BROOKLANDS CHURCH UPDATE

26 JUNE 2022



"How good and pleasant it is, when God's people live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe. It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore."

In this season of Pentecost we have been and will continue to speak these words together as we begin our times of worship.

As someone with facial hair I find the image of oil running down a beard quite troubling – how messy! However, like many Scriptural images, once I take the time to remember what is being portrayed it begins to make much more sense. The act of pouring oil on someone's head was, and is, a picture of anointing and blessing. In Old Testament times priests, prophets and kings would have had oil poured over them as they began their role to remind them and affirm to them that God was with them. And not just a little oil – lots of oil! A lot of oil to represent the abundance of the presence of God!

And so it is when we gather as the people of God.

God's blessing is with us! His presence is near. His anointing comes in abundance. As we speak these words this Sunday morning try to keep this in mind and be ever more aware of God in our midst.

A reminder that our church remains just as active throughout the week as we are on a Sunday – there's lots you can get involved in:

On Wednesday's at 10.00am our toddler group runs. Speak to Sandra Pitt if you would be interested in helping out.

On Wednesday morning we gather on Zoom at 10.30-11.00am for a short time of corporate prayer for the needs of our church community. I am always reminded of the fact that we will achieve nothing as a church without prayer. Do try to join us.

On Wednesday's at tea time we host Food Cycle who offer a free community meal. This has been steadily growing and those who have been attending are being really blessed by it.

On Thursday's from 11-2 we open our community café which runs alongside our community food pantry. Tea, coffee and cakes are served alongside good conversation and fellowship. Straight following the café Lucy's Bible study meets in the crèche.

If you would be interested in getting involved in any of these ministries or would like to discuss new ideas please speak to Pastor Mick.

Peace,

Mick

Church Diary

DATE	EVENT
Sunday 26 June 2022	Sunday Worship, 10:30 am with Rev Mick Kane
Wednesday 29 June 2022	Toddle-In, 10:00 am
Wednesday 29 June 2022	Church Zoom Prayer Meeting, 10:30 am
Wednesday 29 June 2022	Food Pantry, 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Wednesday 29 June 2022	FoodCycle free community meal 5:00 pm
Thursday 30 June 2022	Community Cafe, II:00 am to 2:00 pm
Thursday 30 June 2022	Bible study with Lucy, 2:00 pm at church
Sunday 3 July 2022	Sunday Worship, 10:30 am with Rev Mick Kane

Readings and Prayers

DATE	READING	PRAY FOR
Mon 27th June	Numbers 3:1–39	Peter Evans and family
Tues 28th June	Numbers 3:40–51	Jon Fisher, Drew and Stephanie, Alex and Mark
Weds 29th June	Numbers 4:1–21	Jamie, Maida, Jimson, Jewell Filoteo
Thurs 30th June	Numbers 4:22–49	Sylvia Findlay
Fri 1st July	Numbers 5:1–10	Karina Philips and family
Sat 2nd July	Numbers 5:11–31	Jean and David Hall
Sun 3rd July	Numbers 6:1–21	Charmaine Hammett

Church Prayer List

• Firstly, congratulations to Holly Dale who married Nathan Billingham yesterday (Saturday) in a ceremony at St. John's Church. Pastor Mick spoke at the wedding. Pray for Holly, Nathan, Lauren and Darcie as a whole family unit.



- Pray for John Beattie as he spends time in the hospice for pain management and end of life care. Pray also for Anne and John's son and daughter, Rachel and Matt.
- Continue to pray for Norma Whyte who enters her 13th week in hospital following a complicated leg break. The doctors are considering surgery for a third time.
- Pray for Sue Clark, a neighbour to the church. Sue has flown to Los Angeles to be with her sister, Maria, who has entered end of life care following a battle with cancer.
- Pray for Sammu Lai who broke his arm playing football recently.
- Pray for Revd Dr Herbert McGonigle as he recovers from a successful cataract operation.
- Pray for David Hall as he continues his rehabilitation following a fall, and Jean as she cares for him. David hopes to be back at church soon.
- Pray for those struggling with the Cost of Living Crisis. We pray that our Food Pantry will be a real support for those in need in our area.
- Pray for Christine' Clarke's niece Hannah who has been diagnosed with cancer.
- Continue to remember Stephen Lovett in your prayers.
- Pray for our local councillors Sue Cooley, Glynn Evans and Julia Baker-Smith. Pray also for our MP, Mike Kane.
- Pray for continued healing for Isobel Cave, Jon Fisher, Viv Best, Philomena Evans.
- We continue to pray for healing for Marie Vickers, family to David and Chris Hoolihan.
- 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 Festival Manchester, coming up in a few weeks. Pray that lives might be touched.

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

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Sunday 26 June

REV MICK KANE

FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT: PEACE JOHN 20: 19-23

19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." 22 And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

