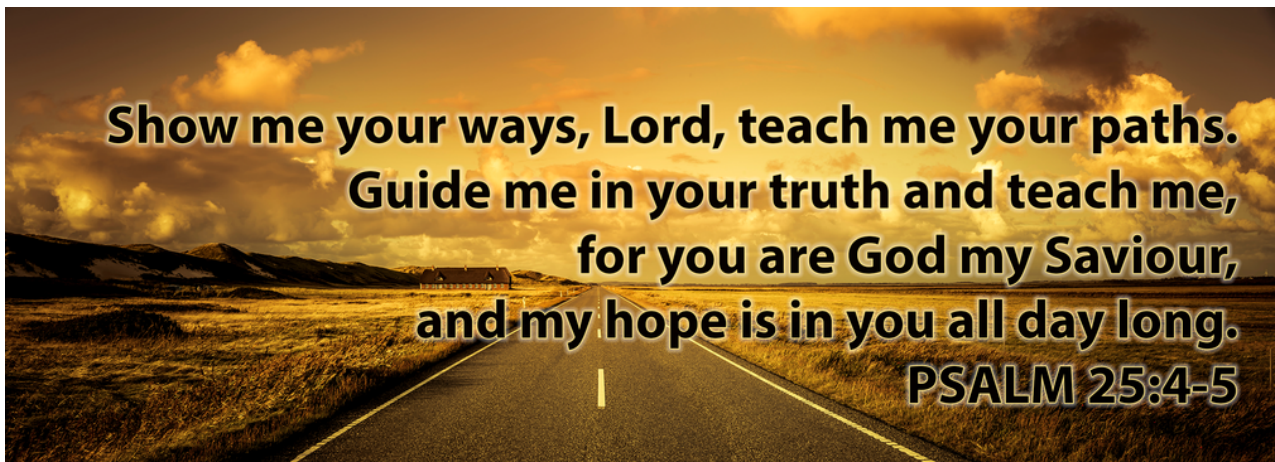


BROOKLANDS CHURCH

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Such is the prayer of the Psalmist. These verses will also be included in our call to worship at the beginning of our service on Sunday and they feel very appropriate as we gather as the people of God.

I'm delighted to say that we have a guest in the pulpit this morning. MacDonald Amopho, an NTC student from Nigeria, who has been worshiping with us for most of this year will share what God has placed on his heart from his engaging with Scripture this week. I love that we are a church open to give individuals opportunities in ministry. Let's be praying for him and cheering him on! We'll also be sharing in communion together.

Thank you to everyone who has shown interest in the midweek evening Bible study. I'm not sure exactly how many of us there will be but I do know that I'm unlikely to be there on my own. The church will be open from 7pm and we'll enjoy tea, coffee and fellowship before beginning the study at 7.30pm. If you plan on coming please bring a Bible (if you have one; if not we can help get you one), a pen, and a willingness to learn.

Next Sunday as part of our worship Connie Grace Bruce-McArdle will be offered up in dedication by her mum, Lisa. Please be in prayer for Connie Grace and Lisa.

Finally, and I don't often include birthdays in the Update, but this is a BIG one, a massive happy 90th birthday to Norma. Many of you may not be familiar with Norma as she has been immobile since suffering a complex leg break almost two years ago. We know that Norma continues to worship with us online so we'll take a moment to 'wave' to her on Sunday.

Peace,

Mick

SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER 2023
MATTHEW 21:23-32 – MACDONALD AMOPHO

23 Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. "By what authority are you doing these things?" they asked. "And who gave you this authority?"

24 Jesus replied, "I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. 25 John's baptism—where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?"

They discussed it among themselves and said, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will ask, 'Then why didn't you believe him?' 26 But if we say, 'Of human origin'—we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet." 27 So they answered Jesus, "We don't know."

Then he said, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

28 "What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work today in the vineyard.'

29 "'I will not,' he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

30 "Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, 'I will, sir,' but he did not go.

31 "Which of the two did what his father wanted?"

"The first," they answered.

Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. 32 For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

READINGS AND PRAYERS

DATE	BIBLE READING	PRAY FOR
Mon 2 Oct 2023	Galatians 4:1-20	Christine Clarke
Tue 3 Oct 2023	Galatians 4:21-5:15	Paul and Michelle Coates, Archie and Molly
Wed 4 Oct 2023	Galatians 5:16-6:18	Sue Cooley
Thu 5 Oct 2023	Ephesians 1	David and Coral Cosgriff, Ben, Isaac and Emelia
Fri 6 Oct 2023	Ephesians 2	Heather Critchley, Dan and Holly
Sat 7 Oct 2023	Catch Up	Elouise Critchley and Mitch
Sun 8 Oct 2023	Ephesians 3	Lesley Dinsdale

SIXES
SOCIAL CRICKET

Final call for Sixes Cricket. We have about 16 signed up so far. Men, ladies, young and old, varying abilities. Give it a try - it should be a fun night out. See Mark Bolton for details.



We still need a couple of helpers for the NTC graduation, taking 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 1 OCTOBER 2023

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sunday 1 October	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship
	12:00 PM	Brooklands Youth meeting
	2:00 PM	Grace Church
Tuesday 3 October	10:00 AM	Computer Support Session
	12:00 PM	Computer Drop In Session
	7:00 PM	Bible Study with Pastor Mick
Wednesday 4 October	10:00 AM	Toddle In
	10:30 AM	Weekly prayer meeting
	5:00 PM	FoodCycle
Thursday 5 October	11:00 AM	Community Café and Food Pantry
	2:00 PM	Bible Study at church
	4:00 PM	School Tutoring Sessions
	7:30 PM	Manchester Gospel Choir rehearsal
Sunday 8 October	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship

COMING UP

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Saturday 21 October	11:00 AM	NTC Graduation

These events are not organised by Brooklands Church, but church members might be permitted to attend. Contact the Church Secretary if you would like further information about any of these events.

CHURCH PRAYERS

- Continue to pray for Esther, Siggy's daughter. Esther's surgery went well, and she has further appointments to monitor her progress. She is due to have radiation treatment. Pray as Siggy supports Esther from afar.
- Pray for Nathan Billingham, Holly's husband, as he has been with his grandmother this week nearing the end of her life. Nathan was particularly close to his grandmother. Pray for Charmaine as she supports them and pray for Lauren and Darcie too.
- Continue to pray for the family of Isobel Cave as they mourn her loss.
- Please be in prayer for Jean Boyd who has had a very difficult flare-up of Rheumatoid Arthritis recently.
- Pastor Mick's mum, Adele, is being treated for Rheumatoid Arthritis. The doctors are 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 on 2nd October.
- Pray for the family of Maud Batchelor as they mourn her loss.
- Please pray for Claire Silverwood and family as Claire's mother died last week.
- Pray for Fatima Alkandaari who has a number of 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 brain tumours.
- Pray for Anna Holme as she continues in her chemotherapy. Pray that she will remain well during the treatment and that it will 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 remember Ron and Jenny Hearne in your prayers.
- 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 following a 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.