

Brooklands Church

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“As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem.” – Isaiah 66:13

On this Mothering Sunday it is good to remind ourselves that God transcends the metaphors we use for him. Of course, the most common image we use for God is that of Father. This seemed to be a favourite image of Christ's and therefore an important one for the church. But we see above an example where God loves and comforts us as mother, also.

We will take a moment to bless 'mothers' in our congregation today. That is, literal mothers and grandmothers, but also spiritual mothers. If you are a woman in our congregation we will include you in this blessing. Your very presence among us means that you serve as a spiritual mother to us in our church family.



My own mother, Adele Duncan, will be speaking today. I understand I may be biased when I say this but her testimony and knowledge of the Scripture will be a huge blessing to us. I've no doubt you will make her feel welcome in my absence and I pray that today will be a significant time around God's Word together.

Remember next week we are welcoming the congregation of King's Church Wythenshawe as they worship with us. Please get early to guarantee a seat together. Children will go directly in to the back hall for their own special programme and we will enjoy an extended time of fellowship together after the service. This will be an important witness for the Kingdom of God and Church unity.

Peace,

Mick

DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

DATE	BIBLE READING	PRAY FOR
Mon 20 Mar 2023	Mark 15:21-47	Natalino and Siye Spinaci, and Elijah and Ethan
Tue 21 Mar 2023	Mark 16	Dean and Simona Stanfield, and Mia and Micah
Wed 22 Mar 2023	Luke 1:1-38	Karl and Ingrid Stanfield
Thu 23 Mar 2023	Luke 1:39-66	Sheila and Terry Strong
Fri 24 Mar 2023	Luke 1:67-2:7	Marion Tewksbury
Sat 25 Mar 2023	Catch Up	John Torkington and Cath
Sun 26 Mar 2023	Luke 2:8-38	Jean and David Walker

CHURCH CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sun 19 Mar 2023	10:30 AM	Mothering Sunday with Adele Duncan
Wed 22 Mar 2023	10:00 AM	Toddle-In
Wed 22 Mar 2023	10:30 AM	Prayer meeting on Zoom
Wed 22 Mar 2023	5:00 PM	FoodCycle free community meal
Thu 23 Mar 2023	11:00 AM	Winter Warmer (Community Café)
Thu 23 Mar 2023	7:30 PM	Manchester Gospel Choir rehearsal
Sun 26 Mar 2023	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship, Mick Kane

PRAYER FOCUS

- *Lord, for mothers today we pray joy; for orphans, comfort; for not-yet mothers, hope; for single mothers, grace; for the lonely, family. May there be moments of comfort and hope today for the mothers of prodigals, mothers who have lost children, and mothers who don't know where their children are.*
- Pray for Jean Hall and Lucy Frost following the sudden death of David last week. Pray specifically as they begin to make funeral preparations.
- Pray for Barbara Donnelly, who has been in hospital this week.
- Please pray for Claire Walker's friend Cheryl, who has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Pray for healing, and that doctors will find a suitable treatment.
- Pray for the newly elected church board and the first meeting on the 25 March.
- We rejoice with Peter Grady following the news of his 'all clear' from cancer last week.
- Pray for Peter Howells who is very ill with cirrhosis of the liver. There have been minor improvements this week but he still needs prayer. Pray for Pauline too.
- Pray for Jean Hall and Lucy Frost following the sudden death of David last week. Pray specifically as they begin to make funeral preparations.
- Pray for Anne Beattie as she has now moved to North Wales.
- Pray for those in the congregation who have tested positive for Covid.
- Pray for Joanne Bolton who is going through some health difficulties.
- Pray for Anna Holme, as she continues to feel very poorly. Anna continues to be monitored by the Christie hospital as they consider the best way forward.
- Pray for Ron and Jenny Hearne. Jenny is now in a care home and doing much better. She would very much welcome visitors – speak to pastor Mick, pastor Lucy or Margaret Webb if you would like to.
- Continue to pray for Lyla, the granddaughter of David and Chris Hoolihan. David and Chris give thanks for improvements in Lyla's health recently.
- Pray for Jean Walker's sister - Barbara Edwards, in Germany. Barbara is finding it difficult to communicate after suffering from a stroke.
- Pray for Cha, aged 18. Cha is being cared for by David and Chris Hoolihan's son and daughter-in-law, in Vietnam. She has been having difficulty breathing.

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 BIBLE READING

PSALM 103: 1-5 (ADELE DUNCAN)

- 1 Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
- 2 Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—
- 3 who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,
- 4 who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,
- 5 who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

CHURCH NEWS

BROOKLANDS COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATOR LAUNCH

A new defibrillator has been installed to the side of the church building for local community use. It has been a long term desire of the church in partnership with the community to give access to this.

Brooklands resident Stephen Savage raised approximately £1500 to buy the defibrillator, by running the Manchester 10k and completing the three peaks challenge. Holly Billingham raised £500 to provide the storage unit through the Christmas Community Market in December. The installation cost of approximately £200 was paid for by the Brooklands Church.

The defibrillator is designed for public use and is accessed by contacting emergency services (999) and giving the location. The emergency services will then give the release code and they will stay on the line to talk the user through the process of using the defibrillator. The defibrillator can be accessed 24 hours a day by anyone.

Pictured left to right at the launch this week are Councillor Sue Cooley, Holly Billingham, Stephen Savage, and Gert Schwartz.

