



# BROOKLANDS CHURCH

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*"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." - Romans 8: 38-39*

It is such a joy to be with you again for worship this week. Thank you so much for your texts, emails, prayers and words of encouragement these past weeks - they really do mean a lot. Jim's funeral was a wonderful tribute to his strong faith at the end of his life and the grace he found in Christ - this was very comforting as we said farewell (for now). What a hope we have in Christ! My dad remains in hospice and I'll take time this week to decide what the next few weeks look like for me and my family. I'm so grateful to Pastor Lucy, the church board and the whole church for the way you have rallied together in these days when I've become even more 'part-time' than normal.

Speaking of the hope we have in Christ, we will begin our times of worship over the next few weeks by declaring together some of the most encouraging and affirming truths in all the Scripture, found in Romans chapter 8. It wouldn't be practical to recite the whole text so I have compiled what is essentially an abridged version capturing some of the key truths. It would be my recommendation that over these weeks you read Romans 8 in its entirety alongside this corporate

act of worship. This is, I think, a very appropriate act in the Easter season.

This week our church building will be used for local council elections. We are always pleased to serve the local community in this way and it serves as a reminder to us of the Biblical command to keep political leaders in prayer - no matter the outcome. We as a church remain committed to partner with those who have a shared interest to bless the community of Brooklands.

Peace,

Mick

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# COMING UP

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
Sunday 1 May 2022	Sunday Worship, 10:30 am
Wednesday 4 May 2022	Toddle-In, 10:00 am
Wednesday 4 May 2022	Church Zoom Prayer Meeting, 10:30 am
Wednesday 4 May 2022	Food Pantry, 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Wednesday 4 May 2022	FoodCycle free community meal 5:00 pm
Thursday 5 May 2022	Manchester City Council local elections. No church activities today.
Sunday 8 May 2022	Sunday Worship, 10:30 am

# LOOKING AHEAD

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
Friday 6 May 2022	NTC Graduation, 10:00 am
Saturday 7 May 2022	Work morning at church, 9 am to 12 pm
Tuesday 16 August – Sunday 21 August 2022	Breakthru Holiday – All age family holiday at Ampleforth Abbey, York <a href="http://www.breakthruholidays.com">www.breakthruholidays.com</a>

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## ***All-Age Holiday***

In the beautiful setting of Ampleforth Abbey, York, with great facilities for both the energetic and relaxed alike. For all ages and tastes; crafts, quizzes, children's activities, sports, pool, cafe... something for everyone. All complimented with inspiring worship and teaching.

[www.breakthruholidays.com](http://www.breakthruholidays.com)

## ***Church Work Morning***

We are having a work morning next Saturday to do a bit of spring cleaning in the church, and some grounds and building maintenance.

Please join us if you are able from 9 am to 12 pm.  
Refreshments will be provided..





# PRAYER AND READINGS

DATE	READING	PRAY FOR
Mon 2 May	Exodus 34:10–35	Myra O'Hara and family
Tue 3 May	Exodus 35:1–29	Michael Okechukwa and family
Wed 4 May	Exodus 35:30–35	John and Vera Packard
Thu 5 May	Exodus 36	Sandra and Mike Pitt and Family
Fri 6 May	Exodus 37:1–16	Grant and Crys Pettitt
Sat 7 May	Exodus 37:17–38:7	Fay Powell
Sun 8 May	Exodus 38:8–31	Cameron Preece



## COMMUNITY MEALS





free, nutritious meal  
 Wednesdays from 5.00–6.00pm  
 Brooklands Church of the Nazarene  
 Wendover Road, Wythenshawe



# CHURCH PRAYERS

- Pray for Pastor Mick, and for Debbie and Mikey. Pray also for family members in Scotland as they grieve the loss of Jim, Mick's step-dad.
- Continue to pray for Mick's dad, also Mick, who is also unwell with cancer.
- Nathaniel Herbert is still in Trafford General Hospital in Davyhulme. His home is soon to be assessed by health professionals to see what can be done to make it comfortable for Nat.
- Pray for David Hall, who has had a fall, and has fractured a limb. David's mobility has been affected. Pray for healing and a return to strength. Pray also for Jean, as she cares for him, and for Lucy.
- Continue to pray for Norma, who remains in hospital. She would dearly like to see us all again in church. Pray that she will be healed.
- Stephen Lovatt is having a difficult time at present, so please remember him in your prayers. Pray for healing of his mind.
- We have been praying for Dana Dowdy, a friend of Jean Walker. Dana has sent a message to say that following a third operation, all traces of cancer have been removed. She is thankful for our prayers, and we rejoice for answered prayer.
- We continue to pray for David and Chris Hoolihan's family in Vietnam. Son Philip, daughter-in-law Hua, and their new born baby boy.
- Continue to pray for John and Anne Beattie as John's palliative care for cancer continues. Anne was able to join us at our Zoom prayer meeting on Wednesday, and we were able to pray for them both.
- Pray for others who continue to need healing and comfort in these days: Isobel Cave, Jon Fisher, Viv Best, Philomena Evans.
- We continue to pray for healing for Marie Vickers, family to David and Chris though marriage.
- Pray for the continued work of the Church here in the community of Brooklands, as new faces continue to engage with us in a number of ways.
- Pray for the ongoing work of the food pantry, which started in church recently, providing food for local families affected by the cost of living crisis.
- Continue to pray for a cease in hostilities in Ukraine, and remember to pray those affected by the war. Pray for the safety of innocent people, and for relief workers, including those from our own denomination.

Please send your prayer requests to Mick, Lucy or Mark Bolton, so that we can include them here.

# JOHN 20:11-18

## Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

11 Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb 12 and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

13 They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." 14 At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

15 He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

16 Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

17 Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

18 Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

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