

BROOKLANDS CHURCH

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**Where there is no vision, the people perish.
Proverbs 29:18 (KJV)**

I'm sure you will have heard me emphasise over these last few weeks that the season we find ourselves in is one of accountability, celebration and also vision casting. We do not want to be a church people who make plans and asks God to bless them. Instead, we want to be a people who seek God's plans for Brooklands Church of the Nazarene. I hope you can see an important distinction there.

The verse above reminds us of the importance of vision and revelation for the people of God, and so I would ask you to be in deep prayer in this season about how we may be led forward as a church. If you feel that God has spoken to you about this, I would love to hear it. Please come and speak to me about what you think God might be saying to you through your study of the Scriptures and as you hear from Him in prayer. This is something I very much encourage. We will take any feedback through a process of discernment as commanded by the Scriptures (1 John 4:1).

Next week we hope to be in a position to present the AGM booklet containing all the necessary reports ahead of our meeting on Sunday 26th February. If you are a church member it is important that you stay after church for this meeting – we should be finished for around 12.30pm. We will receive the reports and elect a new church board for the coming year. Non-members are welcome to attend this too, but are not able vote in the decision-making process.

Be in prayer also for my pastoral review with the church board and District Superintendent this coming Tuesday. I am very much looking forward to this important conversation. If you want to give any input to this – positive or negative feedback on my role as pastor is welcome – please speak to an existing member of the board.

Next Sunday we will celebrate with Jack and Leah Bolton as they present baby Harry to the Lord in dedication. We are expecting a number of family guests in church that morning and so with church being fairly full in recent weeks I suggest you get here as early as possibly to be guaranteed a seat.

Peace,

Mick

Sermon - Mick Kane
Finding God in Unexpected Places
Acts 8:26-40

26 Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” 27 So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means “queen of the Ethiopians”). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, 28 and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. 29 The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.”

30 Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked.

31 “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

32 This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

“He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,
and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

33 In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.

Who can speak of his descendants?

For his life was taken from the earth.”

34 The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?” 35 Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

36 As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?”

[37] [a] 38 And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. 39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. 40 Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

[a] Acts 8:37 Some manuscripts include here Philip said, “If you believe with all your heart, you may.” The eunuch answered, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”

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 5 Feb		Sunday Worship - Mick Kane (10:30am)								
Mon 6 Feb										
Tues 7 Feb										
Weds 8 Feb		Toddle In							FoodCycle	
		Zoom prayer meeting								
Thurs 9 Feb			Winter Warmer and Food Pantry			Bible Study with Lucy		Mcr Gospel Choir (19:30pm)		
Fri 10 Feb										
Sat 11 Feb										
Sun 12 Feb		Sunday Worship with Mick Kane (10:30am)								

Daily Readings and Prayers

Date	Bible Reading	Pray For
Mon 6 Feb 2023	Matthew 23:13–39	Lesley and Ray Dindale
Tue 7 Feb 2023	Matthew 24:1–28	Barbara Donnelly
Wed 8 Feb 2023	Matthew 24:29–51	Bill and Sue Ellis
Thu 9 Feb 2023	Matthew 25:1–30	Peter Evans
Fri 10 Feb 2023	Matthew 25:31–46	Philomena Evans
Sat 11 Feb 2023	Catch Up	Sylvia Findlay
Sun 12 Feb 2023	Matthew 26:1–25	Jon Fisher

Prayer Points

- 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, celebration and vision casting.
- Pray for Anna Holme, 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.
- Pray for Grace Applebee McKenzie, retired Nazarene pastor, who lost her husband very suddenly last week.

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.