

23 OCTOBER 2022

BROOKLANDS CHURCH

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Dear friends

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." - 2 Chronicles 7:14.

These famous words remind us of the great promise of God to answer our prayers as a Church community. It is our desire as a church that we would be people of prayer – for we know that we can achieve nothing on our own strength. Of course, building prayer into the rhythm of your life as a Christ follower is essential and if you would like support and encouragement as to what this might look like then please speak to a member of the pastoral team.

As well as individual prayer, we are intentional about building opportunities for corporate prayer into the life of the church. This happens each time we gather for worship but we also have set times in the week where our sole intention is to lift up the needs of the body in prayer. We gather for a short time every Wednesday morning on Zoom from 10.30-11.00am. The link for this meeting can be found in this newsletter. We're also grateful to Jon Fisher who has established a monthly prayer breakfast at the church on Saturday mornings. We will release the details of the next one of these shortly. In the meantime, you can speak to Jon for more details.

As well as prayer we also want to create spaces for deeper Bible study in the week. And we are pleased to say that Vivienne Best, Siggie Nwator and Isobel Cave have commenced a new midweek Bible study currently meeting at Isobel's house on Wednesdays from 1.30-3.30. Please speak to these ladies if you would be interested in participating in this.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Harvest offering for local food ministries. Today is your final opportunity to give to that.

On Saturday 5th November NTC will be celebrating its annual graduation ceremony and we have 3 individuals connected to the church who will be graduating. We are still open to volunteers to help with the ceremony proceedings so please speak to Mark Bolton if you are interested. The ceremony is from 11am at the University of Manchester's Whitworth Hall.

Peace,

Mick

NTC GRADUATION



HELP NEEDED!!

We need volunteers to help with the stewarding at the graduation ceremony.

If you are free on Saturday 5 November, from 10 am until about 1 pm, please let Mark know.

THIS WEEK AT BROOKLANDS

Sun 23rd Oct 2022 10:30am	Sunday Worship, Mick Kane
Wed 26th Oct 2022 10:00am	TODDLE-IN CANCELLED THIS WEEK - HALF TERM
Wed 26th Oct 2022 10:30am	<u>Prayer meeting on Zoom</u>
Wed 26th Oct 2022 05:00pm	FoodCycle free community meal
Thu 27th Oct 2022 11:00am	Winter Warmer (Community Café)
Thu 27th Oct 2022 07:30pm	Manchester Gospel Choir rehearsal
Sun 30th Oct 2022 10:30am	Sunday Worship, Mick Kane

CHRISTMAS AT BROOKLANDS

Sat 26 Nov 2022 11am-5.30pm	Brooklands Community Christmas Market
Sun 27th Nov 2022 10:30am	Morning Service: Advent 1
Sun 4th Dec 2022 10:30am	Morning Service: Advent 2
Sun 4th Dec 2022 02:00pm	Carols in the Park @ Wythenshawe Park Rose Garden
Sun 11th Dec 2022 10:30am	Morning Service: Advent 3
Sun 11th Dec 2022 11:30am	Church Family Christmas Party with Food and Games
Sun 18th Dec 2022 10:30am	Morning Service: Kids Church Nativity Production
Sun 18th Dec 2022 06:00pm	Evening Carol Service / Advent 4
Sun 25th Dec 2022 10:30am	Christmas Day Family Gathering
Sun 1st Jan 2023 10:30am	Morning Service

OTHER EVENTS COMING UP

Sat 19th Nov 2022 09:30am	Prayer breakfast
Sat 10th Dec 2022 09:30am	Prayer breakfast
February 2023	Ladies retreat. Info to follow

PRAYER REQUESTS

- We give thanks for the Harvest Offering last week and pray that the items would be put to good use in supporting those in the community experiencing need at this time.
- Pray for Pastor Lucy in her new role at Salford Nazarene.
- We give thanks that Sue Cooley's knee operation was a success. We continue to pray for her recovery.
- Pray for Joan, Faye's sister in law in Canada. Joan suffered a stroke recently
- Pray for Ann Beattie who continues to feel the loss of John.
- 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. She is being assessed this week for the possible transfer to a care home.
- Pray for Lauren McGillivray, in her new role as our new Associate Pastor for Children, Youth and Families.
- 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 recently.
- 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 Gert, 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.
- We continue to pray for a solution in Ukraine, and for protection for Christians and others who are being conscripted to join the armed forces.
- Pray for the continued work of the Church here in the community of Brooklands, as new faces continue to engage with us.

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

DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

Date	Reading	Pray for
Mon 24 Oct 2022	Rev 9:1–9	Dean, Simona, Mia and Micah Stanfield
Tue 25 Oct 2022	Rev 9:10–21	George Stevenson
Wed 26 Oct 2022	Rev 10	Sheila and Terence Strong
Thu 27 Oct 2022	Rev 11:1–14	Marion Tewkesbury
Fri 28 Oct 2022	Rev 11:15–19	Erica Thompson
Sat 29 Oct 2022	Rev 12:1–6	John Torkington, Cath, Julie and Hayley
Sun 30 Oct 2022	Rev 12:7–11	Jean and Dave Walker

THIS WEEK'S SERMON

2 Timothy 4:6-8; 16-18

Mick Kane

6 For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

16 At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. 17 But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. 18 The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.