Brooklands Church

#19 – Sunday 17 May 2026

"Why do you stand here looking into the sky?"
Acts 1:11

Friends,

We come to the last of our sermons in the season of Easter this week and traditionally, on this Sunday, we look to Jesus' ascension into heaven. The Ascension is an often overlooked moment in our Christian faith. We know Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost well. But the ascension serves as an important reminder to us of the purpose of Christ. There is flesh in heaven right now. There are scars in heaven. This reminds us that God hasn't abandoned humanity. With Jesus as our 'forerunner' we await a day where we too will join him as God looks to glorify us. Join us as we look into this deeper this week.

Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday, the day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit to the people of God giving birth to the Church. We will be celebrating this with a family service led by our wonderful pastoral team members Siobhan and Sarah. The kids will remain in the service for the duration and there will be elements of worship shaped specifically for them.

Be in prayer for the church board who meet on Monday night. As well as the ongoing management of the church we are exploring different ways congregation members can get more involved in discipleship and service in the church.

COMING UP AT BROOKLANDS

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

Sunday, 17 May 2026
10:30 am | Sunday Worship. Speaker: Mick Kane

Monday, 18 May 2026
11:00 am | Piper Hill. Piping Hot Café

Tuesday, 19 May 2026
10:00 am | Computer Support Group
07:00 pm | Bible Study. Mick's Bible study at church

Wednesday, 20 May 2026
10:00 am | Toddle-In
05:00 pm | FoodCycle. Free community meal

Thursday, 21 May 2026
11:00 am | Community Café and Food Pantry
02:00 pm | Bible Study. Lucy's Bible study at church
07:30 pm | Choir practice

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

Sunday, 24 May 2026
10:30 am | Sunday Worship. Family service led by Sarah and Siobhan

Monday 25th May is a Bank Holiday and as such there will be no Piping Hot cafe in the church that week. The Tuesday evening Bible study will also take a break on the 26th May for school half term break.

After this Sunday I will be taking some time off so I will be away for the next two Sundays. Following next week's family service, Pastor Lucy will be leading our time of worship.

Blessings,

Mick

Daily Readings and Prayers		
DATE	**READING**	**PRAY FOR**
Mon, 18 May 2026	John 3:22–36	Annette Jones
Tue, 19 May 2026	John 4:1–26	Michael, Debbie and Mikey Kane
Wed, 20 May 2026	John 4:27–54	Nayer, Carolyn, Maria and Alice Kodsy
Thu, 21 May 2026	John 5:1–15	Samuel and Connie Law
Fri, 22 May 2026	John 5:16–30	Eden Lai and Daisy, Samson and Sammu Chan
Sat, 23 May 2026	John 5:31–47	Alice Lau and Felix Ng
Sun, 24 May 2026	John 6:1–24	Danny Lee and Karmine Chan

Church Prayers

- Continue to pray for Bill Ellis who is undergoing further investigations for recent health issues. Pray for Sue also.
- Pray for Annette Jones who lost her husband, Mike, suddenly last week.
- Pray for Audrey Bolton who had hip replacement recently. Audrey is recovering well and is grateful for the prayers of the church.
- Pray for Michelle Bean who broke her hip and needed replacement surgery.
- Pray for Christine Hoolihan who had gallbladder removal surgery recently. Christine is recovering at home.
- Pray for Alice Lau who had surgery recently.
- Pray for Vivienne Best who had appointments at the Christie last week.
- Pray for Lesley Dinsdale as she awaits radiotherapy treatment.
- Pray for Babs Hewitt who is experiencing discomfort in her arm following a recent fall and sunsequent surgery.
- 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 continues his rehabilitation at home after a period in hospital.
- 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 17 May 2026

Call to Worship

Leader: Christ is risen!
Together: He is risen indeed!

Leader: Lift up your hearts.
Together: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, has ascended to the Father.
Together: The Lord reigns in glory and grace.

Leader: The One who walked among us now reigns over all things.
Together: The wounded Christ is seated on the throne.

Leader: There is flesh in heaven and hope for the earth.
Together: Our humanity is held close to the heart of God.

Leader: Come, let us worship the ascended King.
Together: Let us worship Christ our Lord!

Lion and the Lamb

1 - He's coming on the clouds
Kings and kingdoms will bow down
And every chain will break
As broken hearts declare His praise
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Chorus
Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power, and fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him
Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain
For the sins of the world, His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
Every knee will bow before Him

2 - So open up the gates
Make way before the King of kings
Our God who comes to save
Is here to set the captives free
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Bridge
Who can stop the Lord Almighty
Who can stop the Lord Almighty
Who can stop the Lord Almighty
Who can stop the Lord

O Praise The Name (Anástasis)

1 - I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds His hands His feet
My Saviour on that cursed tree

2 - His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

Chorus
O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God

3 - Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting
The angels roar for Christ the King

4 - He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

Acts 1:1–11

1 In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach 2 until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. 3 After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. 4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. 5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

6 Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

7 He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

10 They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 11 "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

All My Boast

Verse 1
What wonder of wonders, what love is this
That Christ would die for me
His goodness, His merit, His righteousness
This sinner's only plea

Pre-Chorus 1
O foolish pride, be crucified
The work is finished

Chorus 1
All my boast is in Jesus
All my hope is His love
And I will glory forever
In what the cross has done

Verse 2
Now fully forgiven, my life is filled
With graces undeserved
For mercy that flowed down that sacred hill
Let praises now return

Pre-Chorus 2
Rise up my soul, and bless the Lord
Who else is worthy?

Bridge
O praise the One forever blessed
Him alone my heart adores
And I will boast in nothing less
Than the love of Christ my Lord

Verse 3
I boast not in riches, in strength or might
But in the grace of God
I glory in weakness, to live is Christ
In plenty or in want

Pre-Chorus 3
That I may know, that all may see
His pow'r within me

Chorus 2
Now I stand in this freedom
Ransomed, clean in His sight
Oh, and I cannot be ashamed for
My boast is Jesus Christ
My boast is Jesus Christ
Forever my boast is Jesus Christ

Across The Lands

Verse 1
You're the Word of God the Father
From before the world began
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet
Has been fashioned by Your hand
All creation holds together
By the power of Your voice
Let the skies declare Your glory
Let the land and seas rejoice

Chorus 1
You're the author of creation
You're the Lord of ev'ry man
And Your cry of love rings out
Across the lands

Verse 2
Yet You left the gaze of angels
Came to seek and save the lost
And exchanged the joy of heaven
For the anguish of a cross
With a prayer You fed the hungry
With a word You stilled the sea
Yet how silently You suffered
That the guilty may go free

Verse 3
With a shout You rose victorious
Wresting victory from the grave
And ascended into heaven
Leading captives in Your wake
Now You stand before the Father
Interceding for Your own
From each tribe and tongue and nation
You are leading sinners home