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BROOKLANDS CHURCH



I know that I usually begin the Update with verse of Scripture but I hope you'll forgive me from breaking from trend. The quote above comes from a beautiful article on the place of compassion in our Christian faith, as well as its emphasis in our Nazarene identity. It was written by my friend and mentor, Revd Dr Deridre Brower Latz. Deirdre, as well as being Principal of NTC, is a significant leader in our denomination globally. Her prophetic voice gives us both hope and conviction (as all good prophets do!) Here is a link to the whole article if you want to check it out for yourself:

<https://ncm.org/blog/lifeonthemargins>

Our journey through Scripture continues through Acts today as we look at Peter's important encounter with the Gentiles (outsiders) who have now received the Holy Spirit. We continue to use this season to learn from the early church as well as receiving vital encouragement from the truth that the church was, and is, built on the work of Christ and His Gospel.

A reminder that on Saturday we're having a church work morning. We'll meet at 9.30am to work together on a number of tasks in and around the church building. The pastoral team will ensure that the kettle is on for a mid-morning break (pastries included!).

The funeral of Peter Howell will take place on Tuesday. Following a committal at Urmston cemetery at 12.45pm, there will be a thanksgiving service at the church beginning at 1.30pm. Following the service there will be a time of refreshments in the hall. Please continue to be in prayer for Pauline and the whole family in these days.

Peace,

Mick

READINGS AND PRAYERS

DATE	BIBLE READING	PRAY FOR
Mon 26 Jun 2023	Acts 7:23–53	John and Sue Churchman
Tue 27 Jun 2023	Acts 7:54–8:8	Christine Clarke
Wed 28 Jun 2023	Acts 8:9–40	Paul and Michelle Coates, Archie and Molly
Thu 29 Jun 2023	Acts 9:1–22	Sue Cooley
Fri 30 Jun 2023	Acts 9:23–10:8	David and Coral Cosgriff, Ben, Isaac and Emelia
Sat 1 Jul 2023	Catch Up	Heather Critchley, Dan and Holly
Sun 2 Jul 2023	Acts 10:9–33	Elouise Critchley and Mitch



CHURCH CALENDAR

THIS WEEK

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sun 25 Jun 2023	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship with Mick Kane
Tue 27 Jun 2023	10:00 AM	Computer Support Session
Tue 27 Jun 2023	12:00 PM	Computer Drop In Session
Wed 28 Jun 2023	10:00 AM	Toddle In
Wed 28 Jun 2023	10:30 AM	Prayer meeting on Zoom
Wed 28 Jun 2023	5:00 PM	FoodCycle - Free meal
Thu 29 Jun 2023	11:00 AM	Community Café
Thu 29 Jun 2023	2:00 PM	Bible Study at church
Thu 29 Jun 2023	7:30 PM	Manchester Gospel Choir rehearsal
Sun 2 Jul 2023	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship with Mick Kane

COMING UP

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sat 8 Jul 2023	9:30 AM	Work morning at church
Sat 15 Jul 2023	9:30 AM	Prayer Breakfast
16-20 August 2023		Breakthru Holiday

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE: ACTS 10: 34-48
PASTOR MICK

34 Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism 35 but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. 36 You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. 37 You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

39 "We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, 40 but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. 41 He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. 43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. 45 The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. 46 For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

Then Peter said, 47 "Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have." 48 So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

CHURCH PRAYERS

- Peter Howells died recently following a relatively short battle with illness. Please pray for Pauline Howells in these days. The funeral will take place in the church on Tuesday 4th July.
- Pray for Isobel Cave who is being treated for fatigue recently.
- Elsie Roberts is in hospital with heart issues and needs our prayers.
- Pray for Peter Geddes, Tim Geddes father, who was been in and out of hospital this week – also with heart issues.
- 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 grandson Zayann who was born very premature and continues to experience complications as a result.
- 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. UPDATE: Anna's most recent scan showed no change in cancer levels (which is good news!) but continues to need our prayers.
- 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

Our computer support sessions are open each Tuesday from 10am to 12pm, followed by a drop in session from 12pm to 12:30pm.

Come along if you need help or advice with computer related issues, including smart phones, iPads, laptops etc.



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

