

# BROOKLANDS CHURCH

**“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.” – Luke 2:14**

As we gather on the second Sunday of Advent we ‘anticipate’ the coming of Christ by considering peace. Above, we see the angels proclaimed peace when announcing the birth of Christ to the shepherds. What is it about the coming of God to earth in Jesus that ushers in the fulfilment of peace by the prophets? How can we be people of peace who reflect the prince of peace? Join us this morning as we consider these things together.

Don’t forget that after our morning service everyone is invited to stay for an extended time of food, fun and fellowship in the form of a Christmas Party. At the end of the service we will gather together for a group photograph before enjoying a ‘bring and share’ meal together. For those that want to participate, I have prepared a quiz and some family games for some competitive fun in the sanctuary.

Next week our morning service will be led by Kids’ Church as they share the Christmas story with us in the form of a Nativity production. They have been working very hard on this and we look forward to what will be a fun and encouraging time together. I always look forward to the children’s Nativity as I know that almost anything can happen!

Next Sunday evening we have a couple of events centring around carol singing. At 4.30pm we will meet outside the church to sing carols in the local community. This will be very relaxed – so anyone is welcome to join us. We’ll choose 3 or 4 spots around the block of the church and fill the air with the truth of Christmas in song. Afterwards, we will gather back at the church for a hot drink before joining together in a traditional carol service at 6pm in the sanctuary. You are welcome to come to one or both of these events.

Finally, just a note to say that the Tuesday evening Bible Study has finished for the year and will pick back up again on Tuesday 9th January where we will start a new material – Discipleship Explored. If you would like to know more about the Tuesday evening Bible Study, please speak to Pastor Mick.

Peace,

Mick



## DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

DATE	READING	PRAY FOR
Monday 11 Dec 2023	3 John	Ann and John Wittams
Tuesday 12 Dec 2023	Jude	Carol Wray
Wednesday 13 Dec 2023	Revelation 1:1–2:11	Fatima Alkandari
Thursday 14 Dec 2023	Revelation 2:12–3:6	McDonald Amopho
Friday 15 Dec 2023	Revelation 3:7–4:11	Arthur Basnett
Saturday 16 Dec 2023	Catch Up	Val Batty
Sunday 17 Dec 2023	Revelation 5–6	Tom, Leena, Olivia and Samara Bell

## CHURCH CALENDAR - WEEKLY EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sunday 10 December 2023	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship
	11:45 AM	Family Christmas Party
	2:00 PM	Grace Church
Monday 11 December 2023	6:00 PM	Brooklands Brownies and Guides
Tuesday 12 December 2023	10:00 AM	Computer Support Session
	12:00 PM	Computer Drop In Session
Wednesday 13 December 2023	10:00 AM	Toddle In
	10:30 AM	Weekly Zoom prayer meeting
	5:00 PM	FoodCycle
Thursday 14 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
Sunday 17 December 2023	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship
	4:30 PM	Carols in the Community
	6:00 PM	Traditional Carol Service

## CHURCH PRAYERS

- Pray for all of the Advent activities happening in the church this coming month.
- Pray for Anna Holme who had to be taken to the doctors this week to have fluid removed from her abdomen. Pray that they find the cause of this and can treat accordingly.
- Pray for MacDonald Amopho who was diagnosed with chronic osteomyelitis. Pray that the doctors can find a way of treating this with antibiotics.
- Pray for Jean Boyd whose recent health difficulties have severely affected her mobility. Pray for Steve as he cares for her too.
- Pray for Shamal, the Husband of Gilly Parrish, who is very unwell at the moment. Pray 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 too 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 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 recently 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 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 other daughter in America.
- 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 Norma, and for her family and the carers who look after her.

# **SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER 2023**

## **SERMON – LUKE 2:1-21 – ANTICIPATE PEACE**

### **PASTOR MICK**

1 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. 2 (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) 3 And everyone went to their own town to register.

4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. 5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

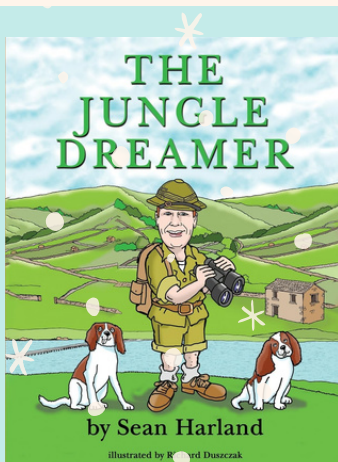
13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests."

15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. 17 When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

21 On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived.



Sean Harland's new book "The Jungle Dreamer" is available at church from for just £13 (Amazon price is £14.99). You can pay by cash, or bank transfer.

The book contains 42 exciting stories for children (aged 5 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.