



BROOKLANDS CHURCH

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We pray for Pastor Mick this week. He is spending a few days in Northern Ireland with other Nazarene Theological College faculty members. They have a busy schedule of meetings and preaching engagements in some of the churches there. Let's hope they have a blessed and enriching time.

I hope you have been enjoying our sermon series on the Minor Prophets. It has been an intense couple of months but I think we are getting a tremendous amount out of it. This week we are taking a break and spending some time in the New Testament. I will be preaching on Paul's missionary journey to Greece and the first person to receive the Gospel there. In this seemingly straightforward and inauspicious story there is a lot more going on than first appears.

Christmas is fast approaching. We have lots of great events and special services coming up including Carols in the park. The schedule is in the newsletter. We also have flyers available to give to anyone you'd like to invite.

During this special time it is great to spend time in God's word exploring the Christmas story. Rev David Gilmour, the pastor in our Llay church has compiled some excellent devotionals. We made sure to order plenty of books so if you didn't manage to pick one up last week, we have plenty remaining. There are both adult and child versions available, enough for at least one per family. We will be using these for our Bible study materials and preaching during advent.

If you are attending Mick's Bible study or following along at home we have spare study materials available at the front of church.

Next Sunday we will be blessed to be joined by our friends Manchester Community Gospel Choir.

Grace and peace,

Lucy



READINGS AND PRAYERS

DATE	BIBLE READING	PRAY FOR
Monday 20 Nov 2023	Hebrews 11	Sandra Pitt
Tuesday 21 Nov 2023	Hebrews 12	Fay Powell
Wednesday 22 Nov 2023	Hebrews 13	Cameron Preece
Thursday 23 Nov 2023	James 1	Matthew and Charlotte Purvis, and Joshua
Friday 24 Nov 2023	James 2	Adriana Richmond, Rebecca, David, Joseph and Pete
Saturday 25 Nov 2023	Catch Up	Mark and Rebecca Rotherham, Charlie and Laney
Sunday 26 Nov 2023	James 3:1-4:12	Majid Saadouni

CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our warmest congratulations to Dan and Anna Churchman, and the whole Churchman family, on the safe arrival of Olivia and Isabella, at 6pm on Friday 17 November.



SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2023

ACTS 16:6-15

LUCY FROST

6 Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. 7 When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. 8 So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. 9 During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." 10 After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

11 From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. 12 From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district[a] of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

13 On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there.

14 One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. 15 When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.

CHURCH CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sunday 19 November 2023	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship
	2:00 PM	Grace Church
Monday 20 November 2023	6:00 PM	Brooklands Brownies and Guides
Tuesday 21 November 2023	10:00 AM	Computer Support Session
	12:00 PM	Computer Drop In Session
	7:00 PM	Bible Study with Pastor Mick
Wednesday 22 November 2023	10:00 AM	Toddle In
	10:30 AM	Weekly prayer meeting
	5:00 PM	FoodCycle
Thursday 23 November 2023	11:00 AM	Community Café and Food Pantry
	2:00 PM	Bible Study at church
	4:00 PM	Private Tutoring Sessions
	6:00 PM	Brooklands Brownies and Guides
	7:30 PM	Manchester Gospel Choir rehearsal
Sunday 26 November 2023	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship
Saturday 9 December 2023	9:30 AM	Prayer Breakfast

CHURCH PRAYERS

- Please pray for the parents of Dave Cosgriff, who are also the grandparents of Leah Bolton and Josh Jenkinson. Dave's mum, Jill, has been unwell and is undergoing tests. His dad, Dave snr, has been suffering from kidney issues.
- Pray for Michelle Coates who was taken to hospital this week with chest pains. She is undergoing further tests.
- Pray for MacDonald who has a deep infection in an old leg injury. Pray for wisdom, that the doctors know how to proceed.
- Pray for Ray Dinsdale, who is soon to start treatment for leukaemia.
- Pray for Jamie, Brenda Hambleton's nephew. Jamie's heart surgery has been postponed again. Pray that it goes ahead this week.
- Pray for Stella Bolton who has been experiencing debilitating pain in her knee. She is due to undergo further investigations into what is causing the pain.
- Continue to hold Anna Holme in your prayers as she has finished her cancer treatment until the new year.
- Continue to pray for the McLachlan's family, as Rebekah 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 thanks 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 Freddie who had his heart replaced this week. There have since been complications and he continues to need much prayer.
- Continue to remember Ron and Jenny Hearne in your prayers.
- Pray for Jean Walker's sister - Barbara Edwards, in Germany. Barbara is receiving care following 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 Constance Reavey, a neighbour of Jean Walker. Her husband John passed away recently.
- Pray for Norma as she adapts to modifications in her home. Pray for her carers and family as they look after Norma.