



Friends

"How good and pleasant it is, when God's people live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe. It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore." - Psalm 133

What a joy last week to gather as the whole family of God in worship. Around 110 of us, both adults and children, spent time singing, praying, honouring some, and gathering around God's word; and some more would join us for our barbecue afterwards. It was a real team effort to pull off the annual event so I am sure you will join me in saying 'thank you' to all who made it possible.

I am away this weekend following my uncle's funeral on Thursday. Thank you to those of you who have offered prayers for me. The funeral went well and it is good to be with family at this time. In my absence, Lucy will lead and preach and Karl will officiate around the Lord's table for us. Along with this, the worship and tech team remind me that it is not just annual barbecues that require a team effort - a sign of a healthy church! I'll be with you in prayer.

There is still time if you would like to speak to me about joining the church in membership or if you are considering baptism - both will feature as part of our worship in the coming weeks. Next week we will dedicate Micah Stanfield. With the increase in church attendance in the sanctuary recently I would recommend that you come to church as early as you can. Filling seats up towards the front of the church also helps us (but I know that's a tall ask!). A reminder too that the marathon will pass close to the church next week resulting in road closures so it is important that you plan ahead: <https://www.manchestermarathon.co.uk/route/road-closure-info/>

The board met this week and reflected that these are indeed exciting times in the life of our church. If you would like to speak to me about serving the church or something new we could be doing as a church then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Peace,

Mick



*Every good
& perfect
gift is from
above*

JAMES 1:17

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Church Calendar



MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Date	Event
Wednesday 6 October 2021	Toddle-In at church, 10am to 11:30am
Wednesday 6 October 2021	FoodCycle free community meal at church at 7:00pm
Thursday 7 October 2021	Community Café, 11am to 2pm
Sunday 10 October 2021	Morning Service at 10:30am including the dedication of Micah Stanfield
Sunday 19 Dec 2021	Children's Christmas presentation
Sunday 19 Dec 2021	Church Christmas Banquet
11-13 February 2022	Ladies' Weekend - Created to Create



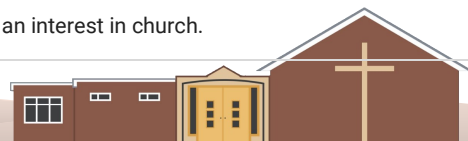
DAILY BIBLE READING AND PRAYER GUIDE

Date	Reading	Pray for
Monday 4th October	Galatians 4:21–5:15	Nikki and Mathew Armett, Antony Jessica and family
Tuesday 5th October	Galatians 5:16–6:18	Maud Batchelor
Wednesday 6th October	Ephesians 1	Arthur Basnett and Family
Thursday 7th October	Ephesians 2	Theresa Baker and family
Friday 8th October	Ephesians 3	Val Batty and Family
Saturday 9th October	Catch up	John and Ann Beattie and family
Sunday 10th October	Ephesians 4	Vivienne Best and Family



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for Pastor Mick's family as he attended his uncle's funeral this week.
- Pray for Pastor Mick's dad, also Mick, who needs a lot of prayer at this time.
- Steve and Jean Boyd would like to give thanks for answered prayer. Their meeting to discuss Jean's care package was very positive.
- Pray for John Beattie following the news of growth in his cancer recently. The next round of chemotherapy on offer is likely to include significant side effects. Pray for Anne too as she carried this with her husband.
- Pray for Chris Hoolihan who continues to experience arrhythmia of the heart. She is in conversation with her doctor as to how to resolve this.
- Pray for Micah Stanfield, and Dean, Simona and Mia, ahead of Micah's dedication next week.
- We continue to pray for Annette and Mike Jones and give thanks that Annette's condition is improving. We pray for their daughter and her partner, both who are poorly with Covid.
- Continue to pray for Brenda Cawley and family as her granddaughter's partner, Owen is very ill with cancer.
- 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.



Lucy Frost

Mark 3:1-6

Jesus Heals the Man with the Withered Hand

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This week we're visiting the Gospel of Mark. Mark's Gospel is great because it is short and fast paced. It's a great introduction to the life and ministry of Jesus. We believe it was the first of the Gospel accounts to be written. Mark was the cousin of Barnabas and travelled with him and Paul on some of the missionary journeys. He also spent time with Peter, recording Peter's recollections of Jesus' ministry in written form, helping improve the Greek, for circulation. We have a tantalising clue that Mark, although young, may have been something of an eyewitness to some of Jesus' ministry. He was the son of Mary, one of the early followers of Jesus who provided refuge for the disciples and other early Christians. In Acts 12 we read it was to her home that Peter went to when he miraculously escaped from prison.

Mark adds a strange story to his Gospel which does not occur anywhere else. When Jesus was arrested all the disciples fled but a 'certain young man' followed, was grabbed by the Roman soldiers who tore off his clothes. He was able to escape and ran away naked. Who was this young man? With none of the disciples around to witness him and record his story, was it the author himself? Perhaps like John, he makes his presence in the story known discreetly. All this means that when we read Mark's Gospel, we are reading information supplied from one of Jesus' closest disciples, and perhaps sometimes witnessed by the author himself.

In our passage today we join Jesus early on in his ministry. He has gathered a few fishermen as disciples- Peter and his brother Andrew, James, and John. He has been preaching with great authority, performing many miracles, and expelling demons. He is starting to draw a large crowd wherever he goes. Already he is receiving anger and hostility from the religious leaders. They accuse him of blasphemy for forgiving a paralysed man of his sins. He has dinner at the home of Matthew- a tax collector. The Jewish people hated tax collectors, because they lined their own profits, and the taxes went to the pagan Roman regime. For Matthew, a Jew to be in this job made him a hated person. Having dined with him, Jesus then made him a disciple.

To make matters worse, Jesus and his disciples had caused further controversy by plucking grains of wheat on the sabbath. By the time we get to this incident the Pharisees and religious leaders are watching him closely. Some people think that they sent this disabled man into Jesus deliberately as a set up. If Jesus chose to heal him, they could accuse him of breaking Sabbath law.

Jesus offers healing:

Because God is love and Jesus is the Messiah, he could not contemplate leaving this man to suffer a day longer. In those days a withered hand would have made everyday tasks incredibly difficult. This man had probably never been able to work and earn a living. The man showed great faith by stepping forward for healing, despite the hostility of the crowd around him. Jesus asks him to stretch out his hand- something that was impossible for him. But his faith made it possible, and he was healed.

Jesus warns against losing our way spiritually:

The religious leaders and Pharisees were not intentionally bad people. They thought themselves very pure and holy, in fact. The Law they guarded so zealously was not bad. God had given it to the Jewish people, and they were meant to keep it. That is until the Messiah came with a new way of living- by grace. Their fervour was such that they began to be legalistic and interpreted the law with extreme hard heartedness. They had decided someone could not be healed on the Sabbath unless their lives were in danger, or their condition likely to worsen. This man had been suffering for a long time so he could suffer longer still. But Jesus was the Messiah, he could heal the man right now on the Sabbath. Because Jesus is Lord, he is Lord of the Sabbath and has authority over it. He is also the ultimate Sabbath- we find ultimate rest in him. The Pharisees had become blind- they had wrongly interpreted the law. They had shown no love or concern for the disabled man. Most tragically, the Messiah they longed to see was standing right in front of them, but they did not realise. We need to be wary as Christians of not becoming like the Pharisees. Sometimes we can be blinded by rules and red-tape that we lose sight of being loving and welcoming.

Jesus offers restoration:

This week I have been decorating my bedroom. There were cracks and holes that needed filling and smoothed. Then the wall had to be undercoated before it could be painted, touched up, then the touch-ups touched up! Now it looks perfect but at some point, it will get scuffed, or cracks will reappear. Jesus was able to restore the man's hand instantly. When he took the punishment for our sins on the cross, he was able to restore us into a right relationship with God instantly. We don't need to agonise about trying to be perfect like the Pharisees because we are saved by grace.

When we read this miracle it a powerful reminder to us not to become hard hearted and legalistic. Our faith must not become dead, without love and mercy, like the Pharisees. It is also a wonderful reminder of who Jesus is- Jesus is the Messiah who heals and restores. Hallelujah!





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