me out through the north gate and led me around the outside to the outer gate facing east, and the water was trickling from the south side. As the man went eastward with a measuring line in his hand, he measured off a thousand cubits and then led me through water that was ankle-deep. He measured off another thousand cubits and led me through water that was knee-deep. He measured off another thousand and led me through water that was up to the waist. He measured off another thousand, but now it was a river that I could not cross, because the water had risen and was deep enough to swim in—a river that no one could cross. He asked me, "Son of man, do you see this?"

Then he led me back to the bank of the river. When I arrived there, I saw a great number of trees on each side of the river. He said to me, "This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, where it enters the Dead Sea. When it empties into the sea, the salty water there becomes fresh. Swarms of living creatures will live wherever the river flows. There will be large numbers of fish, because this water flows there and makes the salt water fresh; so where the river flows everything



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## Is this Vision being fulfilled?

#### What do we need? Oct 2018

- 1 A comfortable space for coffee, conversation and fellowship
- 2 A welcoming, uncluttered foyer
- 3 A quiet space to encourage a sense of peace, a space for reflection
- 4 Discover other community needs from Warrington Council
- 6 Involving organisations: art groups ... gardening club
- 5 Curated welcome signs leaflets, verses and art ... "a hook on which to hang a story"
- 7 Develop a drop-in culture with our user groups
- 8 Opportunity for midweek visitors to easily request prayer
- 9 Tell our own story Who are we?



Space for conversation A ministry of hospitality and care at Lymm Baptist Church

# Is this Vision being fulfilled?

Yes!

#### LBC Multiple Congregations

- The Challenge: How do we re-gather our congregation?
- The Model: Multiple Congregations – enabling more people to return to in-person worship
- The Opportunity: To be missional and outward focused.

#### SPRING 2021

## 2. Are we **growing** as disciples of Jesus?

## 1. What about church planting?

## Is this Vision being fulfilled? Not yet / Uncertain





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#### The building is closed - the Church is open

Join us on YouTube - search "Lymm Baptist Church" For prayerful or practical support email support@lymmbaptistchurch.com

### Is this Vision being fulfilled? Yes – surprisingly!

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