

BROOKLANDS CHURCH

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"PETER, AN APOSTLE OF JESUS CHRIST, TO GOD'S ELECT... WHO HAVE BEEN CHOSEN ACCORDING TO THE FOREKNOWLEDGE OF GOD THE FATHER, THROUGH THE SANCTIFYING WORK OF THE SPIRIT, TO BE OBEDIENT TO JESUS CHRIST AND SPRINKLED WITH HIS BLOOD: GRACE AND PEACE BE YOURS IN ABUNDANCE." – 1 PETER 1: 1-2

As we continue in this Easter season of resurrection, we are going to be spending some time in the book of 1 Peter. Remember that Peter, formerly Simon, was a follower of Christ and witness to the events of Jesus' death and resurrection. Later in his life he helped start and lead churches throughout the known world. What might the Apostle say to us today? I look forward to journeying through this. My prayer is the same as Peter's above: that grace and peace may be ours in abundance!

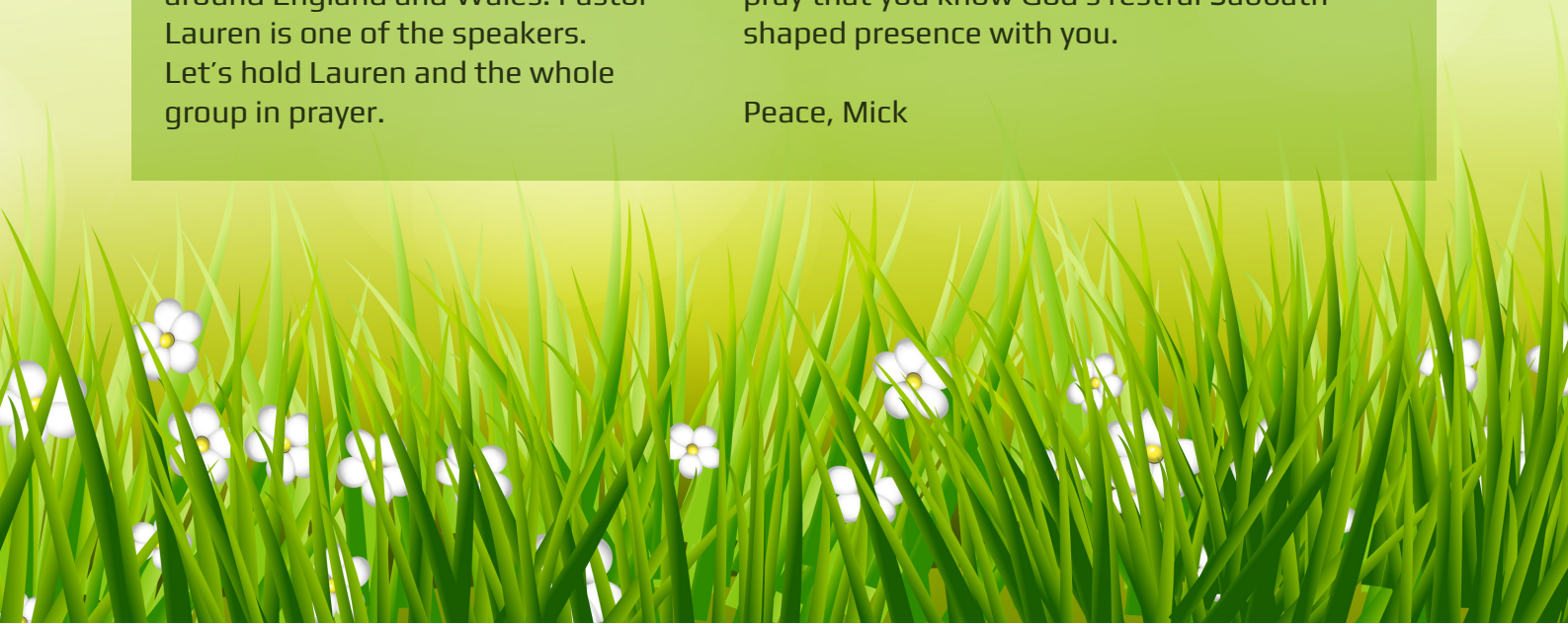
As we gather this weekend, some of our young adults are attending a district gathering with others from Churches of the Nazarene around England and Wales. Pastor Lauren is one of the speakers. Let's hold Lauren and the whole group in prayer.

Next Sunday sees the first gathering of our brand-new youth ministry. The plan is that following the morning service anyone over 10 is invited to join them for a trip to Wythenshawe Park followed by some pizza. If the weather prohibits this they will gather in the church. Again, it is vital that we uphold this exciting ministry up in prayer.

As mentioned last week, our computer support sessions being on Tuesday, 10-12. We'll hear from Margaret Webb this morning about how this gathering is so much more than 'IT support' – with fellowship and learning together. Please speak to Margaret if you would be interested or would like to know more.

This week's Update is a two-week edition and there are more church announcements to be found below. If you are away in this season, we pray that you know God's restful Sabbath-shaped presence with you.

Peace, Mick



READINGS AND PRAYERS WEEK COMMENCING 24 APRIL 2023

DATE	BIBLE READING	PRAY FOR
Mon 24 Apr 2023	Luke 16	Lucy Frost
Tue 25 Apr 2023	Luke 17:1–19	Tim Geddes
Wed 26 Apr 2023	Luke 17:20–37	Bill and Lorraine Graham
Thu 27 Apr 2023	Luke 18:1–30	Will Graham
Fri 28 Apr 2023	Luke 18:31–19:10	Jean Hall
Sat 29 Apr 2023	Catch Up	Diane Hallam
Sun 30 Apr 2023	Luke 19:11–27	Brenda Hambleton

READINGS AND PRAYERS WEEK COMMENCING 1 MAY 2023

DATE	BIBLE READING	PRAY FOR
Mon 1 May 2023	Luke 19:28–20:8	Audrey Brookes
Tue 2 May 2023	Luke 20:9–26	Charmaine Hamnett
Wed 3 May 2023	Luke 20:27–21:4	Sean and Sharron Harland
Thu 4 May 2023	Luke 21:5–38	Ron and Jenny Hearne
Fri 5 May 2023	Luke 22:1–23	Nathaniel Herbert
Sat 6 May 2023	Catch Up	Pete and Babs Hewitt
Sun 7 May 2023	Luke 22:24–46	Anna Holme

CHURCH CALENDAR		
DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sun 23 Apr 2023	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship. Mick Kane
Wed 26 Apr 2023	10:00 AM	Toddle-In
Wed 26 Apr 2023	10:30 AM	Prayer meeting on Zoom
Wed 26 Apr 2023	5:00 PM	FoodCycle Free Community Meal
Thu 27 Apr 2023	11:00 AM	Community Cafe
Thu 27 Apr 2023	7:30 PM	Manchester Gospel Choir rehearsal
Sun 30 Apr 2023	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship. Mick Kane
Sun 30 Apr 2023	12:30 PM	Brooklands Youth Group
Sun 30 Apr 2023	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship
Wed 3 May 2023	10:00 AM	Toddle-In
Wed 3 May 2023	10:30 AM	Prayer meeting on Zoom
Wed 3 May 2023	5:00 PM	FoodCycle Free Community Meal
Thu 4 May 2023	11:00 AM	NO CAFE DUE TO LOCAL ELECTIONS
Thu 4 May 2023	19:00 pM	NO CHOIR DUE TO LOCAL ELECTIONS
Sun 7 May 2023	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship
DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sat 13 May 2023	9:30 AM	Prayer Breakfast
16-20 August 2023		Breakthru Holiday

THIS WEEK'S TEXT – 1 PETER 1:3–9

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, 5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

6 In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.

7 These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed.

8 Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, 9 for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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.

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.

COMPUTER SUPPORT SESSIONS

If you need help with computer related issues, you might want to join our computer support sessions, on Tuesdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Talk to Margaret Webb if you would like to know more about this.

