

Brooklands Church

Loving, Growing, Serving

13 August 2023

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For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

— James 3:16

This is the last Update contribution from me before I head off for a couple weeks holiday. I'm so grateful for what has been a very fruitful season in the life of our church but as I reflected with our church board this week, I was reminded that everything 'achieved' is purely down to the grace of God through the power of his Spirit AND through the faithful partnership in the Gospel with you, my church family. I am deeply grateful for each and every single one of you and what you contribute to the life of the church.

Our '3:16' verse this week comes from James, and may seem like a strange one at first glance. Of course, it is part of a wider passage which will give context to what I'm sure you will agree is a very powerful passage. It is important for us to 'read around' verses of Scripture to understand the wider implications. Join us on Sunday as we dig into this together.

During my time off we are going to take a break from meeting on Zoom for the midweek prayer meeting. As we discussed this on Wednesday as a group, we reminded ourselves that prayer happens in so many different ways in the life of the church. Why not set an alarm on your phone for 10.30am for the next two Wednesdays and pause for a moment to pray. Although we won't 'gather' as such, as you pray, take encouragement in the fact that others pray with and for you. A reminder that there is a running list of prayer items published every week in the Update, below.

Keep in mind 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!

On my return we will pick up a number of things, including our new weekly Bible Study – thank for those of you who have already shown interest. We'll also pick up conversations around church membership and baptism. As we get into September it will be time for our annual post church gathering with food and a new church photo. And before we know it, it will be time to think about Christmas and beyond... Time flies when you are having fun!

Peace,

Mick

READINGS AND PRAYERS

DATE	BIBLE READING	PRAY FOR
Monday 14 August 2023	Romans 6	Siggy Nwater
Tuesday 15 August 2023	Romans 7	Myra O'Hara
Wednesday 16 August 2023	Romans 8:1-17	Michael Okechukwu
Thursday 17 August 2023	Romans 8:18-39	Bogdan and Eva Oron and family
Friday 18 August 2023	Romans 9:1-29	Vera Packard
Saturday 19 August 2023	Catch Up	Gilly Parrish
Sunday 20 August 2023	Romans 9:30-10:21	Tom Patterson

NEW CHAIRS

Our new chairs are on order, and expected to be delivered at the end of August. THANK YOU to everyone who has offered to contribute towards the new chairs. We have had a great response to the funding appeal. A reminder, that if you would like to make a contribution towards the chairs, the suggested amount is £30 per chair, but we are grateful for all contributions, no matter how small.

Donations can be made direct to the church account, detailed below, with "Chairs" as the payment reference.

*Account Name: Manchester Brooklands Church of the Nazarene

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WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 13 AUGUST 2023

TIME	EVENT DETAILS	EVENT
Sunday 13 August 2023	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship Speaker: Mick Kane
Wednesday 16 August 2023	10:30 AM	Weekly prayer meeting - Individual prayer during this holiday season
	5:00 PM	FoodCycleFree meal, all welcome
Thursday 17 August 2023	11:00 AM	Community Café
	2:00 PM	Bible Study at church. See Pastor Lucy for information
	7:30 PM	Manchester Gospel Choir rehearsal. See Christine Hoolihan for information
Saturday 19 August 2023	9:30 AM	Prayer Breakfast See Jon Fisher for information
Sunday 20 August 2023	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship Speaker: Lucy Frost
Monday 28 August 2023	12:00 PM	Picnic in the Park See Pastor Lauren for information

13 AUGUST 2023 – JAMES 3:13-18 – MICK KANE

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. 14 But if you harbour bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. 15 Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. 16 For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. 17 But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. 18 Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

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 continues to have fluid removed from her lungs regularly. Please continue to pray for her healing.
- Pray for Peter White as he settles into his new home.
- Pray for Esther, Siggy's daughter, who has recently been diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Please pray for Claire Silverwood, who starts a new job in September. Remember also husband Terry, and the rest of the family - Liam, Sophie, Chloe and grandson Noah.
- Pray for all in the church who have experienced loss recently.
- Pray for Fatima Alkandaari who has a number of ongoing health concerns.
- Pray for Majid Sadouini who is currently based in Stalybridge and facing a number of challenges.
- 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 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 baby Freddie who is needing an urgent heart replacement.
- Pray for Ron and Jenny Hearne. Ron continues to struggle with various health issues and his most recent surgery for a hernia was cancelled again! Pray for a way forward here and for peace for both Ron and Jenny as they wait.
- 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 John Reavey, a neighbour of Jean Walker. John is in hospital suffering from an inoperable brain tumour.
- Give thanks that Norma has had adaptations installed in her home which will hopefully allow for more mobility. Pray for carers and family as they learn to use these with Norma safely. Norma's prayer is that she would be able to attend church again sometime soon.