

Brooklands Church Update

Sunday#21 November

Dear Friends

"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all." - Ephesians 4:4-6.

Today as a church we get to participate in one of the greatest celebrations in the tradition of our faith as a group of individuals go through the waters of baptism. Baptism is the sign and seal of a believer's decision to identify with the life, death and resurrection of Christ and receive the new life achieved for them by Him. Scripture speaks of angels rejoicing in heaven when one repents and so we join with them this day in praise to God for what he is doing the lives of those being baptised as well as our role in it as a Church family. We will have the children remain with us for the duration of the service as it is important they are witness to this special service. There will be guests and visitors among us also as friends of the baptism candidates so let's make them feel welcome.

We'll also be receiving new members into the local church (you'll remember this was supposed to happen some weeks ago before I was taken down with Covid!) so it is a double celebration!

Next week begins the season of Advent – can you believe it!? We have put together a full and exciting Christmas programme to help us celebrate as a church family this important time of the year. It is in the form of Christmas care designed to be both a blessing and an invitation to others. Please take a bundle with you if you would like to invite friends and neighbours to any of the events. Many of the events allow for us to engage with our neighbours and offer the love and peace of Christ as is so evident in the Christmas story – please be in prayer for us in this season.

Speaking of Christmas, it is time to put up the Christmas decorations in the church. A group of us will gather on Friday this week at 11am to do this. Please, if you are available, come along and help out. We'll have the kettle on and enjoy a cuppa too!

Peace,

Mick

MY FEET
STAND ON
LEVEL GROUND;
IN THE GREAT
CONGREGATION
I WILL PRAISE
THE LORD.

PSALM 26:12



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Church Calendar



MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Date	Event
Wednesday 24 November 2021	Toddle-In
Wednesday 24 November 2021	<u>Church Zoom Prayer Meeting</u>
Wednesday 24 November 2021	FoodCycle free community meal at church at 5:00pm
Thursday 25 November 2021	Community Café, 11am to 2pm
Friday 26 November 2021	Decorate church, 11am
Sunday 28 November 2021	First Sunday of Advent
Friday 10 December 2021	Musical Connections, 2-3:30pm. See advert on page 5.
Sunday 12 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 22nd November	Hebrews 12	Vivienne Kenyon
Tuesday 23rd November	Hebrews 13	Beverley Mitchell and family
Wednesday 24th November	James 1	Kingdom, Debi, David, Sarah, Faith and Malachi Matsetlo
Thursday 25th November	James 2	Dr. Herbert McGonigle and family
Friday 26th November	James 3:1–4:12	Sigrid Nwator and family
Saturday 27th November	Catch up	Myra O'Hara and family
Sunday 28th November	James 4:13–5:20	Michael Okechukwa and family



Church Prayer Requests



PRAYER REQUESTS

- * Pray for our church as we enter the season of Advent with lots of important and exciting activities.
- * Pray for those going through the waters of baptism and joining our church in membership this morning.
- * We continue to uphold John and Ann Beattie in prayer.
- * Jon Fisher's next bout of cancer treatment is scheduled to start on Tuesday; please pray he is well enough for this to go ahead.
- * We give thanks that Isobel Cave has been feeling well recently. She is awaiting the results of an MRI scan so please continue to uphold her in prayer.
- * Pray for Pastor Mick's dad, also called Mick, who needs a lot of prayer at this time.
- * 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.
- * Pray for David and Chris Hoolihan's son Philip, in Vietnam, who has been in hospital recently. Pray for his wife, Hua also.
- * We pray for Marie Vickers, a friend of David and Chris. Marie has received sudden news that she has a serious illness.
- * Bill Ellis and Viv Best are now much better following health issues. We thank God for answered pray in these situations.
- * We have been asked to pray for Myra's nephew, Lee Hickman. Lee is 45. He suffered a stroke and has been in hospital for 6 months. He is being fed through a tube. He bears these difficulties with a positive attitude, but we pray for healing for Lee.
- * 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.
- * We continue to remember Alan Roberts, son-in-law of Val Batty, who has cancer.
- * We pray for others in our congregation who need healing. Including, Colin Dunbar and Claire. Also Christine Clarke has asked for prayer for sciatica.
- * 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.

A prayer for healing.

Loving God, I pray that you will comfort those who are suffering, lend skill to the hands of their healers, and bless the means used for their cure. Give them such confidence in the power of your grace, that even when they are afraid, they may put their whole trust in you; through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.





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Mick Kane

Romans 6:1-14

1 What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning, so that grace may increase? 2 By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? 3 Or don't you know that all of us who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? 4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6 For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin – 7 because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. 10 The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

11 In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. 12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. 13 Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. 14 For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace. God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. 14 For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.



NEXT YEAR
BISD Ladies' Weekend

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11th - 13th February 2022

Kings Park Conference Centre,
Northampton



Come in!
For tasty food
and good company



**Free meals
Wednesdays
5.00pm**

Everyone is welcome

FoodCycle Wythenshawe
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Musical Connections at Christmas

STRING OF
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Over 50s are invited to a christmas music session with String of Hearts and Buzz Health & Wellbeing Service!

Join in with some well-known christmas tunes and explore your musical interests with local professional musicians.

- Have some fun
- Connect with local people
- No musical experience required

Friday 10th December, 2 - 3.30 pm
Brooklands Church of the Nazarene,
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The session is free to attend and
drinks & snacks will be provided.



Please contact Lucy at String of Hearts to
register your interest: 07392 154 743

