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# BROOKLANDS CHURCH



I'm always struck by the very first description we have of the church in the Bible, indeed, in history! A group so committed to God and each other that they were willing to share everything and be with each other everyday!

I know the Church isn't perfect (although I do believe it is being perfected), but when I need reminding of what to aspire to I read the description we find at the end of Acts 2. I'm glad that the annual celebration of Pentecost ensures we are encouraged to read it every year. We'll take a closer look this morning before seeking to capture some of it in practice as we gather around the table of communion.

Connected to this, we are seeking for ways for us as a church to spend more time together in fellowship. This Saturday we will be meeting for a walk around Sale Water Park. If we gather at the car park beside the Boathouse restaurant, we'll create a base by the lake. There will be a couple of walks on offer - one around the whole lake, which takes about an hour, and a shorter-outand-back walk. For those who can't walk, some will be remaining at the base by the lake waiting for the walkers to return. If you want, you can join us at 12 with a packed lunch and perhaps some of us will meet together. I really hope to see many of you there!

A reminder that we continue to operate a community café on a Thursday from 11am-2pm. As part of this we also have a small food pantry where items are available at nominal costs. The pantry are currently short of tinned items of all sorts (with the exception of beans!). If you would be in a position to give to this please speak to Pastor Lucy, Holly or Charmaine.

Peace. Mick

# READINGS AND PRAYERS

DATE	BIBLE READING	PRAY FOR
Mon 5 Jun 2023	John 11:1-27	Nate and Siye Spinaci, Elijah and Ethan
Tue 6 Jun 2023	John 11:28-57	Dean and Simona Stanfield, Mia and Micah
Wed 7 Jun 2023	John 12:1-26	Karl and Ingrid Stanfield
Thu 8 Jun 2023	John 12:27-50	Sheila Strong
Fri 9 Jun 2023	John 13:1–30	Marion Tewksbury
Sat 10 Jun 2023	Catch Up	John Torkington and Catherine Langley
Sun 11 Jun 2023	John 13:31- 14:14	Jean Walker

## CHURCH CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sun 4 Jun 2023	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship with Mick Kane
Tue 6 Jun 2023	10:00 AM	Digital Inclusion Group
Tue 6 Jun 2023	12:00 PM	Digital Drop In
Wed 7 Jun 2023	10:00 AM	NO TODDLE-IN THIS WEEK
Wed 7 Jun 2023	10:30 AM	Prayer meeting on Zoom
Thu 8 Jun 2023	7:00 PM	Manchester Gospel Choir rehearsal
Thu 8 Jun 2023	11:00 AM	Community Café
Sat 10 Jun 2023	11:00 AM	Walk at Sale Water Park
Sun 11 Jun 2023	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship with Mick Kane
Sat 17 Jun 2023	9:30 AM	Prayer Breakfast
16-20 August 2023		Breakthru Holiday

## THIS WEEK'S TEXT - ACTS 2: 42-47

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

#### **CHURCH PRAYERS**

- Continue to pray for Vera, Ingrid and the wider family following the death of John Packard.
- Pray for Fatima Alkandaari who has been diagnosed with an ovarian tumour.
- Peter Howells has improved and is hoping to return home from hospital this weekend. Pauline is grateful for the prayers of the church.
- Please pray for Veronica and Trevor, a couple who are close friends of Steve and Jean Boyd. They have both been diagnosed with tumours in the brain recently.
- 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 these past weeks.
- Pray for Gert's new grandson who was born prematurely. 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 recover.
- 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 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, who recently suffered from a stroke.
- Pray for Marie Vickers, a family member of David and Chris Hoolihan. Marie recently went through immunotherapy and is vulnerable to infection.
- Pray for a friend of the church, Sandra, who attends the digital inclusion sessions. She is having investigations for a possible recurrence of cancer.
- Pray for Sue Clark, neighbour to the church, as she supports her daughter and granddaughter following the death of her Son-in-law.

#### **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 has 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.



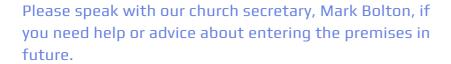
#### **COMPUTER SUPPORT SESSIONS**

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 SECURITY AND ACCESS**

We are in the process of updating the security arrangements at church. This has involved changing the keys to the main entrance door and the sanctuary. We have also replaced the security alarm control panel.





#### **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

