

# BROOKLANDS CHURCH

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*"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters... Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is he, this King of glory? The Lord Almighty — he is the King of glory." - Psalm 24: 1-2; 7-10.*

As we gather this morning I realise we do so on what feels like an historic time for our country. The death of Queen Elizabeth II has resulted in a period of national mourning as many feel like they have lost something that was so constant throughout the changing seasons of what was almost the last century of UK life.



We will take time to pray through this this morning. We'll pray for the royal family – humans, like you and I who have lost a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. We'll pray for the new King, as Scripture commands us to do. We'll pray for our nation. We'll pray for each other. And we will look to the Lord.

The Bible is upfront about the temporal nature of the thrones of the earth, and calls us, in times of uncertainty, to look to the Eternal One, the Rock on whom there is firm foundation forever! My understanding is that Queen Elizabeth often drew up such Biblical wisdom in her public addresses.

A reminder that next week we will enjoy a family service – including baptisms and welcoming new church members – followed by a time of fellowship over a barbecue. Today is the final opportunity for those who are interested in church membership to let me know.

This coming Saturday is the prayer breakfast, arranged by Jon Fisher. Speak to Jon if you need any more information.

We mentioned last week that we are looking to help supply Age Friendly Wythenshawe with knitted hats, scarves, gloves etc. for their winter warmer packs this winter. Please speak to Pastor Lucy if you are able to help with this.

Peace,

Mick

# DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

| DATE               | READING               | PRAY FOR                                       |
|--------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Mon 12th September | Deuteronomy 14:22–29  | Peter Evans                                    |
| Tue 13th September | Deuteronomy 15        | Philomena Evans                                |
| Wed 14th September | Deuteronomy 16:1–17:7 | Jaime and Maida Filoteo, and Jimson and Jewell |
| Thu 15th September | Deuteronomy 17:8–20   | Sylvia Findlay                                 |
| Fri 16th September | Deuteronomy 18        | Jon Fisher. Also Alex and Mark, Drew and Steph |
| Sat 17th September | Deuteronomy 19        | Lucy Frost                                     |
| Sun 18th September | Deuteronomy 20        | Tim Geddes                                     |

## CHURCH NEWS

- Sunday 18 September (a week today) will be a service of baptism and welcoming new church members. The baptism will take place at the end of the service, and the baptism will not be broadcast on our live stream. Everyone is welcome to stay for the family barbecue after next week's service.
- Our Thursday Pop Along Café on the 29th September will be a Macmillan Coffee raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support.
- We have a number of local groups and organisations using the church building throughout the week. If you are able to help with opening and closing the church premises and welcoming our guests, please let Mark know.
- The Manchester Gospel Choir might soon start using the church for practices. If you are interested in joining the choir, see Mark for more information.
- The church district is organising a ladies weekend in February 2023. Have a word with our church secretary if you would like further information about this.

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# BROOKLANDS CHURCH PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for our nation, our new king and the royal family following the death of Queen Elizabeth II
- We continue to pray for church neighbour, Sue Clark, following the death of her sister and brother in recent weeks.
- Pray for Barbara Edwards, in Munster, Germany. Barbara suffered a massive stroke this week and has lost her speech, and the use of her right arm. Barbara is the sister of Jean Walker.
- We rejoice with Isobel Cave who received more good news from the doctors this week regarding her recovery from cancer.
- Pray for Gilbert and Amie and the children, and especially for Amie, as she receives medical attention.
- Pray for Vivienne Best who spent some time in hospital following chest pains this week.
- Pray for Norma who remains in hospital following her operation. We give thanks she has begun to take a few steps.
- 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.
- 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 and has started his new job as a maths teacher.
- 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.
- 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.

Please contact Mick, Lucy, Lauren or Mark if you have any specific prayer requests, or answers to prayer for us to share.

# THIS WEEK AT BROOKLANDS

| DATE                 | EVENT                                     |
|----------------------|---|
| Sun 11 Sep, 10:30am. | Sunday Worship, Mick Kane                 |
| Wed 14 Sep, 10:00am. | Toddle-In                                 |
| Wed 14 Sep, 10:30am. | Prayer meeting on Zoom                    |
| Wed 14 Sep, 5:00pm.  | FoodCycle free community meal             |
| Thu 15 Sep, 11:00am. | Community Café                            |
| Sat 17 Sep, 9:00am.  | Prayer Breakfast (see Jon Fisher)         |
| Sun 18 Sep, 10:30am. | Sunday Worship, Mick Kane                 |
| Sun 18 Sep, 12:00pm. | Church barbecue following morning service |

## SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

MICK KANE

I TIMOTHY 1:12-17

12 I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. 13 Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. 14 The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 15 Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. 16 But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. 17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.