

Weekly Newsletter 20 November 2022

"The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The Lord Our Righteous Saviour." – Jeremiah 23:5-6

Last week, as we prepared for Advent, we considered the promise of God of new heavens and a new earth. Today we are again led by the prophets as we are told how this promise will come about – a new king to be raised up who will be righteous, wise, just, and a saviour. As Christians, we believe our future hope is brought into fulfilment by way of a person. His name is JESUS. Hallelujah!

It's no wonder this season is filled with so much activity as people celebrate, and prepare to celebrate. We have mentioned for several weeks now that there is lot's going on in the church this Advent season – and we need to get ready now!

We will be putting up Christmas decorations in the sanctuary this Friday from 9.30am. Do join us if you can for a time of fellowship. Tea and coffee will be provided.

This Saturday sees the return of the Brooklands Community Christmas Fair. Following the huge success of last year's event we are extending this year with even more stalls! The fayre will run from 11am-5pm.

On Sunday 4th December we will once again be partnering with King's Church Wythenshawe for Carols in the Park in the Rose Garden of Wythenshawe Park. Join us at 2pm on that day as we bless the community with singing and Scripture!

Following the morning service on 11th December we invite you to stay for a Family Christmas party with food and games. We are suggesting a 'bring and share' meal so please speak to Sheila Strong who is managing this.

On Sunday 18th December we have of Kids' Church Nativity production and we will be returning for an evening carol service.

Christmas Day itself falls on a Sunday so we will gather for a short family service at the usual time of 10.30am to celebrate the news that 'a saviour has been born to us, he is Christ, the Lord!'

Are you excited yet?

Peace,

Mick

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Daily Readings and Prayers				
Date	Bible Reading	Pray For		
Mon 21 Nov 2022	Matthew 1:1-17	Sue Cooley		
Tue 22 Nov 2022	Matthew 1:18-25	David, Coral, Ben, Isaac and Emelia Cosgriff		
Wed 23 Nov 2022	Matthew 2:1-12	Elouise Critchley and Mitch  Heather Critchley, Dan and baby Holly  Lesley and Ray Dinsdale		
Thu 24 Nov 2022	Matthew 2:13-18			
Fri 25 Nov 2022	Matthew 2:19-23			
Sat 26 Nov 2022	Matthew 3:1-12	Barbara Donnelly		
Sun 27 Nov 2022	Matthew 3:13-17	Bill and Sue Ellis		
	This Week at Brooklands			
Date	Time	Event		
Sun 20 Nov 2022	10:30am	Sunday Worship, Mick Kane		
Wed 23 Nov 2022	10:00am	Toddle-In		
Wed 23 Nov 2022	10:30am	Prayer meeting on Zoom		
Wed 23 Nov 2022	5:00pm	FoodCycle free community meal		
Thu 24 Nov 2022	11:00am	Winter Warmer (Community Café)		
Thu 24 Nov 2022	7:30pm	Manchester Gospel Choir rehearsal		
Sun 27 Nov 2022	10:30am	Sunday Worship, Mick Kane		
Looking Ahead				
Date	Time	Event		
Sat 10 Dec 2022 9:30am		Prayer Breakfast		

#### **Prayer Points**

- We rejoice for answered prayer and healing in the lives of Jean Boyd and Fatima this week.
- We rejoice with Jon and family following the birth of Aria Rose Fisher, Jon's granddaughter. We pray particularly for parents, Drew and Steph.
- Pray for Pauline Howells who has suffered from severe back pain this week. She is awaiting x-ray results and changes to her medication.
- Pray for Rev Keith Tewkesbury, Marion's brother-in-law. Keith has been diagnosed with a rare form of cancer.
- We pray for Peter Grady following a recent diagnosis of prostate cancer. We pray for healing and peace as he awaits further test results.
- We give thanks for NTC's graduation celebrations including Tim Geddes,
   Cameron Preece and Pastor Lauren McGillivray who graduated.
- Pray for Pastor Lucy as she continues in her new role at Salford Naz.
- 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.
- Continue to pray for an effective care package to be put in place for Norma, so she can return home.
- Pray for Lauren McGillivray, in her role as 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.

### This Week's Sermon

#### Mick Kane

## Jeremiah 23:1-6

"Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!" declares the Lord. 2 Therefore this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: "Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done," declares the Lord. 3 "I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. 4 I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing," declares the Lord.

## **Community Christmas Fair**

This coming Saturday (26 November) will be the Community Christmas Fair, from 11am to 5pm. All are welcome to attend.

# **Family Christmas Party**

Immediately following the morning service on Sunday 11 December, we will be having an International Fellowship Lunch, followed by a Family Christmas Party.

Lunch will be a bring and share, and Sheila is coordinating this. If you are able to bring along some food to share with your church family, please let Sheila know.



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DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
SAT	26 NOV	11AM-5PM	COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS FAYRE
SUN	27 NOV	10:30AM	SUNDAY WORSHIP: ADVENT 1
SUN	4 DEC	10:30AM	SUNDAY WORSHIP: ADVENT 2
SUN	4 DEC	2PM	CAROLS IN THE PARK-WYTHENSHAWE PARK
SUN	11 DEC	10:30AM	SUNDAY WORSHIP: ADVENT 3
SUN	11 DEC	11:30AM	CHURCH FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY
SUN	18 DEC	10:30AM	CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PRODUCTION
SUN	18 DEC	6PM	EVENING CAROL SERVICE: ADVENT 4
SUN	25 DEC	10:30AM	CHRISTMAS DAY FAMILY SERVICE
SUN	1 JAN	10:30AM	SUNDAY WORSHIP