

BROOKLANDS CHURCH

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Dear friends

As we continue in our series in the Minor Prophets we turn to the book of Joel which contains this famous and beautiful call to repentance. We have discussed repentance before. It is a word that may seem out of fashion. Some have an idea that the call to 'repent' is a accusation or judgement. It's sad that it has often been used as such as this is not the case. To repent is to turn. Yes, we turn from the the things that cause us harm and keep us from God but importantly we are invited to turn toward a God who is gracious, compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love. THIS is the heart of repentance!

Our community café and pantry starts back this week following two weeks off due to the church being used as a polling station one week, and for Isobel Cave's funeral this last week - we continue to hold Isobel's family in prayer in these days. There are exciting plans for the community café with cooking classes and a craft table being added to the programme in the coming weeks - do come along and join us.

A massive well done to Holly, Charmaine, Lauren and the team for their work during the summer holidays providing meal packs for families of school children. The pantry served 43 families in the M22/M23 areas with packs containing around £30 worth of food staples. We worked in conjunction with other churches in the Wythenshawe area to broaden the reach and also continue to donate any pantry leftovers to the Brooklands Foodbank run by the Trussell Trust and Grace Church at Sandilands Primary School.

A reminder that next week we will have an extended time of fellowship and bring and share meal following the end of the summer – please do contribute to this if you can. As part of the occasion we will gather out the front of the church to take a group photo together.

A reminder that the new church Bible Study will begin on Tuesday 3rd October, from 7pm to 9pm, and will run weekly. All are welcome to attend and we will begin with a look at Christianity Explored. Do speak to me if you have any questions about it.

Peace,

Mick

SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2023
JOEL 2: 12-17 – PASTOR MICK

12 “Even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning. 13 Rend your heart and not your garments.” Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity. 14 Who knows? He may turn and relent and leave behind a blessing—grain offerings and drink offerings for the Lord your God. 15 Blow the trumpet in Zion, declare a holy fast, call a sacred assembly. 16 Gather the people, consecrate the assembly; bring together the elders, gather the children, those nursing at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room and the bride her chamber. 17 Let the priests, who minister before the Lord, weep between the portico and the altar. Let them say, “Spare your people, Lord. Do not make your inheritance an object of scorn, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’”

READINGS AND PRAYERS

DATE	BIBLE READING	PRAY FOR
Mon 18 Sept 2023	2 Corinthians 2:5–3:18	Tom and Leena Bell, Olivia and Samara
Tue 19 Sept 2023	2 Corinthians 4	Holly and Nathan, Lauren and Darcie Billingham
Wed 20 Sept 2023	2 Corinthians 5	Audrey Bolton
Thu 21 Sept 2023	2 Corinthians 6:1–7:1	Jack, Leah and Harry Bolton
Fri 22 Sept 2023	2 Corinthians 7:2–8:15	Joy Bolton
Sat 23 Sept 2023	Catch Up	Mark and Joanne Bolton
Sun 24 Sept 2023	2 Corinthians 8:16–9:15	Tom Bolton

SIXES
SOCIAL CRICKET

We are arranging an evening playing **Sixes Social Cricket**. See Mark Bolton for details.



The 2023 graduation ceremony for the Nazarene Theological College will take place on Saturday 21 October, at 11AM. Speak to Mark Bolton if you are able to help with the stewarding of this event.

WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2023

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sun 17 Sept 2023	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship, Mick Kane
Tue 19 Sept 2023	10:00 AM	Computer Support Session
Tue 19 Sept 2023	12:00 PM	Computer Drop In Session
Wed 20 Sept 2023	10:00 AM	Toddle In
Wed 20 Sept 2023	10:30 AM	Weekly Zoom prayer meeting
Wed 20 Sept 2023	5:00 PM	FoodCycle
Thu 21 Sept 2023	11:00 AM	Community Café
Thu 21 Sept 2023	2:00 PM	Bible Study at church with Lucy
Thu 21 Sept 2023	7:30 PM	Manchester Gospel Choir rehearsal
Sun 24 Sept 2023	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship
Sun 24 Sept 2023	12:00 PM	Sunday Worship followed by Fellowship Lunch
DATE	TIME	EVENT
Tue 3 Oct 2023	7:00 PM	Bible Study with Pastor Mick at church
Sat 21 Oct 2023	11:00 AM	NTC Graduation Ceremony. Speak to Mark Bolton if you would like to help with stewarding

CHURCH PRAYERS

- Pray for Esther, Siggy's daughter, who has recently been diagnosed with breast cancer. She will undergo surgery this Wednesday. Pray for Siggy too as she supports her daughter from afar.
- Isobel Cave went to be with the Lord last week. Her funeral took place in the church last Thursday. Please continue to pray for the family.
- 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. Her follow up scan will take place in early October.
- Pray for the family of Maud Batchelor as they mourn her loss.
- Pray for Peter White as he settles into his new home.
- 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.
- Continue to pray for Ron and Jenny Hearne.
- 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.