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Brooklands Church Update

Friends

"He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant for ever – holy and awesome is his name." - Psalm 111:9

When was the last time you marvelled at the awesomeness of God's name? When was the last time God's holiness made you sit up straight and really take notice? What brought on such a reaction? Has it been a while? Has the banality of life or the restrictions of the last 18 months stolen this appropriate response from you; this response which is commonplace in the Psalms?

What must you do to recover it? Perhaps a moment marvelling at the beauty and intricate order of creation. Perhaps finding yourself lost in worship with the fellowship of the Church. Perhaps reclaiming a way of prayer and posture that you've failed to visit for a while. Whatever it is, do it, find it and allow yourself to be taken aback once again at the wonder of who God is.

Or perhaps you've never known this? If so, a good place to start would be to ask God to reveal these things to you. Or find someone who can walk the journey with you, pray with you, as you go deeper into the truth of who God is. My prayer is that you would have a moment that would make you 'awe'.

Thanks to those who helped with the work morning at church. A fun time of fellowship was a bonus to the apparent difference we have made to our building. As ever, we'll continue to build these into the rhythm of the year.

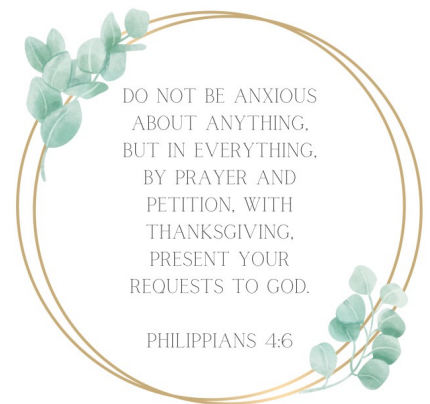
Our friends at Bideford Community Centre donated a number of hygiene products with which we were able to bless our local community at the cafe on Thursday. There remains some bags made up in the back hall. If you or someone you know could make use of them then please, help yourself.

Following the end of the service today I will be on annual leave for two weeks. For pastoral support, please contact Lucy Frost and for anything else church related please speak to Mark Bolton or another member of the church board. In my absence, Lucy will be preaching next week and on the 29th August I'm pleased to say that we have the Church of the Nazarene District Superintendent of the British Isles South District, Revd. Carl McCann. Carl is a good friend and an excellent preacher. I know that you will make him feel welcome.

Have a blessed remainder of the month and many thanks for all you contribute to the life of the church here at Brooklands Nazarene. We are excited for all God has in store for us as we continue to journey together.

Peace,

Mick



Speakers This Month

15/08 Mick Kane
22/08 Lucy Frost
29/08 Carl McCann

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Daily Reading and Prayer Guide for This Week

| Date | Reading | Pray for |
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| Monday 16th August | Rom 7 | Jon Fisher and family |
| Tuesday 17th August | Rom 8:1–17 | Jamie, Maida, Jimson and Jewell Filoteo |
| Wednesday 18th August | Rom 8:18–39 | Sylvia Findlay |
| Thursday 19th August | Rom 9:1–29 | Karina, Edwin and Kiyarah |
| Friday 20th August | Rom 9:30–10:21 | Jean and David Hall |
| Saturday 21st August | Catch up | Lucy Frost |
| Sunday 22nd August | Rom 11:1–24 | Suzanne Gallier |

Prayer requests

- ⇒ Pray for Mick, Debbie and Mikey, as they enjoy their summer holidays.
- ⇒ We give thanks with Isobel Cave who had a positive meeting with her consultant this week. We continue to pray for healing.
- ⇒ Pray for Annette Jones, as she receives hospital treatment. Annette hopes to join us in church soon.
- ⇒ Pray for Brenda Cawley (former regular at our Diner) and family as her granddaughter's partner, Owen is very ill with cancer.
- ⇒ Pray for John Beattie as he continues with his chemotherapy.
- ⇒ 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, Colin Dunbar, Claire.
- ⇒ Pray for the safety of our church as we adapt to the change in government restrictions.
- ⇒ Pray for the continuing work of the church in the local community.





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Praying for Wisdom

Mick Kane

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14. Then David rested with his ancestors and was buried in the City of David. He had reigned forty years over Israel—seven years in Hebron and thirty-three in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David, and his rule was firmly established.

Solomon showed his love for the Lord by walking according to the instructions given him by his father David, except that he offered sacrifices and burned incense on the high places.

The king went to Gibeon to offer sacrifices, for that was the most important high place, and Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."

Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.

"Now, Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?"

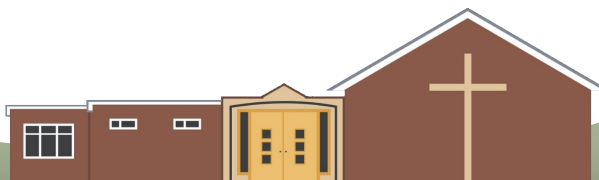
The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both wealth and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life."

Ephesians 5:15-20. Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Psalms 111:10. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.

This week's texts align beautifully around the topic of wisdom, reminding us that Scripture has threads which run through the entirety of the overall narrative tying together passages hundreds of years apart in a way that illustrates God's consistent faithfulness to his ways down through the generations.

We'll be focusing on the story of Solomon, who, upon the commencement of his reign over Israel following the death of his father, King David, asks God for wisdom. This is a request that pleases God - so much so he blesses Solomon not only with wisdom but with a whole host of other things. But what encouraged Solomon to pray for wisdom in the first place? What does it mean for us to seek wisdom as individuals and as a church? Well the answer to that second question, or part of it at least, lies in a few different parts of the Bible, including the conclusion of Psalm 111, where it states, "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."



Ladies' Weekend **CREATED TO CREATE**

11th - 13th February 2022

Kings Park Conference Centre, Northampton

We are created in the image of the great Creator God. Come and explore the creativity we have within us all.

- Creativity in worship
- Creativity in music
- Creativity through art
- Creativity in Bible study
- Creativity in prayer

Whether you have years of experience or none, all are welcome.

This is our annual ladies' weekend. The cost is £150 (includes accommodation, food, resources etc.) Ages 13 to 16 - £110 (must be accompanied by a responsible adult).

Workshop leaders so far confirmed are Sarah Gilmour, who will lead a singing workshop for all abilities, and our own Joanne Bolton, who will teach participants something from her creative repertoire.

If enough are interested, we might be able to help out with transport.

Email info@BrooklandsChurch.uk if you would like more information.

