

BROOKLANDS CHURCH

29 October 2023

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"The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble.
He cares for those who trust in him..."

NAHUM 1:7

This week as we turn to the prophet Nahum, we find again another difficult message in the face of violence and oppression - are you seeing a theme here? But, again (again), all is not lost. Even in the midst of such difficult circumstances we find pockets of hope in the Lord; an opportunity to turn to him even in the darkest of days. Indeed, what else would we do in such a situation? We praise God that he is our refuge!

We had a wonderful time of fellowship together on Friday evening at Sixes Cricket in Manchester. Twelve of us had a go against the bowling simulator, and Bill Ellis came along in support. I was as successful as you would expect a Scotsman to be at Cricket! Tim Geddes led the scoring but honourable shoutouts need to go to Sheila Strong, Joanne Bolton and Pastor Lauren who did extremely well. Thanks go to Mark Bolton for organising a very enjoyable evening. Continue to look out for more opportunities of church fellowship in the future.

Thanks to those of you who have contributed this morning to our collection for the local Food Pantry and Food Bank. If you have something to contribute please bring it to the front of the church and it will be considered as something of a thanksgiving offering. The items will go a long way to supporting families who will need to access these vital services this winter. Speak to Pastor Mick if you want to know more about the local Food Pantry or the local Food Bank who we partner with.



Finally, an important reminder that the clocks go back early on Sunday morning. I hope you have received this reminder early enough to ensure that you are not turning up for church at the wrong time. Although I can never remember if the clocks going back will make you early or late! I guess we will find out if anyone falls foul of this this weekend.

Blessings,

Mick

READINGS AND PRAYERS		
DATE	BIBLE READING	PRAY FOR
Monday 30 October 2023	1 Timothy 3:8-4:16	David and Christine Hoolihan
Tuesday 31 October 2023	1 Timothy 5:1-6:2	Gladys Hoolihan
Wednesday 1 November 2023	1 Timothy 6:3-21	Pauline Howells
Thursday 2 November 2023	2 Timothy 1:1-2:13	Sebi and Claudia Ianos
Friday 3 November 2023	2 Timothy 2:14-3:17	Tim and Alison Ingram
Saturday 4 November 2023	Catch Up	Josh and Molly Jenkinson, Miley, Jonah, Ezra and Noah
Sunday 5 November 2023	2 Timothy 4	Annette Jones

CHURCH CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sun 29 October	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship
	2:00 PM	Grace Church
Tues 31 October	10:00 AM	Computer Support Session
	12:00 PM	Computer Drop In Session
	7:00 PM	Bible Study with Pastor Mick
Weds 1 November	10:00 AM	Toddle In
	10:30 AM	Weekly prayer meeting
	5:00 PM	FoodCycle
Thurs 2 November	11:00 AM	Community Café and Food Pantry
	2:00 PM	Bible Study at church
	7:30 PM	Manchester Gospel Choir rehearsal
Sun 5 November	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship

SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER 2023 NAHUM 1:7-15 - MICK KANE

7 The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him,
8 but with an overwhelming flood he will make an end of Nineveh; he will pursue his
foes into the realm of darkness. 9 Whatever they plot against the Lord he will bring
to an end; trouble will not come a second time. 10 They will be entangled among
thorns and drunk from their wine; they will be consumed like dry stubble. 11 From
you, Nineveh, has one come forth who plots evil against the Lord and devises wicked
plans. 12 This is what the Lord says: "Although they have allies and are numerous,
they will be destroyed and pass away. Although I have afflicted you, Judah, I will
afflict you no more. 13 Now I will break their yoke from your neck and tear your
shackles away." 14 The Lord has given a command concerning you, Nineveh: "You will
have no descendants to bear your name. I will destroy the images and idols that are
in the temple of your gods. I will prepare your grave, for you are vile." 15 Look, there
on the mountains, the feet of one who brings good news, who proclaims peace!
Celebrate your festivals, Judah, and fulfill your vows. No more will the wicked invade
you; they will be completely destroyed.

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.