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# BROOKLANDS CHURCH

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## *Matthew 16:15-16*

<sup>15</sup> "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Dear Friends

It is wonderful to be back with you all. I have had a week's holiday in Lincolnshire. I then came home for a day and a half before travelling to Ampleforth for the Pastor's Retreat with Mick and Lauren. I stayed on for the Nazarene Breakthru holiday, joined by Vivienne, Pete and Babs. This was my first time at both these events, and I had such a wonderful time. I quickly learnt that the words retreat and holiday were misnomers as there was plenty of work and activity! We had seminars everyday as well as worship. There was also lots of time for fellowship, fun and games and trips out. It was also great to see our former placements students Jez, Katie and Huw doing so well with their ministries and studies. On the Pastor's Retreat we were blessed to have two seminars by Rev Jacob Morris of our Erskine church. Jacob spoke about the psychoanalyst Murray Bowen's work on human behaviour. Who are we? Why are we how

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we are? Why do we interact with others the way we do? What do other people think of us? Understanding these things helps our personal development and relationships within our church families.

Mum recently has been sharing with me some of her Bible study findings, focusing on identity so this fitted together nicely. Then I saw that one of the lectionary texts for this week is Matthew 16:13-19. This passage is all about identity, so armed with my new knowledge a sermon was formed! We see Jesus ask the disciples who people think he is. He then asks Peter who he thinks Jesus is and Peter replies that Jesus is the Messiah! We need to be certain of Jesus' Messiahship. It also leads us to asking about our own identities as Christians. Additionally in this passage we have two very interesting characters to psychoanalyse - Jesus, and Peter the disciple who emerged as leader of the early church.

On Tuesday we had the funeral of our dear brother in Christ, John Beattie. Among the tears and sadness there was laughter and happiness. It was a celebration of John's faithfulness, kindness and intelligence. As we'll discover in our sermon being steadfast in our identity as Christians, is of crucial importance. John's identity as a person-in-Christ shone out for all to see. His faithfulness and holiness never wavered. We continue to uphold Anne and all the family in prayer. We thank God for John's life, the blessing he was to us, and that he has returned to glory.

This is the time of year when students get their GCSE exam results, and we congratulate them all on their achievements over what has been a difficult time of learning. We would especially congratulate Antony Armett on an excellent set of results. It is a testament to his hard work and resilience that Antony finishes this phase of his education with five grade 9s (the highest grade possible), three grade 8s, and one grade 7. Well done Antony, and we wish you well as you move up to college next month.

God Bless,

Lucy

# PRAYERS, READINGS AND CHURCH DIARY

DATE	READING	PRAY FOR
Mon 29th August	Deuteronomy 4:1-14	Mark and Joanne Bolton
Tue 30th August	Deuteronomy 4:15-40	Tom Bolton
Wed 31st August	Deuteronomy 4:41-49	Robert Bond
Thu 1st September	Deuteronomy 5	Steve and Jean Boyd
Fri 2nd September	Deuteronomy 6	Bob and Eveline Branan
Sat 3rd September	Deuteronomy 7	Isobel Cave
Sun 4th September	Deuteronomy 8	Christine Clarke

DATE	EVENT
Sunday 28 August, 10:30am.	Sunday Worship, Lucy Frost
Weds 31 August, 10:30am.	Prayer meeting on Zoom
Weds 31 August, 11am to 1pm.	Food Pantry packed lunches distribution
Weds 31 August, 5:00pm.	FoodCycle free community meal
Thurs 1 Sept., 11am to 1pm.	Food Pantry packed lunches distribution
Thurs 1 Sept., 11am to 2pm.	Community Café.
Sun 4 September 2022	Sunday Worship, 10:30 am, Mick Kane

# CHURCH PRAYER LIST

- We were saddened to hear of the death from cancer of Sue Clark's sister, Maria, last week. Pray for Sue and the rest of the family as they mourn, and as they make the necessary arrangements.
- Pray for Gilbert and Amie and the children, and especially for Amie, as she receives medical attention.
- Pray for Norma, whose operation went ahead this week. Pray that she will be restored to health and will be able to return home and to church soon.
- Pray for Jack, Leah and baby Harry Bolton.
- Pray for Ron and Jenny Hearne. Jenny had a fall recently, and Ron is also limited with back pain.
- We give thanks for answered prayer for Lesley's husband Ray. He is out of hospital and recovering well.
- 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.
- Continue to pray for Tom Bolton, who has now moved to London. Tom starts his new job as a Maths teacher on Tuesday.
- Pray for Lauren McGillivray, in her new role 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 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.



# 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

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Wednesdays  
5.00pm**

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FoodCycle Wythenshawe  
Brooklands  
Brooklands Church  
of the Nazarene  
Wendover Rd  
M23 9FN

## Ladies' Weekend



**February  
24th - 26th  
2023**

**Kings Park  
Conference Centre,  
Northampton**