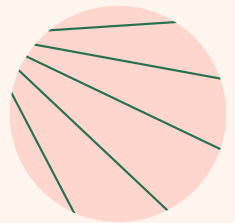




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BROOKLANDS CHURCH

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The angel went to her and said,
“Greetings, you who are highly
favoured! The Lord is with you.
Luke 1:28

Today we begin the journey of Advent as we anticipate the coming of Christ. I hope that you have been finding the daily devotional book helpful – there are still a small number of these available if you haven’t picked one up yet. As well as the daily devotionals, we will also light candles each Sunday leading up to Christmas day. Today we light the candle of Hope and Hope will be the theme of our worship.

Hope often springs up in surprising places. This is a central truth of the Christmas story.

Today, as seen above, we see that hope come to and through a young girl by the name of Mary who is visited by an angel! Don’t forget that this afternoon, at 1pm, after the morning service, we will be meeting in front of Wythenshawe Hall in Wythenshawe Park for our annual, ‘Carols in the Park’ event. We will be joined by King’s Church, Grace Church, the Salvation Army Band and hopefully some passers by as we proclaim the Christmas story through Scripture and Song. Please wrap up warm! Next week following our service we will enjoy an extended time to fellowship together over a Bring and Share Lunch and Christmas Party. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer where you can what what you are planning on bringing and help us plan accordingly.

We are well and truly into the Advent season now and the rest of the Advent activities can be found on the programme at the bottom of this Update.

Note that Advent can be an opportunity to invite others to church.

Peace,

Mick



Anticipate

A journey
through Advent



DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

| DATE | READING | PRAY FOR |
|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Monday 4 Dec 2023 | 2 Peter 2–3 | Ffion, Dan and Eleanor Taylor |
| Tuesday 5 Dec 2023 | 1 John1:1–2:14 | Marion Tewksbury |
| Wednesday 6 Dec 2023 | 1 John2:15–27 | John Torkington and Catherine Langley |
| Thursday 7 Dec 2023 | 1 John2:28–3:24 | David and Jean Walker |
| Friday 8 Dec 2023 | 1 John4–5 | Margaret Webb |
| Saturday 9 Dec 2023 | Catch Up | Norma Whyte |
| Sunday 10 Dec 2023 | 2 John | Peter White |

CHURCH CALENDAR - WEEKLY EVENTS

| DATE | TIME | EVENT |
|---------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|
| Sunday 3 December 2023 | 10:30 AM | Sunday Worship |
| | 1:00 PM | Carols in the Park |
| Monday 4 December 2023 | 6:00 PM | Brooklands Brownies and Guides |
| Tuesday 5 December 2023 | 10:00 AM | Computer Support Session |
| | 12:00 PM | Computer Drop In Session |
| | 7:00 PM | Bible Study with Pastor Mick |
| Wednesday 6 December 2023 | 10:00 AM | Toddle In |
| | 10:30 AM | Weekly prayer meeting |
| | 5:00 PM | FoodCycle |
| Thursday 7 December 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 |
| Saturday 9 December 2023 | 9:30 AM | Prayer Breakfast |
| Sunday 10 December 2023 | 10:30 AM | Sunday Worship |
| | 11:45 AM | Family Christmas Party |

CHURCH PRAYERS

- Pray for all of the Advent activities happening in the church this coming month.
- Pray for Shamal, the Husband of Gilly Parrish, who is very unwell at the moment. Pray too for their children Rohan and Ruby as the whole family care for him at this time.
- Pray for Elsie Roberts who is sick at the moment and is being seen regularly by the doctor at home. Pray to for her husband, Steve.
- Please continue to pray for twin babies Olivia and Isabella, granddaughters to John and Sue Churchman.
- 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 after a recent health issue.
- 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. Praise God that Jamie's surgery went ahead this past week and was a success. Continue to pray for him as he recovers.
- 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, recently diagnosed with cancer.
- Continue to pray for Siggy's daughter Esther, who is due to undergo chemotherapy. Esther thanks the Church for praying for her. Pray also for Siggy as she visits Esther in Canada, and her daughter in America.
- Pray for Jean Boyd after a recent flare-up of Rheumatoid Arthritis.
- 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 recently. There have since been complications and he continues to need much prayer.
- Continue to pray for remember Ron and Jenny Hearne. Ron is experiencing ongoing physical and mobility issues. Jenny misses her husband and appreciates our prayers.
- Pray for Jean Walker's sister - Barbara Edwards, receiving care in Germany.
- 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 following the funeral of her husband, John on Friday.
- Pray for Norma, and for her family and the carers who look after her.



SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER 2023

SERMON – LUKE 1:26-38; 46-56

PASTOR MICK

26 In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, **27** to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. **28** The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

29 Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. **30** But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favour with God.

31 You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. **32** He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, **33** and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

34 "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

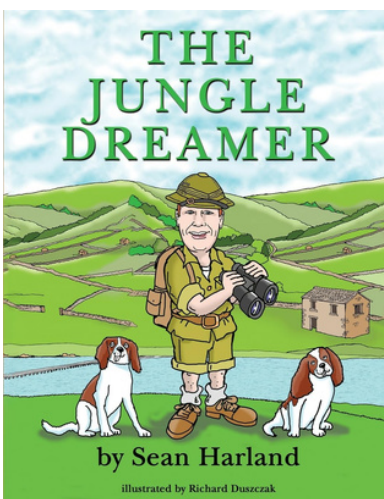
35 The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. **36** Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. **37** For no word from God will ever fail."

38 "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

46 And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord **47** and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, **48** for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, **49** for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name. **50** His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. **51** He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

52 He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. **53** He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. **54** He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful **55** to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors."

56 Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.



Buy Sean Harland's new book "The Jungle Dreamer" available at church from this Sunday for £13 (Amazon price £14.99). Payment can be made either by cash, or bank transfer.

Sean's book contains 42 exciting stories for children (aged 0 to 12), each with a singalong song which you can hear on your phone or tablet by following an internet link.

For more information, phone Sean on 07939 572480 or Pete Hewitt on 07946 642414, or speak to them at church.



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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