

BROOKLANDS CHURCH

**Live such good lives
among the pagans
that, though they
accuse you of doing
wrong, they may see
your good deeds and
glorify God on the
day he visits us.**

1 Peter 2:12 NIV

This is Peter's vision for how the church is to function here on earth. It's beautiful isn't it? That our community would be one that lives in such a way, that lives out what we believe, that practices what we preach, that all on the outside witness something of God in us. May this be our prayer and vision for Brooklands church of the Nazarene.

We'll dig into some of this a little deeper this morning as we continue our series in 1 Peter. We're beginning to get into the detail of Peter's practical advice for how Christians should live in times of difficulty and struggle. I'm excited to be back and worshipping with you all!

In a couple of weeks' time, May 28th, we will celebrate Pentecost together. Pentecost is the celebration of the birth of the Church through the gift of the Holy Spirit to all flesh for the first time. I'm excited to announce that my mum, Adele Duncan, will be sharing with us again that morning.

As we look to the summer together we know it can be a time when people are away on holiday at different times and so finding connection as a church family can be challenge. As such we have planned monthly gatherings. Times where we can simply be together and enjoy fellowship with each other. The first of these will take place on Saturday 10th June where we are proposing a walk around Sale Water Park together. We'll ensure there are groupings of various abilities and we'll be sure to gather together as a big group at the start and finish. More details will follow about this and the other events we have planned in the coming weeks. In the meantime be sure to pop this in your diary.

Finally, John Packard's family are now in a position to announce the details of his funeral. You can see the notice further down in the update.

Peace,

Mick

READINGS AND PRAYERS WEEK COMMENCING 15 MAY 2023

DATE	BIBLE READING	PRAY FOR
Mon 15 May 2023	John 1:29-51	Connie and Samuel Law
Tue 16 May 2023	John 2	Zizinha Mendes Marino
Wed 17 May 2023	John 3:1-21	Herbert McGonigle
Thu 18 May 2023	John 3:22-4:13	Lauren McGillivray
Fri 19 May 2023	John 4:14-45	Siggy Nwator
Sat 20 May 2023	Catch Up	Myra O'Hara
Sun 21 May 2023	John 4:46-5:17	Michael Okechukwu

THIS WEEK'S TEXT - 1 PETER 3:13-22

13 Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? 14 But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened." 15 But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, 16 keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behaviour in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. 17 For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. 18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. 19 After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— 20 to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, 21 and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

CHURCH CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sun 14 May 2023	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship, Mick Kane
Tue 16 May 2023	10:00 AM	Digital Inclusion Group
Tue 16 May 2023	12:00 PM	Digital Drop In
Wed 17 May 2023	10:00 AM	Toddle-In
Wed 17 May 2023	10:30 AM	Prayer meeting on Zoom
Thu 18 May 2023	7:00 PM	Manchester Gospel Choir
Thu 18 May 2023	11:00 AM	Community Café
Sun 21 May 2023	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship
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Sat 27 May 2023	9:30 AM	Prayer Breakfast
16-20 Aug 2023		Breakthru Holiday

THE FUNERAL OF REVEREND JOHN PACKARD

The funeral of Revd John Packard will take place on Friday 26th May 2023. A Service of thanksgiving will follow the committal at the graveside. The funeral cortege will pass by the Church of the Nazarene, Wendover Road, Brooklands, Manchester, M23 9FN at 12:30 pm. All are welcome to join the family at the graveside and can follow the cortege from the church to Southern Cemetery, 212 Barlow Moor Road, Manchester M21 7GL. A Service of thanksgiving to God for His servant will then take place at 2:00pm at Brooklands Church of the Nazarene. In lieu of flowers please consider donating to Raising Futures (Vision Africa). raisingfutureskenya.org.uk. Refreshments in the church hall will follow and all are welcome. It would be helpful but not essential if you could let us know if you wish to stay. Email or send a message to (karl.stanfield@gmail.com / 07515104216).

CHURCH PRAYERS

- Continue to pray for Vera, Ingrid and the wider family following the death of John Packard. Pray for the funeral which will take place on Friday 26th May here at the church.
- Continue to pray for Jean and Lucy following the death of David Hall.
- Pray for Steve Lovatt who hasn't been in contact with his family for a few weeks now. Pray that he is found safe and well.
- Pray for Gert's new grandson who was born premature. We praise God for continued improvement in this little one's life.
- Barbara Donnelly's brother, Barry is safely home from holiday after taking seriously ill. Pray for him as he continues to receive treatment.
- Pray for Sylvia Findlay following the death of her brother, Ron. The funeral took place this Wednesday and we continue to pray for Sylvia and the whole family.
- 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.
- 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. Ron is due for surgery to repair a hernia on the 19th May. Please be in prayer for his recovery.
- 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.
- And finally, give thanks for answered prayer. Claire Walker's friend Cheryl, was diagnosed with lung cancer. Doctors have removed a lung and Cheryl has been declared free from cancer. Cheryl would like to thank everyone who prayed for her.

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 met for the first time last Sunday. They have planned a program of events over the coming weeks and months. 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. This is followed by a Digital Drop In from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. Talk to Margaret Webb if you would like to know more about this.



CHURCH CAR PARKING

A gentle reminder to those who drive to church on Sundays. If the car park is full, you will need to park on the roads surrounding church. Please do this responsibly. Do not park on grass verges, and do not park on or near to driveways or road junctions.

Thank you for your cooperation with this.

