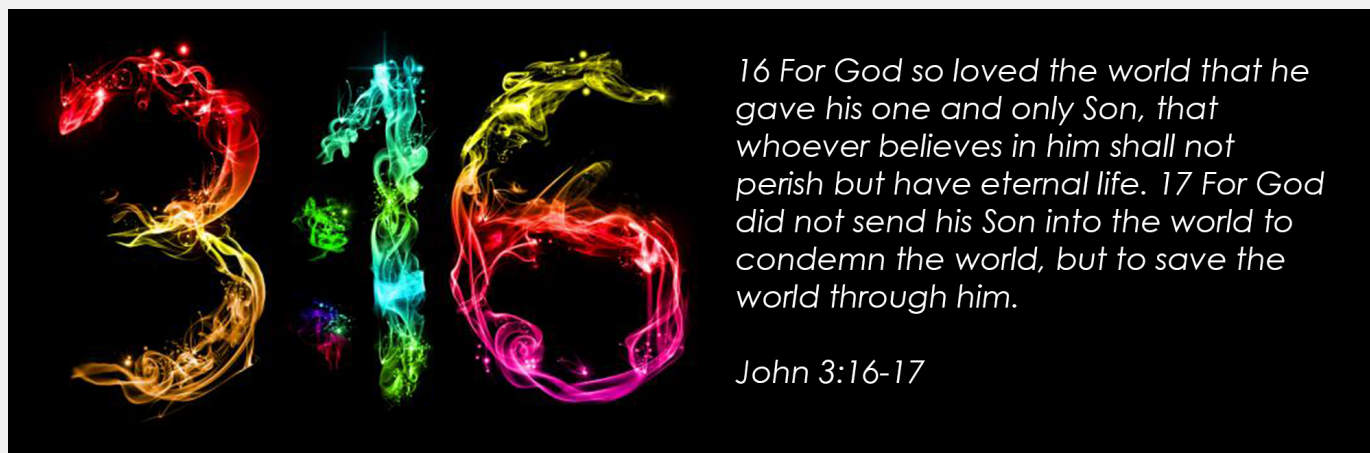


BROOKLANDS CHURCH

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Above is probably the most famous and recognisable verse in all the Scriptures. Even if you did not grow up in Christianity I'm sure it rings familiar to you. Some have titled it as the whole Gospel, or Christian message, in a single verse (verse 16). It captures so much in so few words. During the summer months we'll use these words to begin our times of worship.

However, for our sermon texts, we will look at some other significant 3:16s in the Bible. It just so happens that some of the other books of the Bible have significant verses at or around chapter 3 and verse 16. Of course this is purely coincidental – chapters and verses were later additions to the Bible – but it will be a fun exercise for us I think. We'll begin this morning by looking at 1 John 3:16 – “This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.”

Thanks to everyone who chipped in to the work morning on Saturday. I hope you notice the difference a little TLC can bring. I hope you were blessed to by the fellowship we enjoyed in working together also. There will be more opportunities for us to get together over the summer weeks.

Some folks have mentioned an interest in baptism and/or membership. If you would like to discuss these important steps in the Christian faith with me then please let me know. We will work towards a special service in September where we will celebrate baptism and membership.

Peace,

Mick

READINGS AND PRAYERS

DATE	BIBLE READING	PRAY FOR
Mon 10 Jul 2023	Acts 10:34-48	Lesley Dinsdale
Tue 11 Jul 2023	Acts 11:1-12:5	Barbara Donnelly
Wed 12 Jul 2023	Acts 12:6-25	Bill and Sue Ellis
Thu 13 Jul 2023	Acts 13:1-30	Peter Evans
Fri 14 Jul 2023	Acts 13:31-52	Philomena Evans
Sat 15 Jul 2023	Catch Up	Sylvia Findlay
Sun 16 Jul 2023	Acts 14	Jon Fisher

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE: 1 JOHN 3:11-18 PASTOR MICK

11 For this is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another. 12 Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother's were righteous. 13 Do not be surprised, my brothers and sisters, if the world hates you. 14 We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death. 15 Anyone who hates a brother or sister is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in him.

16 This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. 17 If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? 18 Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

CHURCH CALENDAR

THIS WEEK

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sun 9 Jul 2023	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship with Mick Kane
Tue 11 Jul 2023	10:00 AM	Computer Support Session
Tue 11 Jul 2023	12:00 PM	Computer Drop In Session
Wed 12 Jul 2023	10:00 AM	Toddle In
Wed 12 Jul 2023	10:30 AM	Prayer meeting on Zoom
Wed 12 Jul 2023	5:00 PM	FoodCycle - Free meal
Thu 13 Jul 2023	11:00 AM	Community Café
Thu 13 Jul 2023	2:00 PM	Bible Study at church
Thu 13 Jul 2023	7:30 PM	Manchester Gospel Choir rehearsal
Sat 15 Jul 2023	9:30 AM	Prayer Breakfast
Sun 16 Jul 2023	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship

COMING UP

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sat 19 Aug 2023	9:30 AM	Prayer Breakfast
16-20 August 2023		Breakthru Holiday
Mon 28 Aug 2023	?	Picnic in the Park

CHURCH PRAYERS

- Continue to pray for the family of Peter Howell following his funeral this week. Pauline has been particularly grateful for the support of the church in these days.
- Pray for Sue Cooley who has had a flare up of heart problems.
- Isobel Cave was taken to hospital this week after blood tests revealed dangerously low iron levels. She is being treated with blood transfusions.
- Elsie Roberts is home from hospital and is continuing to be cared for. She continues to need our prayers.
- Pray for Peter Geddes, Tim Geddes father, who was been in and out of hospital recently.
- Pray for Fatima Alkandaari who has a number of ongoing health concerns.
- 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 prematurely 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.