

Brooklands Church Update

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Friends

"I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven on account of his name. I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young people, because you have conquered the evil one. I write to you, children, because you know the Father. I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young people, because you are strong and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one." – 1 John 2:12-14

It is so good to be back with you following some time off. I'm so grateful to those who have stepped in and stepped up to fill any sort of gap I might leave when I'm gone. It is a sign of a very healthy church that continues to function and flourish amidst the absence of the pastor. I've heard such great reports about activities recently that I joked with one board member that I should consider going away more often!

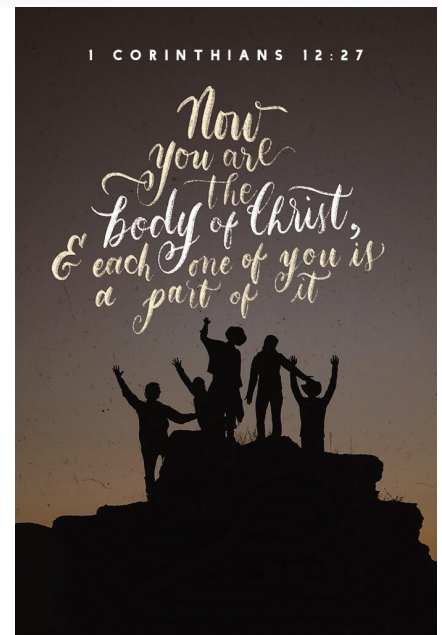
September is a busy time for so many – with children returning to nursery and school, going back to work after some time off in August, students returning to their places of education... not to mention that we are continuing to do all this whilst still navigating the remnants of the pandemic. We will, as we do annually, take time to mark this season of 'returns' (return to school, university, work, church...) with a family barbecue following church at the end this month – 26th September. I know that we will be pushing it, weather wise, but hopefully it remains dry for us, at least.

I am anticipating a most fruitful time of worship together this week. In the Scripture passage above, as well as the beautiful gospel truths given, John addresses the church in such a way that captures its generational diversity: children, young people, and elders. As part of our time together we will be welcoming new church members into our fellowship and hopefully you will see there too the beautiful diversity of the/our church – although I'll let you decide who falls into which category! Join me in prayer for these wonderful people, that they find a place of service and flourishing here among us.

And more new members will follow in the next few weeks. And so again, if this is something that you would be interested in then please let me know and I'll arrange a conversation about it.

Blessings,

Mick



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MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Date

Event

Sunday 26 Sep 2021	Morning Service at 10:30am followed by Church Barbecue
Sunday 19 Dec 2021	Church Christmas Banquet and Carol Service (to be confirmed)
11-13 February 2022	Ladies' Weekend - Created to Create



DAILY BIBLE READING AND PRAYER GUIDE

Date

Reading

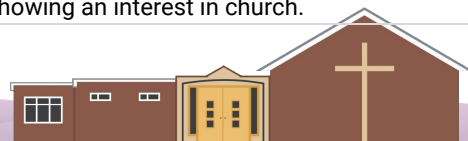
Pray for

Monday 6th September	1 Corinthians 9	Huw Jones
Tuesday 7th September	1 Corinthians 10:1–11:1	Mick, Debbie and Mikey Kane
Wednesday 8th September	1 Corinthians 11:2–16	Vivienne Kenyon
Thursday 9th September	1 Corinthians 11:17–12:11	Beverley Mitchell and family
Friday 10th September	1 Corinthians 12:12–13:13	Kingdom, Debi, David, Sarah, Faith and Malachi Matsetlo
Saturday 11th September	Catch up	Dr. Herbert McGonigle and family
Sunday 12th September	1 Corinthians 14:1–25	Sigrid Nwator and family



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for those who will join the church fellowship in membership this week: Steve and Jean Boyd; Matthew and Charlotte Purves (and Joshua); Mrs Marino; and Tim Geddes!
- Pray for our friends at the Bideford Community Centre as their donation stores were broken into this weekend and lots things were stolen. These items were earmarked for people in need. We pray that they would be blown away by the generous response of those who will give to them.
- Pray for Diane, home from hospital recovering from septicaemia.
- Pray for David and Christine's son Philip, and his wife. They live and work in Vietnam, where covid cases are on the rise.
- Pray for Annette Jones, as she receives hospital treatment. Annette hopes to join us in church soon.
- Continue to pray for Brenda Cawley and family as her granddaughter's partner, Owen is very ill with cancer.
- We continue to pray for John Beattie as he continues with his chemotherapy, and for Ann as she cares for him.
- 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 continue our journey out of restrictions, and as we plan for the Autumn season.
- Pray for the continuing work of the church in the local community.
- Pray for those we have recently come into contact with, and who are showing an interest in church.



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Rev Mick Kane

James 2:1-10; 14-17

'There's no such thing as a celebrity in the Kingdom of God!'

1 My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favouritism.

2 Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in.

3 If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet,"

4 have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

5 Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him?

6 But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court?

7 Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong?

8 If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbour as yourself," you are doing right.

9 But if you show favouritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers.

10 For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.

14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them?

15 Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food.

16 If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?

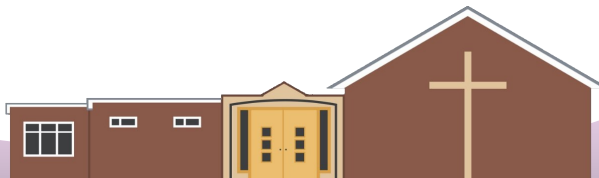
17 In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

This week Mick will be speaking from James chapter 2 on the topics of favouritism; celebrity culture; rich and poor. And although these things might seem like peripheral topics, don't be fooled! We are reminded in the text itself that to show favouritism goes against the 'greatest commandment' to "Love your neighbour as yourself" (verses 8&9).

So what does this mean for us personally, for us as a church, and how is the whole message captured in the action of sharing around the Lord's Table in Holy Communion? Join us on Sunday to find out!

We have a new family moving into the church manse this week. The family is coming from Romania, and they are not able to bring furniture with them. If you are disposing of any surplus furniture, and are willing to donate it to our new tenants, please email our church secretary, Mark Bolton, and we will see if we can arrange to pass it on to them.

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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.

