

Brooklands Church

25 December 2022



JOY TO THE WORLD

"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." – Luke 2:10-12.

As we gather this Christmas morning I hope that you sense the truth of Emmanuel – God is with us!

God has certainly been with us as a church this year. We can testify to this through the tremendous growth we have seen on Sundays as we gather, among other things.

Our service this morning will be shorter than usual – we don't want to take too much time away from precious family gatherings. However, it is important we put Christ at the centre of this day and worship him through singing and a time around His Word.

It will be a family service and there will be an opportunity for any kids (or adults!) who have received special gifts to tell us about them as part of our worship, so please feel free to bring something with you.

An important element in this season is rest, and as we said last week most of the church activities will stop so that you all can lean into the gift of rest that God gives us! Rest is an important part of our worship too. I pray that your time with significant others is special in these days.

We'll pick up most things in the new year but one item that is worth noting just now is a pilot programme of computer classes will run in the church on Tuesdays starting on the 17th January. These will take place from 10am til 12noon and are funded by the council as part of their digital inclusion drive. Please speak to Pastor Lucy if you would be interested in attending these.

Following this morning's service I'm taking some time off until early in January. Pastor Lucy will be leading and preaching on New Year's day. Let me take this opportunity to thank you for everything you bring to our church community through service and worship.

Peace,

Mick

Daily Readings and Prayers

Date	Bible Reading	Pray For
Mon 26 Dec 2022	Colossians 1:15-20	Herbert McGonigle
Tue 27 Dec 2022	Colossians 2:9-15	Lauren McGillivray
Wed 28 Dec 2022	1 Timothy 3:14-16	Siggy Nwator
Thu 29 Dec 2022	Isaiah 40:3-5	Myra O'Hara
Fri 30 Dec 2022	Revelation 22:12-13	Michael Okechukwu
Sat 31 Dec 2022	Psalms 91	Tom Patterson
Sun 1 Jan 2023	Matthew 1	John and Vera Packard

This Week at Brooklands

Date	Time	Event
Sun 25th Dec	10:30 am	Christmas Day Family Service

Other events coming up

Sun 1st Jan 2023	10:30 am	Morning Worship
February 2023		Ladies retreat. Info to follow

Prayer Points

- For those we know who grieve, that they might know the hope and comfort of Immanuel – God is with us!
- For those we know who are sick, that they might know the healing power in the truth of Immanuel – God is with us!
- For those we know who are lonely, poor, and hungry, may we be bringers of the truth of Immanuel – God is with us – as we reach out to them.
- For those who are persecuted, may they know the power of the truth of Immanuel – God is with us!
- For those who are far from God, may they be brought to the truth and know also Immanuel – God is with us!

Christmas Day Message - Mick Kane

Luke 2 verse 11

“Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.”