



Brooklands Church



Sunday | 7 January, 2024

Happy New Year

Dear friends,

I wish you all a Happy New Year! We start the year with some fantastic news. For the past few months we have been praying for baby Freddie. His parents are Andrew and Harriet and they are friends of Sue and John. They have sent an update on his condition:

"After two long years, most of that spent in hospital, fighting terminal heart disease, Freddie has at last, turned a corner in his recovery. After the ward round today, the doctors and consultant told Andrew and Harriett that they were pleased with Freddie's improvement and were considering taking him out of ICU onto Ward. He is off all life support, he is eating and drinking, it's just amazing. God has done something so miraculous for this family that our praise and thanks is so great that it cannot be measured, thank you God!!!!

The surgeon who performed the transplant operation, who was on the Ward round today said that he had never seen such a diseased heart before. Freddie was literally days away from death.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support during this rollercoaster time in our lives. You have all walked this journey with us and we are so grateful for your friendship but most of all your PRAYERS. Please do continue as Freddie begins now to move forward in his recovery."

We give thanks to God for this wonderful news Please continue to pray for Freddie and his family.

As we settle into the new year all our usual weekly activities are back on. This week Pastor Karl is preaching. He informs me he is preaching on the same passage as I preached on last week, so it will be exciting to hear what different points he unpacks from the text!

Grace and peace,
Lucy

DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

DATE	READING	PRAY FOR
Monday 8 Jan 2024	Matthew 5:13–20	Peter Evans
Tuesday 9 Jan 2024	Matthew 5:21–32	Philomena Evans
Wednesday 10 Jan 2024	Matthew 5:33–48	Sylvia Findlay
Thursday 11 Jan 2024	Matthew 6:1–18	Jon Fisher
Friday 12 Jan 2024	Matthew 6:19–7:6	Lucy Frost
Saturday 13 Jan 2024	Catch Up	Gilbert and Amy Fu, Aspacia, Sunniva and Titus
Sunday 14 Jan 2024	Matthew 7:7–12	Tim Geddes

CHURCH CALENDAR - WEEKLY EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sunday 7 January 2024	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship - Rev Karl Stanfield
	2:00 PM	Grace Church
Monday 8 January 2024	10:00 AM	Computer Support Session
	12:00 PM	Computer Drop In Session
	6:00 PM	Brooklands Brownies and Guides
Wednesday 10 January 2024	10:00 AM	Toddle In
	10:30 AM	Weekly Zoom prayer meeting
	5:00 PM	FoodCycle - Free meal for all
Thursday 11 January 2024	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 14 January 2024	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship - Rev Mick Kane
Saturday 20 January 2024	9:00 AM	Prayer Breakfast

CHURCH PRAYERS

- Pray for Mikey who has chicken pox!
- We continue to pray for Jean and Steve. Jean has had a number of health setbacks recently.
- Pray for Serena who comes to our café. She is awaiting a mastectomy. ***
- Pray for Jean and Lucy's friend Sue who has a broken foot and is in hospital awaiting an operation.
- 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 little Freddie, as he continues to build his health and strength.

*** **Serena is having surgery this week. She has put out a request for help with washing and drying clothes for her three children, and other household chores. If anyone is able to spare an hour or two each week to help Serena, please liaise with Sue Cooley or Lucy Frost.**

New year, new prayer list! If you have any prayer requests for inclusion in this weekly list, please contact Pastor Mick, Pastor Lucy, Pastor Lauren, or Mark Bolton.

SUNDAY 7 JANUARY 2024 SERMON – MATTHEW 2:1-2; 11-12 PASTOR KARL

1 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem 2 and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. 12 And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.