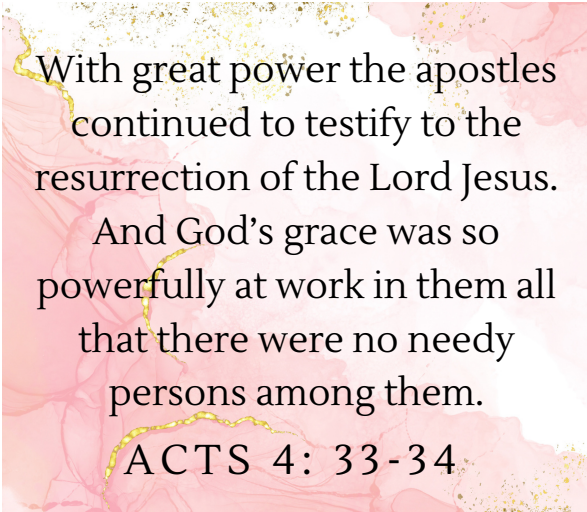


BROOKLANDS

CHURCH



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And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them.

ACTS 4: 33-34

As we continue our journey through the book of Acts following the events of the Church in its earliest days, we find another beautiful summary of the people of God at the end of Acts chapter 4. Much like last week's text this is a powerful picture of unity and power displayed through grace and hospitality. The Scripture seems to be setting a tone for who we are as God's people; what we should look like; how our fruit should work out in community. May God's grace be powerfully at work in us, too!

Another characteristic of the early church seemed to be the presence of God's miracles among them. We believe that God can and does continue to work miraculously in the world and in the church today. We have people in our church family who profess to God's miraculous work in

their life through healing, salvation and direct answer to prayer.

As pastors, Lucy, Lauren and I meet regularly to plan and pray together. On Thursday past, I closed the prayer time with a brief request for, 'a couple of new faces to visit our community café and pantry that day.' Having said the prayer, I left for a couple of meetings before returning to the café where the team had been rushed off their feet due to a whole bunch of newcomers that day! One even joked that next time I ask for a more manageable number of new faces next time I pray!

Our Thursday café and pantry remains a key missional space for us where we engage with many local people through hospitality. Sometimes this leads to opportunities of witness and evangelism – as it did for a few people on Thursday. If you are free on a Thursday between 11-2pm, we would love to have you join us.

A reminder that today (Sunday) is the last opportunity to sign up to our monthly prayer breakfast which meets next Saturday morning. See the notice in the foyer or speak to Jon Fisher for more information.

Peace,

Mick

READINGS AND PRAYERS

DATE	BIBLE READING	PRAY FOR
Mon 12 Jun 2023	John 14:15-15:17	Margaret Webb
Tue 13 Jun 2023	John 15:18-16:15	Samuel and Connie Law
Wed 14 Jun 2023	John 16:16-33	Norma Whyte
Thu 15 Jun 2023	John 17	Peter White
Fri 16 Jun 2023	John 18:1-24	Carol Wray
Sat 17 Jun 2023	Catch Up	Fatima Alkandari
Sun 18 Jun 2023	John 18:25-19:16	Arthur Basnett

CHURCH CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sun 11 Jun 2023	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship with Mick Kane
Tue 13 Jun 2023	10:00 AM	Digital Inclusion Group
Tue 13 Jun 2023	12:00 PM	Digital Drop In
Wed 14 Jun 2023	10:00 AM	Toddle In
Wed 14 Jun 2023	10:30 AM	Prayer meeting on Zoom
Wed 14 Jun 2023	5:00 PM	FoodCycle - Free meal
Thu 15 Jun 2023	11:00 AM	Community Café
Thu 15 Jun 2023	2:00 PM	NO BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK
Thu 15 Jun 2023	7:30 PM	Manchester Gospel Choir rehearsal
Sat 17 Jun 2023	9:30 AM	Prayer Breakfast
Sun 18 Jun 2023	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship with Mick Kane
16-20 August 2023		Breakthru Holiday

THIS WEEK'S TEXT - ACTS 4: 32-37

32 All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. 33 With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all 34 that there was no needy person among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales 35 and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need. 36 Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means 'son of encouragement'), 37 sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet.

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 condition deteriorated last week and he did not get home as hoped. Continue to pray for healing for him and peace for Pauline.
- 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.
- Continue to pray for Marie Vickers, a family member of David and Chris Hoolihan. Marie has cancer and needs prayers for healing.
- 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.

Please speak with our church secretary, Mark Bolton, if you need help or advice about entering the premises in future.



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

