

BROOKLANDS CHURCH

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Many of you will know that I quote this verse often when speaking of the children of our church. Jesus spoke these words on an occasion where people were trying stop children receive a blessing from Jesus. I wonder if they were 'sshing' them and asking them to be quiet and stop running around. Asking them to stop being children. Jesus reminds us how much of a gift children are in a group. He reminds us that by simply 'being' they carry something of the kingdom of God. May we always remember this.

It is with this verse in mind I'm excited to say that we will have a dedication as part of our worship this morning. Connie Grace Bruce-McArdle will be presented by her mum, Lisa. Sean and Sharron will stand with Lisa to make dedication vows with her. Sean has written a beautiful song to sing over Connie. We as a church family will commit to support this family whom we love. I love this feature of our church! Let's celebrate with them.

We return to our sermon series in the Minor Prophets, this week looking at the book of Obadiah. Obadiah is the shortest book of the Old Testament with only 21 verses, but don't underestimate it because of its size. We will see this morning that small things can pack a BIG punch!

Thanks to everyone who attended the first midweek Bible study this week. We had around 25 in attendance which was very encouraging. If you missed the first one but would still like to attend you would be more than welcome. We meet on Tuesday in the church from 7.00pm and begin with a time of fellowship. The study begins at 7.30. Speak to me if you would like to know more.

Peace,

Mick

SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER 2023
OBADIAH VERSES 1-21 - MICK KANE

1 The vision of Obadiah. Thus saith the Lord God concerning Edom; We have heard a rumour from the Lord, and an ambassador is sent among the heathen, Arise ye, and let us rise up against her in battle.

2 Behold, I have made thee small among the heathen: thou art greatly despised.

3 The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high; that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground?

4 Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the Lord.

5 If thieves came to thee, if robbers by night, (how art thou cut off!) would they not have stolen till they had enough? if the grapegatherers came to thee, would they not leave some grapes?

6 How are the things of Esau searched out! how are his hidden things sought up!

7 All the men of thy confederacy have brought thee even to the border: the men that were at peace with thee have deceived thee, and prevailed against thee; they that eat thy bread have laid a wound under thee: there is none understanding in him.

8 Shall I not in that day, saith the Lord, even destroy the wise men out of Edom, and understanding out of the mount of Esau?

9 And thy mighty men, O Teman, shall be dismayed, to the end that every one of the mount of Esau may be cut off by slaughter.

10 For thy violence against thy brother Jacob shame shall cover thee, and thou shalt be cut off for ever.

11 In the day that thou stoodest on the other side, in the day that the strangers carried away captive his forces, and foreigners entered into his gates, and cast lots upon Jerusalem, even thou wast as one of them.

12 But thou shouldest not have looked on the day of thy brother in the day that he became a stranger; neither shouldest thou have rejoiced over the children of Judah in the day of their destruction; neither shouldest thou have spoken proudly in the day of distress.

13 Thou shouldest not have entered into the gate of my people in the day of their calamity; yea, thou shouldest not have looked on their affliction in the day of their calamity, nor have laid hands on their substance in the day of their calamity;

14 Neither shouldest thou have stood in the crossway, to cut off those of his that did escape; neither shouldest thou have delivered up those of his that did remain in the day of distress.

15 For the day of the Lord is near upon all the heathen: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head.

16 For as ye have drunk upon my holy mountain, so shall all the heathen drink continually, yea, they shall drink, and they shall swallow down, and they shall be as though they had not been.

17 But upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions.

18 And the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble, and they shall kindle in them, and devour them; and there shall not be any remaining of the house of Esau; for the Lord hath spoken it.

19 And they of the south shall possess the mount of Esau; and they of the plain the Philistines: and they shall possess the fields of Ephraim, and the fields of Samaria: and Benjamin shall possess Gilead.

20 And the captivity of this host of the children of Israel shall possess that of the Canaanites, even unto Zarephath; and the captivity of Jerusalem, which is in Sepharad, shall possess the cities of the south.

21 And saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the Lord's.

READINGS AND PRAYERS

DATE	BIBLE READING	PRAY FOR
Monday 9 October	Ephesians 4	Barbara Donnelly
Tuesday 10 October	Ephesians 5	Bill and Sue Ellis
Wednesday 11 October	Ephesians 6	Peter Evans
Thursday 12 October	Philippians 1	Philomena Evans
Friday 13 October	Philippians 2	Sylvia Findlay
Saturday 14 October	Catch Up	Jon Fisher
Sunday 15 October	Philippians 3:1-4:1	Lucy Frost

SIXES
SOCIAL CRICKET

The date for Sixes Cricket is FRIDAY 27th OCTOBER, starting at 7pm in Manchester. To clarify, this is for adults only. Anyone is welcome to take part, and spectators are welcome to attend too. It is batting only, against a bowling machine, in an enclosed batting lane. Participants are not expected to bowl or field.

See Mark Bolton for more details. Mark's email address is mark676039@gmail.com.

Website: [Sixes Social Cricket, Manchester](https://www.sixesocialcricketmanchester.com)

CHURCH CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sunday 8 October	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship, Mick Kane
Tuesday 10 October	10:00 AM	Computer Support Session
	12:00 PM	Computer Drop In Session
	7:00 PM	Bible Study with Pastor Mick
Wednesday 11 October	10:00 AM	Toddle In
	10:30 AM	Weekly prayer meeting
	5:00 PM	FoodCycle
Thursday 12 October	11:00 AM	Community Café and Food Pantry
	2:00 PM	Bible Study at church
	7:30 PM	Manchester Gospel Choir rehearsal
Sunday 15 October	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship, Mick Kane
Monday 16 October	7:30 PM	Manchester Bible School
Saturday 21 October	11:00 AM	NTC Graduation
Friday 27 October	7:00 PM	Sixes Cricket

Church Prayers

- Pray for Sandra, a neighbour of church. Sandra has been diagnosed with cancer.
- Pray for Pastor Jez Smith, from Brownlow Fold Church. He has an infection in his leg and is going into hospital for IV antibiotics.
- Pray for Stella Bolton, who is undergoing hospital tests in the coming days.
- 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. Nathan's grandmother died last week and he was particularly close to her. 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. The family are awaiting the results of Rebekah's most recent scan.
- Pray for the family of Maud Batchelor as they mourn her loss.
- Please pray for Claire Silverwood and family as Claire's mother died recently.
- 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 is assessed for ongoing cancer treatment.
- 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.
- Pray for Norma as she adapts to modifications in her home. Pray for her carers and family as they look after Norma.