

BROOKLANDS CHURCH

"Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him... Blessed are those whose quiver is full." – Psalm 127: 3-5

We are a blessed church with a full 'quiver,' and this morning the children take centre stage (literally) as they lead us in worship and retell the Christmas story to us in a way that only they can. They have been working hard these past weeks in practicing for this day and we look forward to them displaying the Kingdom of God to us (Matthew 19:14).

This afternoon we have the last of our 'extra' Advent activities for the year. At 4.30pm we will meet at the church (weather permitting) to sing carols in the local community. We will be targeting homes of some members of our church community who have been unwell recently.

Following this we'll meet back at the church for tea and coffee prior to our traditional readings and carols service as we lean into the Christmas story through Scripture and song. Tea and coffee will be served from 5.30pm and the service will begin at 6pm. As part of the service we will be continuing our Advent preaching series as we 'Anticipate Joy.'

Next Sunday is Christmas Eve and we'll gather as normal at 10.30am for worship as we 'Anticipate Love.' And finally, on Christmas Day we will meet for a short time of worship, also at 10.30am. On Christmas Day children are encouraged to bring a gift they have received as we'll have a time of 'show and tell,' giving thanks to Christ, the greatest gift of all.

Finally Finally (!), I am pleased to announce that good friends of the church and members of the local Wythenshawe Churches Together Group, John and Jess Hopkins, will be hosting a Christmas dinner in our church building at 1pm on Christmas Day for anyone who doesn't have plans already or may be on their own. If you or anyone you know would like to join them, please let me know and I'll put you in touch with John.

Peace,

Mick

DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

DATE	READING	PRAY FOR
Monday 18 Dec 2023	Revelation 7:1-8:5	Holly and Nathan Billingham, Lauren and Darcie
Tuesday 19 Dec 2023	Revelation 8:6-9:21	Audrey Bolton
Wednesday 20 Dec 2023	Revelation 10-11	Jack and Leah and Harry Bolton
Thursday 21 Dec 2023	Revelation 12	Joy Bolton and Juan
Friday 22 Dec 2023	Revelation 13	Mark and Joanne Bolton
Saturday 23 Dec 2023	Catch Up	Tom Bolton
Sunday 24 Dec 2023	Revelation 14	Robert Bond

CHURCH CALENDAR - WEEKLY EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sunday 17 December 2023	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship
	2:00 PM	Grace Church
	4:30 PM	Carols in the Community
	6:00 PM	Traditional Carol Service
Monday 18 December 2023	6:00 PM	Brooklands Brownies and Guides
Tuesday 19 December 2023	10:00 AM	Computer Support Session
	12:00 PM	Computer Drop In Session
Wednesday 20 December 2023	10:30 AM	Weekly Zoom prayer meeting
	5:00 PM	FoodCycle
Thursday 21 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 24 December 2023	7:00 PM	Sunday Worship
Monday 25 December 2023	10:30 AM	Christmas Morning Family Service
	1:00 PM	Christmas Dinner (see Mick for info)
Sunday 31 December 2023	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship

CHURCH PRAYERS

- Pray for the children of our church this morning as they lead us in worship in the form of their Nativity production.
- 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 last week to have fluid removed from her abdomen. Pray that they find the cause, 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 too for their children Rohan and Ruby as the whole family care for him.
- 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. She will undergo a scan sometime in January.
- 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.

SUNDAY EVENING 17 DECEMBER 2023

SERMON – JOHN 1:1-14 – ANTICIPATE JOY

PASTOR MICK

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being 4 in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. 8 He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. 9 The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

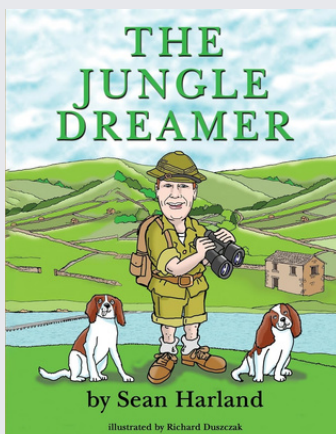
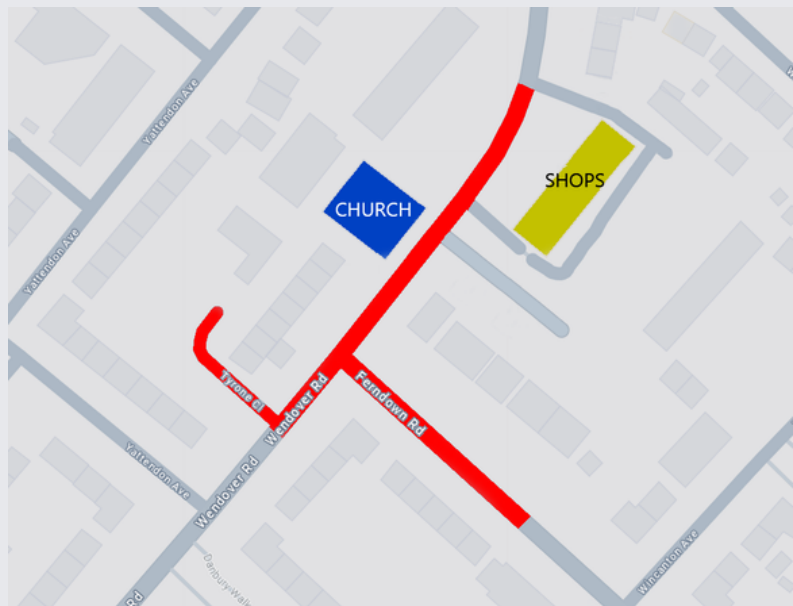
10 He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him.

11 He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. 12 But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

CAR PARKING NEAR CHURCH

When attending church on Sundays, please avoid parking outside the Wendover shops, or on Ferndown Road or on Tyrone Close, on the areas highlighted in red on the map. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



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.