Brooklands Church

#17 – Sunday 03 May 2026

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit"
Matthew 28: 19

Friends,

Our 'Resurrection Encounter' this morning comes from the final moments of the book of Matthew. These closing instructions of Christ are famous, known as the great commission. They are a model for us, pointing us to discipleship as the way of going forward in our faith. But we mustn't make the mistake of thinking that discipleship, and the building of the Church falls entirely to us. It's the next verses, not included above, that reveal the driving force of all of this: "I am with you…" (verse 20). Join us as we delve into this together.

A reminder that there will be no community cafe and food pantry this week as the church is being used as a polling station for the council elections. This is another important way we use our building to serve the local area. The community cafe will be back on next week as normal.

As mentioned last Sunday, Sandra Pitt is working on a new rota for communion at the moment. Helping serve the elements during our monthly time around the table is a deeply significant role and a beautiful opportunity for you to get involved in our times of worship. Please speak to Sandra if you would like to be included in the rota.

COMING UP AT BROOKLANDS

Sunday, 3 May 2026
10:30 am | Sunday Worship. Speaker: Mick Kane

Monday, 4 May 2026
11:00 am | Piper Hill. Piping Hot Café

Tuesday, 5 May 2026
10:00 am | Computer Support Group
07:00 pm | Bible Study. Mick's Bible study at church

Wednesday, 6 May 2026
10:00 am | Toddle-In
05:00 pm | FoodCycle. Free community meal

Thursday, 7 May 2026
Local elections - no meetings at church

Saturday, 16 May 2026
09:00 am | Prayer Breakfast. See Jon Fisher for details

Saturday, 23 May 2026
09:00 am | Grief Support. See Jon Fisher for details

Margaret Webb spoke on behalf of the board last week about giving to the church. We are so grateful for your giving and without it the church would cease to exist as it is. If you would like to know more about regular giving and gift aid (if you are a UK taxpayer), you can speak to Margaret or a member of our finance committee: Sheila Strong, Mark Bolton or Daisy Chan. The standing order forms and gift aid forms are available on the church notice board.

There continues to be an active weekly programme in the church which you can see below. Please find a way of engaging with us outside of Sundays. We are a church that looks to serve our community, and find space for deeper discipleship, prayer and fellowship. If you need any information on any of the midweek activities please do not hesitate to speak to me.

To help with your own personal times of prayer, there is a very full and up to date prayer list below. Please take the time to read it and take any of the items that move your heart to God in prayer - we are seeing much answer to prayer in these days.

Blessings,

Mick

Daily Readings and Prayers

DATE	READING	PRAY FOR
Mon, 4 May 2026	Luke 21	Brenda Hambleton
Tue, 5 May 2026	Luke 22:1–6	Charmaine Hamnet
Wed, 6 May 2026	Luke 22:7–38	Sean and Sharron Harland
Thu, 7 May 2026	Luke 22:39–62	Nathaniel Herbert
Fri, 8 May 2026	Luke 22:63–23:25	Pete and Babs Hewitt
Sat, 9 May 2026	Luke 23:26–43	Thuy Hoang
Sun, 10 May 2026	Luke 23:44–56	Brendan Hollowood

Church Prayers

- Pray for Audrey Bolton who had hip replacement surgery last week. Audrey is recovering well and is grateful for the prayers of the church.
- Pray for Christine Hoolihan who had gallbladder removal surgery last week. Christine is recovering at home.
- Pray for Alice Lau who had surgery this week.
- Pray for Bill Ellis who was in hospital this week. He is now recovering at home.
- Pray for the brother of Pauline Howells, and his partner. He is struggling with his mental health at the moment, and she is being treated for lung cancer. Pray for emotional, physical and spiritual healing.
- Pray for Vivienne Best as she attends an appointment on Tuesday to discuss her treatment plan.
- Pray for Babs Hewitt who is experiencing discomfort in her arm following a fall and surgery in her arm recently.
- Pray for the family of Rev Colin Wood, who passed away recently. His funeral took place last week.
- Praise God for healing in Jon Fishers arm. Continue to pray for him as he attends follow-up appointments.
- Pray for Sean Harland's brother Justin, who is going through a difficult time back in Australia.
- Pray for Alun's brother Myf, who has undergone surgery recently. Thank God for the progress that has already been made.
- Giving thanks for healing in the life of Jan, Sue Cooley's friend. Pray for her as her radiotherapy continues.
- Pray for Brenda, a friend of Peter Grady, who is receiving end of life care at the moment.
- Pray for Herbert McGonigle as he returns home after a period in hospital following a fall. Herbert is grateful for our prayers.
- Pray for James Clarkson up in Perth Scotland as he completes his studies and pursues avenues into ministry.
- We give thanks that Rebekah McLachlan's recent scan has come back as clear again. We continue to pray for the family - Bryan, Dawn and Eilidh - in these days.
- We have been praying for Henry, aged 8, recently. Following investigations this week it was decided that his heart valve can be repaired as opposed to replaced. This is good news. Continue to pray.
- Pray for Anne Hunter's son-in-law John who has been in hospital recently.
- Pray for Andrew, Sandra Pitt's son who as he continues to recover from a serious fall.
- Please pray for Sheilagh who helps lead the craft table at our community cafe as she adjusts to living on her own now. Her husband, Ian, is in a care home. Pray for Ian that he would settle and find peace.
- Pray for Darcie, a young girl from Scotland we have been praying for. Following treatment for cancer Darcie has had some nodules removed from her lungs. The results have shown signs of active cancer and we need to pray for her ongoing treatment.
- Pray for David Hoolihan who continues his treatment for Myeloma.
- Pray for Peter Evans who is sadly no longer well enough to be with us at church on Sundays.
- Pray for Grace, the granddaughter of Sue Cooley, who is going though a very difficult time at the moment. Pray for Sue and the family as they look to support her.
- Pray for Roman, who is connected to us through Jean Walker, as he continues to recover from a serious brain injury.
- Pray for Ada Savu who remains unwell.
- Pray for Phoebe, who is a granddaughter of a friend of Lesley, Brenda and Helen. Phoebe needs a liver transplant as part of her cancer treatment.

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

Sunday 3 May 2026

Call to Worship

Faithful God,
You revealed yourself in Jesus Christ as Immanuel—God with us.
You raised him from the dead and gave him all authority in heaven and on earth.
Draw near to us now as we gather in his name.
Shape us as his disciples,
Send us in his love,
And remind us again that we are never alone;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Great Are You Lord

Verse 1
You give life You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope You restore
Ev'ry heart that is broken
And great are You Lord

Chorus 1
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

Bridge
And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing
Great are You Lord

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Verse 1
What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 2
The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 3
No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 4
With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Ending
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Matthew 28:16–20

16 Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to
the mountain where Jesus had told them to go.
17 When they saw him, they worshipped him;
but some doubted.
18 Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All
authority in heaven and on earth has been
given to me.
19 Therefore go and make disciples of all
nations, baptising them in the name of the
Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
20 and teaching them to obey everything I have
commanded you. And surely I am with you
always, to the very end of the age.’

I Will Offer Up My Life

Verse 1
I will offer up my life in spirit and truth
Pouring out the oil of love as my worship to You
In surrender I must give my every part
Lord receive the sacrifice of a broken heart

Chorus 1
Jesus what can I give what can I bring
To so faithful a friend to so loving a King
Saviour what can be said what can be sung
As a praise of Your name for the things You
have done
Oh my words could not tell not even in part
Of the debt of love that is owed by this thankful
heart

Verse 2
You deserve my every breath for You've paid
the great cost
Giving up Your life to death even death on a
cross
You took all my shame away there defeated my
sin
Opened up the gates of heaven and have
beckoned me in

Chorus 2
Jesus what can I give what can I bring
To so faithful a friend to so loving a King
Saviour what can be said what can be sung
As a praise of Your name for the things You
have done
Oh my words could not tell not even in part
Of the debt of love that is owed
by this thankful heart

All Creatures of Our God and King

Verse 1
All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
O burning sun with golden beam
O silver moon with silver gleam!

Chorus
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse 2
O brother wind, air, clouds and rain
By which all creatures you sustain,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!

Verse 3
O flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
O brother fire who lights the night,
Providing warmth, enhancing sight.

Verse 4
All ye who are of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care!

Verse 5
Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!

Verse 6
Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!