

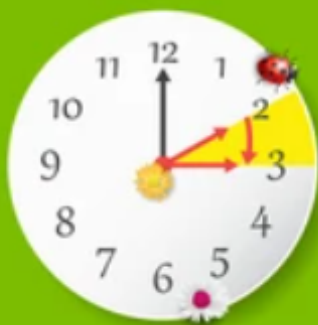
# BROOKLANDS CHURCH

**"BEHOLD, I WILL DO A NEW THING, NOW IT SHALL SPRING FORTH" –  
ISAIAH 43: 19**

I'm afraid my use of Scripture is fairly tenuous, today. Don't forget that clocks spring forth on Saturday into Sunday. If you forget, that means you'll belate for the morning service!

We are delighted to welcome the congregation of King's Church Wythenshawe into worship with us this week. King's Church meet weekly on Sundays in Brooklands Dixons Academy High School but it was not available for them and so we thought it would be an act of Kingdom hospitality for both churches to gather as one. Mike Burke is the interim lead at King's as their Pastor, James Bagley, is off on Sabbatical. We will take some time to get to know Mike and King's Church as part of our worship but if you would like to know more about them you can check out their website here: <https://www.makingjesusfamous.org/>. There will also be an extended time of fellowship after the service over a cup of tea and coffee.

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Next week is Palm Sunday and we will be getting into the spirit of the Scriptural story of Palm Sunday by 'Welcoming Jesus with Worship.' To help with this, Manchester Community Gospel Choir will be performing at the start of the service. It is a joy to welcome them back – this one is not to be missed!

On Good Friday we have two gatherings to reflect on the crucifixion of Jesus. We'll gather in the church at 10:00am for a Good Friday Tenebrae service with songs and readings and we'll also gather with other churches – King's Church Wythenshawe and Grace Church Brooklands – in Wythenshawe park at 6:00pm for a 'Good Friday Dusk Gathering' including singing, reading of Scripture, reflection and prayers for our community alongside the other churches.

We'll gather as normal on Easter Sunday at 10.30am for a special service of church membership and Baptism as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ together. Lot's going on in this very important season!

Finally, the Church of the Nazarene district holiday, Breakthru, will take place this year in at Cliff College in Derbyshire on 16th-20th August. For more information see the website: <http://www.breakthruholidays.com/> places are filling up fast!

Peace,

Mick

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of the Nazarene



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## PRAYER FOCUS

- Pray for Jean and Lucy as they organise David's funeral. They hope to finalise a date in the coming days.
- Pray for Vivienne Best- poorly with a tooth infection.
- Pray for Ava Marshall. Ava is 6 and in hospital with leukemia.
- Barbara Donnelly is home from hospital and recovering. She is grateful for the prayers of the church. We give thanks with her for answered prayer.
- 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.
- We rejoice with Peter Grady following the news of his 'all clear' from cancer recently.
- Pray for Peter Howells as he continues to recover at home. He is due to go back for further meetings with the doctor. Please pray for his wife, Pauline, too.
- Pray for Anne Beattie as she has now moved to North Wales.
- Pray for Joanne Bolton who is going through some health difficulties.
- Pray for Anna Holme as she commences chemotherapy tomorrow.
- 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.

## DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

DATE	BIBLE READING	PRAY FOR
Mon 27 Mar 2023	Luke 2:39–52	Margaret Webb
Tue 28 Mar 2023	Luke 3	Norma Whyte
Wed 29 Mar 2023	Luke 4:1–30	Carol Wray
Thu 30 Mar 2023	Luke 4:31–44	Theresa Baker and Oliver
Fri 31 Mar 2023	Luke 5:1–26	Arthur Basnett
Sat 1 Apr 2023	Catch Up	Val Batty
Sun 2 Apr 2023	Luke 5:27–6:11	Ann Beattie

## CHURCH CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sun 26 Mar 2023	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship, Lucy Frost
Wed 29 Mar 2023	10:00 AM	Toddle-In
Wed 29 Mar 2023	10:30 AM	Prayer meeting on Zoom
Wed 29 Mar 2023	5:00 PM	FoodCycle free community meal
Thu 30 Mar 2023	11:00 AM	Community Café
Thu 30 Mar 2023	7:30 PM	Manchester Gospel Choir rehearsal
Sun 2 Apr 2023	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship, Mick Kane
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Fri 7 Apr 2023	10:00 AM	Good Friday Tenebrae Service
Fri 7 Apr 2023	6:00 PM	Good Friday Dusk Gathering, Wythenshawe Park
16-20 August 2023		Breakthru Holiday

## THIS SUNDAY

### 1 SAMUEL 16: 1-13

#### PASTOR LUCY FROST

1 The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king."

2 But Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me."

The Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' 3 Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate."

4 Samuel did what the Lord said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?"

5 Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

6 When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed stands here before the Lord."

7 But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

8 Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The Lord has not chosen this one either."

9 Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the Lord chosen this one." 10 Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The Lord has not chosen these."

11 So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep."

Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives."

12 So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one."

13 So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.