

Brooklands Church Update

Sunday 6 February 2022

Dear Friends

"Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves."

Romans 12:10.

Around 57 AD the apostle Paul was in Corinth during his third missionary journey. It was here that he wrote his letter to the church in Rome. The book of Romans is one of the most beautiful and complex books in the Bible. The poet Samuel Coleridge called it "The most profound work in existence." In the early 1500s a German monk called Martin Luther was in turmoil over his sinfulness and brokenness. It was while reading Romans 1: 17 that Luther had a cataclysmic breakthrough that we are saved by faith alone. He recalled later he felt reborn, and he described this passage as a "gateway into heaven." Luther's work changed the church, and the world by bringing about the Protestant Reformation.

What I love about Romans is Paul's teachings on how Christians can live and worship together. The situation in the Roman church was complex with Jewish and Gentile believers struggling to co-exist. Paul wrote to remind them that they must love one another as they would their own blood-families. Love is central to the Gospel. It was Jesus' loving sacrifice that puts us back into a right relationship with God. By urging Christians to live in loving unity with one another Paul was demonstrating that we are the body of Christ. It is through the Church that God is pursuing the loving process of salvation.

Today, the work continues. The Nazarene Church is involved in missional and humanitarian work around the world. Healthcare, education, disaster-relief, fighting slavery and helping refugees are just a few examples of how we demonstrate God's loving kindness. Last week we held a special collection for Lebanon and Cyprus. A big thank you to everyone for donating so generously. I am pleased to confirm we raised £830.

After our service this morning, we will be having our AGM. As a loving family working for God, we have a serious responsibility to make sure our church is run properly, and we are being faithful to God's plans for us. Everyone is free to attend but only members can vote. If you are interested in becoming a member, please speak to Pastor Mick.

Grace and peace,

Lucy

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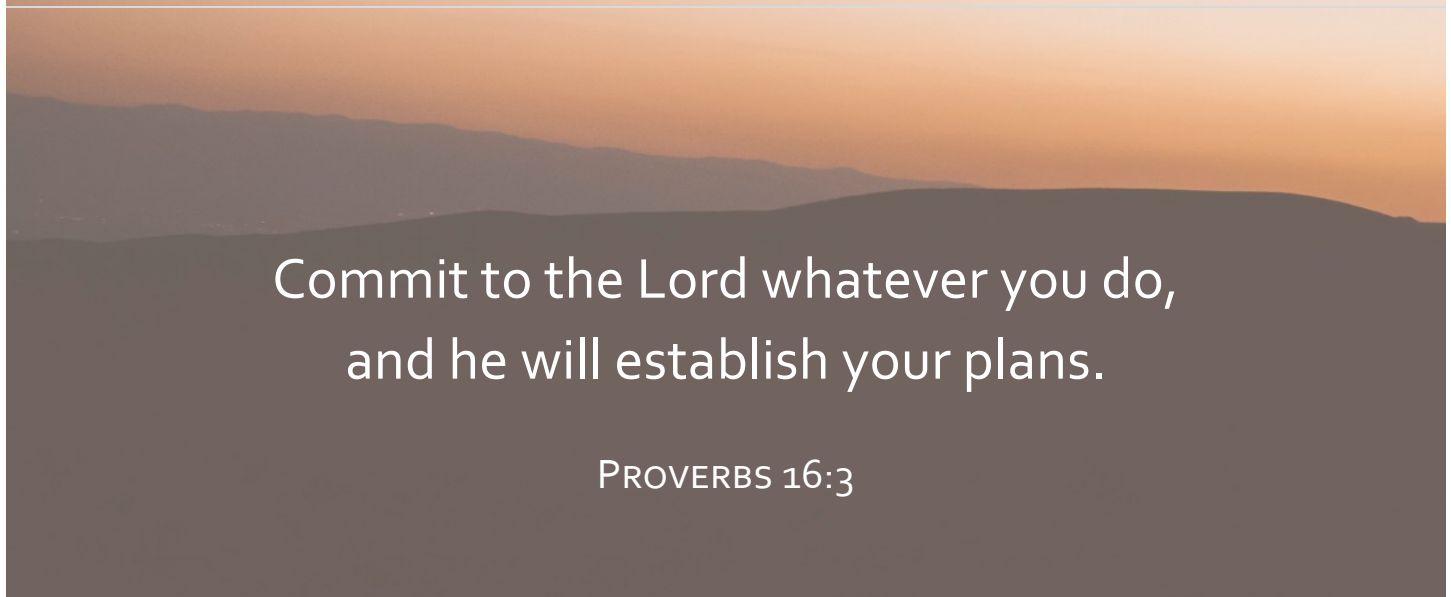
Church Calendar

This week

Date	Event
Sunday 6 February 2022	Sunday Worship, 10:30 am. Pastor Mick will be our speaker
Sunday 6 February 2022	Brooklands Church Annual General Meeting, 12:00 pm
Wednesday 9 February 2022	Toddle-In, 10:00 am
Wednesday 9 February 2022	<u>Church Zoom Prayer Meeting</u> , 10:30 am
Wednesday 9 February 2022	FoodCycle free community meal at church at 5:00 pm
Thursday 10 February 2022	Community Café, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
Thursday 10 February 2022	Bible Study, 2:00 pm at church led by Lucy
Sunday 13 February 2022	Sunday Worship, 10:30 am. Pastor Mick will be our speaker

Coming up

Date	Event
11-13 February 2022	Ladies' Weekend - Created to Create
11-12 March 2022	British Isles South District Assembly, Dukinfield



Commit to the Lord whatever you do,
and he will establish your plans.

PROVERBS 16:3

Church Prayer and Daily Reading Diary

Monday 7 February 2022

Bible reading: Genesis 28:1–9

Pray for: Tim and Alison Ingram

Tuesday 8 February 2022

Bible reading: Genesis 28:10–22

Pray for: Annette and Mike Jones and family

Wednesday 9 February 2022

Bible reading: Genesis 29:1–30

Pray for: Mrs Marino

Thursday 10 February 2022

Bible reading: Genesis 29:31–30:24

Pray for: Vivienne Kenyon

Friday 11 February 2022

Bible reading: Genesis 30:25–43

Pray for: Kingdom, Debi, David, Sarah, Faith and Malachi Matsetlo

Saturday 12 February 2022

Bible reading: Genesis 31:1–18

Pray for: Dr. Herbert McGonigle and family

Sunday 13 February 2022

Bible reading: Genesis 31:19–33

Pray for: Sigrid Nwator and Family

British Isles South District Assembly

The church is holding its District Assembly on Friday 11 March and Saturday 12 March 2022, at St. John's Church in Dukinfield. This is the equivalent of our church Annual General Meeting, but it is for most of the Nazarene churches in England and Wales. Churches will be sending delegates to attend the event.

If you could offer accommodation to delegates for one night—Friday 11 March—please let Pastor Mick or Mark Bolton know, and whether this would be for a single person or a married couple.

Church Prayers

- ✚ Continue to pray for the Strong family. Terry's mother is no longer critical following the stroke but she is experiencing life changing effects from it. Terry will remain with her for some time. Continue to pray also for Sheila's niece, Ashley, recovering from lung replacement surgery.
- ✚ Pray for Pastor Mick's family. Mick's dad, also Mick, has received a prognosis of 6 months to a year. Also, last week, Mick's step-dad, Jim was diagnosed with lung cancer and is undergoing tests investigating the spread of the cancer. The outlook for Jim is also not good.
- ✚ We give thanks with Jack and Leah Bolton who announced that they are expecting a baby. We pray for the well keeping of mum and baby (and dad!) and celebrate this news with the family.
- ✚ Pray for Pastor Lucy as she will be interviewed soon for her District Minister's Licence. This is the next step in the process of ministry for Lucy. May the interview panel realise of Lucy what we already know – She has been called and is being equipped for ministry!
- ✚ Pray for the family of Pastor Jim Fugard, of Lurgan Church of the Nazarene, who sadly died this week following a long time in hospital. Jim was Pastor Karl's best man at his and Ingrid's wedding. Pray for them too as they mourn the loss of a friend.
- ✚ Pray for the newly elected church board.
- ✚ Pray for Sean and Sharron Harland as they settle in to their new home, and especially for Lisa, who is expecting her first child any day now. Pray for a safe delivery.
- ✚ Pray for Siggy who injured her arm whilst in America. We give thanks she is home and pray for a full recovery.
- ✚ We continue to pray for David Cosgriff Snr. David is recovering at home which the family are very grateful for but he continues to need our prayers.
- ✚ Continue to pray for John and Anne Beattie as John's palliative care for cancer continues.
- ✚ Pray for others who continue to need healing and comfort in these days: Isobel Cave, Jon Fisher, Viv Best, Nathaniel Herbert and others.
- ✚ Pray for David and Chris Hoolihan's son Philip, in Vietnam, and for his wife, Hua also.
- ✚ We pray for healing for Marie Vickers, family to David and Chris though marriage.
- ✚ Pray for continued healing for Clare Bolton, following an operation before Christmas.
- ✚ Pray for the continued work of the Church here in the community of Brooklands, Wythenshawe as new faces continue to engage with us in a number of ways.

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Pastor Mick Kane

Deeper 3

1 Corinthians 2: 6-16

6 We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. 7 No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. 8 None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 However, as it is written:

"What no eye has seen,
what no ear has heard,
and what no human mind has conceived"—
the things God has prepared for those who love him—

10 these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit.

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. 11 For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. 12 What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. 13 This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. 14 The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. 15 The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, 16 for,

"Who has known the mind of the Lord
so as to instruct him?"

But we have the mind of Christ.