

Brooklands Church Update

Sunday
#02 January
2022



Dear Friends

"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." – Lamentations 3:22-23.

I recall a sermon from a few years ago, when we were reminded of the Christmas broadcast to the British Empire given in 1939 by King George VI, as the country plunged into a very uncertain future. The King quoted a poem by Minnie Louise Haskins.

THE GATE OF THE YEAR ('God Knows')

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:

"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown".

And he replied:

"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way".

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.

And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.

The past year brought a lot of changes to us as a church, and uncertainty as a nation. As we enter a new year together, we are reminded that God's love towards us is as certain as the arrival of a new day, and because He is constant even in the face of change, we can always rely on His goodness and mercy.

We are saddened to hear that our friend and brother Colin Dunbar passed away a few days ago. Colin was a fine Christian gentleman, and will be sadly missed by those that knew him. Please remember to pray for Colin's family and friends at this difficult time.

Lucy will be leading our first service of the new year, whilst Mick, Debbie and Mikey enjoy some time with their loved ones back home in Scotland. We continue to follow government guidelines for safe worship, which essentially means those who are able to should wear face coverings, sanitise your hands, and please stay away if you are showing any signs of suffering from Covid-19.

On behalf of everyone at Brooklands Church, I would like to wish you a Happy New Year.

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Church Meetings and Events

Date	Event
Saturday 2 January 2022	Sunday Morning worship, 10:30 am, Lucy Frost
Wednesday 5 January 2022	Toddle-In, 10:00 am
Wednesday 5 January 2022	Church Zoom Prayer Meeting , 10:30 am
Wednesday 5 January 2022	FoodCycle free community meal at church at 5:00pm
Wednesday 5 January 2022	12:00 pm. Meet at church to take down decorations
Thursday 6 January 2022	Community Café, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
Thursday 6 January 2022	Bible Study, 2:00 pm at church
Sunday 9 January 2022	Sunday Worship, Rev. Dr Deirdre Brower-Latz is our speaker
28-30 January 2022	Regional weekend of prayer. Information to follow
Sunday 30 January 2022	British Isles South District joint communion service, 11:30am
11-13 February 2022	Ladies' Weekend - Created to Create

New Year's Prayers

- 🕊 Pray for the family of Colin Dunbar, who passed away last week.
- 🕊 Pray for Siggy, who fell and injured her arm whilst spending Christmas with her family in the USA.
- 🕊 Pray for the life of our church, as we enter a new year.
- 🕊 Pray for our church leaders as they meet to discuss the direction of the church in 2022.
- 🕊 Pray for those we know who are lonely, poor, and hungry.
- 🕊 Pray for those who are persecuted because of their faith.
- 🕊 Pray for those working to bring relief in war torn areas of the world.

Speaker

Lucy Frost

Reading

John 1:1-18

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

6 There was a man sent from God whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. 8 He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

9 The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. 11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. 12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

15 (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'") 16 Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

Church Prayer and Daily Reading Diary

Monday 3 January 2022

Bible reading: Genesis chapter 2

Pray for: Isobel Cave & family

Tuesday 4 January 2022

Bible reading: Genesis chapter 3

Pray for: Christine Clarke

Wednesday 5 January 2022

Bible reading: Genesis chapter 4 verses 1 to 10

Pray for: Enid and James Collins and family

Thursday 6 January 2022

Bible reading: Genesis chapter 4 verses 11 to 26

Pray for: Holly, Nathan, Lauren & Darcie Dale

Friday 7 January 2022

Bible reading: Genesis chapter 5

Pray for: Luis, Miriam and Family

Saturday 8 January 2022

Bible reading: Genesis chapter 6

Pray for: Heather Critchley, Dan and baby Holly

Sunday 9 January 2022

Bible reading: Genesis chapter 7

Pray for: Eloise Critchley and Mitch