

Sunday 1 August 2021

Brooklands Church Update

Friends

In the letter of 1 John, the author addresses different groups at different points. He identifies 'children,' 'young ones' and 'parents' in a way which seems to describe the multigenerational makeup of the Kingdom Community of God, the Church.

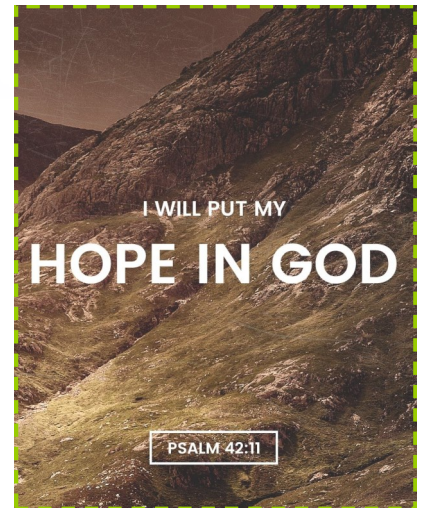
This Sunday we embrace and celebrate this as we enjoy an all age family service. As many of you will know too well, working with children and families has been at the heart of who we are as a church since our inception and as such we will continue to emphasise this in our ministry. The service this morning will include worship for all ages; a short talk which seeks to answer this important question, 'if a star fell from the night sky and landed in a zoo, which animal would be best to help it get back to where it came from?'; and we'll close around the communion table together as we participate in our unity in Christ. Following the service there will be an opportunity for fellowship over a cup of tea or coffee also. We'll also be streaming online for those who can't make it to the building.

Let me remind you that next week will see the return of Kids Church for primary school aged children. For the month of August we're suggesting that parents may want to attend Kids Church with their children to help them settle after so long away if you feel that is helpful.

It's that time of year where we need to pull together to give our building something of a Spring clean (or a late Summer clean?). So we are calling a work morning on Saturday 14th August - that's two weeks from yesterday. We'll meet at 9am and go no later than 12noon and I'll also ensure that there will be a mid-morning break with tea, coffee and something to eat. We've begun identifying some jobs that need done so if you can help then please let me know. Also, if you are aware of something that needs done in the building let me know about that also.

Peace,

Mick



Important Dates

- 01/08 Family Service followed by refreshments
- 08/08 Kids Church restarts

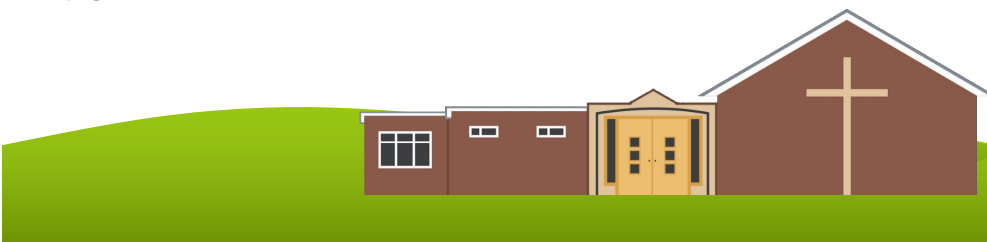
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Daily Reading and Prayer Guide for This Week

Date	Reading	Pray for
Monday 2nd August	Acts 24	Bob and Eveline Branan
Tuesday 3rd August	Acts 25	Ruth Copeland-Holtz
Wednesday 4th August	Acts 26	Josh, Molly, Miley-Rose, Jonah and Ezra Jenkinson
Thursday 5th August	Acts 27:1–38	Katie and Scott Cameron
Friday 6th August	Acts 27:39–28:10	Isobel Cave and family
Saturday 7th August	Catch up	Christine Clarke
Sunday 8th August	Acts 28:11–31	Enid and James Collins and family



Prayer requests

- ⇒ Pray for the safety of our church as we adapt to the change in government restrictions.
- ⇒ Pray for Herbert McGonigle who has been suffering with very painful toothache recently.
- ⇒ Pray for John Beattie who will continue with his cancer treatment following a short break.
- ⇒ Pray for Colin Dunbar who is very ill in hospital with circulation problems in his leg and was due for significant surgery this week.
- ⇒ Continue to pray for Alan Roberts, son-in-law of Val Batty, who has cancer.
- ⇒ We continue to pray for others in our congregation who need healing. Including, Jon F, Isobel, Claire H.
- ⇒ Pray for the continuing work of the church in the local community.



Sermon notes for 1 August 2021

Ephesians 4:1-16: Jesus wants us to be united

Mick Kane

Ephesians 4

1 As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. 2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. 3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

7 But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. 8 This is why it says:

‘When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people.’

9 (What does ‘he ascended’ mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? 10 He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) 11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. 15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. 16 From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

This week’s sermon will be a short reflection of the importance of unity in the Christian life and in the Church. I recently found out that in the Apostle Paul’s writings, almost 3 quarters of what he has to say is on the topic of Church unity. This is astonishing - particularly because we often emphasise Paul’s teaching on salvation through faith over everything else!

However, we would be making a mistake if we were to treat these as two separate things. Paul is clear, as we can see here in this passage in Ephesians: unity, achieved as we practice mercy, patience and humility with each other is the outworking of the Gospel in our lives.



Perhaps the best place this is displayed and practiced is when we gather around the Lord’s Table at communion. There we are reminded of God’s mercy, patience and love for us as a model for how we are to treat each other. It is fitting then that we will end our family service around the table together.

The talk will also include us pondering this question with the help of the kids - if a star fell from the night sky and landed in a zoo, which animal would be best to help it get back to where it came from? We’ll be revealing the answer on Sunday! (Although there’s a hint here in the picture included).

