

# BROOKLANDS CHURCH

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## Dear friends

This morning we are launching a new preaching series: 'Minor Prophets, Major Messages.' The minor prophets are a group of books in the Bible tucked away at the back of the Old Testament. As such, they can often be overlooked or neglected. This is a real shame as they contain very powerful messages as we will see over the next few Sundays. Above is a famous verse found in the book of Micah, one of the minor prophets. This verse captures the heart of the message of this group and we will use it to begin our services during this series.

I'm sure you have heard by now that Isobel Cave went to be with the Lord on Wednesday. She was surrounded by her family at the time. As there are family over from South Africa who need to return, there is a fairly quick turnaround for the funeral. A service of thanksgiving for Isobel's life will take place in the church this Thursday, 14th September, at 11.30am and all are welcome to attend. As such there will be no café and pantry this week. We continue to hold the family in our prayers in these days.

Following church on the 24th of September we will enjoy an extended time of fellowship together over a 'bring and share' meal. If you are able to prepare something for this please do so. If not, please come anyway! That morning we will also have our annual church photograph taken together.

I'm pleased to announce that the new midweek Bible study will commence in the church on Tuesday 3rd of October. We will meet for tea and coffee from 7pm and the study will begin at 7.30pm. We are going to be following the Christianity Explored course to begin with. This will allow us to set a strong foundation of faith and learning together. All are welcome to attend.

A final call for anyone interested in joining the church as a member – please speak to me about it and we will enjoy bringing in new members later this month.

Peace,  
Mick

## **SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2023**

### **HOSEA 2:21 – 3:5 – PASTOR MICK**

2:21 "In that day I will respond," declares the Lord—"I will respond to the skies, and they will respond to the earth; 22 and the earth will respond to the grain, the new wine and the olive oil, and they will respond to Jezreel.

23 I will plant her for myself in the land; I will show my love to the one I called 'Not my loved one.' I will say to those called 'Not my people,' 'You are my people'; and they will say, 'You are my God.'"

3:1 The Lord said to me, "Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another man and is an adulteress. Love her as the Lord loves the Israelites, though they turn to other gods and love the sacred raisin cakes."

2 So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and about a homer and a lethek of barley. 3 Then I told her, "You are to live with me many days; you must not be a prostitute or be intimate with any man, and I will behave the same way toward you."

4 For the Israelites will live many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred stones, without ephod or household gods. 5 Afterward the Israelites will return and seek the Lord their God and David their king. They will come trembling to the Lord and to his blessings in the last days.

## READINGS AND PRAYERS

DATE	BIBLE READING	PRAY FOR
Mon 11 Sep 2023	1 Corinthians 14:1-25	Norma Whyte
Tue 12 Sep 2023	1 Corinthians 14:26-15:11	Peter White
Wed 13 Sep 2023	1 Corinthians 15:12-34	Carol Wray
Thu 14 Sep 2023	1 Corinthians 15:35-58	Fatima Alkandari
Fri 15 Sep 2023	1 Corinthians 16	McDonald Amopho
Sat 16 Sep 2023	Catch Up	Arthur Basnett
Sun 17 Sep 2023	2 Corinthians 1:1-2:4	Val Batty

**SIXES**  
SOCIAL CRICKET

If anyone is interested in an evening playing **Sixes Social Cricket**, email Mark Bolton for details. The cost is roughly £14 to play cricket, plus the cost of refreshments at the venue. We are looking to book a Thursday or Friday evening in October.

Mark's email: **mark676039@gmail.com**.

Details: **Sixes Social Cricket, Manchester**

## WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2023

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sun 10 Sep 2023	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship Speaker: Mick Kane
Tue 12 Sep 2023	10:00 AM	Computer Support Session Help with smart phones, laptops, computers, tablets etc.
Tue 12 Sep 2023	12:00 PM	Computer Drop In Session Pop in to the church back hall for help with computer related issues
Wed 13 Sep 2023	10:00 AM	Toddle In
Wed 13 Sep 2023	10:30 AM	Weekly Zoom prayer meeting
Wed 13 Sep 2023	5:00 PM	FoodCycle Free meal, all welcome
Thu 14 Sep 2023	11:30 AM	Funeral of Isobel Cave
Thu 14 Sep 2023	7:30 PM	Manchester Gospel Choir rehearsal See Christine Hoolihan for information
Sat 16 Sep 2023	9:30 AM	Prayer Breakfast See Jon Fisher for information
Sun 17 Sep 2023	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship Speaker: Mick Kane
DATE	TIME	EVENT
Tue 3 Oct 2023	7:00 PM	Bible Study with Pastor Mick at church

## CHURCH PRAYERS

- Isobel Cave went to be with the Lord this week. Her funeral will take place in the church this coming Thursday, 14 September, at 11:30am. Please pray for the family and for Pastor Mick as he conducts the funeral.
- Pastor Mick's mum, Adele, is being treated for Rheumatoid Arthritis. The doctors remain concerned about the aggressive nature of the inflammation and so will monitor her closely. Please pray for wisdom for doctors and healing for Adele.
- 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 took place this week at Altrincham Crematorium.
- 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.