

# BROOKLANDS CHURCH

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*"But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it." – 1 Timothy 6: 6-7.*

As we delve back into the Pastoral Epistles, our text for this week begins with the above statement which is really the key to applying the truths of the rest of the passage. Having said this, this is much easier said than done. We live in a world with a system that doesn't want us to be content. Contentment will not drive an economy forward. That is why we are forever encouraged to want MORE, BIGGER, BETTER!

Paul, however, exposes this fallacy for what it is – a trap. For if we are forever wanting more then we will forever find ourselves dissatisfied. Contentment then is the key. But how does one find contentment? Christ is enough!

I've had trouble stopping myself from smiling every time I think of our time of worship last Sunday. We need only to look to the testimonies of those who went through the waters of baptism as great examples of people who seem to have found delight in this truth: Christ is enough - even in the face of great trial and loss! May their witness rub off on all of us!

The conversations around baptism and membership are always open ones. If you felt inspired and led by what you saw last week then please speak to a member of the pastoral team.

I announced last week that the next church work morning is on the 9th October. This, being a Sunday, was a (deliberate) mistake. We'll gather on Saturday 8th October to roll up our sleeves and spruce up the church and gardens. Do come if you are available as we work and fellowship together.

The next prayer breakfast will meet the Saturday after – 15th October. Please sign up in the foyer if you are planning on coming so we can make arrangements for breakfast.

Peace,

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# DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

DATE	READING	PRAY FOR
MON 26TH SEPT	DEUT 27:9–26	LISA BRUCE-MCARDLE, AND CONNIE GRACE
TUE 27TH SEPT	DEUT 28:1–14	DENIS HAYWOOD
WED 28TH SEPT	DEUT 28:15–46	JENNY AND RON HEARNE
THU 29TH SEPT	DEUT 28:47–68	NATHANIEL HERBERT
FRI 30TH SEPT	DEUT 29	PETE AND BABS HEWITT
SAT 1ST OCT	DEUT 30	ANNA HOLME
SUN 2ND OCT	DEUT 31:1–13	DAVID AND CHRIS HOOLIHAN

## CHURCH NEWS

- Our Thursday Pop Along Café this week will be a Macmillan Coffee event, raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support.
- We have a number of groups using the church building during the week. If you are able to help with opening and closing the church premises, please let Mark know.
- Speak to Chris Houlihan if you are interested in joining The Manchester Gospel Choir. They practice here at Brooklands, each Thursday at 7:30pm.
- The church district is organising a ladies weekend in February 2023. See Mark Bolton for further information.
- Don't forget the church work day on Saturday 8 October at 9am.



# PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for Anne Beattie who continues to feel the loss of John.
- We continue to pray for church neighbour, Sue Clark, following the death of her sister and brother in recent weeks.
- Continue to pray for Barbara Edwards, in Munster, Germany. Barbara is recovering from a recent stroke. She is the sister of Jean Walker.
- Pray for Gilbert and Amie and the children, and especially for Amie, as she receives medical attention.
- Pray for Norma. We give thanks for a successful operation and pray her strength and mobility will continue to improve.
- Pray for Sharon and Chris Flynn's daughter Amie who has been in hospital recently that she will grow in strength and health.
- 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, whose knee operation went ahead this week.
- 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.
- Give thanks for answered prayer, as Herbert McGonigle, and Ron and Jenny Hearn were able to join us in church again last week.
- 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 Charmaine and others who help to run this ministry.
- 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 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.

# CHURCH DIARY

## THIS WEEK

Date	Event
Sun 25 Sep, 10:30am.	Sunday Worship, Mick Kane
Wed 28 Sep, 10:00am.	Toddle-In
Wed 28 Sep, 10:30am.	Prayer meeting on Zoom
Wed 28 Sep, 5:00pm.	FoodCycle free community meal
Thu 29 Sep, 11:00am.	Community Café for Macmillan Cancer Support
Thu 29 Sep, 7:30pm.	Manchester Gospel Choir rehearsal
Sun 2 Oct, 10:30am.	Sunday Worship, Mick Kane

## LOOKING AHEAD

Date	Event
Sat 8 October, 9:00am	Work morning at church
February 2023	Ladies retreat. Info to follow

### Sunday 25 October 2022. Rev Mick Kane. Sermon – 1 Timothy 6:6-19

6 But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. 8 But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. 9 Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

11 But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. 13 In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you 14 to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16 who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

17 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 18 Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. 19 In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.