

BROOKLANDS CHURCH



As we come to the conclusion of the series on 1 Peter we are reminded this morning that much of what Peter is calling the church to can be summed up in one characteristic – humility. This is also a key reminder for us on this Sunday which is also known as Ascension Sunday, the week we celebrate Christ taking his place on his throne in heaven where he intercedes on our behalf. Christ's own journey to the throne was made complete by him first humbling himself to the will of God the Father. Again, Christ is both the means and model of our salvation. We look forward to Lucy speaking on this important theme this morning.

We announced last week the funeral of John Packard which will take place here in the church on Friday of this week. The full notice from the family can be found below. For those unable to be at the funeral in person we will also be streaming the service online where it will remain to watch back in the future. We will send out a link for the funeral via email, and on Facebook, early this week. Please continue to pray for the family as well as for Pastor Karl who will lead the funeral.

Next week is Pentecost Sunday, where we celebrate the birth of the Church through the gift of the Holy Spirit. We welcome Adele Duncan (my mum) who will be speaking next Sunday.

Lastly, be in prayer for the church board who meet this week. We are very grateful for all who serve as board members.

Peace,

Mick

READINGS AND PRAYERS WEEK COMMENCING 22 MAY 2023

DATE	BIBLE READING	PRAY FOR
Mon 22 May 2023	John 5:18–47	Bogdan and Eva Oron and family
Tue 23 May 2023	John 6:1–21	Vera Packard
Wed 24 May 2023	John 6:22–59	Gilly Parrish
Thu 25 May 2023	John 6:60–71	Tom Patterson
Fri 26 May 2023	John 7:1–24	Karina Phillips and Kiyara
Sat 27 May 2023	Catch Up	Sandra Pitt
Sun 28 May 2023	John 7:25–52	Fay Powell

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 CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sun 21 May 2023	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship with Lucy Frost
Tue 23 May 2023	10:00 AM	Digital Inclusion Group
Tue 23 May 2023	12:00 PM	Digital Drop In
Wed 24 May 2023	10:00 AM	Toddle-In
Wed 24 May 2023	10:30 AM	Prayer meeting on Zoom
Thu 25 May 2023	7:00 PM	Manchester Gospel Choir rehearsal
Thu 25 May 2023	11:00 AM	Community Café
Sun 28 May 2023	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship with Adele Duncan
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Sat 27 May 2023	9:30 AM	Prayer Breakfast
16-20 Aug 2023		Breakthru Holiday

THIS WEEK'S TEXT - 1 PETER 5:6-11

6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. 7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

8 Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 9 Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

10 And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. 11 To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

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.
- Pray for Sue Cooley's sister, Linda, who has a number of prayer needs related to health at the moment. We praise God that we have already seen answer to prayer in Linda's life this week.
- Continue to pray for Jean and Lucy following the death of David Hall.
- We praise God that Steve Lovatt has been found safe and well. Continue to pray for Steve.
- Pray for Gert's new grandson who was born premature. We praise God for continued improvement in this little one's life. Pray for Melissa too as she recovers from the delivery and visits the little one in hospital daily.
- 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.
- 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's hernia operation was postponed due to other health complications. Please continue to pray for him.
- 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. 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

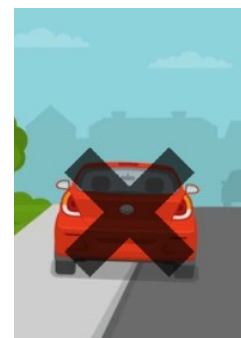
If you need help with computer related issues, you might want to join our computer support sessions, on Tuesdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. This is followed by a Digital Drop In from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. Talk to Margaret Webb if you would like to know more about this.



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.



CONTACT US

If you have a prayer request, or if you would like to receive our weekly newsletter by email, or if you would like any information about Brooklands Church, please email us at brooklands.nazarene.church@gmail.com

