

BROOKLANDS CHURCH



A Happy Fathers' day to all the fathers, grandfathers, and spiritual fathers in our congregation. Today is an important reminder for us to reflect on the fact that 'Father' is perhaps the most famous image we have of who God is, and how he loves us. To help us celebrate Fathers' Day, we have a small gift for all of the men in our congregation. These will be distributed at the end of the service.

Speaking of spiritual fathers, it is good to have Pastor Karl lead us in a time around God's word today. He will be continuing our journey through the book of Acts looking at the early Church. It is always a blessing when Karl steps into the pulpit.

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for the walk around Sale Water Park last week. We had over 30 in attendance and the sun was shining for us. We hope to arrange another couple of fellowship events throughout the summer.

This week in Indianapolis, USA, the Church of the Nazarene met for their quadrennial general assembly. Among the many resolutions and bylaws of the church polity discussed, the Church of the Nazarene also elected two new General Superintendents - Dr. T Scott Daniels (Pastor of Nampa College Church, Idaho; Professor at Northwest Nazarene University and Nazarene Theological Seminary) and Christian Sarmiento (Regional Director of South America Region). Please continue to be in prayer for our global church family.

I am not around this weekend as I am in Glasgow officiating the wedding of my sister-in-law. Being a pastor in a family that is largely non-Christian often poses itself with the most wonderful opportunities. Please be in prayer for me and Debbie's family this weekend.

Peace,

Mick

READINGS AND PRAYERS

DATE	BIBLE READING	PRAY FOR
Mon 19 Jun 2023	John 19:17-42	Val Batty
Tue 20 Jun 2023	John 20	Tom and Leena Bell, Olivia and Samara
Wed 21 Jun 2023	John 21	Holly and Nathan Billingham, Lauren and Darcie
Thu 22 Jun 2023	Acts 1	Audrey Bolton
Fri 23 Jun 2023	Acts 2:1-13	Jack and Leah Bolton, and Harry
Sat 24 Jun 2023	Catch Up	Joy Bolton
Sun 25 Jun 2023	Acts 2:14-47	Mark and Joanne Bolton

Church Chairs

Our sanctuary chairs have served us well over the previous 30+ years, but I'm sure you will agree that they have lost their bounce. We are looking to replace them.

You will see three examples of replacement chairs in the sanctuary today. They are available in different metal finishes and fabrics. Try them out, and let us know what you think.



CHURCH CALENDAR

THIS WEEK

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sun 18 Jun 2023	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship with Karl Stanfield
Tue 20 Jun 2023	10:00 AM	Digital Inclusion Group
Tue 20 Jun 2023	12:00 PM	Digital Drop In
Wed 21 Jun 2023	10:00 AM	Toddle In
Wed 21 Jun 2023	10:30 AM	Prayer meeting on Zoom
Wed 21 Jun 2023	5:00 PM	FoodCycle - Free meal
Thu 22 Jun 2023	11:00 AM	Community Café
Thu 22 Jun 2023	2:00 PM	Bible Study (Church)
Thu 22 Jun 2023	7:30 PM	Manchester Gospel Choir rehearsal
Sun 25 Jun 2023	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship with Mick Kane
16-20 August 2023		Breakthru Holiday

COMING UP

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16-20 August 2023		Breakthru Holiday

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE: ACTS 6:8 – 7:8, 54–60

REVD KARL STANFIELD

8 Now Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, performed great wonders and signs among the people. 9 Opposition arose, however, from members of the Synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called)—Jews of Cyrene and Alexandria as well as the provinces of Cilicia and Asia—who began to argue with Stephen. 10 But they could not stand up against the wisdom the Spirit gave him as he spoke.

11 Then they secretly persuaded some men to say, "We have heard Stephen speak blasphemous words against Moses and against God."

12 So they stirred up the people and the elders and the teachers of the law. They seized Stephen and brought him before the Sanhedrin. 13 They produced false witnesses, who testified, "This fellow never stops speaking against this holy place and against the law. 14 For we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and change the customs Moses handed down to us."

15 All who were sitting in the Sanhedrin looked intently at Stephen, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

7 Then the high priest asked Stephen, "Are these charges true?"

2 To this he replied: "Brothers and fathers, listen to me! The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham while he was still in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Harran.

3 'Leave your country and your people,' God said, 'and go to the land I will show you.'

4 "So he left the land of the Chaldeans and settled in Harran. After the death of his father, God sent him to this land where you are now living. 5 He gave him no inheritance here, not even enough ground to set his foot on. But God promised him that he and his descendants after him would possess the land, even though at that time Abraham had no child. 6 God spoke to him in this way: 'For four hundred years your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated. 7 But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves,' God said, 'and afterward they will come out of that country and worship me in this place.' 8 Then he gave Abraham the covenant of circumcision. And Abraham became the father of Isaac and circumcised him eight days after his birth. Later Isaac became the father of Jacob, and Jacob became the father of the twelve patriarchs.

54 When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. 55 But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 56 "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

57 At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, 58 dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

59 While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." 60 Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep.

CHURCH PRAYERS

- Peter Howells died last week following a relatively short battle with illness. Please pray for Pauline Howells in these days.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Also pray for Olivia, aged 4, who has also recently been diagnosed with leukaemia, and is undergoing a course of chemotherapy.
- 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

