Brooklands Church

#35 – Sunday 27 September 2026

A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, "If you are willing, you can make me clean." Jesus was indignant. He reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!"
Mark 1: 40-41

Dear friends

This week in our series we will finally finish Mark chapter 1 and move on to chapter 2. We will see Jesus willingness to make clean, heal, forgive sins and eat with sinners. Jesus' ministry is all about moving towards those who need him. The sermon will remind us that Jesus still works in this way today calling those who want to be made clean, find healing, have sins forgiven or long tobe with Jesus! Join us again as this new series picks up momentum!

Speaking of this, I have had a conversation with some people who would like to pursue baptism soon. As is always the case with this I take the opportunity to widen the invitation to anyone else who would like to explore this to come and speak to me. The same goes for church membership - speak to me if this is something you would be interested in. We praise God for his continued hand upon our church in these days.

Although I mentioned this on Sunday, when I wrote the newsletter last week we were still waiting for news on the delivery of Jack and Leah Bolton's Baby. I am pleased to put in writing that Alba Faith Bolton was born safely on Friday 18th September weighing 6lbs 11oz. Mum, Dad and a very proud big brother, Harry are all doing well!

The British Isles South District Church of the Nazarene are organising a ladies conference on 5-7 February 2027 in Northampton. You can find more information on this online or speak to Pastor Lucy if you are interested.

Midweek activities are all up and running as normal after the summer. Please speak to a member of the pastoral team if you would like more information about any of these.

A reminder of the ongoing prayer list below. Please read through it and let me know if anything needs updated or removed.

Every Blessing,

Mick

COMING UP AT BROOKLANDS

Friday, 18 September 2026
07:00 PM | Ladies Fellowship.

Saturday, 26 September 2026
09:00 AM | Grief Support. See Jon Fisher for details.

Sunday, 27 September 2026
10:30 AM | Sunday Worship. Speaker: Mick Kane.

Tuesday, 29 September 2026
10:00 AM | Computer Support Group.
07:00 PM | Mick's Bible study at church.

Wednesday, 30 September 2026
10:00 AM | Toddle-In.
05:00 PM | FoodCycle. Free community meal.

Thursday, 1 October 2026
11:00 AM | Community Café and Food Pantry.
02:00 PM | Lucy's Bible study at church.
07:30 PM | Choir practice.

Sunday, 4 October 2026
10:30 AM | Sunday Worship. Speaker: Mick Kane.

Saturday, 10 October 2026
09:00 AM | Men's fellowship.

Saturday, 17 October 2026
09:00 AM | Prayer Breakfast. See Jon Fisher for details.

Friday, 27 November 2026
06:00 PM | Wreath Making Evening. Details to follow.

Friday, 5 February 2027
Beautifully Bold - BISD Women's Retreat. 5-7 Feb 2027, Northampton. https://www.bisdwomensretreat.org.uk.

Daily Readings and Prayers

DATE	PRAY FOR	READING
Mon, 28 Sep 2026	Fay Powell	2 Corinthians 12:11–13:14
Tue, 29 Sep 2026	Cameron Preece	Galatians 1
Wed, 30 Sep 2026	Matthew, Charlotte and Joshua Purves	Galatians 2
Thu, 1 Oct 2026	Sheila and Alun Roberts	Galatians 3:1–14
Fri, 2 Oct 2026	Kevin and Jill Rogers	Galatians 3:15–4:7
Sat, 3 Oct 2026	Mark, Rebecca, Charlie and Laney Rotherham	Galatians 4:8–31
Sun, 4 Oct 2026	Nick, Ada, and Joshua Savu	Galatians 5







Church Prayers

- Pray for Val Batty's brother, John, who has lung cancer is receiving palliative care.
- Pray for John Wittams, who is unable to drive at the moment, and is due to have cataract surgery.
- Pray for Tim Crompton's wife, Sarah, following a recent ECG.
- We give thanks that Adam Bolton and his family have found new accommodation following a recent house fire in which they lost all of their possessions. This is answer to prayer.
- We give thanks that Rebekah McLachlan's most recent check-up was clear again. Rebekah has now been moved to 6 monthly check-ups.
- Please be in prayer for Ronin, cousin of Tim Geddes, who was in hospital recently and continues to recover.
- Continue to pray for Bill and Lorraine Graham in these days.
- Pray for Bill and Sue Ellis as they navigate a range of recent challenges pertaining to health and other related things.
- Pray for Michelle Bean who broke her hip and needed replacement surgery.
- Pray for Brenda, a friend of Peter Grady, who is receiving end of life care at the moment.
- Pray for Herbert McGonigle who is receiving care at home.
- We have been praying for Henry, aged 8. Following investigations it was decided that his heart valve can be repaired as opposed to replaced. This is good news. Continue to pray.
- Please pray for Linda Thomas, who attends our digital group. Linda is experiencing severe pain from a back problem.
- Pray for Darcie, a young girl from Scotland we have been praying for. Darcie had an appointment recently following a concern from a recent scan. Please continue to pray.
- 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 had a liver transplant recently.

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

Sunday 27 September 2026

Strength Will Rise

Verse 1
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord,
we will wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord,
we will wait upon the Lord

Pre-chorus
Our God You reign forever
Our Hope our strong Deliverer

Chorus 1
You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God
You do not faint,
You won't grow weary

Chorus 2
You're the defender of the weak,
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

Praise is Rising

Verse 1
Praise is rising eyes are turning to You
We turn to You
Hope is stirring hearts are yearning for You
We long for You

Pre-chorus
'Cause when we see You We find strength to face the day
In Your presence all our fears are washed away - washed away

Chorus 1
Hosanna hosanna,
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna hosanna,
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here Lord Jesus

Verse 2
Hear the sound of hearts returning to You
We turn to You
In Your Kingdom broken lives are made new
You make us new

Living Hope

Verse 1
How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 2
Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Saviour I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus 1
Hallelujah praise the one who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 3
Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus, Yours is the victory

Ending
Hallelujah praise the one who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope
Jesus Christ my living hope
Oh God You are my living hope

Holy Forever

Verse 1
A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us, and all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Pre-Chorus
Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all

Chorus
And the angels cry, Holy
All creations cries, Holy
You are lifted high, Holy
Holy forever

Verse 2
If you've been forgiven, if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom, if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb

Tag
We'll sing the song forever and amen

Chorus
And the angels cry, Holy
All creations cries, Holy
You are lifted high, Holy
Holy forever
Hear Your people sing, Holy
To the King of kings, Holy
You will always be, Holy
Holy forever

Tag
You will always be, Holy
Holy forever

Tag
Holy, holy, are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb
You are holy
Holy, holy, are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb
Amen

Mark 1:40–2:17

40 A man with leprosy came to him and
begged him on his knees, ‘If you are willing,
you can make me clean.’
41 Jesus was indignant. He reached out his
hand and touched the man. ‘I am willing,’ he
said. ‘Be clean!’
42 Immediately the leprosy left him and he was
cleansed.
43 Jesus sent him away at once with a strong
warning:
44 ‘See that you don’t tell this to anyone. But
go, show yourself to the priest and offer the
sacrifices that Moses commanded for your
cleansing, as a testimony to them.’
45 Instead he went out and began to talk
freely, spreading the news. As a result, Jesus
could no longer enter a town openly but
stayed outside in lonely places. Yet the people
still came to him from everywhere.

1 A few days later, when Jesus again entered
Capernaum, the people heard that he had
come home.
2 They gathered in such large numbers that
there was no room left, not even outside the
door, and he preached the word to them.
3 Some men came, bringing to him a paralysed
man, carried by four of them.
4 Since they could not get him to Jesus
because of the crowd, they made an opening
in the roof above Jesus by digging through it
and then lowered the mat the man was lying
on.
5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the
paralysed man, ‘Son, your sins are forgiven.’
6 Now some teachers of the law were sitting
there, thinking to themselves,
7 ‘Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s
blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God
alone?’
8 Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this
was what they were thinking in their hearts,
and he said to them, ‘Why are you thinking
these things?
9 Which is easier: to say to this paralysed man,
“Your sins are forgiven,” or to say, “Get up,
take your mat and walk”?
10 But I want you to know that the Son of Man
has authority on earth to forgive sins.’ So he
said to the man,
11 ‘I tell you, get up, take your mat and go
home.’
12 He got up, took his mat and walked out in
full view of them all. This amazed everyone and
they praised God, saying, ‘We have never seen
anything like this!’

13 Once again Jesus went out beside the lake. A
large crowd came to him, and he began to teach
them.
14 As he walked along, he saw Levi son of
Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector’s booth.
‘Follow me,’ Jesus told him, and Levi got up and
followed him.
15 While Jesus was having dinner at Levi’s house,
many tax collectors and sinners were eating with
him and his disciples, for there were many who
followed him.
16 When the teachers of the law who were
Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax
collectors, they asked his disciples: ‘Why does he
eat with tax collectors and sinners?’
17 On hearing this, Jesus said to them, ‘It is not
the healthy who need a doctor, but those who
are ill. I have not come to call the righteous, but
sinners.’

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

Verse 1
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to
thee.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Verse 2
Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the
glassy sea.
Cherubim and seraphim, falling down before
thee,
Who was and is and evermore shall be.

Verse 3
Holy, Holy, Holy! though the darkness hide
thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may
not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Verse 4
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth,
and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.