

BROOKLANDS CHURCH

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And when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia. From Attalia they sailed back to Antioch...

ACTS 14: 25-26A

Dear friends

It is so good to be back with you after some time off. If you follow Debbie on Facebook I'm sure you would have seen her photos documenting the wonderful time we had as a family on holiday. I'm so grateful to be afforded such time to rest and recuperate.

It wasn't all rest and recuperation though! One of the realities of preaching regularly means that I'm very often listening to what God might want to say to us as a church family. On one of the days of our holiday, we visited Antalya Old Town (formerly Attalia) which has a very historic marina which has existed for hundreds of years. The marina even features in the Scriptural story (see above). As we wandered through the ancient site – still very much alive today – I couldn't help but immerse myself in the story of Acts 14 knowing that as part of their early missional work in the Church, Paul and Barnabus walked those very same paths. I'm looking forward to sharing with you from it this morning.

Can you believe it's the end of summer already? Our wonderful children prepare to go back to school this week and so we want to take time in our service to pray for them as they transition into new school years and new schools!

With the beginning of the school year we thrust back into some rhythms that took a pause recently. The Wednesday morning Zoom prayer meeting will recommence this week. Also, Toddle-in starts back on Wednesday morning so please be in prayer for Sandra and her team. We will be looking to begin a new Bible Study in the church on Tuesday evenings by the end of this month, led by Pastor Mick.

The Community café and Pantry isn't on this week as the church will be used as a polling station for the local council by election. We continue to pray for our civic leaders in this process. As well as this, there will be no computer support sessions this week and they will pick back up again on 12th September.

You may have heard long time church member Maud Bachelor went to be with the Lord while I was off. Although Maud was not well enough to join with us in person in recent years many of you may still remember her fondly. Pastor Karl will conduct her funeral on Thursday, 12 noon, at Altrincham Crematorium and anyone is welcome to attend.

Peace,

Mick

READINGS AND PRAYERS

DATE	BIBLE READING	PRAY FOR
Monday 4 September	1 Corinthians 8	Sheila Strong and family
Tuesday 5 September	1 Corinthians 9	Dan, Ffion and Eleanor Taylor
Wednesday 6 September	1 Corinthians 10:1-11:1	Marion Tewksbury
Thursday 7 September	1 Corinthians 11:2-16	John Torkington and Catherine Langley
Friday 8 September	1 Corinthians 11:17-12:11	Jean Walker
Saturday 9 September	Catch Up	Margaret Webb
Sunday 10 September	1 Corinthians 12:12-13:13	Samuel and Connie Law

CHAIRS UPDATE

OUR NEW CHAIRS HAVE ARRIVED!!!

THANK YOU to everyone who has contributed towards the new chairs. We have had a great response to the funding appeal, with over £2,500 raised in addition to previous funds set aside for essential church refurbishment. 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 big or small. Donations can be made direct to the church account, with "Chairs" as the payment reference.

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WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2023

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sun 3 Sep 2023	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship Speaker: Mick Kane
Wed 6 Sep 2023	10:00 AM	Toddle In For toddlers, parents, carers
Wed 6 Sep 2023	10:30 AM	Weekly Zoom prayer meeting
Wed 6 Sep 2023	5:00 PM	FoodCycle Free meal, all welcome
Thu 7 Sep 2023	7:00 AM	Brooklands By Election Church used as a double polling station all day
Thu 7 Sep 2023	12:00 PM	Funeral of Maud Bachelor Karl is leading the service at Altrincham Crematorium
Sun 10 Sep 2023	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship Speaker: Mick Kane

SERMON, 3 SEPTEMBER 2023 – ACTS 14: 21-28 – PASTOR MICK

21 They preached the gospel in that city and won a large number of disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch, 22 strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. "We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God," they said. 23 Paul and Barnabas appointed elders^[a] for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, committed them to the Lord, in whom they had put their trust. 24 After going through Pisidia, they came into Pamphylia, 25 and when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia.

26 From Attalia they sailed back to Antioch, where they had been committed to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. 27 On arriving there, they gathered the church together and reported all that God had done through them and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles. 28 And they stayed there a long time with the disciples.

CHURCH PRAYERS

- Isobel Cave has entered end of life care and continues to need our prayers for comfort and Peace. Pray also for her family – some have travelled from South Africa recently to be with her in these days.
- Pray for Pastor Mick's mum, Adele, who has an appointment with Rheumatology on Tuesday. Pray for a successful diagnosis and for medication to help alleviate the pain she has been experiencing.
- Continue to pray for Rebekah McLachlan, 8, who was with us recently whilst she received treatment following the removal of a brain tumour. She is due for a follow-up scan at the end of this month.
- Pray for the family of Maud Batchelor as they mourn her loss. Her funeral will take place this week at Altrincham Crematorium. Pray for Pastor Karl as he conducts this.
- 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 this month.
- Pray for Fatima Alkandaari who has a number of ongoing health concerns.
- Pray for Majid Sadouini who has relocated to Tameside. He too is 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.
- 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 a little girl called Rosie. Rosie has a chronic digestive problem causing severe pain and weight loss.
- 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's hernia operation will take place on 13th September. Pray that it will go ahead and be successful. Pray also for Jenny - she is frustrated that she is not well enough to care for Ron herself.
- 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 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.