

BROOKLANDS CHURCH

Loving, Growing, Serving

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So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth.

— *Revelation 3:16*

So says the resurrected Christ to the Christian Church in Laodicea. What an image! On Sunday we will be exploring exactly what is going on here as we continue with our “3:16” series.

This is a 2 week ‘bumper’ edition of the Update allowing people to enjoy some time off on holiday. It covers both this week and next week, where we will enjoy an all age family service together. All three of Lauren, Lucy and I will be leading the service but it will be interactive and have lots for the children in particular – it would be an ideal service if you were considering inviting someone along!

As part of our worship this week, we will be featuring a recording rendition of a poem written by Cameron Preece called ‘Christ is Lord’ (printed below). We’ve been blessed by Cameron’s poetry in worship in the past and this particular piece has been used by the Global Church of the Nazarene and featured at the recent General Assembly in Indianapolis!

A reminder that on Thursday of this week (20th July), there will be basic CPR and defibrillator training happening as part of our community café and pantry. The training will start at 1pm and all are welcome to attend.

Speaking of our café and pantry, the team are once again seeking to provide some holiday meal packs for families of school children in the local area. This will happen each Thursday during the school holidays. Speak to Charmaine or Holly if you would like to support this in some way.

We mentioned last week that we will be replacing the chairs in our sanctuary towards the end of the summer. If you would like to contribute to the cost to this, and would like a way of quantifying that contribution, we are suggesting a donation of £30 per chair. We are so grateful for the generosity of you all!

Finally, if anyone would like to explore church membership or baptism please speak to Pastor Mick.

Blessings, Mick

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sun 16 July 23	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship
Tue 18 July 23	10:00 AM	NO COMPUTER SESSION TODAY
Wed 19 July 23	10:00 AM	Toddle In
Wed 19 July 23	10:30 AM	Weekly Zoom prayer meeting
Wed 19 July 23	05:00 PM	FoodCycle
Thu 20 July 23	11:00 AM	Community Café
Thu 20 July 23	02:00 PM	Bible Study at church
Thu 20 July 23	07:30 PM	Manchester Gospel Choir rehearsal
Sat 22 July 23	09:30 AM	Prayer Breakfast
Sun 23 July 23	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship
Tue 25 July 23	10:00 AM	Computer Support Session
Tue 25 July 23	12:00 PM	Computer Drop In Session
Wed 26 July 23	10:00 AM	Toddle In
Wed 26 July 23	10:30 AM	Weekly Zoom prayer meeting
Wed 26 July 23	05:00 PM	FoodCycle
Thu 27 July 23	11:00 AM	Community Café
Thu 27 July 23	02:00 PM	Bible Study at church
Thu 27 July 23	07:30 PM	Manchester Gospel Choir rehearsal
Sun 30 July 23	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship - Family service
Sat 19 August 23	09:30 AM	Prayer Breakfast
Mon 28 August 23	12:00 PM	Picnic in the Park

READINGS AND PRAYERS

DATE	BIBLE READING	PRAY FOR
Mon 17 July 23	Acts 15:1-35	Lucy Frost
Tue 18 July 23	Acts 15:36-16:15	Gilbert and Amy Fu, Aspacia, Sunniva and Titus
Wed 19 July 23	Acts 16:16-40	Tim Geddes
Thu 20 July 23	Acts 17	Peter Grady
Fri 21 July 23	Acts 18	Bill and Lorraine Graham
Sat 22 July 23	Catch Up	Will Graham
Sun 23 July 23	Acts 19:1-20	Jean Hall
Mon 24 July 23	Acts 19:21-20:6	Diane Hallam
Tue 25 July 23	Acts 20:7-38	Brenda Hambleton
Wed 26 July 23	Acts 21:1-26	Charmaine Hamnett
Thu 27 July 23	Acts 21:27-40	Sean and Sharron Harland
Fri 28 July 23	Acts 22:1-29	Ron and Jenny Hearne
Sat 29 July 23	Catch Up	Nathaniel Herbert
Sun 30 July 23	Acts 22:30-23:22	Pete and Babs Hewitt

CHURCH PRAYERS

- Pray for Rebekah McLachlan, 8, who is in Manchester from Glasgow for the next 5 weeks to receive treatment in the Christie Hospital following the removal of a brain tumour recently. Pray for the whole family – Bryan, Dawn and little sister Eilidh, who are with us as a church during this time.
- Gert's grandson, Zayann, was back in hospital this week after picking up an infection. Zayann was only recently home from hospital after being born prematurely. Pray for him, Gert, Melissa and the whole family.
- Pray for all in the church who have experienced loss recently.
- Pray for Sue Cooley who has had a flare up of heart problems.
- Isobel Cave continues to recover after being treated for dangerously low iron in her blood.
- 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 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.

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE: REVELATION 3:14-22
PASTOR MICK

14 "To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation. 15 I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! 16 So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. 17 You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. 18 I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.

19 Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent. 20 Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

21 To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne. 22 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

CHRIST IS LORD
A POEM BY CAMERON PREECE

Our saviour is the king
Who reigns
In the arms
Of a young woman
Forced to flee
The devastation of tyranny;

Our saviour is the master
Who exercises his authority
By becoming like you and me
And stooping as low
As to clean our very feet;

Our saviour is the judge
Who justly condemns sin
Then, embracing the guilty,
Takes upon himself
The death we deserved;

Our saviour is the life
From whom all life flows
Through and in whom
Our very souls
Were uttered and fashioned
And fashioned anew
From the threaded strands
Of the crucified king, who
In life and death
Remained over all
Who brought low the high
And made big the small;

Our saviour is the eternal
Made temporal for us
Jesus, that sweet name,
Above all names
To be praised
By all, throughout eternity.

Our saviour is to us
The light
By which we see,
The very air
That we breathe,
The one who is seen
In the faces
Of people sleeping on the streets.

Our saviour is the all in all
Beyond east and west,
Through big
And small
He unites every country
And tongue and colour
Through defiant death
Against hell and its power.

So, together, we bow
Before this loving King
Who lived and died
And lived once again
Who breathed upon us his Spirit
And invited us
To walk in his way
Without limit.

CHRIST IS LORD
A POEM BY CAMERON PREECE (CONTINUED)

In his name, through his power, by
his grace,
We are a people committed to
Healing,
Proclaiming,
Loving,
And Challenging.

So into the world, we will go,
Through mountain high and valley
low
From alps to deserts,
Villages, cities,
Filled with Christ's redeemed
And a mission,
Christ's,
To preach good news to the poor
To proclaim liberty to the captives
And recovery of sight to the blind
To release the oppressed,
To proclaim the year of the Lord's
favour.

We will walk in his name
To go and make disciples
From every nation
To baptise them,
To teach people obedience to he
Whose yoke is easy and burden,
light.

And so, with all our might,
Our lives, changed, by grace
divine,
Woven together by your design,
We will seek your glory
In our homes,
Our streets,
Our churches,
And beyond.

We will raise,
Along with our praise,
Generations upon generations
Of your children from orphans,
Hearts aflame with hope,
Soft and free,
Minds sharper than the sword,
Ready to undiscover the lies
And marvel in wonder
At the God Whom we realise
We know less of as we learn more,
Mouths that sing only your praise
And speak against injustice all our
days.

To you, incomprehensible, loving
God,
Who enwraps cultures rich and
diverse
In his loving and transforming
arms,
We give ourselves, hands open,
arms wide.
Thanks be to God,
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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

