

# BROOKLANDS CHURCH

22 OCTOBER 2023

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As we continue on our Minor Prophets series this week into the book of Micah, we see above familiar language where God is described as a shepherd to his people. Micah is another challenging book of judgement on the people of God who have turned away from Him and face the devastating purposes of such. But all is not lost! Like many of the prophets, hope lies on the other side of judgement as God's love for his people overshadows his anger.

As we work to finalise the church accounts for the financial year we wanted to share some good news with you. By far the biggest project we undertook this year from a monetary perspective was the purchasing of new chairs in the sanctuary. We needed to create further capacity as we were almost full – what a great problem to have! There is of course a cost to projects like this. But we are pleased to report that due to the generosity of your giving, which raised £4,350, as well as some individual legacies, totalling £10,000, the cost of the chairs was almost entirely covered – all that needed to come out of the general fund was £236!

We want to thank you for your generosity, and give glory to God! A detailed breakdown of our accounts will be made available at the AGM but in the spirit of accountability to you, the board wanted to let you know about this now.

As I mentioned last week, we want to have a donation drive ahead of winter for the local food pantry (which runs out of the church on Thursdays) and the local food bank (which runs out of Sandilands Primary School, also on Thursdays). As such, we will be accepting donations as part of our worship service next Sunday. Please see below a list of items that have been requested. If you are in a position to do so, please bring donations next Sunday and leave them at the front of the church.

Finally, please note that the Tuesday evening Bible Study, and Wednesday's Toddler In will not meet this week due to half term. Both events will be back on the following week.

Peace,

Mick

## **Items required by our Food Pantry**

Tinned Fruit  
Juice/Cordial  
Instant Mash Potato  
Long Life Milk  
Sugar  
Instant Coffee  
Custards/Desserts/Jelly  
Deodorant  
Toothpaste  
Pet food

Tinned Soups  
Tinned Tuna  
Corned Beef  
Tinned Ham  
Tinned Spaghetti/Hoops  
Pasta  
Rice  
Soap Powder  
Soap/Shower Gel  
Tea Bags  
Biscuits

## READINGS AND PRAYERS

DATE	BIBLE READING	PRAY FOR
Monday 23 October 2023	1 Thessalonians 2:17-4:18	Brenda Hambleton
Tuesday 24 October 2023	1 Thessalonians 5	Charmaine Hamnett
Wednesday 25 October 2023	2 Thessalonians 1:1-2:12	Sean and Sharron Harland
Thursday 26 October 2023	2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:18	Ron and Jenny Hearne
Friday 27 October 2023	1 Timothy 1	Nathaniel Herbert
Saturday 28 October 2023	Catch Up	Pete and Babs Hewitt
Sunday 29 October 2023	1 Timothy 2:1-3:7	Anna Holme

**SIXES**  
SOCIAL CRICKET

Sixes Cricket is this Friday, 27th October, starting at 7pm in Manchester. Mark Bolton will be collecting a final list of participants this weekend.

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# CHURCH CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sunday 22 October	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship
	2:00 PM	Grace Church
Tuesday 24 October	10:00 AM	Computer Support Session
	12:00 PM	Computer Drop In Session
Wednesday 25 October	10:30 AM	Weekly prayer meeting
	5:00 PM	FoodCycle
Thursday 26 October	11:00 AM	Community Café and Food Pantry
	2:00 PM	Bible Study at church
	4:00 PM	Private Tutoring Sessions
	7:30 PM	Manchester Gospel Choir rehearsal
Friday 27 October	12:00 AM	Sixes Cricket
Sunday 29 October	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship

For I was **hungry** and you gave me something **to eat**,

I was **thirsty** and you gave me something **to drink**,

I was a **stranger** and you **invited me in**.

(Matthew 25:35)

## Church Prayers

- Anna Holme received encouraging news this week from her consultant – her cancer has shown no sign of growth! We praise God for this answer to prayer.
- Pray for Sue Cooley who has flown to Palma to be with a friend who is nearing the end of his life.
- 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.
- Please pray for Serena, who comes to the Thursday cafe. She has been diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer and is due a mastectomy.
- Pray for Sheila Strong who has been ill recently, and is recovering from Covid.
- Pray for Sandra, a neighbour of church. Sandra has been diagnosed with cancer.
- Continue to pray for Esther, Siggy's daughter. Esther recently had surgery and 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.
- 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 Fatima Alkandaari as she deals with some health issues.
- 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 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.

**SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER 2023**  
**MICAH 7:1-20 - MICK KANE**

1 What misery is mine! I am like one who gathers summer fruit at the gleaning of the vineyard; there is no cluster of grapes to eat, none of the early figs that I crave.

2 The faithful have been swept from the land; not one upright person remains. Everyone lies in wait to shed blood; they hunt each other with nets.

3 Both hands are skilled in doing evil; the ruler demands gifts, the judge accepts bribes, the powerful dictate what they desire—they all conspire together.

4 The best of them is like a brier, the most upright worse than a thorn hedge. The day God visits you has come, the day your watchmen sound the alarm. Now is the time of your confusion.

5 Do not trust a neighbor; put no confidence in a friend. Even with the woman who lies in your embrace guard the words of your lips.

6 For a son dishonors his father, a daughter rises up against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—a man's enemies are the members of his own household.

7 But as for me, I watch in hope for the Lord, I wait for God my Savior; my God will hear me.

8 Do not gloat over me, my enemy! Though I have fallen, I will rise. Though I sit in darkness, the Lord will be my light.

9 Because I have sinned against him, I will bear the Lord's wrath, until he pleads my case and upholds my cause. He will bring me out into the light; I will see his righteousness.

10 Then my enemy will see it and will be covered with shame, she who said to me, "Where is the Lord your God?"

My eyes will see her downfall; even now she will be trampled underfoot like mire in the streets.

11 The day for building your walls will come, the day for extending your boundaries.

12 In that day people will come to you from Assyria and the cities of Egypt, even from Egypt to the Euphrates and from sea to sea and from mountain to mountain.

13 The earth will become desolate because of its inhabitants, as the result of their deeds.

14 Shepherd your people with your staff, the flock of your inheritance, which lives by itself in a forest, in fertile pasturelands. Let them feed in Bashan and Gilead as in days long ago.

15 "As in the days when you came out of Egypt, I will show them my wonders."

16 Nations will see and be ashamed, deprived of all their power. They will put their hands over their mouths and their ears will become deaf.

17 They will lick dust like a snake, like creatures that crawl on the ground. They will come trembling out of their dens; they will turn in fear to the Lord our God and will be afraid of you.

18 Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy.

19 You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

20 You will be faithful to Jacob, and show love to Abraham, as you pledged on oath to our ancestors in days long ago.