

BROOKLANDS CHURCH

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"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE. THE ONE WHO BELIEVES IN ME WILL LIVE, EVEN THOUGH THEY DIE; AND WHOEVER LIVES BY BELIEVING IN ME WILL NEVER DIE."

JOHN 11: 25-26

I like to remind myself that Easter is a season and not a single day. That is because resurrection, as well as being an event, is a living reality for us as Christians. This was particularly evident in our community this week as we gathered for the funeral of David Hall. Although we grieve loss as humans, we, as Christians, also look to the hope of the resurrection in the face of death. I pray that this truth continues to encourage you in this Easter season.

It is good to have Pastor Karl and Ingrid back with us after their travels. We look forward to hearing from Karl this Sunday as he shares the Word of God. I know that some of you may be prohibited from being with us in person due to the marathon route. Don't forget that you can still join with us online!

Don't forget that this month's prayer breakfast meets this Saturday. Speak to Jon Fisher or see the notice in the foyer if you are interested in attending. Prayer continues to be the foundation of all that we do as a church and so this gathering, along with the midweek Zoom prayer meeting on Wednesdays is very important. Please join us if you can!

We are pleased to announce that we will be starting our computer support sessions again from Tuesday 25th April, 10am-12noon in the church. The course which ran a couple of months back was a real blessing to those in attendance. They are aimed at individuals who would like to increase their confidence in using computers and tablets. If you want to know more about this please speak to Margaret Webb who can also connect you to those who benefitted so much from the last sessions. There will also be 'drop in' support on these days from 12noon-1pm. These are part of a council funded effort around digital inclusion.

Peace,

Mick



DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

DATE	BIBLE READING	PRAY FOR
Mon 17 Apr 2023	Luke 12:8–34	Lesley and Ray Dinsdale
Tue 18 Apr 2023	Luke 12:35–59	Barbara Donnelly
Wed 19 Apr 2023	Luke 13:1–21	Bill and Sue Ellis
Thu 20 Apr 2023	Luke 13:22–14:11	Peter Evans
Fri 21 Apr 2023	Luke 14:12–35	Philomena Evans
Sat 22 Apr 2023	Catch Up	Sylvia Findlay
Sun 23 Apr 2023	Luke 15	Jon Fisher

CHURCH CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sun 16 Apr 2023	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship. Karl Stanfield
Wed 19 Apr 2023	10:00 AM	Toddle-In
Wed 19 Apr 2023	10:30 AM	Prayer meeting on Zoom
Wed 19 Apr 2023	5:00 PM	FoodCycle Free Community Meal
Sun 23 Apr 2023	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship
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Sat 22 Apr 2023	9:30 AM	Prayer Breakfast
16-20 August 2023		Breakthru Holiday

PRAYER FOCUS

As well as some listed items for prayer please also see the report from Connie and Samuel Law following their time working in Turkey with those who experienced the devastating Earthquake there last month:

“Thank you so much for all the prayers from you and the congregation. We got permission from a district leader of Antakya and were allowed to serve there the whole time. The Lord has provided and given us all the help we needed. The whole trip was safe and blessed. Although it is still the month of Ramadan, the team was able to reach more than 60 people in 4 days including men, women and children. It was such a tragic experience for most of the people we met and do value your prayers for them continuously. The team is planning to revisit the people and follow-up some of the people next month. Thank you again and praise the Lord for what he has done in people's lives.”

CHURCH PRAYERS

- Continue to pray for Jean and Lucy in these days following David's funeral. Pray also for David's wider family – his cousins John and Liz and their respective families. There remains some orders of service available for those who would be interested in having one.
- Pray for Sylvia Findlay following the death of her brother, Ron.
- Pray for Anna Holme as she continues in her chemotherapy. Pray that she will remain well during the treatment and that it will work well to contain her cancer.
- Pray for Ava Marshall who is 6 years old and has leukaemia.
- 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 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 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.
- Pray for Jean Walker's sister - Barbara Edwards, in Germany. Barbara is finding it difficult to communicate after suffering from a stroke.
- Pray for Marie Vickers, a family member of David and Chris Hoolihan. Marie has underwent immunotherapy and is vulnerable to infection.

THIS WEEK'S TEXT

Acts 2: 25-40

25 David said about him: "'I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

26 Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope, 27 because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay. 28 You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.'

29 "Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. 30 But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. 31 Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. 32 God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. 33 Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. 34 For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, "'The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand 35 until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.'"

36 "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah."

37 When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

40 With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation."

John 20: 19-31

19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." 22 And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

24 Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

28 Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

29 Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

30 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

CHURCH NEWS

YOUNG ADULTS SMALL GROUP

Our young adults small group takes place every other Thursday from 7:30pm. Next one is happening on 27th April. If you would like more information, please speak with Pastor Lauren or Tim Geddes.



BROOKLANDS YOUTH GROUP

Brooklands Youth group will be starting on Sunday 30th of April following the morning service, from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm. It is open to anyone aged 10 or over. More information will follow about the plan we have.



If you would like to know any more information please speak with Pastor Lauren.

HOPE FOR ALL MAGAZINE

We still have a few copies of **Hope for All** magazine at the back of church, and in the magazine carousel. Please take one, and when you have read it, pass it on to a friend?



CRICKET NIGHT

Would you like to join us at The Emirates, Old Trafford to watch the 20:20 Blast cricket match between Lancashire Lightning and Derbyshire Falcons, on Friday 23 June, starting at 6:30pm? Let Mark Bolton know SOON, as tickets will sell quickly. The cost will be around £22.



WASTE DISPOSAL

Please be careful when disposing of babies nappies, as they have been known to cause blockages in the drains, and these are not very nice to clear. Thank you.

