



BROOKLANDS CHURCH NEWSLETTER

DEAR FRIENDS

"No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it." – 1 Corinthians 10:13.

This morning we finish off our series on the fruits of the Spirit looking at the fruit of self-control. So for the final time then, we ask the question, "what does it mean for us as a church to be the people of God, filled with the Spirit of God, displaying the character of God?"

As I write this I am finalising preparations for the funeral of Iain Bruce-McArdle, son to Sharron Harland, due to take place on Friday (probably Friday past as you read it). We continue to hold the family in prayer.

We also continue to pray for Anne Beattie as she prepares for John's funeral on the 23rd August. This will be led by Pastor Karl. We remember too, Michael Okechukwu, who is in London preparing arrangements for the funeral of Michael Jnr. What a difficult season it has been for us as a church family.

On the other side of things, again as I write this, it's looking like little baby Bolton will be with us any time now. We continue to pray for Leah, Jack and the whole family too. So much to be praying about.

This will be my last Sunday before I take two weeks off annual leave. Lucy and Lauren will provide pastoral leadership whilst I'm away and again we celebrate our new pastoral team!

On my return it will be September and we will be looking forward to a new school year which provides new opportunities and often new and returning faces into the body of the church. As mentioned last week, we want to offer baptism and church membership opportunities to those interested so please let me know if you would be interested in these.

May God be with you and continue to stay well in this unusually hot weather.

Blessings,

Mick

DAILY READING AND PRAYER GUIDE

Mon 15 August

Numbers 31:25–54

Pray for Pastor Mick,
Debbie and Mikey

Tue 16 August

Numbers 32:1–18

Pray for Sue Cooley and
family

Wed 17 August

Numbers 32:19–42

Pray for Gilbert and Amy
and the three children

Thu 18 August

Numbers 33:1–21

Pray for Margaret Webb

Fri 19 August

Numbers 33:22–49

Pray for Nikki and Matt
Armett, Antony Jessica
and family

Sat 20 August

Numbers 33:50–34:15

Pray for Maud Batchelor

Sun 21 August

Numbers 34:16–29

Pray for Arthur Basnett
and family



**The summer
Breakthru holiday
takes place this week,
in Ampleforth, near
York.**

**Pray that those
attending, including
some from
Brooklands, will have
a great time of
spiritual refreshment
and blessing.**

**LOOK TO THE LORD
AND HIS STRENGTH;
SEEK HIS FACE
ALWAYS.
1 CHRONICLES 16:11**

THIS WEEK AT BROOKLANDS

Sunday 14 August, 10:30am.	Sunday Worship, Mick is preaching.
Wednesday 17 August, 10:30am.	Prayer meeting on Zoom.
Wednesday 17 August, 11:00am to 1:00pm.	Food Pantry packed lunches distribution.
Wednesday 17 August, 5:00pm.	FoodCycle free community meal.
Thursday 18 August, 11:00am to 1:00pm.	Food Pantry packed lunches distribution.
Thursday 18 August, 11:00am to 2:00pm.	Community Café.
Sunday 21 August, 10:30am.	Sunday Worship.

**CAN YOU ASSIST ON WEDNESDAY OR
THURSDAY WITH THE PACKED LUNCHES
DISTRIBUTION? HAVE A WORD WITH
CHARMAINE FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

CHURCH PRAYER LIST

- Pray for Ann Beattie and the rest of the family as they mourn the loss of John. John's funeral will take place on 23rd August and more details will follow.
- Pray for Sharron and Sean Harland and Lisa and the family following the death of her son, Iain. Iain's funeral took place on Friday.
- Pray for Michael Okechukwu and family following the death of his son Michael Jnr. Michael remains in London where Michael Jnr died.
- We continue to pray for Norma, she has been told her operation will now be the 24th August.
- Pray for Leah and Jack Bolton as they anticipate the arrival of their baby any day now.
- Pray for Jenny Hearne who suffered a fall this week. Ron is also limited with back pain.
- Pray for Lesley Dinsdale's husband Ray who has been admitted to hospital with sepsis. Lesley reported improvement in Ray's condition this week and gives thanks for the prayers of the church. Continue to pray.
- Pray for Sharon and Chris Flynn's daughter Amie who is poorly in hospital. We pray for healing for Amie and strength for all the family as they care for her.
- Jon Fisher has been suffering from excessive tiredness recently. The doctors are monitoring his blood levels. Keep him in your prayers.
- Pray for Tom Bolton as he prepares to leave for London at the end of the summer to begin a new job teaching.
- Pray for Lauren McGillivray as she starts work as our new Associate Pastor for Children, Youth and Families.
- Pray for Sue Cooley, who also had a knee replacement operation cancelled. This is being rescheduled.
- Pray for Ron, the brother of Sylvia Findlay who is undergoing treatment for his kidneys. He is being considered for dialysis but Sylvia's prayer is that such healing would take place that he would not need this.
- 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 Revd Dr Herbert McGonigle as he recovers from cataract operations. He hopes to be back with us 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.
- 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, Viv Best, Philomena Evans.
- Give thanks for answered prayer as Marie Vickers' health has improved. Marie is related to David and Chris Hoolihan by 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.

SUNDAY 14 AUGUST

Mick Kane

FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT: SELF CONTROL ROMANS 6:1-14

1 What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? 2 By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? 3 Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6 For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— 7

because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. 10 The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

11 In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. 12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. 13 Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. 14 For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

Bideford & Brooklands pantry



Summer Packed Lunches

pick up Location

Monday- Bideford
Tuesday- Bideford
Wednesday- Church of the Nazarene
Thursday- Church of the Nazarene
Friday- Bideford

pick up Times **11am-1pm**

1st August-2nd September

For more information please call 07871351018

Come in!
**For tasty food
and good company**



**Free meals
Wednesdays
5.00pm**

Everyone is welcome

**FoodCycle Wythenshawe
Brooklands
Brooklands Church
of the Nazarene
Wendover Rd
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