



Brooklands Church



Sunday | 14 January, 2024

Then Haggai, the Lord's messenger, gave this message of the Lord to the people: "I am with you," declares the Lord. – Haggai 1:13

Dear friends,

A Happy New Year to you all! I'm unsure when it becomes too late to keep saying that. But since this is my first contact with you on my return from holiday it feels appropriate. I am so looking forward to worshipping with you again – I've missed you!

We will be picking up the final two books of the Minor Prophets over the next two weeks since we didn't quite get it finished before Advent and Christmas. This week we are in Haggai, a wonderful small book of the Bible about priorities, fulfilment, purpose and joy in the people of God. The single verse above serves as a taster and I think is a beautiful reminder for us as we continue to step into this New Year together – God is with us!

There's so much for us to be excited about this year, none less so than our preparations to celebrate 60 years as a church in this community. We'll be saying more about that in the coming weeks. We are also hoping to bring a number of people into membership at the end of this month. I know I have had various conversations with some of you but I have with me this morning the documentation related to it. Please come find me if you are interested.

The midweek Bible Study was back on Tuesday past and we started a new course called 'Discipleship Explored.' If you didn't make it you were missed, but you also missed out on an excellent study in the book of Philipians. I have spare copies of the material if you want to pick it up to catch up, but do try and join us on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Other than that we're back up and running in our regular rhythm. You'll see below all the exciting things going on. If you ever have any questions related to any of it please come and speak to me.

Peace,

Mick

DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

DATE	READING	PRAY FOR
Monday 15 Jan 2024	Matthew 7:13–23	Peter Grady
Tuesday 16 Jan 2024	Matthew 7:24–8:13	Bill and Lorraine Graham
Wednesday 17 Jan 2024	Matthew 8:14–22	Will Graham
Thursday 18 Jan 2024	Matthew 8:23–34	Jean Hall
Friday 19 Jan 2024	Matthew 9:1–13	Diane Hallam
Saturday 20 Jan 2024	Catch Up	Brenda Hambleton
Sunday 21 Jan 2024	Matthew 9:14–34	Charmaine Hamnett

CHURCH CALENDAR - WEEKLY EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sunday 14 January 2024	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship
	2:00 PM	Grace Church
Monday 15 January 2024	6:00 PM	Brooklands Brownies and Guides
Tuesday 16 January 2024	10:00 AM	Computer Support Session
	12:00 PM	Computer Drop In Session
	7:00 PM	Bible Study at church
Wednesday 17 January 2024	10:00 AM	Toddle In
	10:30 AM	Weekly Zoom prayer meeting
	5:00 PM	FoodCycle
Thursday 18 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
Saturday 20 January 2024	9:00 AM	Prayer Breakfast
Sunday 21 January 2024	10:30 AM	Sunday Worship

CHURCH PRAYERS

- Thanks for your prayer for Mikey Kane who has come through his bout of Chicken Pox.
- Anna Holme continues to request prayer as she is treated for cancer. She had a procedure this week to remove fluid from her abdomen. She has asked for prayer that she would have improved appetite and energy levels.
- Pray for Rebekah McLachlan, 9, who had her follow up scan this past week following her cancer treatment in the summer. Pray for Bryan, Dawn and little sister Eilidh as they await the results.
- Pray for Jean Boyd, who has had a fall. She is awaiting xrays and physiotherapy. Pray for Steve also.
- Pray for Serena who comes to our café. She had her mastectomy this week.
- 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.
- Continue to pray for Marie Vickers, a family member of David and Chris Hoolihan. Marie has cancer and needs prayers for healing.
- Claire Silverwood would appreciate prayer for her work situation.

*** If anyone is able to spare an hour or two during the week to help Serena with some household duties, please speak to Sue Cooley or Lucy Frost.

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

SUNDAY 14 JANUARY 2024
SERMON – HAGGAI 1: 2-9, 13-15
PASTOR MICK

2 This is what the Lord Almighty says: “These people say, ‘The time has not yet come to rebuild the Lord’s house.’”

3 Then the word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai: 4 “Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?”

5 Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: “Give careful thought to your ways. 6 You have planted much, but harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it.”

7 This is what the Lord Almighty says: “Give careful thought to your ways. 8 Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build my house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored,” says the Lord. 9 “You expected much, but see, it turned out to be little. What you brought home, I blew away. Why?” declares the Lord Almighty. “Because of my house, which remains a ruin, while each of you is busy with your own house.

13 Then Haggai, the Lord’s messenger, gave this message of the Lord to the people: “I am with you,” declares the Lord. 14 So the Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of the whole remnant of the people. They came and began to work on the house of the Lord Almighty, their God, 15 on the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month.