BROOKLANDS

27 MOVEMBER 2022

"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned." Isaiah 9:2

As we commence Advent together we join with the people of God around the world, and in the history of the Church, in anticipating the coming of a new dawn. Each Sunday we will be led into worship with the lighting of a candle to remind us of this and help us to anticipate his coming. Traditionally, churches have asked families to light these candles and we will do the same. However, we want to make space to recognise that families come in all different shapes and sizes so look out for this in the coming weeks!

Our preaching will also focus on the theme of Advent. Using Matthew's Gospel we will explore how Advent is a time to watch (week 1); a time to repent (week 2); a time to heal (week 3); and a time to love (week 4). It's time to get ready!

We've spoken about our full Christmas programme for many weeks now. You can see the programme itself below. However, we know that Advent/Christmas is often a great time to invite others to church so we have produced a postcard, designed by Kids Church, with the details of everything that is happening – feel free to use this to invite others. I've put one on each chair this morning but if you need more there are some in the foyer.

Please be in prayer for the church and each other in this season. We know how special it is to so many, which is why we do so much around it, but it can also be a difficult and stressful season for others. May the kernel of truth which lies at the heart of Christmas – God is with us – be as real as ever in the lives of those who need it most.

Peace.

Mick

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Daily Readings and Prayers

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Date	Bible Reading	Pray For		
Mon 28 Nov 2022	Mark 1:1-8	Peter Evans		
Tue 29 Nov 2022	Luke 1:1-4	Philomena Evans		
Wed 30 Nov 2022	Luke 1:5-17	Fatima and family		
Thu 1 Dec 2022	Luke 1:18-25	Sylvia Findlay		
Fri 2 Dec 2022	Luke 1:26-38	Jon Fisher		
Sat 3 Dec 2022	Luke 1:39-45	Lucy Frost		
Sun 4 Dec 2022	Luke 1:46-56	Tim Geddes		
This Week at Brooklands				
Date	Time	Event		
Sun 27 Nov 2022	10:30am	Sunday Worship, Mick Kane		
Wed 30 Nov 2022	10:00am	Toddle-In		
Wed 30 Nov 2022	10:30am	Prayer meeting on Zoom		
Wed 30 Nov 2022	5:oopm	FoodCycle free community meal		
Thu 1 Dec 2022	11:00am	Winter Warmer (Community Café)		
Thu 1 Dec 2022	7:30pm	Manchester Gospel Choir rehearsal		
Sun 4 Dec 2022 10:30am		Sunday Worship, Mick Kane		
Looking Ahead				
Date	Time	Event		

Prayer Breakfast

Sat 10 Dec 2022

9:30am

Prayer Points

- · Pray for the work of the Church this Advent and Christmas season.
- 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 Majid Saadouni who has had serious challenges around accommodation and accessing support as an asylum seeker this week.
- Pray for Pauline Howells who has suffered from severe back pain. 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 and surgery to remove the cancer.
- 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. UPDATE: Ron has seen improvements in his health recently!
- 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

A Time to Watch - Matthew 24:36-44

36 "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 37 As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; 39 and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. 40 Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. 41 Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

42 "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. 43 But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. 44 So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

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