

BROOKLANDS CHURCH

Newsletter | 08 May, 2022

Dear friends,

It was so good to have Pastor Mick with us back on Sunday. As you know, Mick had spent some time with his family in Glasgow following the death of his stepdad Jim. Sadly Mick's dad Michael has also been receiving end of life care. On Wednesday Mick was advised to travel back to Glasgow so he could be with his dad as he nears the end. Mick will spend a couple of weeks with his family. We are praying for them all during this incredibly difficult time.

This week we are pleased to welcome Rev Erica Tuxworth. Erica has worked in chaplaincy and ministry for many years. For the past few months Erica has been working as British Isles South District Chaplain to Pastors. Her ministry experience, kindness and care are a great blessing to our district. We look forward to Erica preaching and pray for her ministry.

This week we are also praying for the latest graduates of our Nazarene Theological College. After a difficult couple of years of Zoom lessons, and delays, the celebration is all the greater. We pray that they will all be able to find employment and do mighty things for God!

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30).

Grace and peace,

Lucy

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COMING UP

Date	Event
Sunday 8 May 2022	Sunday Worship, 10:30 am with Erica Tuxworth
Wednesday 11 May 2022	Toddle-In, 10:00 am
Wednesday 11 May 2022	Church Zoom Prayer Meeting, 10:30 am
Wednesday 11 May 2022	Food Pantry, 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Wednesday 11 May 2022	FoodCycle free community meal 5:00 pm
Thursday 12 May 2022	Community Cafe, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
Thursday 12 May 2022	Bible study with Lucy, 2:00 pm at church
Sunday 15 May 2022	Sunday Worship, 10:30 am with Carl McCann

LOOKING AHEAD

Date	Event
Tuesday 16 August - Sunday 21 August 2022	Breakthru Holiday - All age family holiday at Ampleforth Abbey, York <u>www.breakthruholidays.com</u>



Friday, 6 May was the graduation ceremony of the Nazarene Theological College in Didsbury. Our congratulations go to Katie Cameron, who graduated with a Degree in Practical Theology.

Well done also to Cameron Preece, and Tim Geddes, who both won prizes in recognition of their hard work.

The Brooklands Church Prize for Social Theology went to Joseph Boston. And a big thank you to the team of stewards from Brooklands - Karl, Viv, David, John, Sue, Joanne and Mark.

PRAYER AND READINGS

DATE	READING	PRAY FOR
Monday 9th May	Exodus 39:1–22	Matthew, Charlotte and Joshua Purves
Tuesday 10th May	Exodus 39:23–43	Adriana, Philip, David, Joseph, Pete and Rebecca Richmond
Wednesday 11th May	Exodus 40:1–33	Mark, Rebecca, Charlie and Laney Rotheram
Thursday 12th May	Exodus 40:34–38	Nick, Ada and Joshua Savu and family
Friday 13th May	Leviticus 1–2	Dean, Simona, Mia and Micah Stanfield
Saturday 14th May	Leviticus 3	Karl and Ingrid Stanfield and family
Sunday 15th May	Leviticus 4	Terry and Sheila Strong and family



CHURCH PRAYERS

- Pray for Pastor Mick, as he spends time with his dad, also Mick, who is being cared for in Glasgow. Pray for the rest of the family at this time.
- Continue to pray for Nathanial Herbert, recovering from a stroke, in Trafford General Hospital. Nat is hoping to be home soon, if suitable arrangements can be made.
- Pray for Jean and David Walker, who have Covid. Pray for a quick recovery and no long-term symptoms.
- 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 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.

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

PHILIPPIANS 1:1-6

What God has started He will finish

1 This letter is from Paul and Timothy, slaves of Christ Jesus.

I am writing to all of God's holy people in Philippi who belong to Christ Jesus, including the church leaders and deacons.

2 May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.

3 Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. 4 Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, 5 for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now. 6 And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

Holy and gracious God.

We pray for the people of Ukraine and the people of Russia; for their countries and their leaders.

We pray for all those who are afraid; that your everlasting arms hold them in this time of great fear.

We pray for all those who have the power over life and death; that they will choose for all people life, and life in all its fullness.

We pray for those who choose war; that they will remember that you direct your people to turn our swords into ploughshares and seek for peace.

We pray for leaders on the world stage; that they are inspired by the wisdom and courage of Christ.

Above all, Lord, today we pray for peace for Ukraine.

And we ask this in the name of your blessed son.

Lord have mercy.

Amen