



# BROOKLANDS CHURCH

15 JANUARY 2023

***"Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. 12 After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. 13 When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave." – 1 Kings 19:11b-13***

I've been continuing to think about Lauren's message to us last week from the famous story of Jesus calming the storm in Mark 4. Her three points came to us very prophetically: rest, trust and faith. I laughed to myself as some of the feedback particularly appreciated the brevity of her message (point taken! Lol!). I'm grateful for Lauren and the way she has settled in with us here at the church. Continue to pray for her ministry to children, young people and families.

What remained with me throughout all of last week was that first point – rest. The disciples find themselves in the midst of a storm which must have been so significant as it unsettled seasoned fishermen who would have been very familiar with the weather patterns of Lake Galilee. And yet, at such a time of crisis where do we find Christ: napping! This is a key promise to us around how we too can find rest even in the most troubling of times.

As such I thought we would continue to explore a theme of 'finding God in unexpected places.' This morning we will look at the famous passage of Elijah on mount Horeb. God shows up, but where? But How? God tends to work outside of the realms of our expectations.

I'm grateful too for Lucy who is going through a season of discerning her calling with the Church of the Nazarene this weekend. I've had the privilege of writing her reference and I am reminded again of the gift she is to us as a church. Let's hold her in prayer in these days.

We have been intentional about developing a team approach to leadership here in the hope that we model a community approach to care, support and ministry in the wider church. I know that it is not without its challenges but I remain convinced it is a Christ given model.

Unfortunately we have had to cancel our Winter Warmer Vaccine Drive on the 26th January due to a clash of dates for many of the organisations who were partnering with us. Thank you to those of you who were willing to distribute leaflets for us. We will find other ways to continue to bless our local community.

Peace,

Mick



## This Week at Brooklands

Date	9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	13:00	14:00	15:00	16:00	17:00	18:00+
Sat 14 Jan		Prayer Breakfast								
Sun 15 Jan		Sunday Worship with Mick Kane (10:30am)								
Mon 16 Jan										
Tues 17 Jan										
Weds 18 Jan		Toddle In							FoodCycle	
		Zoom prayer meeting								
Thurs 19 Jan			Winter Warmer and Food Pantry		Bible Study with Lucy			Mcr Gospel Choir (19:30pm)		
Fri 20 Jan										
Sat 21 Jan										
Sun 22 Jan		Sunday Worship with Mick Kane (10:30am)								

## Daily Readings and Prayers

Date	Bible Reading	Pray For
Mon 16 Jan 2023	Matthew 11:20–12:14	Margaret Webb
Tue 17 Jan 2023	Matthew 12:15–37	Norma Whyte
Wed 18 Jan 2023	Matthew 12:38–13:17	Carol Wray
Thu 19 Jan 2023	Matthew 13:18–43	Theresa Baker and Oliver
Fri 20 Jan 2023	Matthew 13:44–14:12	Arthur Basnett
Sat 21 Jan 2023	Catch UpDay	Val Batty
Sun 22 Jan 2023	Matthew 14:13–36	Ann Beattie

## Prayer Points

- Pray for Pastor Lucy as she undergoes a discernment process for ministry with the wider denomination.
- Pray for Anna, she continues to feel very poorly. She is waiting for the results of another blood test before a treatment plan can be discussed.
- Pray for Ron and Jenny Hearne who continue to need support at home due to health.
- Give thanks that Bill Graham's cataract surgery has been completed. Pray for full healing. Remember also Lorraine in your prayers.
- Continue to pray for Lyla, the granddaughter of David and Chris Hoolihan. Lyla has been unwell for a number of weeks now.
- Pray for Peter Grady this week, as he undergoes a procedure to remove prostate cancer.
- We give thanks that Peter White is back with us after spending time with his family down South. We pray his health continues to improve and he finds somewhere to live.
- Pray for Vivienne who has been suffering with covid and flu.
- Pray for Lucy's Auntie, and Jean Hall's Sister-in-law- Dorothy who has been poorly with covid.

Please pass on your prayer requests, answers to prayer, and prayer updates to Mick, Lucy, Lauren or Mark. We will include them in this weekly newsletter.



## Church Notices

- Peter White is looking for a room to rent until he is able to find a house to buy. If you are able to help please contact Pastor Mick, Lucy or Lauren.
- CHURCH LADIES' WEEKEND. Click on the poster below to access the booking form. Last year's event was very enjoyable. Try to attend this year's event if you are able.



- Church Annual General Meeting. This will be held next month. The church leaders and trustees will present information about the activities of the church over the last year, its finances, and vision for the future. Further information will be given in the coming weeks. If you are a church member and interested in serving as a church trustee, please have a word with Pastor Mick, Pastor Lucy, or Mark Bolton.
- If you are interested in becoming a church member, Mick will be happy to discuss this with you.
- Rehearsals for the Manchester Gospel Choir start up again on Thursday this week. 7:30pm at church if you can are interested.