BROOKLANDS CHURCH

29 January 2023

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"As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it." – Isaiah 55: 10-11

This week I've been at NTC all week teaching the 'Preaching' class to 27 undergraduate students. I've been so encouraged by their willingness to wrestle with a call to preach on their lives. The discussions have been stretching and healthy. I'm so excited that God's Word and the proclamation of it remains alive today, as God promised through Isaiah in the passage above.

I'm grateful too that Brooklands Nazarene is a Church that honours the preaching of God's word. It is the climax of our gathering most Sundays. I never take lightly the responsibility that is mine to preach in such a church.

I love the fact we have a team of preachers available to us. Some who have been preaching for decades. Some only new to the task. But even so God speaks through His servant faithfully every week. We encounter God Himself in the preaching of his word, I believe.

This week I'm delighted to say that Pete Hewitt will be preaching for us. Pete's passion for the mission of God outside the walls of the church is always inspirational. May we come ready to be challenged by what God will say through him this week.

Thank you to those of you who have submitted nominations for the church board. As we mentioned last week our AGM will take place on Sunday 26th February following the church service. We will issue more information, including a booklet of reports in the next couple of weeks.

In the meantime be in prayer for the church in what is a season of accountability, celebration and vision casting for us.

Peace,

Mick

Sermon Pete Hewitt

Acts 11: 19-26

19 Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that broke out when Stephen was killed traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, spreading the word only among Jews. 20 Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. 21 The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.

22 News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. 23 When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. 24 He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.

25 Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, 26 and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.

Acts 13: 1-4

1 Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. 2 While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." 3 So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

4 The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus.

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+
Sun 29 Jan	Sunday Worship - Peter Hewitt (10:30am)									
Mon 30 Jan										
Tues 31 Jan										
Weds 1 Feb		Toddle In							FoodCycle	
		Zoom prayer meeting								
Thurs 2 Feb	Winter Warm Food Par					and Bible Study Mcr with Lucy			Gospel Choir (19:30pm)	
Fri 3 Feb										
Sat 4 Feb										
Sun 5 Feb		_	/ Worsh (ane (10	•						

Daily Readings and Prayers								
Date	Bible Reading	Pray For						
Mon 30 Jan 2023	Matthew 20:1–16	Jean and Steve Boyd						
Tue 31 Jan 2023	Matthew 20:17–21:11	Lisa Bruce-McArdle and Connie-Grace						
Wed 1 Feb 2023	Matthew 21:12-32	Isobel Cave						
Thu 2 Feb 2023	Matthew 21:33–22:14	Sue and John Churchman						
Fri 3 Feb 2023	Matthew 22:15–33	Christine Clarke						
Sat 4 Feb 2023	Catch Up	Sue Cooley						
Sun 5 Feb 2023	Matthew 22:34–23:12	David, Coral, Ben, Isaac and Emelia Cosgriff						

Prayer Points

- Pray for those who have joined the church in membership this morning: Margaret Webb, John Churchman, Sue Churchman, Eden Lai, Daisy Chen, Samson and Sammu.
- Pray for the 2 year Pastoral Review for Pastor Mick on Tuesday 7th February.
- Pray for the Church AGM on Sunday 26th February. This is an important time of accountability and celebration.
- 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. David and Chris give thanks for improvements in Lyla's health recently.
- Peter Grady's surgery to remove cancer in his prostate was successful. He is recovering at home and very grateful for the prayers of his church family.
- 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.
- LOST AND FOUND. Well, found actually. Two Sundays ago, someone handed in a bank note, found in the church car park. Just see Mark Bolton with the correct serial number, and you can have it back.