



5 MARCH 2023

BROOKLANDS CHURCH

“I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” – Genesis 12: 2-3.

As we continue our Lenten journey through the Scriptures I'm delighted to say that Tim Geddes will be preaching today. Tim serves us every week on the tech desk and has recently started leading newly formed young adult Bible study. As well as that he was elected by us to serve on the church board this year, all whilst completing his Masters in theology at NTC. Let's be in prayer for this fine young man!

Last week we wrestled with the reality of a broken and fallen world. We were encouraged to consider how that brokenness has affected us and how we even contribute to brokenness at times. But we praise God that all is not lost! Even as God declares the consequences of Sin in the world we noticed a whisper of promise to come. God will one day defeat the sin that has broken this world. This morning we pick up further in the story and that promise takes on momentum through the prophet Abraham. We look forward to hearing how this promise rings true still today.

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We will also share around the table of communion, our family meal, where the promises of God's rescue come to a stunning climax. This is a good and important practice for us especially following our annual general meeting last week.

Don't forget about the Point Loma Singers concert that will take place at NTC this Wednesday at 7pm. The Point Loma Singers are a 24-person choir from San Diego, California and will no doubt put on a wonderful show! There is a suggested donation of £3 if you are able to contribute and this will go towards the college hardship fund.

On Saturday 18th March we will have our prayer breakfast in the morning. Please fill in the form in the foyer or speak to Jon Fisher if you would like to attend and have breakfast. Also on that day Jon has arranged for some teaching and fellowship in the afternoon from Our Daily Bread ministries (via videos) with lunch. Similarly, speak to Jon or fill in the form in the foyer if you would like to attend this.

Peace,

Mick

Point Loma Singers

7:00 PM,
Wednesday 7 March
2023

Nazarene
Theological College,
Dene Road,
Didsbury, M20 2GU

Recommended
donation £3

DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

DATE	BIBLE READING	PRAY FOR
MON 6 MAR 2023	MARK 9:2–29	HERBERT MCGONIGLE
TUE 7 MAR 2023	MARK 9:30–50	LAUREN MCGILLIVRAY
WED 8 MAR 2023	MARK 10:1–31	SIGGY NWATOR
THU 9 MAR 2023	MARK 10:32–52	MYRA O'HARA
FRI 10 MAR 2023	MARK 11	MICHAEL OKECHUKWU
SAT 11 MAR 2023	CATCH UP	TOM PATTERSON
SUN 12 MAR 2023	MARK 12:1–27	JOHN AND VERA PACKARD

CHURCH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

Thank you again to everyone who has given towards the recent earthquake in Turkey, Syria and Lebanon. There is still an opportunity to give via the church. If you would like to do this, please put your donation in an envelope marked "APPEAL" and place it in one of the offering baskets. All monies donated will be given to help those in most need. If you prefer to give electronically, you can support the work of the Church of the Nazarene in the region by using this link:
www.ncm.org/syria.

CHURCH CALENDAR

THIS WEEK

DATE	TIME	EVENT
SUN 5 MAR 2023	10:30 AM	SUNDAY WORSHIP, TIM GEDDES PREACHING
WED 8 MAR 2023	10:00 AM	TODDLE-IN
WED 8 MAR 2023	10:30 AM	PRAYER MEETING ON ZOOM
WED 8 MAR 2023	5:00 PM	FOODCYCLE FREE COMMUNITY MEAL
THU 9 MAR 2023	11:00 AM	WINTER WARMER (COMMUNITY CAFÉ)
THU 9 MAR 2023	7:30 PM	MANCHESTER GOSPEL CHOIR REHEARSAL
SUN 12 MAR 2023	10:30 AM	SUNDAY WORSHIP, MICK KANE

LOOKING AHEAD

DATE	TIME	EVENT
WED 8 MAR 2023	7:00 PM	POINT LOMA SINGERS AT NTC
10-11 MAR 2023		DISTRICT ASSEMBLY IN DUKINFIELD
SAT 18 MAR 2023	9:30 AM	PRAYER BREAKFAST
SAT 18 MAR 2023	11:00 AM	OUR DAILY BREAD TEACHING WITH LUNCH

PRAYER FOCUS

- Pray for the newly elected church board and the first meeting coming up on the 25th March.
- Pray for Anne Beattie as she has now moved to North Wales.
- Pray for Nathaniel Herbert following the death of his sister Inez a couple of weeks ago. The funeral will take place on Wednesday 8th March in Leicester.
- Pray for those in the congregation who have tested positive for covid.
- Pray for Anna Holme, as she continues to feel very poorly. Anna awaits another appointment at the Christie in the coming days.
- Pray for Ron and Jenny Hearne. Jenny has been moved into a nursing home. We give thanks for Ron being in church last week as he has had improvements in his health. He has been able to visit Jenny too!
- Continue to pray for Lyla, the granddaughter of David and Chris Hoolihan. David and Chris give thanks for improvements in Lyla's health recently.

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.

THIS WEEK'S SERMON EVERY STORY WHISPERS HIS NAME (2) TIM GEDDES

GENESIS 12: 1-4A

1 The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.

2 "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

4 So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.