

BROOKLANDS CHURCH

30 OCTOBER 2022

#42/22

Dear friends,

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. (2 Corinthians 5:18).

How wonderful it was to see church so full on Sunday! It is also a great source of joy to me to see our midweek ministries running so successfully also. The Holy Spirit is really at work! Our Wednesday evening meal run by Foodcycle is attracting more and more people. Some even come from quite far afield. Many people express feeling lonely and isolated and this meal is a real lifeline to them. If you haven't been before you are most welcome to attend and enjoy a free, delicious three-course meal. It's a chance to make new friends and minister to people from our community.

On Thursdays we are blessed by our food pantry and café. Our pantry offers a selection of food and other items. Most items have a small cost, and some are free. Anyone can use our pantry and no referral is necessary. As you may have seen on the news, charities across the country are struggling to keep up with demand for supplies as the cost-of-living crisis deepens. Therefore, please be understanding in how we allocate items. We also kindly ask that you don't help yourself as you go round but wait to be served. This is because we have a legal requirement to inform you of any allergens and cooking instructions.

Thursdays also see our Winter Warmer café take place. We serve home-made soup and a roll as well as our usual cakes. We have many people from church and the local area enjoying this. It is another opportunity to live out our Christian love and hospitality, and witness for Christ.

We're thrilled this week to have our Pastor Emeritus Karl Stanfield preaching. Karl is preaching on 2 Corinthians 5:11-21. In this passage the apostle Paul writes of Christians being ministers of reconciliation. We look forward to Karl's teaching.

Finally, a reminder that Nazarene Theological College's Graduation Ceremony takes place this coming Saturday 5th November 11:00am at Whitworth Hall in Manchester. Our very own Pastor Lauren, Cameron and Tim will be graduating. They have worked so hard and the fruits of their education and faithfulness are on display in their wonderful ministries. It would be great to have as many people as possible from church attending to celebrate with them.

Grace and peace,

Lucy

THIS WEEK AT BROOKLANDS

Sun 30th Oct 2022 10:30am	Sunday Worship, Karl Stanfield
Wed 2nd Nov 2022 10:00am	Toddle-In
Wed 2nd Nov 2022 10:30am	<u>Prayer meeting on Zoom</u>
Wed 2nd Nov 2022 05:00pm	FoodCycle free community meal
Thu 3rd Nov 2022 11:00am	Winter Warmer (Community Café)
Thu 3rd Nov 2022 07:30pm	Manchester Gospel Choir rehearsal
Sun 6th Nov 2022 10:30am	Sunday Worship

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

- Pray for our new Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, the cabinet and all Members of Parliament.
- 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. She remains in hospital and unfortunately has covid for the second time.
- 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.
- Pray for Ron and Jenny Hearn, for healing and strength.
- 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 31 Oct 2022	Rev 12:12-18	Margaret Webb
Tue 1 Nov 2022	Rev 13:1-10	Samuel and Connie Wei
Wed 2 Nov 2022	Rev 13:11-18	Peter Whyte
Thu 3 Nov 2022	Rev 14:1-13	Norma Whyte
Fri 4 Nov 2022	Rev 14:14-20	Carol Wray
Sat 5 Nov 2022	Rev 15	Theresa Baker and Oliver
Sun 6 Nov 2022	Rev 16:1-16	Arthur Basnett

THIS WEEK'S SERMON

2 Corinthians 5:11-21 - Karl Stanfield

11 Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. 12 We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart. 13 If we are “out of our mind,” as some say, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. 14 For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. 15 And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

16 So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 20 We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God. 21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.