

Brooklands Church Update

Sunday 27 February 2022

Dear friends

"¹⁴ For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." – Ephesians 3:14-21.

And so for the last time in this season we will begin our time of worship by saying this prayer together. I trust that you have found it worthwhile. I know that I certainly have! There is real power in the corporate affirming of God's Word over God's people. With the help of the Holy Spirit this prayer has become a reality in our lives and in our church. Amen!

We conclude our 'Deeper' series today by meditating a little further on the image of 'roots.' Not only do roots help to anchor trees during the storms of life but they also access sources of water and nourishment. This means that where and what we are planted into also matters! I'm hoping that we conclude our series with some very practical application as to how we can be rooted well and take up the Scriptural invitation of a deeper relationship with God in Christ.

Next week marks the beginning of Lent and I'm working on a resource that will help us enter into the season whole-heartedly as a church – applying some of the principles we have reflected on during our 'Deeper' series too!

Lent, of course, is something of a spiritual pilgrimage to Easter and we are hoping to celebrate Easter Sunday with a Baptism and Membership service this year. I have resources for those interested so please speak to me today so I can give you access to these.

Peace,

Mick

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Church Calendar

This week

| Date | Event |
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| Sunday 27 February 2022 | Sunday Worship, 10:30 am. Pastor Mick is our speaker |
| Sunday 27 February 2022 | BISD Zoom Prayer Meeting for Ukraine |
| Wednesday 2 March 2022 | No Toddle-In, 10:00 am |
| Wednesday 2 March 2022 | Church Zoom Prayer Meeting , 10:30 am |
| Wednesday 2 March 2022 | FoodCycle free community meal at church at 5:00 pm |
| Thursday 3 March 2022 | Community Café, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm |
| Thursday 3 March 2022 | Bible Study, 2:00 pm at church led by Lucy |
| Sunday 6 March 2022 | Sunday Worship, 10:30 am. Pastor Mick will be our speaker |

Coming up

| Date | Event |
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| 11-12 March 2022 | British Isles South District Assembly, Dukinfield |
| Friday 6 May 2022 | NTC Graduation |



"I HAVE TOLD YOU THESE THINGS, SO THAT IN ME YOU MAY HAVE PEACE. IN THIS WORLD YOU WILL HAVE TROUBLE. BUT TAKE HEART! I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD."

JOHN 16:33

Church Prayer and Daily Reading Diary

Monday 28 February 2022

Bible reading: Genesis 41:1–16

Pray for: Gert, Melissa and Jessica Schwartz and family

Tuesday 1 March 2022

Bible reading: Genesis 41:17–36

Pray for: Marion Tewkesbury and family

Wednesday 2 March 2022

Bible reading: Genesis 41:37–57

Pray for: Erica and James Thompson

Thursday 3 March 2022

Bible reading: Genesis 42:1–16

Pray for: John Torkington, Catherine Langley and their families

Friday 4 March 2022

Bible reading: Genesis 42:17–38

Pray for: Jean and Dave Walker and family

Saturday 5 March 2022

Bible reading: Genesis 43:1–14

Pray for: Carol Wray and family

Sunday 6 March 2022

Bible reading: Genesis 43:15–34

Pray for: Norma Whyte and family

Church News

British Isles South District Assembly

A reminder that 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.

There are two worship services as part of the Assembly that all are welcome to attend. On Saturday a team from Brooklands will be contributing to the worship and Pastor Lucy will be receiving her District Licence:

Friday 11th March, 7pm: Worship service: Rev Jim Ritchie as speaker

Saturday 12th March, 5:30pm: Ordination service: Dr Rev David Busic as speaker

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.

Pray for Ukraine

The Church District is arranging a meeting to pray for the situation in Ukraine. It will be from 6-7pm on Zoom this Sunday evening, and we'll be concluding with the Lord's Supper as a tangible symbol of our unity with our sisters and brothers in Ukraine and Russia.

Topic: Prayer for Ukraine

Time: Feb 27, 2022 06:00 PM London

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82005926807>

Meeting ID: 820 0592 6807



Church Prayers

- ✚ Pray for the de-escalation of war and violence in Ukraine. Pray for a peaceful resolution.
- ✚ Pray for Babs and Pete Hewitt following the death of Babs' son Dave. He was only 51. We pray for peace for the family and wisdom for Pete as he prepares to lead the funeral when arranged.
- ✚ Pray for the Strong Family following the death of Terry's mother.
- ✚ Pray for Connor Duerdon, and for Cole and Carter, aged 6 and 3. Connor's partner and fiancé Charlotte Hibbert passed away unexpectedly at their home here on Brooklands estate. She was only 25. Pray for the Hibbert and Duerdon families as they come to terms with the loss of Charlotte. Connor is also the nephew of Jean Walker.
- ✚ We give thanks for the safe delivery of Connie Grace. We rejoice with Lisa and the family in these special early days.
- ✚ Pray for Pastor Mick's family. Mick's dad, also Mick, has received a prognosis of 6 months to a year. Also, 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.
- ✚ Pray for Pastor Lucy as she continues with the process for her District Minister's Licence.
- ✚ Pray for Siggy who injured her arm whilst in America. We give thanks she is home and pray for a full recovery.
- ✚ 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 through marriage.
- ✚ 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. This week a small food pantry was launched in the church. Pray for this venture and for families affected by the cost of living crisis.

Sunday 20 February 2022

Pastor Mick Kane

Deeper 6

Matthew 13:1-23

1 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. 2 Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. 3 Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. 4 As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. 5 Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. 6 But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. 7 Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. 8 Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. 9 Whoever has ears, let them hear."

10 The disciples came to him and asked, "Why do you speak to the people in parables?"

11 He replied, "Because the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. 12 Whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. 13 This is why I speak to them in parables: "Though seeing, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear or understand.

14 In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah: "'You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.

15 For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.'

16 But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear. 17 For truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

18 "Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: 19 When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. 20 The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. 21 But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. 22 The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. 23 But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."