

BROOKLANDS CHURCH

Loving, Growing, Serving

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Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

— Colossians 3:16

I hope you've been encouraged by our '3:16' series. Are you impressed by the number of significant verses there are captured by chapter 3 and verse 16? I love that about the Word of God. There are so many ways you can 'play' with it, approach it, read it, and life will flow from it.

Today we are in Colossians where the apostle Paul commands us to 'let the message of Christ dwell among us richly.' It is interesting that one of the ways he sees this happening is through the use of music – psalms, hymns, songs. We are so blessed here in the church by the gifted musicians who lead us in worship week by week. We are, of course, open to others joining the praise band. If you would be interested you can speak to me, Pastor Mick, or Jack Bolton.

As we enter August I want to remind you that we will gather together in Wythenshawe Park on Bank Holiday Monday, 28th for time of fellowship and fun together. If we meet at 11am near the Oliver Cromwell statue, in front of Wythenshawe House we will enjoy brunch together – bring your own picnic goodies. The kids can play in the play park and if you want to bring Frisbees, balls and bats we can ensure there will be something for everyone. Also, if you have your own camping chairs or picnic blankets then bring them too so you have something to sit on!

Anyone interested in joining a new Bible Study that would meet in the evening midweek please speak to Pastor Mick. Also, anyone interested in joining the church in membership or going through the waters of baptism please speak to Pastor Mick, too.

Finally, pray for Pastor Lucy this week as she enjoys a well-earned holiday!

Peace,

Mick

WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 30 JULY 2023

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sunday 30 July 2023	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship Speaker: Mick Kane
Tuesday 1 August 2023	10:00 AM	Computer Support Session Help with smart phones, laptops, computers, tablets etc.
	12:00 PM	Computer Drop In Session Pop in to the church back hall for help with computer related issues
Wednesday 2 August 2023	10:30 AM	Zoom Wednesday prayer meeting
	5:00 PM	FoodCycle - Free meal, all welcome
Thursday 3 August 2023	11:00 AM	Community Café
	7:30 PM	Manchester Gospel Choir rehearsal See Christine Hoolihan for information
Sunday 6 August 2023	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship

COMING UP

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Saturday 19 August 2023	9:30 AM	Prayer Breakfast See Jon Fisher for information
Monday 28 August 2023	12:00 PM	Picnic in the Park See Pastor Lauren for information

READINGS AND PRAYERS

DATE	BIBLE READING	PRAY FOR
Mon 7 August 2023	Acts 28:11–31	Annette Jones
Tues 8 August 2023	Romans 1	Michael and Debbie Kane, and Mikey
Weds 9 August 2023	Romans 2	Neyer and Carolyn Kodsy, and Maria
Thurs 10 August 2023	Romans 3	Eden Lai and Daisy Chen, Samson and Sammu
Fri 11 August 2023	Romans 4	Zizinha Mendes Marino
Sat 12 August 2023	Catch Up	Lauren McGillivray
Sun 13 August 2023	Romans 5	Herbert McGonigle

6 AUGUST 2023 – COLOSSIANS 3:1-17 – MICK KANE

1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. 3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

5 Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. 7 You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. 8 But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. 9 Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. 11 Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16 Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. 17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

CHURCH PRAYERS

- Pray for Rebekah McLachlan, 8, who is in Manchester from Glasgow for the summer 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.
- Pray for Isobel Cave who is in hospital with Pneumonia. She underwent a procedure to remove fluid from her lungs this week. Please continue to pray for her healing.
- Pray for Pete Hewitt as he recovers following knee replacement surgery.
- Gert's grandson, Zayann, was back in hospital last 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.
- 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 baby Freddie who is needing an urgent heart replacement.
- Pray for Ron and Jenny Hearne. Ron will undergo an operation to repair a hernia on Tuesday. Jenny is anxious for him so pray for peace for her as well as Ron's healing.
- 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 John Reavey, a neighbour of Jean Walker. John is in hospital suffering from an inoperable brain tumour.