

# BROOKLANDS CHURCH

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"Now the Lord provided a huge fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights."

Jonah 1:17

As we continue our journey through the Minor Prophets, we come to the book of Jonah. Jonah's book stands as unique among the Prophets as it's less of a collection of Jonah's prophecies and more of a story of the prophet's life. I wonder if it's a story you are familiar with? You'll probably know that Jonah was swallowed by a fish/whale, but there is so much more to this story! It's a book of humour, repentance, running from God and (again) the struggle of loving our enemies. Join us on Sunday to find out more!

This week I received a note from Bryan McLachlan, who was with us during the summer along with his wife, Dawn, and two young daughters, Rebekah and Eilidh, as Rebekah was receiving treatment at the Christie Hospital following the removal of a tumour in her brain. The note was to inform us as a church that Rebekah's most recent scan showed no trace of cancer in her brain! The family are so grateful for our prayers and support and he wanted me to pass the news on. Rebekah will continue to be monitored, of course, and the family will need our ongoing prayers, but let's take encouragement from this and give thanks to God for answered prayer!

Again, can I mention how encouraged I am at the turnout and engagement at the Tuesday evening Bible study? This past week we had 30 people in attendance. If you would like to know more about the gathering then please speak to me. I can also make available the materials we are working through together for you to go through in your own time if you cannot make it. If this is something you would be interested in then, again, please let me know.

Something for you to look forward to in the New Year: In March, Brooklands Church of the Nazarene will be 60 years old – a diamond anniversary! We are already in the planning stages of discussing the ways we will mark this significant achievement. We want to capture stories of the past and dream together for the future. We also want to celebrate! Be in prayer for the board as we plan together.

Peace,

Mick

**SUNDAY 15 OCTOBER 2023**  
**JONAH 2:1-10 - MICK KANE**

1. From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the Lord his God. 2 He said:

“In my distress I called to the Lord, and he answered me. From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help, and you listened to my cry. 3 You hurled me into the depths, into the very heart of the seas, and the currents swirled about me; all your waves and breakers swept over me. 4 I said, ‘I have been banished from your sight; yet I will look again toward your holy temple.’ 5 The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head. 6 To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever. But you, Lord my God, brought my life up from the pit. 7 “When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, Lord, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple. 8 “Those who cling to worthless idols turn away from God’s love for them. 9 But I, with shouts of grateful praise, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. I will say, ‘Salvation comes from the Lord.’”

10 And the Lord commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

## READINGS AND PRAYERS

DATE	BIBLE READING	PRAY FOR
Monday 16 October 2023	Philippians 4:2-23	Gilbert and Amy Fu, Aspacia, Sunniva and Titus
Tuesday 17 October 2023	Colossians 1:1-23	Tim Geddes
Wednesday 18 October 2023	Colossians 1:24-2:23	Peter Grady
Thursday 19 October 2023	Colossians 3:1-4:1	Bill and Lorraine Graham
Friday 20 October 2023	Colossians 4:2-18	Will Graham
Saturday 21 October 2023	Catch Up	Jean Hall
Sunday 22 October 2023	1 Thessalonians 1:1-2:16	Diane Hallam

**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](mailto:mark676039@gmail.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

- Give thanks for the news that Rebekah McLachlan's most recent scan showed no sign of cancer in her brain. Continue to pray for the family as she continues to be monitored.
- Pray for Sheila Strong who has been ill for two weeks and has this week tested positive for Covid. Pray for Nicola also as she too has tested positive.
- Pray for Sandra, a neighbour of church. Sandra has been diagnosed with cancer.
- 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 recently and he was particularly close to his 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.
- 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.