

BROOKLANDS CHURCH

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HABAKKUK 1:1

How long, Lord, must I call for help?

The book of Habakkuk starts with a question. I wonder if you've ever wrestled with one like it? When there are difficult things going on in the world and in our lives and we can't quite figure out where God is in it all. Why won't He just do something? How Long, Lord?

This is what the Prophet wrestles with throughout the book in prayer. But isn't that wonderful? The place where we CAN wrestle with such things is the place of prayer! God invites us to wrestle! To bring our questions. Even when we don't understand. Especially when we don't understand. I love that about God. He is not aloof or unapproachable. He knows that we can't always understand, and yet he invites us to bring these very things to Him in prayer anyway. Habakkuk is a book of prayer!

We will also share around the table of Communion as part of our worship this week.

As part of our update this week, you'll see that we've included our Christmas programme. Can you believe it? Our Children have already started to rehearse for the Nativity Production as part of Kids' Church. We have special events planned on most of the Sundays running up to Christmas. Do please include these in your diary and be sure to join us for what is an exciting season in the church year. More details on each event will be revealed soon!

Following our recent service where we brought some new people into church membership there have been some others interested in exploring it. Please let me know if you want to know more about church membership at Brooklands Church of the Nazarene.

A final thanks for the response to the collection for the local Food Pantry and Food Bank. After today the goods will be sorted and distributed to these important services in our local community.

Peace,

Mick

READINGS AND PRAYERS

DATE	BIBLE READING	PRAY FOR
Monday 6 November 2023	Titus 1	Michael and Debbie Kane, and Mikey
Tuesday 7 November 2023	Titus 2-3	Neyer and Carolyn Kodsy, and Maria
Wednesday 8 November 2023	Philemon	Eden Lai and Daisy Chen, Samson and Sammu
Thursday 9 November 2023	Heb 1-2	Zizinha Mendes Marino
Friday 10 November 2023	Heb 3	Lauren McGillivray
Saturday 11 November 2023	Catch Up	Herbert McGonigle
Sunday 12 November 2023	Heb 4:1-5:10	Siggy Nwator

CHURCH CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sunday 5 November	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship
Tuesday 7 November	10:00 AM	Computer Support Session
	12:00 PM	Computer Drop In Session
	7:00 PM	Bible Study with Pastor Mick
Wednesday 8 November	10:00 AM	Toddle In
	10:30 AM	Weekly prayer meeting
	5:00 PM	FoodCycle
Thursday 9 November	11:00 AM	Community Café and Food Pantry
	2:00 PM	Bible Study at church
	7:30 PM	Manchester Gospel Choir rehearsal
Sunday 12 November	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship

SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER 2023 HABAKKUK 3: 16-19 - MICK KANE

16 I heard and my heart pounded, my lips quivered at the sound; decay crept into my bones, and my legs trembled. Yet I will wait patiently for the day of calamity to come on the nation invading us.

17 Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls,

18 yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Saviour.

19 The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights.

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.
- 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 Sandra, a neighbour of church. Sandra has been diagnosed with cancer.
- Praise God! Siggy's daughter Esther's recent bone scan was good and the wounds from the operation have healed well. Next are several high IV Vitamin C drips before chemo from mid-November. Esther is thanking the Church for praying for her.
- Please be in prayer for Jean Boyd who has had a very difficult flare-up of Rheumatoid Arthritis recently.
- 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.

FROM ALL AT BROOKLANDS CHURCH

HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

JOIN US FOR A PACKED CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME

SUN 3RD DEC

10:30AM – SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE – ANTICIPATE HOPE

1:00PM – CAROLS IN THE PARK (CHURCHES TOGETHER) – WYTHENSHAW PARK,
OUTSIDE WYTHENSHAW HALL

SUN 10TH DEC

10:30AM – SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE – ANTICIPATE PEACE

11:45AM – FOLLOWING THE MORNING SERVICE – FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

SUN 17TH DEC

10:30AM – SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE WITH KIDS CHURCH NATIVITY PRODUCTION

4:30PM – CAROLS IN THE COMMUNITY – MEET AT THE CHURCH

6:00PM – TRADITIONAL CAROL SERVICE – ANTICIPATE JOY

SUN 24TH DEC (CHRISTMAS EVE)

10:30AM – SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE – ANTICIPATE LOVE

MON 25TH DEC (CHRISTMAS DAY)

10:30AM – CHRISTMAS MORNING FAMILY SERVICE

SUNDAY 31ST DEC

10:30AM – SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

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