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MANCHESTER MARATHON

Brooklands Church Update Sunday #10 October

Dear friends

Firstly, a reminder that the Manchester Marathon passes by on Sunday, and there are road closures between Manchester and Altrincham, including in Sale, Timperley, Altrincham and all of Brooklands Road. I hope this doesn't prevent you from coming to church, but if it does make your journey impossible, remember we are still broadcasting services on our YouTube channel.

We celebrate with Dean, Simona and Mia Stanfield, and the rest of the family as baby Micah will be dedicated on Sunday. Pastor Mick is back with us and he will be leading the service and preaching.

"LET US RUN WITH PERSEVERANCE THE RACE MARKED OUT FOR US, FIXING OUR EYES ON JESUS, THE PIONEER AND PERFECTER OF FAITH." - HEBREWS 12:1-2.

There are many instances where the Apostle Paul uses the analogy of the Christian life being like running a race. As we look at the life and writings of Paul, we begin to understand the truth behind this metaphor.

Our journey of faith is not a 100-metre sprint—it is more like an endurance race. Think of it a marathon, or even an ultra-marathon. When taking part in a long-distance race, the runner needs to pace himself. Setting off at a sprint will inevitably cause the runner to burn out too soon. In Philippians 3 verse 14, Paul calls us to persevere, saying *"I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus"*.

There can be many diversions in store for us as we navigate the roads along our personal race. Paul recognises this when he tells the Galatians in chapter 5 verse 7 – *"You were running a good race. Who cut in on you to keep you from obeying the truth?"* In our lives, both individually and as a church, it is vitally important that we remain focussed on the task ahead and do not get sidetracked by worldly distractions.

There will be times when the race will be particularly hard. In long-distance running terms this is referred to as *"hitting the wall"*. This is when Paul's message to the Hebrew people will become especially significant in our lives. When life is hard, when everything seems to be against us and we are at a low ebb, when we feel we are hitting life's wall, it is at these times when we need to fix our eyes on Jesus. I am reminded of the old chorus: *"Turn your eyes upon Jesus. Look full in his wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of His glory and grace"*.

Paul understands the importance of the task ahead of us, declaring in Philippians 2:16 *"Then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labour in vain"*. And if we persevere until the end, with our eyes focussed on Him, casting distractions to one side, our reward will be *"The crown that will last forever"* (1 Corinthians 9:25).

These are the thoughts I'll be taking with me as I run my first (and probably my last) marathon on Sunday. I've trained long and hard, and I'm ready for what lies ahead. I am running to raise funds for The Alzheimer's Society, in memory of my father-in-law, Joseph Rowley, who suffered from the disease. Joe completed his earthly race and went on to receive the ultimate prize of the crown that lasts forever. I'm looking forward to receiving a medal and a free flapjack at the end of this particular race.

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Church Calendar



MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Date	Event
Weds 13 October 2021	Toddle-In at church, 10am to 11:30am
Weds 13 October 2021	FoodCycle free community meal at church at 7:00pm
Thursday 14 October 2021	Community Café, 11am to 2pm
Sunday 17 October 2021	Morning Service at 10:30am
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 11th October	Ephesians 5	Mark, Joanne and Tom Bolton
Tuesday 12th October	Ephesians 6	Audrey Bolton and Family
Wednesday 13th October	Philippians 1	Jack and Leah Bolton
Thursday 14th October	Philippians 2	Robert Bond and Annette
Friday 15th October	Philippians 3:1–4:1	Jean and Steve Boyd
Saturday 16th October	Catch up	Bob and Eveline Branan
Sunday 17th October	Philippians 4:2–23	Ruth Copeland-Holtz



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for Micah Stanfield; Dean, Simona and Mia; and the wider family as Micah is dedicated to God as part of our worship this week.
- We had a visit from Mike Kane MP to our community cafe this week. Pray for Mike in his role as our local politician.
- Pray for Pastor Mick's dad, also Mick, who needs a lot of prayer at this time.
- Steve Boyd has tested positive for Covid. He currently feels well. Pray that both he and Jean continue to keep well.
- 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 carries this with her husband.
- Pray for Chris Hoolihan who continues to experience arrhythmia of the heart. She is in working with her doctor as to how to resolve this.
- We continue to pray for Annette and Mike Jones and give thanks that Annette's condition is improving.
- 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 and Christmas seasons.
- Pray for those we have recently come into contact with, and who are showing an interest in church.
- Pray for the continuing work of the church in the local community.



Sunday 10 October 2021

Rev Mick Kane

Sermon: The Bible—Don't just 'read' it

Scripture: Hebrews 4:12-16

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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SETLIST

10,000 Reasons

The Blessing

It Is Well With My Soul

I Will Offer Up My Life

*Standing on the
promises of Christ our
King*





Come in!
For tasty food
and good company




**Free meals
Wednesdays
7.00pm**

Everyone is welcome

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Opens 15 September



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Sit and eat with us
Come inside for a
warm, tasty meal.

Welcoming volunteers and
COVID safety measures in place.

Please wear a face covering
and do not attend if you
are unwell or have
COVID symptoms.



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