



Brooklands Church Update

3 July 2022

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.”

Hebrews 12 verse 1.

As we continue our series through the Fruits of the Spirit we come today to patience, or as it is sometimes translated, forbearance / endurance / long-suffering. The writer to the Hebrews reminds us that our strength to endure is spurred on by our connection to each other (community, again) and paints a picture of us all cheering each other on as we run the race of faith together. We'll explore this in more detail this morning, but what a lovely picture!

This picture is often captured in our Thursday gathering at our community café which turns one year old this week. Following a long and challenging lockdown I met with other community stakeholders and together we discerned a great need for people to reconnect in person again. It seemed like a basic idea – let's create a space where people can enjoy a cup of tea and coffee in the community – hardly novel!

But in the last year it has been such a joy to see it develop into a place where people not only enjoy fellowship but connection, support and form new friendships. It has been a space where people have found the support of others for the journey, or race, that they find themselves in, and thus, I believe, fulfilling something of the image above.

This week we'll enjoy cake – we have a cake every week. But perhaps this week we'll enjoy a birthday cake and celebrate the important space the café has become. Why not pop down and experience it for yourself? Thursday, 11am-2pm. Lucy's Bible study gathers in the space straight after it – another space of community support in the race of faith and life.

Another wonderful gathering of fellowship is found in our praise team. They meet regularly to practice and prepare for Sundays (we rarely see the whole picture of hard work that goes on behind the scenes in our church). One of our band members has decided to run a literal race; or cycle, more accurately. Sean Harland is looking to raise money for a new drum kit for the band and will be putting in the miles: a lot of them! Please give generously to him to help us with this cause!

Peace,

Mick

Church Diary

Date	Event
Sunday 3 July 2022	Sunday Worship, 10:30 am with Rev Mick Kane
Wednesday 6 July 2022	Toddle-In, 10:00 am
Wednesday 6 July 2022	Church Zoom Prayer Meeting, 10:30 am
Wednesday 6 July 2022	Food Pantry, 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Wednesday 6 July 2022	FoodCycle free community meal 5:00 pm
Thursday 7 July 2022	Community Cafe, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
Thursday 7 July 2022	Bible study with Lucy, 2:00 pm at church
Sunday 10 July 2022	Sunday Worship, 10:30 am with Rev Mick Kane

Readings and Prayers

DATE	READING	PRAY FOR
Mon 4 July	Number 6:22-27	Lucy Frost
Tues 5 July	Numbers 7:1-20	Tim Geddes
Weds 6 July	Numbers 7:21-47	Bill and Lorraine Graham
Thurs 7 July	Numbers 7:48-65	Will Graham
Fri 8 July	Numbers 7:66-89	Brenda Hambleton
Sat 9 July	Numbers 8:1-22	Diane Hallam
Sun 10 July	Numbers 8:23-9:14	Sean and Sharron Harland, Lisa and Connie

Church Prayer List

- 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.
- Pray for Tom Bolton as he prepares to leave for London at the end of the summer to begin a new job teaching. Pray particularly for accommodation to be found.
- Pray for Terence Strong, for Sheila, and all the family. Terence has tested positive for Covid.
- Pray for Festival Manchester, taking place this weekend. Pray for those involved, and for everyone that attends, as they are introduced to the gospel.
- Continue to pray for Norma Whyte who enters her 14th 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.

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Brooklands Church of the Nazarene
Wendover Road, Wythenshawe



Sean's Drum Roll

Sean Harland is cycling 400 miles from 23 to 30 July to raise money for a new church drum kit. Please will you support him?

justgiving.com/crowdfunding/brooklandsdrumkit

Sunday 3 July

Rev Mick Kane

Fruits of the Spirit: Patience

James 5: 7-11

7 Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. 8 You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. 9 Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!

10 Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. 11 As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

12 Above all, my brothers and sisters, do not swear—not by heaven or by earth or by anything else. All you need to say is a simple "Yes" or "No." Otherwise you will be condemned.



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